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Nominations close for:

Gatton Gold Medal
22 July 2016

Distinguished Past Students Award
30 September 2016

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Back to College Weekend
3 and 4 December 2016

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National Parks Pioneer Recognised with Gatton Gold Medal



Paul Sattler OAM

A man who has dedicated his career to conservation in Queensland has been honoured with The University of Queensland 2015 Gatton Gold Medal.

Paul Sattler accepted the award at the 2015 graduation ceremony for the School of Agriculture and Food Sciences in December 2015 at UQ's Gatton Campus.

UQ Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Alan Rix said "Paul is a shining example of a Gatton graduate who is truly creating change, having devoted his career to the preservation of Queensland's unique and diverse natural environment".

"He was Queensland's first government ecologist, and instrumental in overseeing the expansion of the state's national parks by 5.5 million hectares."

"This award recognises the far-reaching impact of Mr Sattler's contribution in preserving native flora and fauna, as well as increasing our understanding of the workings of complex ecosystems."

Mr Sattler graduated from Gatton in 1972 with a Bachelor of Applied Science, and worked with the Queensland Government before joining the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service as a conservation planner.

In his 2014 book *Five Million Hectares – A Conservation Memoir 1972–2008*, Mr Sattler provides his thoughts on the importance of national parks. "Our park system is the cornerstone of nature conservation," he writes. "It contributes significantly to the maintenance of ecosystem services, underpins our tourism industry and protects much of (our) cultural identity ... it is Australia's treasure trove."

In the book, Mr Sattler describes his four years on the Gatton Campus as, "the best years of my life, a sentiment readily echoed by my college mates".

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

The Last Word

Rain at last.... but!

So, people who live and work in the outback (ie. most of Queensland, and most of Australia) are used to dry times – it's always been thus. And they're a resilient breed. But it cannot be denied that the drought of the last four years has been devastating.

This has been officially declared the most widespread ever, with more than 86% of Queensland still drought-declared... as at 14 March.

<https://www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au/queenslanddroughtmonitor/queenslanddroughtreport/2016/mar1.gif>

The extent of the dry can be seen in the 41-month rainfall record starting October 2012.

For more information go to:
www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/

The recent rains are a welcomed blessing, but the drought won't end until there's lots more follow-up rain, and just as we are heading back into the dryer part of the year.

This drought has broken many records, and does anyone still doubt that mankind has created frightening impacts on our world?

New Members

James Douglas **Crichton** (1955)
Ian Allison **Maddock** (1965)
Geoffrey Thomas **McIntyre** (1965)
Keith Gerard **Pembleton** (1965)
Kenneth **Scott** (1965)
Ronald John **Woodhead** (1965)
Peter Bernard **Bevan** (1969)
Dennis Randall **Barber** (1970)
Geoffrey Bruce **Faulkner** (1970)
Ross Anthony **West** (1970)
Neville George **Christianos** (1975)
Ross Ernest **Dodds** (1975)
Mark Austin **Hohenhaus** (1978)
Meredith Anne **Lawley** (1981)
Lynette Susan **Butler** (1985)
Donald Robert **Cherry** (1985)
Christopher **Love** (1985)
Kathryn Margaret **Reilly** (1985)
Gregory Edward **Taylor** (1985)
Peter Michael **Stevens** (1995)
Linden John **Charles** (2005)

President's Report



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It is indeed an honour and a privilege to have been elected your president at the recent AGM held during the *Back to College Weekend* in December. I wish to thank all those who have sent or given me their congratulations on this achievement.

The December get-together was another great success with emphasis on the years ending in 5, and excelling in their efforts to return to Gatton were the 1965 group, many of whom had not seen each other in half a lifetime.

This year, again the first weekend in December, the feature years will be for those who finished their study in the years ending in 6, eg. 1956, 1966, 1976 through to 2006. Get on the phone, email, fax, facebook or whatever communications method and get your year to become involved, start now and lock in that first weekend in December.

Since being elected I have attended two reunions, namely at the Gold Coast and Caloundra, and I thank Peter Douglas and Peter Jacobson respectively for organising these events.

Which leads me to the question of membership of the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association and I guess it has been an ongoing thing for many years as to how do we encourage the younger graduates to become members.

Attending these two reunions brought home the message that we are an ageing group and if we fail to replenish the stock then we, as an Association may not exist in the years to come.

With the changing demographics of the student population, mostly due to the transfer of the School of Veterinary Science from St Lucia to Gatton, the number of students studying at Gatton has increased dramatically.

This is reflected in the on-campus accommodation sign showing "full".

Many of you, who have access to email, would have recently received the membership survey to complete, which is an attempt to quantify the direction in which we should go to increase our membership.

The results to date indicate a response of about 21% which is regarded as quite good when it comes to surveys. Some of the feedback for becoming a member includes 78% believing the main benefits were catching up with old friends; 69% want a regular newsletter; 93% want updates on members while 74% said they wanted information about upcoming events.

We are yet to have a final analysis of the survey, which will occur at our next management committee meeting, and you will be updated on where and what we intend to do on growing our membership.

Our recent "first" newsletter was an overwhelming success with considerable positive feedback on its initiative, content, and why was it not thought of sooner. Again we will appraise the feedback and decide whether we continue with it, remembering that this type of exercise always requires someone to volunteer their time. I might add that the newsletter is in addition to *Re-Connect*.

I would also like to congratulate and acknowledge Bill Benjamin, Clifton and Wally Taylor, Rockhampton on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2016 Australia Day awards honours list.

You will also find in this edition the profiles of our latest UQ Gatton Gold Medal awardee, Paul Sattler OAM, and the recipients of the Distinguished Past Student award, being Bill Palmer, Peter Forster and Chris Bazley.

All of these awards are now open for nominations with the details available on our Association website.

Do we have your email address?

If you are reading a hard copy of this edition of *Re-Connect*, it means that we do not have your email address. Please email us and we will record your email address for the future.

For our records, when you email us, please also advise your postal address, phone and mobile and we will update our records.

Distinguished Past Students Honoured at Back to College Weekend

In December 2015 three past students were acknowledged for their outstanding achievements since graduating from the college.



Chris Bazley

Chris was a student at QAC from 1976 to 1979, graduating with a Bachelor of Business – Rural Management. Upon completion of studies he took up a position as a Field Officer with Pacific Seeds. From this beginning he has become and remains after 31 years, a driving force within that company.

Chris' time at Pacific Seeds has been marked by many achievements. He was part of a team that pioneered new crops and new varieties; crops such as canola, forage and grain sorghum and was part of a task force at Pacific Seeds that developed the Pacific Seeds Ord Farm. This operation provides contra-season seed when supplies from traditional sources are short. He even has a midge resistant grain sorghum variety named after him.

Chris is the person behind the development of the innovative Pacific Seeds Gateway Schools Agriculture program which encourages school students to pursue a career in agriculture. Schools such as Drayton and Clifton State Schools have been involved in the program.



Peter Forster

Peter studied at Gatton College (1962 to 1964), graduating with a Diploma in Agriculture. He then obtained a State Government Scholarship to study at the UQ and the ANU. From this further period of study Peter obtained a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and a Master of Business Administration.

Peter worked at the Department of Forestry from 1969 to 1979 and held senior roles in various Queensland government departments from 1979 to 1988. Since 1988 he has been a director of the Consultancy Bureau, a multidisciplinary business and management company working with Government and private sector organisations.

Peter has had significant roles in high profile reviews of state government departments. He was the Government appointed consultant to the Fitzgerald Inquiry, was involved with the establishment of the Criminal Justice Commission (now the Crime and Corruption Commission), the Administrative Review Commission and developing reforms to the Queensland Police Service.



William Palmer

Bill attended Gatton in the 1960s. He graduated from college with a Diploma in Animal Husbandry in 1965. After his time at Gatton, Bill went on to be awarded a Bachelor of Rural Science from the University of New England in 1970 and a Master of Agricultural Science from UQ St Lucia in 1976.

Bill is an internationally respected entomologist. He began his illustrious career in 1970 as a humble Research Officer at the Cattle Tick Research Station at Wollongbar in NSW with the Department of Agriculture.

After obtaining his PhD from Texas A&M University he was appointed Senior Entomologist at NSW Department of Agriculture Myall Vales Research Station before returning to Queensland to take up a position at the Tropical Weeds Research Centre. From 1998 to 2012 Bill was Principal Entomologist at the Allan Fletcher Research Station at Sherwood. He worked with Biosecurity Queensland until 2014 and is currently the Principal of Palmer Biological Consulting.

Bill has written over 70 scientific papers, is passionate about biological control and is currently the President of International Organisation for Biological Control Asia Pacific Region.



New Patron elected at AGM

At the 2015 AGM Jim Galletly was elected as UQGPSA Patron.

Jim began his association with Gatton College in 1943 when he enrolled in QAHS & C. He did well at Gatton in both academic and sporting pursuits. He was fortunate enough to win an Open Scholarship to UQ to study Agricultural Science and was awarded his BAgSc in 1950. 1955 saw Jim return to College after a period of work with the Department of Agriculture and Stock when he was appointed Lecturer in Agronomy. Jim remained on staff until 1987.

He was awarded a Masters Degree in 1968. Jim's career included some overseas study tours, one of which led to his demonstrating the use of stubble mulches in preventing soil erosion. His final academic achievement was attained at the age of 81 with a PhD degree in 2008. Community service has long been part of Jim's life and many Gatton groups have been supported by him.

The UQGPSA welcomes Jim to his new role and gratefully acknowledges the contribution made by Ray Montgomery who has held the position for the past five years.

Major Acquisition for the Museum

Digitised copy of enrolment records from early 1900s

The Museum now has a digital copy of these records. Thanks to the generous support of UQ Gatton, the Alumni Friends of the UQ, Lockyer Valley and Somerset Regional Councils, and donations from 20 past students the full cost of the project was defrayed. The document is a very interesting read. It includes enrolment details, marks achieved, teacher comments and for those who were killed in action in WW1, their photos. The information will not be freely available as there are records from some students who are still alive. Also some of the comments written into the records by teachers are not appropriate for publishing. You can of course view your records or those of deceased relatives at the Museum. The original books remain at UQ under controlled storage conditions.

New additions to the Museum Historical Collection

The donations received before and on the *Back to College Weekend* constituted the usual wide variety of items. We never know what to expect!

Sporting photographs: Mrs AM Finnamore and Ian McNiven.

College general photos: Sandy Wyburn, Hugh Clelland and Bob Isaacs.

College magazines: Narelle Talbot and Ian McNiven.

Certificates: Steve Beasley, Robert Taylor and Trevor Robertson.

Clothing: Ian McNiven – QAC blazer (black); Jack Sugarman – QAC khaki shirt with maroon trim.

Books, programmes, brochures etc: Stuart Olsson, Carol Corless, Narelle Talbot, Hugh Clelland, Jim Galletly, Rod Strachan and Ian Mc Niven.

Medals and badges: Steve Beasley – QAC Academic Gold Medal, Shelton House Captain Bronze Medal and Prefect's Badge.

Ian McNiven – His father Don's (QDA 1939) four Athletic Medals.

Bruce Clothier – 12th Light Horse Regiment and assorted AIF Badges.

The unusual: Bruce Clothier – Light Horse bridle bit.

Ross Murray – Original plan of the Potato Shed.

Rod Strachan – 18 pieces of QAHS&C crockery. Rod assures me these were purchased during our Centenary Celebrations and not purloined from the Dining Hall!

Mrs AM Finnamore – Light Horse (1CMVS) veterinary instruments.

Mrs Alice Schwarz-Brunold gave us an old student desk which is a remnant of either the Sir Leslie Wilson Assembly Hall or Shearing Shed Classroom.

The UQGPSA would like to thank all donors for their valued contributions. Peter Douglas would also like to thank Val Kilah and Julie Reid for their ongoing dedication and to Trevor Arthur and Don Oxenham for their continued support.

2 Year Integrated Diploma Program to be Revised to a 1 Year Delivery from 2017

UQ-GVEC reintroduced the delivery of a 2 year Diploma program to the Gatton Campus in 2014 following the discontinuation of sub-degree programs via the Faculty in 2007.

The decision to revise the current 2 year program to a 1 year Vocational only award was a difficult one. UQ-GVEC Director Mr Mark Pace advised we needed to review the duration of the current Diploma program and bring it in line with other educational offerings. The majority of Agricultural Degrees offered today via Universities are 3 year programs and not 4 years, as was the case when 2 year Diplomas were awarded. A revision of the Diploma was therefore required (ie. the 1 year proposal).

The new revised Diploma will attain the testamur 'Diploma in Agricultural Technologies' and incorporate more progressive approaches towards Agricultural education including;

- Controlled Traffic Farming;
- Precision Agriculture;
- Biosecurity;
- Global Positioning Systems.

The proposed program revisions are underway with the new modules under development and to be in place by late 2016 for new enrolments to commence in 2017.

For further information please contact the UQ-GVEC Director Mr Mark Pace.
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Back to College Weekend

The annual *Back to College Weekend* reunion will be held as usual on the first weekend in December this year, being Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December 2016.

The feature years are those years which finished their study in 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006. Please note that it is the year study was completed, not the graduation date as the graduation date in the

1960s, 1970s and 1980s was around May of the following year.

The 1951, 1961 and 1971 will be returning for their 65, 55 and 45 year reunion.

For the early arrivals, there will be a casual dinner on the Friday night. The dinner on Saturday night will be the feature event of the weekend and is always well attended.



Ron Swanwick presenting Professor Neal Menzies with a UQGPSA tie



1965 group



Ross Dodds 1975 Speaker



1960 group



1985 group



Peter Stevens 1991-1995



1970 group



2005 group



Hugh Clelland 1970-75 and Bob Shepherd 1972-1975

Some feedback from 2015 Back to College Weekend

"Thank you for organising such a great weekend. My wife and I wanted the chefs and all the people in the dining room to be complimented for an excellent spread. Ross Murray did a great job on the campus tour. I wished that the day was a lot longer – so many people to talk to and reminisce with. Anyway, it was all great."

"Thank you to you and your committee for organising an enjoyable reunion and stay at QAC. The accommodation was excellent. I would say that very few past students from any institution other than QAC would be able to stay on campus with their wives and partners. Also if the Old Boys printed the record of penalties, it would be a top seller."

"We sure did have a great weekend and thank you very much for all the work behind the scene. The Association has done wonderful work with the College history under old Shelton."

Branch Reunions

Gold Coast Reunion

Our 27th Reunion Lunch on 6 February was well attended by 49 members and spouses. The ever popular seafood spread, combined with the very attractive cost is still a draw-card. Twenty four apologies were received.

Branch President Peter Douglas announced the recent passing of Geoff Dancer who was a regular attendee of our branch reunions.

Special guests included UQGPSA President Gary Mason, Past Presidents Bob James and Graham McClymont, our Honoured Old Boy Clive Gilchrist 1934–38, 1999 UQ Gatton Gold Medallist Jim Miller, 2011 Distinguished Past Student Ray O'Grady and wife Moya together with Association Honorary Life Members Val Kilah (Whip) and Julie Reid (Stark).



Pam and Jack Groenendyk and Patty Smith with Cheryl and Charlie Teasdale



First time attendee George Miller (1960–62) with Alan Flegler (1956–1958)



Jim Wright 1955–57, Peter Douglas, Richard Munt 1952–56



Odette and Tony Linedale (1959–61), Brian Cull 1954–56 (standing)

We were pleased to welcome first timers Louise McCreath 2004–07 and George Miller 1960–62.

It is extremely hard to attract students from the post Diploma era. If one considers that the Diploma courses finished in 1968, it makes the youngest of the diplomates about 65 years of age. They will be an endangered species in 20 years. Food for thought.

A unanimous decision was reached that the Gold Coast Branch of the UQGPSA donate \$1,000 to the PSA Scholarship Fund. A cheque has been forwarded to the Secretary.

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 Darryl Edwards and Bob James for conducting the Raffle.

Sunshine Coast Reunion

This year's Caloundra reunion attracted over sixty past students and family members. Fourteen apologies were received. The Caloundra Bowls Club again made us welcome, providing a comfortable space for our get together. We are indebted to Barry Bendixen and Frank Natoli, who, years ago, arranged this venue for the Caloundra reunion.

The attendance of committee members of the Past Students' Association was appreciated. For supporting our branch, thank you Kim Jorgensen, Bruce Birtwell, John Guthrie, Gary Mason and Graham McClymont and Phil Long.

A special thank you goes out to Peter and Diana Douglas. As well as organising the Gold Coast reunion, they support our branch through their yearly attendance.

Sadly missed was Jack Burchill, who passed away last November. Jack was a post-war Diploma student who made stock inspection his career, for his entire working life. Jack knew Queensland's pastoral holdings and geography intimately. His story telling was never self-promoting but imparted insights into rural society and the subtleties of cattle and the bush.

As noted for other branch reunions, past student participation is mostly from the Diploma era. Perhaps reconnection, by a younger generation, is a matter of time. The yearly *Back to College Weekend* can only improve interest. Also, networking amongst our ex-College friends is a work in progress.

Ray Montgomery, as both a past student and teacher, is a wealth of knowledge about College history. As usual, Monty supplied some written memorabilia, which did the rounds of the gathering. We thank Ray, for sharing both his loyalty to the Association and his love for all things good about that place at Lawes siding.

One issue, explained by Jack Drane, concerned the College's Penalty Book. One school of thinking suggests great interest in publishing the Penalty Book, which recorded the many peccadillos and misbehaviours of restless youth. Its printing could also be a fundraiser. Opposing this view is the opinion that printing names of miscreants could be embarrassing to some. Testing the support from our gathering, Jack then suggested that the possibility of such a publishing be followed up by the Committee.

Thank you all who attended and made this a memorable and happy gathering.



Ken (1963–65) and Robyn Webster, Don Gordon (1963–65)

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

BARTHOLOMAI, Alan AM

Junior Student 1953–54. Thynne.
1953 7 stone 7 lbs XV; 1954 8 stone 7 lbs XV; Senior Cadets 1953–54.
Director of Queensland Museum 1969–1999 and a well known authority on Cretaceous fossils and the Australian dinosaurs MUTTABURRASAUROS and MINMI.
He gained a science degree from UQ in 1960 and attained a PhD in 1969.
Awarded an AM in 2012 for services to the advancement of science.
Alan passed away 17 December 2015.

BURCHILL, John Cornelius

QDAH 1948; Thynne. College Flight ATC 1945.
1947 B Grade XI; 1948 A Grade No.2 XI; 3rd XV.
Won Post Hole Sinking competition with Walter Sparkes in record time of 2mins 22.5secs.
Jack passed away 28 October 2015.

CURTIS, Herbert Sydney

QDA 1944. Thynne.
1943 Junior Champion Athlete – set a new record of 19ft 2ins for Junior (Under 16) Broad Jump which stood until the age group was deleted in 1963. He gained a BAgSc in 1951.
Sydney passed away 27 December 2015.

DANCER, Geoffrey John

DipAppSc (RurTech) 1972. BAppSc (RurTech) 1973.
1970 B Grade XV; 1971 B Grade XV (Premiers); 1972 1st XV.
Lieutenant in College CMF Unit.
Employed by Elanco for some years before starting his own business.
Geoff passed away 23 January 2016.

DONOVAN, Alan

Short Course student in Sheep and Wool 1945–46. Pitt.
1945 College Flight ATC; 1st 50 yds Junior Freestyle Handicap.
Alan passed away 25 September 2015.

DOYLE, Ian Lester James

Prefect 1948. Shelton.
1945 1st XI; 1946 1st XI, 2nd XV; 1947 1st XI Capt., 2nd XV; 1948 1st XI Capt., 1st XV.
Stylish batsman, wicket keeper. Brother of Jack Carlisle Doyle, DSO. DFC & BAR at College 1935.
Ian passed away 23 November 2015.

DRURY, Donald George

QDAH 1951. At College 1947–50.
1950 First Jersey Young Judges Competition at Ipswich.
After College he joined Dalgety & Co, serving in 11 different branches over a 17 year period.
He drew a 84.5 square mile block at Alpha which he ran for 19 years before retirement.
Don passed away 19 December 2015.

EARLE, Roy Gordon

QDD 1940. At College 1937–40. Riddell.
1939 Athletics; 1940 Athletics. Won Clydesdale Derby. 1st XV.
Roy passed away 12 Sept 2015.

EDDIEHAUSEN, Noel Ernest

Junior student 1944–45
1945 Won Junior Shot Put; 3rd Junior Hop, Step & Jump.
Brother of RA Eddiehausen 1945–46.
Noel passed away 15 January 2016.

GADEN, John Michael Burton

QDAH 1953. Prefect 1953. Thynne.
1952 Corporal 25th Bn. 2nd XV; 1st XI.
1953 Sergeant 25th Bn. 1st XI; Debating. 2nd Clydesdale Junior Judging, Gatton Show.
John passed away 25 September 2015.

GOROGO, George D

QDA 1965. A student from PNG, at College 1962–64. 1st XV 1962–64.
He served mainly in the food and horticulture sections of the DASF (DPI) of PNG for over 30 years. He retired as the general manager of the Fresh Produce Development Agency in Goroka.
George passed away 28 March 2006.

GRIFFIN, Tom 'Polley' F

At College 1961–65.
Tom passed away 15 September 2015.

HARRIS, Kenneth Arthur

QDH 1946.
1945–46 1st Tennis; 1946 2nd XV.
It has been reported that Ken has passed away.

HUNTER-ROBINSON, Sonya Benetta

BAppSc 2003; BEd 2003.
Sonya passed away early January 2016.

JONES, Stephen John AM

Assoc Dip in Stock and Meat Inspection 1981.
Elected Mayor of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council in 2008.

He became one of the State's best known community leaders with his response to the devastating January 2011 floods which all but wiped the town of Grantham off the map.
Steve passed away 19 February 2016.

KATH, Lyle Kenneth

QDA 1947. Prefect 1945–46. Pitt.
1943 Boxing; 1944 1st XV; 1st XI; 1st IV; Boxing. 1945 2nd XV; 1st XI (Capt); 1st IV; Boxing.
1946 1st XV; 1st XI (Capt); 1st IV (Capt); Boxing.
Lyle passed away towards the end of 2015.

KEATING, Darcy Clifford

QDDM 1949. A Post War Reconstruction Trainee 1947–48, having served in the RAN.
1947 Senior XV; 1948 'A' Grade XV.
Buster passed away 6 February 2016.

KING, John Raymond

QCA 1970. 1969–70 Tennis A Reserve Grade.
John passed away September 2014.

McGILL, Roger Francis

QDAH 1965. At College 1963–65. Judo 1963.
Roger passed away 15 April 2008.

McGREGOR, Donald Robert

Sub Diploma student 1951.
Don passed away 15 January 2016.

TALBOT, Robert 'Bob' Justin

QDH 2nd Class Hons 1948.
A Post War Reconstruction Trainee 1947–48, having served in the RAAF for 5 years.
1947 Senior XV; 1948 A Grade XV; A Grade No.1 XI.
He gained a BAgSc from UQ and worked in the DPI before joining College Staff as a Lecturer in Agronomy in March 1956.
Bob was appointed Lecturer in Agricultural Chemistry which he held until retirement in 1983.
He was a member of the College A XI team from 1959–66.
A wonderful community minded man, being President of Apex, member of Lions and the Gatton Jubilee Golf Club of which he was Patron for some years.
Bob passed away 29 September 2015.

VAKA, Norman

QDA 1966.
A student from Tonga. 1st XV 1963–65. It is reported that Norm passed away circa 2011.

Mackay Branch Reunion

**Railway Hotel
Marian**

Sunday 15 May 2016

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

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Return of Bundaberg Branch Reunion

**Venue
to be confirmed**

Sunday 29 May 2016

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

Emails will be sent to
all members/graduates
in next month with
more details

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@bigpond.com

Gold Coast Branch Reunion

**Labrador
AFL Sports Club
Ashton Street
Labrador**

Saturday 13 August 2016

11:00am for
12 noon luncheon

Peter Douglas
☎ (07) 5546 6350
koalamen
@bigpond.com

Brisbane Branch Reunion

**The Greek Club
26 Edmondstone Street
South Brisbane**

Saturday 20 August 2016

11:30am for
12 noon luncheon

Slade Lee
☎ (07) 3821 1739
slade.lee
@yahoo.com.au

Sunshine Coast Branch Reunion

**Caloundra Bowls Club
Cnr Arthur Street and
Burwah Terrace
Caloundra**

Saturday 11 March 2017

11:30am for
12 noon luncheon

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Introducing...

Mark Hohenhaus



Mark Hohenhaus began his long career at Gatton as a Diploma student from 1975–77 and went on to complete his Bachelor of Applied Science in Rural Technology a year later. He started work at “the College”, as he affectionately called it, in 1979 as a Tutor in Animal Husbandry. Here he assisted in animal anatomy and physiology practical classes and it was in this class that he met his future wife, Robyn (nee Obrist. AssocDipRurTech (Dist)1979. He was actually on the payroll at QAC/UQ for a total of 37 years.

Mark was born in Stanthorpe in 1957 where he attended The Summit State School and later went to Stanthorpe State High where he completed Senior in 1974. It was a natural progression for Mark to attend QAC as he was raised on a property called ‘Springdale’ on the New South Wales/Queensland border. On this property, the family ran fine/medium wool Merino wethers and Hereford cattle. His father, Austin, had attended the Queensland Agricultural High School and College in the late forties as a sub-junior student.

On his appointment at QAC as a tutor, Mark taught primarily beef cattle and horse husbandry, but later also moved into sheep and goat production. A number of promotions and progressions followed including to Instructor, Field Supervisor (Sheep and Angora Goat Section) and then Senior Instructor in Animal Production.

He entered the academic ranks of UQ Gatton in 1993 as a lecturer and then as a senior lecturer and obtained his PhD in Farm Animal Medicine & Production from The University of Queensland in 1996. The findings of Mark’s research work undertaken during his PhD, resulted in his supervisor, Professor Peter Outteridge, establishing an Immunogenetics Laboratory in the UQ School of Veterinary Science to service the Sheep Industry by testing rams for resistance to internal parasites on behalf of sheep breeders.

It was during this period that Mark and Robyn’s son Daniel was born. Daniel is also a UQ graduate having completed a Bachelor of Science (Hons) and is currently completing his pharmacy degree. He has also been employed at the St Lucia campus in a research laboratory since graduation.

Mark has always embraced the old motto “Science with Practice” and his real passion in life has been educating young people during his time at the now UQ Gatton Campus. He loves helping the students and putting theory into practice. He has also worked as a principal academic advisor passing on his knowledge and experience of the various academic programs to the students.

Gatton old boys such as Wally Mason and John Edwards were a strong link between the College and Royal and local shows and gave young interested staff encouragement to participate. As a result, Mark also worked as honorary council steward and coordinator for the RNA Animal Nursery on behalf of the College/University for over 25 years, often working with the Past Students’ Association to facilitate their lounge. The RNA recognised both Mark and Robyn with Long Service Medals in 2004.

His career culminated in 2015, when embarking on early retirement, he was appointed as an Honorary Associate Professor with the University. With his new-found free time, he has continued to put his passion into practice. He has established a business called Valley Livestock Services, where he assists small landholders with the general care and husbandry of their livestock.