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Distinguished Past Student Award –

2020 Awards will be presented at the AGM on 5 December.

Back to College Weekend

– Cancelled for 2020

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Meet our 2020 scholarship recipient – Samantha Drummond

"I cannot begin to describe how grateful I am to be chosen for this award; it will help me immensely over the next five years."

Samantha is a second year student in Veterinary Science despite considering a number of other options before enrolling at Gatton. She always held hope that she could eventually do the first job she ever wanted as a young girl. She nearly changed her mind after seeing a veterinarian feeling the reproductive tract of a cow on TV. Samantha's attendance at Gatton required her to relocate as it was not practical to commute each day. Throughout her first year, she was constantly worried about

how she was going to afford accommodation in the Gatton area as she was not able to arrange other funding. Being awarded the UQ Gatton Past Students Association Scholarship for 2020 has given her the chance to continue to live on campus and concentrate on her studies.



Samantha Drummond

UQGPSA boosts fund in support of students at Gatton Campus

The Association has made a significant donation to expand the existing scholarship to support even more students.

A \$50,000 pledge (\$10,000 per year for five years) will be matched dollar for dollar by UQ's Create Change Scholarship Match; an initiative to add \$30 million in needs-based scholarships to UQ's endowment. Additionally another \$50,000 has been pledged by the School of Agriculture and Food Sciences. This will result in \$3 being deposited into the Scholarship Fund for every \$1 raised.

The scholarship was established in 2006 to support students of Gatton Campus who, because of financial, personal, or home circumstances, might otherwise be unable to enter full-time study at UQ Gatton. Fourteen students have been assisted since 2007 with a scholarship of \$5000 per year for the duration of their course. To date the total funds paid to the 14 students are \$220,000. Four scholarship recipients are currently at Gatton. Those on campus dined with the Management Committee and UQ representatives recently.

"This scholarship recognises the importance of ensuring students who are in financial distress can further their agricultural education at the Gatton Campus", says President of the Association, Mark Pace.

"We saw the need to enhance engagement with our Scholarship program and UQ's "Create Change" initiative has provided the ideal opportunity for the Association to collaborate closer with UQ and the Faculty of Science to provide meaningful opportunities for prospective students".

The \$50,000 pledge means students in need will have increased access to a world-class program for the duration of their undergraduate studies.

Show your support by donating via bit.ly/supportGPSA

Contacting our office for a form to complete is another option.

Donations of \$2 or greater to The University of Queensland are tax deductible and UQ will send you a receipt.



Mark Pace
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President's Report

Since March 2020, the world has taken a significant shift associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has impacted all of us and our way of life over the past months. I trust that all our members and their direct and extended families have endured safely wherever they may be.

Based on the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Association decided to make one of its most difficult decisions ever and call off the 2020 Back to College Reunion. We can only hope that the situation will be much better in 2021 and we can host the BTCW with twice as much enthusiasm.

Despite the impact of the pandemic, the Management Committee have throughout the year continued to engage and progress various initiatives.

- Our existing UQGPSA Scholarship model is now aligned with the 'Create Change' initiative of The University of Queensland. This change maintains our Scholarship fund's charter and name but permits our fund to become eligible to receive matched funding via the University and the Faculty of Science. Our Association contributes \$50,000 and through a three to one arrangement this transforms into \$150,000 over the 5 years. This initiative ensures the UQGPSA Scholarship Fund continues to operate sustainably well into the future.
- Gatton Gold Medal Award is now in the final stages of repositioning from the Honorary Awards structure to the

University Alumni Awards Scheme structure. This move will assist in maintaining the prestigious award and enhance the Associations engagement in the process, timing and selection of the Award.

This year has also seen some personal and structural changes around the Gatton Campus.

- Retirement of the Campus Director Ms Janelle Zahmel after 16 years of service to the Faculty and the Gatton Campus and our formal thanks to her for her support over that time. See my short article included later in this issue.
- Professor Debbie Terri commenced as the new Vice Chancellor, in August this year replacing Professor Peter Høj after 7 years. Professor Terri is no stranger to UQ and we warmly welcome her back to UQ and to Gatton after her time as Vice Chancellor at Curtin University for 7 years. I met with Professor Terri at the Gatton Campus in late September to discuss the many developments with the UQGPSA. She expressed a great interest in the charter of the Association and the great achievements it is undertaking.
- Completion of the new entry and the associated landscaping to the Gatton Campus. I would urge any past members to pay the Campus a visit and appreciate the wonderful new look of the Gatton Campus entry leading into the Avenue of Palms.

We have lost some very notable members and past staff members. In particular, a real

stalwart of the Gatton Campus, Dr. Jim Galletly. See my article elsewhere in this edition.

I must also make mention of the UQGPSA Raffle which has been headed by one of the Management Committee members Mr. Adrian O'Connor. I would urge all members to investigate this raffle and to support it, as it ultimately supports our Association and the Scholarship fund and to ensure we can 'give back' and provide opportunities for those seeking an education in the Agricultural programs offered here at the Gatton Campus. Based that we are not holding the BTCW weekend this year, perhaps the costs for the meal this year could be considered as a donation to the Scholarship fund or the UQGPSA Raffle.

As 2020 draws to a close, can I take this opportunity to thank the Management Committee and show appreciation to those members who have decided to stand down. Our long serving Secretary, Graham McClymont and Treasurer, John Guthrie have decided to enjoy life a bit more and they have earned it. I also want to extend thanks to the Faculty of Science and the Advancement Team who have done a terrific job of assisting the Association throughout the year. Our AGM will present our new Management Committee for 2021 and I trust it will bring a combination of new and old faces for the coming year.

As President, I wish you all a safe and prosperous season and look forward to a new year in 2021.



UQ Gatton
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UQ Gatton Past Students' Association Raffle 2020

Proudly supporting UQ Gatton students



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The UQ Gatton Past Students' Association in partnership with UQ has just signed off on a new Create Change Scholarship.

This scholarship will provide additional assistance to undergraduate students at UQ Gatton.

Proceeds from the raffle will help fund the scholarship as well as the on-going costs of running the association.

Tickets can be purchased individually or in bundles to suit all budgets.

Prizes:

1st Prize two \$500 Mastercards donated by Jude Turner of the Turner Family Foundation.

2nd Prize one \$500 Mastercard donated by Mark Pace, President of UQ GPSA

3rd Prize one \$300 gift voucher donated by Doug English of Turmeric Life

4th Prize one \$300 tandem sky dive voucher donated by Dave McEvoy of Ramblers Sky Dive

5th Prize one \$300 shopping spree voucher donated by Judy O'Connor Consultant Nutrimetics

6th Prize one \$500 BP Fuel Card donated by members of the UQ GPSA Management Committee

7th Prize one \$125 welcome tractor sign donated by Clive Harrison of Harrison Metal Art

The Raffle commenced on 1 September 2020 and closes on 5 December 2020, when the winner will be drawn at the AGM.

So be part of creating change and support the scholarship fund of the UQ GPSA.

Buy your tickets at:

rafflelink.com.au/uqgpsa-raffle-2020

Our sponsors:





Ms Akilah Dorri

Ms Akilah Dorri is a prominent figure in the progress against domestic violence in Guyana and its region. Working within the Guyanese government, Ms Dorri works, leads and advocates for the importance of women's empowerment, especially in the rural areas of Guyana.

UQ Gatton Graduate is an international leader against domestic violence

After previously working with vulnerable men, women and children in rural communities, Ms Dorri wanted to work within rural development to help those less fortunate in her community. Her hard work and impressive career now see her at the front line in preventing family violence in a society with a high incidence of domestic and sexual violence.

Ms Dorri currently holds the position of Manager in the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Policy Unit where she plays a leading role in coordinating resources across Guyana, including social workers, domestic violence survivors, and leaders at all levels of government. She engages with the community directly, by working with community organisations, and via the Guyanese media

in order to raise awareness and change community perceptions of domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence Unit was established in October 2016 with the view of reducing the high incidence of sexual and domestic violence in Guyana. Ms Dorri's office engages with ministries and non-government organisations to bring greater awareness to the issue of domestic violence in Guyana. Among many other initiatives, the unit developed a temporary assistance programme for domestic violence survivors, where they provide temporary accommodation for victims up to about six months until they can be reintegrated.

Ms Dorri studied at UQ Gatton, where she attained a Master of Rural Systems Management in 2012.

Farewell to Janelle

In September this year, long-serving UQ Gatton Campus Director, Ms Janelle Zahmel retired from the role she commenced in 2011 after the disestablishment of the then Faculty of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Veterinary Science (NRAVS). Prior to her role as Campus Director she performed the role of Faculty Executive Officer (FEO) of NRAVS from 2004 to 2010.

For the past 16 years, Janelle has been a strong advocate for the UQGPSA and has supported many of the initiatives the Association has fostered such as the Scholarship fund and Back to College Weekends to which she was a regular special guest. She also regularly attended our dinners with Scholarship recipients and attended specific Management Committee meetings over the years. Janelle was instrumental in ensuring the Association was provided with secure facilities in Morrison Hall and with the re-location of the Museum to its current position.

Strategically and operationally Janelle has been involved with most key developments associated with the Gatton Campus including the relocation of the School of Veterinary Science from St Lucia to Gatton around

2010, the redevelopment of the swimming pool and sports complex to the recent landscaping works and the Campus entry.

I have had the pleasure of working closely with Janelle for most of those 16 years and more specifically during my tenure as Director of UQ-GVEC under the Faculty of NRAVS in 2008 and then under the Office of the Director Gatton Campus (ODGC) and finally under the Faculty of Science since 2016.

Our Association wishes to thank Janelle for her long support and for which I had the privilege as President to award her a Plaque of Appreciation on behalf of the Association prior to her departure. We wish her well for her future plans.

Response from Janelle to the Committee

Dear Mark,

Please pass on my sincere thank you to the GPSA for the lovely plaque and their kind wishes.

It has been a great pleasure and an enormous honour to be associated with the Gatton campus for the past 16 years and I have some wonderful memories to cherish. Gatton will



always be a special place for me and I am confident will grow and prosper into the future.

2020 has been quite a year and I am saddened that the Back to College Weekend and other events at which we can all get together will not be possible. However, it will pass and I wish the PSA Executive and members all the very best for the future.

Kind regards

Janelle

Gatton College Stalwart Divines for the Final Time

Dr James Craig Galletly.

The name James Craig Galletly or Oigle would be known to most readers of Re-Connect as one of Gatton College's most enduring characters and is synonymous with other great Gatton College pillars such as Stan Petherick. Jim arrived at the College in 1943 and remained associated with the College for almost 75 years.

Jim sadly passed away on 5 June 2020 at the age of 92. He was well known in his later years for his untiring research and redefining of aquifer recharge in the Lockyer Valley. Jim's essential interest was always soil and water. Having observed the Lockyer Creek since 1943, and the irrigation water supply failures of the 70s/80s, he felt sure that there was a problem with the publicly accepted account of the Lockyer Valley aquifer recharge system.

He was passionate about the importance of verifying the principles of water recharge and the origins of base flow to permit better management associated with the extraction and distribution of water throughout the Valley. In 2008 at the age of 80, Jim completed his PhD in Water Hydrology and Aquifer Recharge of the Valley and was relentless in his pursuit of ensuring his research and subsequent findings, which challenged mainstream hydrology, were reviewed and evaluated.

I will include excerpts of an overview of Jim's life provided by another notable Gatton College lecturer, Dr Jeff Tullberg:

1943 was the start of a lifelong association with the College. Conditions were quite basic then with the main College buildings used as a US Army base hospital, but Jim excelled. He was Dux of his class each year, good at sports – boxing and cross-country – and also enjoyed the large practical component of college courses. Many years later, Jim recalled planting ten acres of opium poppies to supply the hospital with medicinal heroin! In 1946 he was one of only two students to win open scholarships to The University of Queensland, where, perhaps unsurprisingly, he chose agriculture. After struggling with the sciences of the first two years, he completed his degree in 1950.

Jim's B.Ag.Sci led to work as a soil conservationist with the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Stock, and he was sent to Pittsworth in 1951. There, he

found soil conservation work with farmers thoroughly satisfying, laying out and supervising construction of over 150km of contour bank erosion protection systems – some Queensland's earliest. It was in Pittsworth where he met and married Lenor (nee Whittaker) in 1954. Jim rarely talked to colleagues about his personal life, but in later life he described his time in Pittsworth as "wonderful days."

Jim moved back to the Queensland Agricultural College at Gatton as Lecturer in Agronomy in 1955, expecting to specialise in soil conservation. Unfortunately staff deaths and losses resulted in Jim being the 'willing horse' who agreed to take on a huge range of subjects. Over 10 years of a new three-year diploma, these included Meteorology, Economic Geography, Soils, Surveying, Botany, Crop Agronomy, Tropical Agriculture, Rural Economics, Principles of Agronomy and History of Agriculture, as well as filling in in Plant Pathology and Chemistry. He also taught the sections of the UQ agriculture course In addition to Soil and Water Conservation (Field Engineering)! Despite this unreasonable load, he completed an external master's degree focused on soil/plant water relations in 1968.

Jim built one of the earliest rainfall simulators in Queensland, based on designs seen in Israel. This and similar units were widely used to demonstrate the soil protection effects of crop residue and a valuable contribution to soil conservation extension effort of the 70s and 1980s. During this period Jim found great satisfaction in running a specialist suite of fourth-year subjects on Soil and Water Conservation for the QAC degree courses, and he maintained contact with several of those students for years after their graduation. Many went on to work in the Queensland Department of Primary Industries, and from the mid-1970s the majority of soil conservation field services staff had undertaken Jim's courses at Gatton.

He was also awarded the first of QAC's internally funded research grants, allowing a three-year investigation of irrigation water use on college properties. It was the period when overuse of the Lockyer Valley aquifers was becoming obvious, and many irrigation farmers were running dry, with dire financial consequences. Responding to this, Jim designed some of the first flood

Welcome to new members

Kay Jennifer **Galletly** (College Kid)

Jon Steven **Harding** (1990)

Daniel Matthew **Kelly** (1974)

Bevan James **Love** (1974)

Warwick Douglas **Moppett** (1988)

William **Roberts-Thomson** (1974)

Glenville Roland **Tucker** (1975)

UQGPSA Annual General Meeting 2020

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 11am on Saturday 5 December in the Hamon Centre Lecture Theatre, Lawes Campus Club at the Gatton Campus.

At the AGM there will be a presentation of a Life Member Certificate to a well-known member of our Association as well as presentations of Distinguished Past Student Awards to three members of our Association who have distinguished themselves in their chosen career since graduating from UQ Gatton. Details are being finalised further and details will be available shortly.

You will be able to attend the meeting in person or by Zoom.

harvesting systems, with ring tanks and cheap, high capacity, low head centrifugal pumps providing an alternative irrigation water supply. Many hundreds of these structures now make a major contribution to the productivity of the Darling Downs and Lockyer Valley.

Jim's long and productive life has touched many people and communities. It was a life of service – doing the thoughtful, right and generous thing; for family, students, employer, community, and the environment. He was one of Australia's greatest water champions and will be remembered as someone unafraid to speak his mind.

For those of us who knew him and worked with him or indeed were students of his, we all tip our hat to his legacy and express our thanks for someone who was often referred to as 'one of the good guys'.

Mark Pace
UQGPSA President.

Ken Jackson, OAM

In the Queen's Birthday Honours list was Dr Ken Jackson, a 1971 B App Sc (Rural Tech) graduate with first class honours. Although Ken had grown up on a dairy farm, his first career wasn't in agriculture. However, with the development of the "Fellowship Diploma Course" he saw the potential for him to become an agricultural teacher.

Have you considered joining the UQGPSA Management Committee?

You don't have to be located in South-East Qld to be part of the group. We continue to have face to face meetings in Gatton but those who can't make it to Gatton join us on Zoom.

A new Management Committee is elected at the AGM each year to manage our Association for the next 12 months.

Some members of the 2020 Committee will be retiring and therefore not accepting nomination for 2021. So take the opportunity to join us and make an impact.

All appointments are for one year and all positions become vacant at the AGM each year.

Call or email us for a Nomination Form. Give us a call if you would like more information.



Do we have your email address?

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Following graduation, Ken was appointed as an agronomist at Biloela Research Station, concentrating on safflower, lupins and guar but also doing some preliminary studies on guayule and niger. His PhD study determined the role of mycorrhiza in the phosphorus nutrition of guar in low P soils of the Central Queensland Highlands.

However, it was his transfer to Gatton Research Station that saw him make significant contributions to a number of what many would see as horticultural crops. At that time, potatoes, pumpkins, onions, sweetpotatoes and garlic were under the control of the Agricultural Branch within the DPI. Some of Ken's contributions, in conjunction with other staff were:

- Agronomic work with Atlantic potatoes that became a premium crising potato,
- The development of Glenlarge and Southern Glen as premier short day garlic varieties,
- The release of Wollen Brown and White onion varieties,
- The development of Winlock for winter potato production,
- The introduction of the pink skinned Beauregard sweetpotato that became the premium variety,
- The development of the purple skinned sweetpotato variety Northern Star, and the development of the white skinned sweetpotato variety Kestrel.

Ken was also responsible for the first field testing in Australia of a genetically modified crop. This variety, developed by CSIRO, was a transgenic variety with leaf roll resistance. All of the protocols for future field testing of genetically modified crops in Australia were established during this trial work at Gatton Research Station.

With the formation of the Queensland Horticultural Institute, Ken was appointed as Program Leader for Vegetables involving the supervision of 70 staff spread from Mareeba to Stanthorpe. In 1999, he was appointed Acting Director of the Institute managing 350 staff and a \$25 million budget.

Despite retiring from the DPI in 2002, Ken has continued to be involved with it, particularly as the Chairman of Progression Panels for professional staff as well as a flood recovery extension officer following the 2011 floods in the Lockyer Valley.

Ken has also continued his involvement with UQ Gatton as a lecturer and tutor. He has lectured in the first year subjects Systems

Management and Knowledge Management as well as doing special lectures in Horticulture and Agriculture. In 2014, Ken co-worked with Dr Guta Bedane to review the past 30 years of research on 15 grain crops grown in the Northern Grain Belt, a region that stretches from Dubbo to Emerald.



Ken Jackson OAM, Jackie Riley (SRPhotography).

He has also continued his involvement with the Australian Onion Industry as Chair of the Onion Industry Advisory Committee. In 2012, Ken was awarded the national Reg Millar Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the industry.

During his working life, Ken has also been involved in:

- A study tour to the USA looking at safflower, guar and guayule,
- Vegetable consultancies in Pakistan and Indonesia,
- Study tours to look at potatoes in South Africa
- Study tours to Asian markets in Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan (heavy vegetables) with two producers, and
- A trip to PNG to review an ACIAR project on sweetpotatoes.
- Successful supervision of 3 Masters and 3 PhD students and currently supervising another PhD student.

An OAM seems as justified reward for someone who has definitely applied the College motto "Science with Practice" to everything he has done for the benefit of agricultural industries.

Congratulations Ken.

Branch Reunions

1963 Lunch - 7th August 2020 - East Brisbane



Eleven heroes at the lunch with four apologies due to health and flight problems. L to R; Peter Warhurst, Ross Smith, Bill White, Russell Stephenson, D'Arcy Gibbs, Kerry Dowsett, Ron Swanwick, Harold Neal, Ian McInnes, Greg Jolly, Michael Cooper.

Far North Queensland Reunion



Over 25 people attended the Atherton reunion lunch on Sunday 30th August. There were some new faces which was good to see. A member of the Management Committee was not able to attend this year but John Hardy stepped up as we knew he would. Thanks to Sharon Robinson for marshalling everyone. We again thank Mick Nasser for allowing us to meet at the Barron Valley Hotel.

Sue Foley (BApp Sc Hort 1982) addressing the FNQ Reunion

You are invited to Class of 1986 Muster



Celebrating
Banjo's Birthday
on 20 February 2021 with
Harry and Val Pickering

Proposed Reunions 2021

Branch Reunion	Venue	Date	Time	Contact
Gold Coast	Labrador AFL Sports Club Ashton Street Labrador	Saturday 6 February 2021	11:00am for 12 noon lunch	Peter Douglas - (07) 5546 6350 koalamen@bigpond.com
1986 Muster	Contact the organiser	Saturday 20 February 2021		Adrian O'Connor - 0400 566 573 adrian_oconnor@optusnet.com.au
Sunshine Coast	Nambour RSL, 'Green Wall', 14 Mathew Street, Nambour	Saturday 6 March 2021	11:30am for 12 noon lunch	Adrian O'Connor - 0400 566 573 adrian_oconnor@optusnet.com.au
Rockhampton	Red Lion Hotel 138 Denham Street Allenstown	Sunday 30 May 2021	11:30am for 12 noon lunch	Julie Martin - 0439 362 364 jazzsie@bigpond.com
Mackay	Duke of Edinburgh Hotel Walkerston	Sunday 16 May 2021	11:00am for 12 noon lunch	Mark Hetherington - 0407 595 349 m.hetherington@pcpsl.com.au John Whitaker - 0437 331 093 john-whitaker@bigpond.com
Canberra	Canberra Yacht Club 1 Mariner Place Yarralumla	TBC (May)	12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen - 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com
Bundaberg	East End Hotel 58 Princess Street East Bundaberg	Sunday 6 June 2021	11:30am for 12 noon lunch	Mike Moller - 0478 154 593 mmoller57@gmail.com
Gold Coast	Labrador AFL Sports Club Ashton Street Labrador	Saturday 31 July 2021	11:00am for 12 noon lunch	Peter Douglas - (07) 5546 6350 koalamen@bigpond.com
North QLD	Barron Valley Hotel Atherton	Sunday 29 August 2021	11:30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen - 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com
Brisbane	TBC	Saturday 6 November 2021	11:30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen - 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com

Other Reunions ... Watch out for details on Facebook and LinkedIn - emails will be sent to members and those we have contact details for.

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

ARNDT, Fred

QDA 1947. At College 1944-47. Sub-Junior student in March 1942 when US Army occupied the College. Prefect 1946-47. Shelton. 1947: Captain of 1st IV Tennis. 2nd XV. Won Tractor Ploughing, Ag Day Sports. 1946: 1st IV. 1945: 1st IV. Fred passed away 4 May 2020.

AYLETT, Ronald Desmond

Attached to QAC Training Unit as Warrant Officer cadre and later as the Unit Sergeant Major. His many decorations included: Mentioned in Dispatches. Australian Active Service Medal with Clasps - Thailand, Malaya, Malaysia, Vietnam. National Medal. United States of America Bronze Star with "V" Device for Valour. United States of America Bronze Star. Des passed away 15 August 2020.

BOWLY, Andrew William

Assoc Dip App Sc 1991. At College 1987-88. Andrew passed away in May 2020.

CASSIDY, Peter Joseph

B of Bus 1997. Peter passed away 11 August 2020.

CHAILLE, Noel Gordon

QCAH 1973. Adv Cert App Sc (Meat and Stock) 1974. Noel passed away 5 August 2020.

GALLETLY, James Craig

QDA 2nd Class Hons 1946. B Ag Sc 1950. M Ag Sc 1968. Ph D 2008. At College 1943-46. Pitt. Prefect 1945. Senior Prefect 1946. 1946: Tennis, Athletics (won Open

440 and 880 yards), Boxing. Appointed Lecturer in Agronomy, December 1954. Lecturer in Ag Engineering, December 1969. Senior Lecturer Ag Engineering February 1978. Jim retired in 1987. He was Patron of the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association in 2016. Jim passed away 5 June 2020.

GEISSMANN, Colin Stuart

At College 1943-45. College ATC Flight 1944-45. Colin passed away 28 July 2020.

GILCHRIST, Edward Clive

At College 1934-38. Pitt. 1938: Runner-up Senior Swimming Champion. Life Saving. Lance Corporal 25th Battalion. Junior Judging RNA: 1st Hereford Bull, 1st Tamworth Sow, 3rd Aberdeen Angus Bull. 1937: Junior Swimming Champion. Corporal 25th Bn Regimental Cadets. 1936: 25th Bn Regimental Cadets. After graduation he became a livestock buyer for Vestey's. Enlisted in the AIF during WW2, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. In 1947, Clive became a dairy farmer in the Currumbin Valley, also serving on the Albert Shire Council and as a director of the South Coast Co-op Dairy. In 1962, he sold up and joined DPI. After being promoted to Senior Advisor in Agriculture he resigned, taking up the position of Farm Advisor and Stockfeed Consultant with the South Burnett Dairy Association in Murgon. He was awarded Life Membership of the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association in 2019. Clive passed away 6 July 2020.

HAYLOCK, Robert

Dip App Sc (Rural Tech) 1971. At College 1969-71. 1971: 1st Hockey. B Grade XI.

After College he followed a career in Macadamia farming, coupled with farm forester (Messmate) and beef cattle. Bob passed away 31 January 2020.

HUNT, Russell Reginald

B App Sc 1975. At College 1972-75. Russell passed away 4 July 2020.

HUTH, Gordon Roy

QDDM 1946. At College 1943-46. Sub Junior student 1942. Returned February 1943 when College reopened in full. Gordon passed away 5 May 2020.

JOLLY, Greg

QDAH 1963. At College 1961-63. 1963: Intercollegiate Rifle Shooting. Team Captain. Won WJ McCutcheon Cup, Champion Rifle Shot. 1962: Intercollegiate Rifle Shooting. Team Captain. Highest scorer in the competition. Won WJ McCutcheon Cup. Greg passed away on 14th October 2020

LINDSTROM, Leo Walter

QDH 1949. 1948: B No.1 XI, C Grade XV. 1947: 2nd XI. Leo passed away 15 July 2020

LISLE, Ross M

B Sc. Long serving College staff member. Appointed Lecturer in Plant Protection - Pesticides in May 1971. Ross passed away 8 March 2020.

LIU, Joseph

QDDM 1966. 1965: 1st Table Tennis. 1964: Collegian No.1 Table Tennis. Joseph passed away in Canada, 25 April 2020.

PETERSON, Russell MacKenzie

QDH 1964. A mature age student 1961-63. Russ passed away 8 December 2018.

PRATT, William John

Attended College 1975-77. John was tragically killed in a recent farm accident. Younger brother of Mike, QCAH 1970.

RICH, Kenneth Howard Eric

Dip Bus 1975. B Bus (Rural M'ment) 1976. Grad Dip Plant Protection 1981. Member of Union Council Executive 1974/75. Director of Student Welfare 1975/76. Ken passed away 5 June 2020.

ROBERTS, Lynda Margaret

B App Sc (Food Science and Technology) 1982. Lynda passed away 23 August 2020.

SUTTON, Peter Harry

High School Student 1949 - 50. Shelton. 1950: Won Junior Sheaf Tossing and Shot Putt, 2nd 100 yards. College Cadet Corps. Peter passed away 22 July 2020.

WILLIS, Alan Charles.

College High School student 1933-34. Alan passed away on 28 July 2020, at the age of 100. He was possibly our oldest Old Boy.

WITHERSPOON, James John

QDDM 1952. At College 1950-51. Jim passed away 4 July 2020.

Museum Report

As you can well imagine the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll across the spectrum, and includes the closure of the UQGPSA Museum in accordance with UQ's restrictions on Campus.

However, behind the scenes actions to bring the Museum to a better looking and better educational facility of the past has continued. And I would like to thank Julie Reid for her ongoing commitment.

Julie has attended the Museum on a regular basis to answer email enquiries, and worked on scanning, sorting, captioning and filing photographs.

Past students and others continue to donate various items, including Alan Brimblecombe, who supplied 1947 - 48 photos of aerial views, farm machinery, animals, Shelton House, College cadet corps, junior year and boxing class.

As well as a 1953 QAHS&C Christmas card depicting a colour photo of the Foundation Building, which also appeared in the 1953 magazine.

Jane Thomas donated a College badge, revealing how relationships started when attending a College dance in 1965.

Slade Lee and Sue Moyle supplied a 1979 Graduation day program.

Bob Hampson QDH 1967 presented a QAC cricket cap plus various magazines and annual reports dating from 1964 through to 1989.

We thank you for your support and encourage all past students and/or family members to consider donating from that era.

Gary Mason

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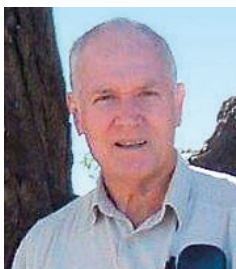


Photographs

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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Introducing Stewart Bain



Stewart Bain,
Cert An. Hus. 1967-68.

To borrow the title from the wonderful book by Albert Facey, I have had "a fortunate life" and thank God for it daily. My maternal grandfather came out from England to be a sugar chemist at Racecourse Mill Mackay. After a stint in Bundaberg where my elder sister was born, my parents then moved to Brisbane. The plan for me after Gatton was to go dairying at Sandy Creek (Gympie District) for an aunt and her husband who had no son to take over their farm. That was hand milking jerseys, manual separating and taking cans of cream on the carryall of a Fergy TEA 20 down to the loading stage for the factory truck to pick up. School holidays were not holidays back then.

Upon graduation in 1968 however, I was offered a Company Cadetship with a grand old English family-run pastoral company. Australian Estates Qld Ltd of 100 Creek St, Brisbane was under the control of Sir Denys Lowson, a former Lord Mayor of London and was traditionally managed but surprisingly well diversified. In addition to their Woolstores on the Hamilton reach of the Brisbane River there was a strong Stock & Station Agency presence, Annual Race Horse Yearling Sales and a string of sheep and cattle properties running from the deep south up through Qld across the bottom of the Gulf of Carpentaria to the northern coast and our original family linked Sugar Mills.

Personal Highlights

1) I knew and often spoke with "Mother Watts" the wife of Kidman's legendary Queensland Pastoral Inspector Galloping Jack Watts and the Matriarch of the South West Queensland Watts' families. She was as down to earth as you could get. There was an historical story waiting to be told in each of the many photographs that surrounded the huge dining room table. "Tobermory" always was a welcome sight after a big day.



2) I knew and spoke to Kalkadoon warrior Sparrow Barton of the Argylla/Selwyn Ranges around Mt. Isa. I worked and was mates with his half-brother Alf. To this day I wish I had spent more time listening and learning more of their lore while in the bush with Alf.

I met a beautiful young woman from Springsure and so after I cleared the National Service hurdle without my number coming up, we decided to marry in December 1972. Later with a young and still growing family we chose the stability of a government job over the drought and flooding rains vagaries of the rural sector. A reliable man who could operate trucks and machinery and work in isolated areas was valued by the then PMG, later Telecom, still later Telstra. I was selected for an intensive 18 month Officer Training Course and that combined external technical extension courses has resulted in my Diplomas. However, they are not Agriculture related. For the next 30 years we transferred around the mid-west and Nth Qld. whilst I worked on, estimated, inspected and designed communication network projects from the eastern Northern Territory through the Gulf Country & Islands, plus mine sites only to finish up (you guessed it) once again on the ancestrally linked Qld Sugar Coast. How things change but still remain the same.

Gatton was a godsend for me, I lived in Shelton Annex 1 my first year, then Annex 2 second year in charge of 15 or so first year students. I was also a Senior Cadet Platoon Commander and those responsibilities added to the then stiff college spirit of sticking with your House (Shelton of course) and team when the going gets tough, this helped me then and in later life. I always walk the area where those Annex buildings once stood when I return to campus, I can't help but look up to see if Mr Britton is standing in his garden still.

Having visited the Northern Hemisphere on one of our trips we can see now why my grandparents left Scotland/England and Beverley's grandparents left Ireland/Denmark for our warmer climate. We are retirees now and our children (3 girls & 1 boy) and 6 grandkids are off on their own life adventures.

Beverley is a quilter and at nearly 70 years I am the junior member of a Windmill & Machinery Restoration volunteer crew that renews rare exhibits for the Jondaryan Woolshed. We still use "Rosemount" for Horse Agistment and all 16 paddocks are named after native birds. All timber alive or dead is sacrosanct here, as nesting hollows do actually "grow on trees". Thank you for the opportunity to serve QAC. And finally, Gents don't ignore your prostate health, sitting on the problem won't fix it.

< Even in retirement there are still jobs to be done on Rosemount. My overseer Ellie the Jenny.