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Friday 6 December to Sunday 8 December 2019

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Distinguished Past Student Award

30 September 2019

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2019 UQGPSA Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Amelia (Mia) Doering

Mark Pace (UQ Gatton Past Students' Association President) presented Mia Doering with the 2019 scholarship.

Mia has put together a short introduction to herself and set down how the scholarship will assist her while she is studying at UQ Gatton campus.

"Growing up with a rural background meant that my passion for the land and our livestock has always been instilled in my nature. Whilst I am in my first year of studying a dual degree in Agribusiness/ Sustainable Agriculture, I have really appreciated the vast opportunities The University of Queensland has given me ranging from the learning content, sporting and social aspect. I have settled into a number of groups, with my favourite being - the UQ Intercollegiate Meat Judging team, which has opened a number of doors for me within the beef industry."

"My scholarship has mainly fueled my passion for beef conferences and networking events but has also equipped me financially to participate in the North West New South Wales Leadership Program, closer to home. The opportunity for self-development to me. means that I can share my passion and initiative in the tertiary and work environments that I am currently in."

Mia joins Vanessa Hartnett (2018 winner) and Jane Evans (2017 winner) as the students receiving scholarship support from UQGPSA in 2019



UQGPSA Scholarship Recipient Amelia Doering with Mark Pace

Distinguished Past Student Award

Each year we award up to three Distinguished Past Student Awards to suitable Gatton graduates. Nominations are to be received by our office by 30 September 2019.

Full details are on our website.

Please consider nominating an outstanding person from your year as awards will be presented to the successful nominees at the Back to College Weekend in December.

The Last Word

It was just a few years ago that UQ Gatton Past Students' reunions were held only at the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Mackay. In the early 1990's there were 14 branches of the Gatton Past Students' Association but this, sadly, declined to the above four around that time. One stand-out has always been the Gold Coast, which for years has held two reunions per year and recently hosted its 34th. Mackay, another stand-out, however, by far has the record for the continuous longest-running, having this year celebrated its 71st reunion. But the other meritorious mention goes to Bundaberg, which in 1933 initiated the first of all the past students' reunions.

In recent times, many regions have resurrected branch reunions. Locations recently holding annual reunions have expanded to include Canberra, Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Far North Queensland. Most have reformed after long periods of hiatus from former groups, and it's great to see the increased enthusiasm for such gatherings. Interest has been expressed in getting a Darling Downs group going also, and we hope for success in this development (please get in touch with UQGPSA if vou can assist).

There is no formula required for a reunion, and although they are sometimes referred to as 'Branch Reunions' there are no formalities involved, so it's perhaps better just to think of them as local network groups.

If you are in a location not represented in any of the above, why not consider getting your colleagues together for a reunion (preferably on some regular basis). Contact the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association for support and assistance.

Slade Lee

President's Report



Mark Pace President UQ Gatton Past Students' Association Inc.

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The past few months has been quite an active period for the UQGPSA Committee and various members as we commence a review of our Association and how to best plan ahead for the future and its challenges.

Earlier this year we undertook a survey via survey monkey, which was opened to all members, seeking some reference points in terms of our current charter and some indications of what could or should be reviewed. Around 300 members responded to the survey and I would like to thank all the members who took the time to assist us with this vital information. Equipped with this information we held our first "Strategic Planning Workshop" held on 31 July in the Foundation Building. We had around 25 participants including, UQGPSA Committee and prominent general members, The University of Queensland/Faculty Senior Staffs, three UQ Gatton Gold Medallists and a selection of General University Staff. I also would like to publicly thank Bruce Pengelly who facilitated the day with grace and kept the whole show ticking from 9am to 4pm.

The day was an outstanding success; however, it also presented some strong challenges to our Association and it brought several issues to the forefront which need to be considered if our Association seeks to continue growth and maintain relevance with influence on The University of Queensland and the community at large.

Some of the key messages were:

- Seeking new channels of continued growth and engagement with The University of Queensland and specifically with the Faculty of Science:
- Considering new bursaries or scholarships to assist student's studies;
- Maintaining our independence as an Association but advocating for the University;
- Better and more relevant modes of engaging and supporting current students at Gatton across both Schools (SAFS and SVS);
- Increasing memberships, specifically with past female students;
- Increasing relationships with Industry with the aim of supporting students to engage with industry work placements and experience.

There were many other outcomes, however these are a few of the messages that have been identified as higher priority. This clearly indicates a lot of work and consideration for the Association at large to best plot the course if we seek to embrace the winds of change that are in play.

The University itself is continually changing and this is highlighted by the recent announcement that the current Vice-Chancellor will retire in June 2020, meaning new directions are inevitable. It would be highly desirable, for example, if the UQGPSA were to be considered as a reference point in terms of the future planning of the Gatton campus.

In conclusion, I look forward to chartering this phase of our Associations journey and to seek your support with the future direction of our Association.



Back Row Bruce Pengelly, Kerry Dowsett, David Minnis and Ross Murray Third Row Norm Egelstaff, Adrian O'Connor, Peter Douglas, Kerry Cutting and Rob Nielsen Second Row Wal Taylor, Ray Collins, Graham McClymont and Ron Swanwick Front Row Gary Mason, Vic Galea, Mark Pace, Jim Madden and Bruce Birtwell

"Everywhere You Go There Is a Gatton Graduate"

Rang true at the Queensland Rural Regional and Remote Women's Network High Tea in Brisbane City Hall in Ekka Week. Pictured are Sally Gardner - Development Manager - Major Gifts at Children's Hospital Foundation and Baked Relief (1990s Hospitality graduate), Kim Jorgensen - Food Safety Trainer/Consultant (1980s Food Tech graduate), Hannah Leu -Marketing and Communications Advisor Agforce Queensland (2010s Agribusiness gradudate). These three happened to be on the one table at the afternoon tea.

All Queensland food conferences and seminars have a gathering of past students, especially Foodies. Photo of four from the 1980s Sandy Wyburn, Lyn Butler, Rachelle Williams (past Committee member) and Jacinta Sexton at a recent event.

Peter Chandler and Sue Avery, Peter Gordon and Jenny Baker (nee Potts) were also photographed at previous events.

Photos from top Sally, Kim and Hannah Middle Foodies

Right Peter Chandler and Sue Avery Far right Peter Gordon and Jenny Baker (nee Potts)









Even in Africa...

On a recent trip to Zimbabwe the artwork of Larry Norton was seen displayed in a number of places in Victoria Falls.

Larry is an internationally recognised African Wildlife artist who was born in Zimbabwe in 1963. He grew up on a farm in the north east of the country. His early interest in painting continued while studying for an agricultural degree in Australia (1983–1986) and later, while working as a white water rafting guide on the Zambezi River.

In 1988 he began a professional painting career and since then he has exhibited around the world including several exhibitions in New York, London, Austria, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Larry Norton works in oils, water colour, charcoal and pencil and specialises in Wildlife art and African landscape especially Victoria Falls.

Larry's art is displayed in museums throughout the world and has featured in many books. He has been involved in film making and completed a number of expeditions to gather material for his paintings, including a year long one across Africa in 1992. He is deeply involved in various fund raising activities for charity.

He works from his home studio in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and travels extensively on field trips all over the world to gather material for future paintings. His most recent work can be seen in The Larry Norton Gallery, in the Victoria Falls Hotel.

The backdrop near the museum which features in a lot of *Back to College Weekend* photos is Larry's work.



Left Palm Lounge at Victoria Falls Hotel Below Display at Victoria Falls airport





Canberra – Bernadette Finglas-Watson, Leith Andrews, Kathryn Andrews, Carol Corless, Kylie Sheehan and John Wickett



Bundaberg – *Back* Dave Jordon, Terry Cunningham, Michael Moller, Doug English, David Gillespie, Martin Bellert, James Currie. *Front* Michael Evans, Grae Shelton, Kay Shelton, Joan Wright and Jim Wright



Atherton - Kev Shaw, James Gallo and Amanda Gallo



Atherton - Robin Hyde, Sharon Robinson and Lester Loader

Branch Reunions

Canberra Catchup Lunch

After last year's successful inaugural Canberra get-together, another was held on Saturday 25 May 2019, again at the Canberra Yacht Club. Unfortunately a Committee member was not able to attend this year's event.

Mackay Reunion

More than thirty people turned out for the regular Mackay reunion at Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Walkerston on Sunday 19 May. Thanks to Mark Hetherington and John Whitaker for organising. Lots of laughs and good stories as usual and the event was enjoyed by UQGPSA President Mark Pace representing the Management Committee.

Bundaberg Reunion

The Bundaberg reunion was held at East End Hotel on Sunday 9 June, with thanks to Mike Moller for arrangements. Thirteen people attended, caught up and reminisced. Doug English represented the UQGPSA Management Committee

Rockhampton Reunion

The Rockhampton reunion was held at Red Lion Hotel on Sunday 26 May. A group of fifteen attended to reminisce at the lovely luncheon coordinated by Committee Member Julie Martin. It was a good day with a few attending for the first time and intending to come again and bring others. Our furthest travellers were from Emerald and we'll do it all again in the last Sunday in May next year, at the Red Lion. Thanks Julie for making the arrangements.

Far North Queensland Lunch

The Tablelands and FNQ lunch at Atherton at the Barron Valley Hotel in Atherton, on Sunday 25 August drew a smaller crowd this year. So many events on in the district at the same time. Those who attended enjoyed the lunch and a good chat. A graduate who was up golfing from Bowen even came along. Big welcome to those who attended for the first time. Kim Jorgensen represented the Management Committee at the gathering. Kim spoke about what has been happening with the Association recently, in particular about a few broad outcomes the Strategic Review. She also answered questions from the group. Thank you again to Sharon Robinson for making the arrangements, to Mick Nasser for hosting us and John Hardy for bringing along some of his collection for us to look through.

Everyone agreed that the lunches should continue and at a similar time of the year.

Check out the rest of our photos on Facebook!



Rockhampton – Sheri Holland, Rodger Holland, Russ Boadle, Peter Muirhead, Cox Cotton, Denise Cotton, Graham Fosset, Meredith Fosset, Genevieve Taylor, Cameron Taylor, Julie Martin, Ken Murphy, Vikki Osten, David Osten, Marie Muirhead

Gold Coast Reunion

The attendance was down somewhat on previous reunions, though the quality of those present was maintained. Thirty one members and spouses enjoyed our speciality lunch while the thirty apologies will have to wait another six months!

The number of special guests included Association President Mark Pace, Past Association Presidents Bob James and Graham McClymont. Gong recipients were 1990 UQ Gatton Gold Medallist Jim Miller together with Distinguished Past Students Ray O'Grady and Don Oxenham.

Prior to lunch, President Mark presented Life Membership to Clive Gilchrist. Clive was awarded a QDAH 2nd Class Hons in 1938 and as he is nearing 98 years of age is most likely to be our Oldest Old Boy. It was pleasing to welcome Clive's son David to the meeting.

During lunch, Don Oxenham, who now works for the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority, presented a short informative talk on the dangers associated with athletes taking supplements of unknown origin – an appropriate topic at the moment in relation to Australian swimming!

Peter Douglas



Gold Coast - Cheryl Teasdale (Smith) Admin Staff 1962-67, Charlie Teasdale 1959-63 and John Connell 1964-66

New Members

Gary James Ashton (1974)
Geoffrey Russell Cullen (1970)
Robert Neville Hibbard (1979)
Lisa Maree Lloyd (1999)
Julian Paul Newbery (1959)
Marianne Marie Forshaw (1989)
Robyn Wendy Pike (1989)
Haile Ghide Zeremariam (1998)
Gregory Charles Zillman (1999)

Branch Reunion	Venue	Date	Time	Contact
REMINDER 2019				
Brisbane	Pacific Golf Club Carindale	Saturday 9 November 2019	11.00am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen M 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com
2020				
Gold Coast	Labrador AFL Sports Club Ashton Street Labrador	Saturday 8 February 2020	11.00am for 12 noon lunch	Peter Douglas P 07 5546 6350 koalamen@bigpond.com
Sunshine Coast	Caloundra Bowls Club Cnr Arthur Street and Burwah Terrace Caloundra	Saturday 7 March 2020	11.30am for 12 noon lunch	Peter Jacobson M 0419 662 467 peter.jacobson@agriculture.gov.au
Rockhampton	Red Lion Hotel 138 Denham Street Allenstown	Sunday 31 May 2020	11.30am for 12 noon lunch	Julie Martin M 0439 362 364 jazsie@bigpond.com
Mackay	Duke of Edinburgh Hotel Walkerston	Sunday 17 May 2020	11.00am for 12 noon lunch	Mark Hetherington M 0407 595 349 m.hetherington@pcpsl.com.au John Whitaker M 0437 331 093 johnwhitaker@bigpond.com
Canberra	Canberra Yacht Club 1 Mariner Place Yarralumla	TBC	12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen M 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com
Bundaberg	East End Hotel 58 Princess Street East Bundaberg	Sunday 7 June 2020	11.30am for 12 noon lunch	Mike Moller M 0478 154 593 mmoller57@gmail.com
Gold Coast	Labrador AFL Sports Club Ashton Street Labrador	Saturday 1 August 2020	11.00am for 12 noon lunch	Peter Douglas P 07 5546 6350 koalamen@bigpond.com
North QLD	Barron Valley Hotel Atherton	Sunday 30 August 2020	11.30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen M 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com
Brisbane	TBC	Saturday 14 November 2020	11.30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen M 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com



Photographs

The Museum has a severe shortage of class and sporting photographs from the 1970s to the present time. If you can assist, please scan and email them to our Association or send us the original photograph, preferably with captions. We can return original photographs if required.



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Historical Collection

Due to the restoration of the foundations at Old Shelton, erected in 1935-36, the entire contents of the Museum have been transferred across to the ground floor of the western wing. UQ have allocated 1 million dollars for this restoration work, and when completed, the Museum will be located permanently under the western wing in the area adjacent to the PSA office. The transfer was a mammoth task as will be the positioning of the exhibits in their new home.

We thank the following donors for their contribution to the collection:

Books and Brochures: Laidley Pioneer Village, Peter Douglas, Wendy Brown (daughter of Reg Wells).

College Magazines: Adriana Fiedeman (daughter of Des Harrison, QDD 1941).

Clothing: Fawn QAHS&C athletic singlet, Anne Atkinson (widow of Vernon Atkinson QDS 1939).

College Photos: Graham Wiggins (nephew of Clement Wiggins, QDA 1934).

Assorted Memorabilia: Three QAC plaques from Jim Pulsford and from Wendy Brown an ATC plaque, QAHS&C cup and saucer and a milk jug.

The following groups visited the Museum during the reporting period:

February: 39 visitors from Yeronga RSL.

March: 35 visitors from Palm Beach

"Happy Group".

April: 35 visitors from Ipswich

Wandering Hearts.

May: Large group from Vintage

Chevrolet Club.

Large group from Centenary

National Seniors.

In February, we acquired a Canon C5235 scanner/photocopier at a cost of \$462 delivered. This will be a very useful acquisition once the Museum is re-established.

I thank Gary Mason and Julie Reid for their tireless work in transferring the exhibits to the area of their new home. It would not have been possible without them!

Peter Douglas









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

BERTRAM, John Richard

QCH 1972.

1971 Junior Rugby Team. Qld Under 16 Rep.

John passed away 11 October 2013.

CASSIDY, Gregory James

QDA 1949, BAgSc 1964, MAgSc 1969. Attended College as a Returned Serviceman.

Greg passed away 29 June 2019.

CROSLAND. Joan

QAC Clerk-typist in 1970s and 80s. Joan passed away 26 June 2019.

HENKE (née HALLAHAN), Edith Millicent

Edith passed away 12 April 2019.

KEATING, Michael Francis

Assoc Dip Bus 1990. Michael passed away 26 May 2019.

LENNON, John Tregaskis

QDAH 2nd Class Hons 1948. At College 1947–48. Shelton. 1948: Prefect, 2nd XV, Boxing, Junior Judging 1948 Gatton Show, 3rd Clydesdale and 3rd AIS. 1947: 3rd XV, Boxing. John passed away 28 August 2019.

LLOYD, Geoffrey David

QCFM 1968. Geoffrey passed away 16 April 2019.

LOLLBACK, Kenneth Jon

Assoc Dip Stock and Meat 1979. We have been notified of Ken's

O'HAGAN, Brian James

B Sc, M Sc. Lecturer in Soil Science at QAC from 21 April 1969 until his retirement from UQ Gatton.

Brian passed away in May 2019.

OLD, Jeffrey Clifford

QDA 1965.

At College 1961-65. College Senior Cadets. Cadet Under Officer 1963. Jeff passed away 29 September

PEGG, lan Ralph

B Bus 1982.

College Rugby: Army Reserve Unit. lan passed away 4 March 2019.

PESTANA, Ronald Joseph

Assoc Dip Bus 1995. Ron passed away in May 2019.

REES, Ian James

QDA 2nd Class Hons 1947. Prefect and Shelton House Captain 1947

1947: 1st XI: 3rd XV, Captain and Premiers.

After College, lan joined the Commonwealth Sugar Refining Co. in Fiji as an Agriculture Field Officer farming sugarcane and pineapples. In 1960 he moved to New Zealand, successfully running a dairy farm on the Hauraki Plains. He retired to the coastal town of Tairua in the 1980s to follow his passion for fishing. Ian passed away 3 June 2019.

REINBOTT, Nyal Edwin

QDAH 1960. At College 1957–59. Thynne. Member of College CMF Unit.

1959: Won Saddling-Up Race, Ag Sports. Nyal passed away 24 March 2019.

REYNOLDS, John Keith

At College 1953. John passed away 3 May 2019.

ROGERS, Ian Lindsay

Dip App Sc 1974, B App Sc 2nd Class Hons 1975. Received his commission in the College CMF Unit in 1974. Rose to the rank of Lt Colonel in the Army Reserve.

lan passed away 2 May 2019.

SCOTT, Deanna Megan

Assoc Dip App Sc 1994. Passed away 26 Aug 2019.

WOOLFORD, Broughton

Assoc Dip Farm Management 1982. Broughton passed away 24 April

VILLIS (nee HANNANT), Wendy

Clerk-Typist QAC 1971 – June 1976 Wendy worked at the Biological Sciences Department from 1971 and resigned from 25 June 1976. Lost her battle with cancer on 27 September 2019.

Do You Have an Opinion?

Tackling climate change from the ground-up

The recently released documentary '2040' by Australian film-maker Damon Gameau (of 'That Sugar Film') presents the idea that climate change can be reversed in the future with current knowledge in economics, technology, civil society, agriculture, education and sustainability.

The film was released a week after what was termed Australia's 'climate election', a time when those crying "climate crisis" were transitioning past denial into the second stage of grief: anger. But in the space of ninety-two minutes Gameau tipped the climate-conversation on its head. His focus on bottom-up movements gave viewers a newfound hope that, despite a lack of government initiative, Australia still has the capability to tackle climate change now.

One of the solutions presented in 2040 is regenerative agriculture—a system of farming and grazing practices that transitions soil into biologically-diverse and mineral-rich sinks for sequestering carbon from the atmosphere. Alongside the film, the not-for-profit organisation Carbon8 was launched; an initiative that supports farmers in transitioning their farms to improve soil quality, increase crop yields, and ultimately

sequester carbon, as well as paying them for ongoing success.

Historically, Australian farmers have been innovative when it comes to agricultural resilience, but is it likely for this groundup movement to have a significant and prolonged national impact? Past University of Queensland academic Dr Kitty van Vuuren suggests "population growth, global warming, land degradation (due to conventional farming practices), and capitalism present huge barriers against the growth of regenerative farming in Australia beyond small-scale experiments and niche markets". However, she also sees the potential for a transition to regenerative agriculture in the future, particularly with the looming threat of climate change, "global warming is already showing signs of major upheaval in the form of increased land degradation, droughts, human migration, etc., right in our own back yard".

Dr van Vuuren suggests that whether the transition is peaceful or forced upon us as a necessary response to climate change is dependent on a shift in political discourse. Australia's current contribution to addressing climate impact on agriculture is "woeful". She highlights that sustainable practices are often implemented on small-scale farms; however, they cannot

compete with the "overwhelming impact of industrialised farming and agribusiness" without public investments in resources such as "electricity, clean water, sanitation, roads, cultural activities, medical and social services".

Ground-up initiatives such as Carbon8, or Future Feeders (which operates in Northern New South Wales), are important for providing support to small-scale farmers who want to transition to a sustainable model of agriculture. They provide tools, resources, and support to farmers wanting to implement best-sustainable-practices. Significant agricultural climate action on a national scale is likely to require a top-down intervention – but the more we learn now about regenerative agricultural processes at a local level, the better informed a large-scale shift could be.

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Clive Gilchrist - Life Membership



Mark Pace, President UQGPSA presenting Clive Gilchrist 1934–38 with a Life Membership Certificate – Gold Coast 3 August 2019

The grandson of Scottish farmers at Brigalow (western Downs) Queensland and early immigrant Scottish and Danish farmers at Tiaro, Clive has been involved in farming as long as he can remember.

His broad interest in farming developed during his early primary school days through agricultural project clubs, and five years at Queensland Agricultural College where he earned an Honours Diploma in Animal Husbandry.

Upon leaving College in 1937, he worked as a livestock buyer for Vesteys, a large British meat conglomerate, then with Redbank Meatworks before serving for five years in the 2nd AIF during World War 11. After the war he worked with another branch of the conglomerate Riverstone Meat Company on the NSW central coast.

Using his deferred pay and a little savings, in 1947 Clive bought an 80ha dairy farm in the Currumbin Valley, where he milked cows, kept pigs and grew bananas for 14 years. After serving on the local Albert Shire Council, and as a director of the South Coast Co-Operative, in 1962 he sold his farm to a developer and joined the Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Next came a posting to the Bureau of Tropical Agriculture near Innisfail, in Queensland's wet tropics as Agricultural Advisor, where he pursued his interest in tropical pastures with which he had experimented at Currumbin.

In the wet tropics Clive assisted the development of Utchee Creek Tropical Pasture Research Sub-Station, and the early stages of King Ranch Tully River Station, a large and successful enterprise owned by the famous Kleberg family in the United States

After qualifying as a senior advisor in agriculture, in 1966 he became farm advisor and stockfeed consultant with the South Burnett Co-operative Dairy Association at Murgon, in the rich south Burnett farming region.

In addition to consultancy work in all aspects of rural activity, he was instrumental in the establishment of a substantial milling enterprise. After retiring at 60 in 1981, Clive promoted the Murgon Leather Company which processes more than 9000 hides weekly.

He has continued his interest as an investor in a wide range of primary industries.

Clive was presented with his Life Membership certificate at the recent Gold Coast Reunion by our Association's President, Mark Pace.

Back to College Weekend

The annual Back to College Weekend will be held from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 December 2019. The feature years are those who completed their study at Gatton in 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009. Other year groups returning are 1954, 1964, 1974 and 1984. All year groups are welcome. Please note the year groups are the year study was completed and not necessarily the year of graduation as for several decades, graduation was around May of the following year.

The Friday night BBQ under the stars is proving very popular and is the ideal setting for a relaxing catch up with others from your year group. Saturday is the main day of the reunion with year group photos on the steps of the Foundation building in the late morning before lunch.