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Sweet success for sugarcane scientist turned Gatton Gold winner

John Pollock AM has been awarded the 2020 Gatton Gold Medal, after more than 40 years of service to Australia's regional and rural communities.

John has worked diligently to improve cropping, stock management and resource management, and has been lucky enough to learn from resource management projects all over the world.

After completing a Diploma of Agriculture in 1964 at Queensland Agricultural College he went on to study a Bachelor and Master of Agricultural Science.

"Gatton College afforded us students an extremely wide range of practical and theoretical skills and learnings, as well as offering lifelong friendships," Mr Pollock said.

"Meeting with fellow students from all aspects of primary industries – both domestically and internationally – was incredibly instructive, entertaining and rewarding."

Born and raised in a sugarcane family from Mossman in Far North Queensland, John began his career as a researcher for the Bureau of Sugar Experiment Stations, managing variety improvement programs in Herbert, Burdekin and Central Queensland.

"In the sugar industry, it was great to be able to transform trial fields to accommodate mechanisation of harvesting," he said.

"It was a formative experience, and it was also extremely satisfying to be working with farmers on variety evaluation.

"And working with a whole host of primary industry stakeholders on the complete supply and production chain was incredibly rewarding, as was facilitating the rapid uptake and adaptation of new technologies."

He then worked in various sections of the Queensland Department of Premier and Cabinet, before joining the then Department of Primary Industries, where he held several senior roles.

John's knack for collaboration and pragmatism landed him several senior positions, including Executive Director of Queensland Fisheries, Director of the Queensland Fisheries Management Authority, and Chair of the Sugar Research Australia Research Funding Panel.

After retiring from the public service in 2005, John moved to the Atherton Tablelands, but continues to remain active as a consultant and contractor to state and commonwealth agencies, universities and natural resource management groups.

John hopes his career and expertise can inspire the next generation of agriculturalists and resource managers.

"Agriculture and primary industries are an exciting place to be, it's a diverse field, with plenty of rewards on offer for those willing to put in the effort," he said.

"There are a wide range of career opportunities, and the corporate world is becoming a significant player in food production.

"Food security for nations and communities is a looming issue, so informed experts in these fields will become more important than ever.

"Students entering the industry now must understand that good science is the foundation of our continued learning, understanding and development."

The Gatton (formerly named the Council) Gold Medal recognises a graduate who has achieved outstanding success or honour in their vocation, and has made or continues to make an outstanding contribution in an area of relevance to UQ Gatton.

Sourced from UQ website



John Pollock AM accepting the 2020 UQ Gatton Gold Medal



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President's Report

Planning for this year's Back to College Weekend (BTCW) is now underway and the efforts of a dedicated few to host the event is gathering momentum. This year will be a combination of the 2020 and 2021 feature years. By all accounts it will be a significant weekend and one that we all look forward to. I can also disclose that our special Guest Speaker and respondent to the Toast will be our Vice Chancellor and President of the University, Professor Debbie Terry AO. We are very grateful for her kind acceptance to attend and address our dinner.

Your Management Committee has been working hard to embrace many of the changes that have occurred within the Association's operational spheres. As a response to the increasing activities, the Management Committee will now be operating via the recommendations of 4 Sub-Committees to review new proposals and provide the required scrutiny and recommendations where required.

Two further developments achieved during the past 6 months are:

- Enhancing our Scholarship by increasing our contribution to the 'Create Change' campaign initiated via The University of

Queensland, thereby getting access its incentive match funding model. The Association will now contribute a further \$50,000 to raise \$100,000 over 5 years towards our Scholarship fund. The Incentive funding will boost this amount to a total of \$250,000 by the end of the 5-year term. We must acknowledge our colleagues from the School of Agriculture and Food Sciences (SAFS) here at the Gatton Campus for their continued close support and their donation of \$50,000. Also our very close working relationship with the UQ Alumni and Engagement team and the Faculty of Science Advancement Team who provide great assistance to our Association. Thanks to the many members whom have already supported this fund.

- Gold Medal status change (see following article).

It is also worth mentioning that the 125th Anniversary of the Gatton Campus is taking place next year in 2022. Discussions have already taken place to commence planning for this very significant milestone for our Campus. Your Association is actively engaged. I will inform you as developments are progressed.

One area that requires further investment of our resources is to build stronger connections with the current student body at Gatton Campus and to increase our profile as an active Association. Meetings have taken place with the Gatton Students Association (GSA) to better connect and to raise the profile of our Association to the current student cohort.

Our regional reunions are also underway across the State and I will be at the Mackay Branch reunion in May which I always enjoy attending, as I do with the Gold Coast, Brisbane and Sunshine Coast Branches. On a sad note, long time Mackay Association member and Chairman John Whitaker passed away suddenly earlier this year and like so many of our departed members he will be missed. Other branch reunions are actively underway so please continue to attend and support this very effective tradition of keeping the contact with our fellow Gatton College graduates.

I trust this has provided you all with some updates and I hope you will enjoy this edition of Re Connect.

Regards,

Mark Pace

President UQGPSA.

Meet one of the students you're supporting



Above, Samantha Drummond.

Established in 2006, this scholarship has enabled numerous students to pursue their Agriculture or Veterinary Sciences studies at UQ Gatton by providing much needed financial support. To date, 13 students have benefited from hundreds of donations made by members of the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association (UQGPSA). "The UQGPSA recognises the importance of ensuring students who are in financial distress can further their education at the Gatton Campus", says UQGPSA President, Mark Pace.

Donate online at: bit.ly/supportGPSA

"The scholarship has given me the chance to continue to live on campus and concentrate on my studies. I cannot begin to describe how grateful I am to be chosen for this award, this will help me immensely over the next five years."

Samantha Drummond,
Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours);
2020 UQGPSA Scholarship recipient.

Distinguished Past Students Awards 2020



(L-R) Morrie Lee, Graeme Roberts-Thomson, Daniel Kelly AM

women in rural areas, and other disadvantaged groups including ethnic minorities and people with disabilities. Its motto is 'working together for good'. Currently, Symbiosis International sponsors 65 Community-Based Organisations and 976 village groups across of Bangladesh. In 2020, Morrie retired as CEO of Symbiosis International handing over the reins to the younger generation, but he is still active within the organisation.

Morrie has been an outstanding ambassador for UQ Gatton and the nation. He exemplifies how a UQ Gatton graduate can create change for a better world.

Graeme Roberts-Thomson

Graeme has served the State, Nation and Her Majesty the Queen with dedication and distinction. He was the Aide de Camp (ADC) to the Governor of Queensland from 1972 to 1975.

The position of Aide de Camp for the Governor of Queensland required discretion, confidentiality and the ability to work under pressure and in stressful situations. He was responsible for the co-ordination and management of all facets of the Governor's state and international program including visits, functions, and investitures.

Between 1979 and 2001, Graeme provided protocol services to six Queensland Premiers. During that time, he coordinated all major visits to Queensland by VIPs from Ambassador level to Heads of State including over 400 he personally facilitated.

Graeme was responsible for three Royal Tours for which he was awarded a Member of the Victorian Order (MVO) by Her Majesty the Queen in 1988.

More recently, he was appointed by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet as the Airport Manager for the G20 Summit in 2018 responsible for the on-tarmac meeting and fare welling of Heads of State and Heads of Government and all aspects of protocol related to these activities.

In 2002 he was awarded the Centenary Medal for Public Service.

In 1994, Graeme was promoted to Colonel and appointed Chief Instructor of the Command and Staff College and in 1997 he was appointed Director of Army Personnel Agency, a position he held until retiring in 2000.

He is the recipient of a Reserve Force Decoration, the National Medal, and the Defence Medal.

Daniel Matthew Kelly AM

Daniel graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Hons.) (Rural Technology) at Gatton College, in 1974.

After completing his studies Daniel became Manager, Palahra Farming, Grantham before being appointed Manager (Agricultural & Livestock Extension), ACROSS, Tonj, Bahr el Ghazal Region, Southern Sudan in 1983. This was the first of many overseas appointments in the 1980s that included:

- Manager (Refugee Resettlement Program), ACROSS, Maridi District, Western Equatoria Region, Sudan;
- Manager (Refugee Emergency Relief Program), ACROSS, Nyala, Southern Darfur Region, Sudan.
- Field Director (Northern Sudan), ACROSS, Khartoum, Sudan.
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- Field Director (Northern Sudan), ACROSS, Khartoum, Sudan.

In the 1990's, Daniel undertook a Master of Professional Studies (International Agriculture & Rural Development), from Cornell University, USA which he completed in 1995.

Since 2017 Daniel has been contracted as mentor to World Vision International, providing advice and mentoring in humanitarian operations and leadership for World Vision International Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs Staff.

Amongst Daniel's many skills is the ability to have a conversation in Arabic.

In 2019 Daniel was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), awarded for his significant service to international humanitarian emergency response organisations.

Morris Arthur Lee

Morris (Morrie) graduated from the Queensland Agricultural College in 1972 with a Bachelor of Applied Science. In addition to his scholastic interests, he threw himself into the sporting and cultural life of the College. He was awarded half colours in debating in 1969 and full colours in soccer in 1970. In addition, Morrie served as Thynne House Captain and even won a shearing competition in the Foundation Day sports in 1971.

After graduation Morrie's career took a different path from many of his colleagues. By chance he attended a lecture by Stuart Robertson who had just returned from working in South East Asia. This was a defining moment in Morrie's life. As he listened to the speaker, Morrie answered a call from God.

In 1977, having completed a Graduate of Theology course from Malyon Theological College in Brisbane, he volunteered as a missionary in the Baptist Church and headed off to Bangladesh for a number of years.

Morrie returned to Australia in 1981 and in the following year married Roslyn Webster, a nurse from Toowoomba. Not content to settle down in Brisbane among family and friends, Morrie and Roslyn packed up everything and set off to Bangladesh to work and raise a family.

The next nine years saw the young family living mostly in provincial towns and rural communities serving the poverty-stricken people of Bangladesh. In 1991 Morrie returned to Australia and three years later set up Symbiosis International, a registered Australian charity.

With headquarters in the Brisbane suburb of Mitchelton, Symbiosis was formed to tackle the problem of social change in an ultra-conservative Muslim country. It works with those who are illiterate and landless, mainly

J.D. (Doug) Anthony AC CH QDA

The Right Honourable Doug Anthony passed away in December 2020 aged 90 years. His distinguished life of service to the political and agricultural sectors speaks volumes about the man.

Mr Anthony arrived at the then Queensland Agricultural High School and College (now UQ Gatton) as a fresh faced 17 year old from the Kings School at Parramatta, after growing up in the Murwillumbah district of northern NSW.

He loved to play rugby union and was a member of the 1st XV in his first year at Gatton, going on to be selected and playing for Queensland in 1948.

Mr Anthony was a Prefect in 1948 and was awarded sporting colours for his House (Thynne), as well as for football and rifle shooting. On completing his Queensland Diploma of Agriculture (QDA) after two years, 1947-48 at Gatton, Mr Anthony returned to farming in the Bangalow area. However, following the sudden death of his father Larry Anthony Snr, who was the sitting member for Richmond, Mr Anthony was elected to the House of Representatives 1957.

A 27 year career in politics was highlighted by the fact he was Australia's longest serving

Deputy Prime Minister and acting Prime Minister on many occasions.

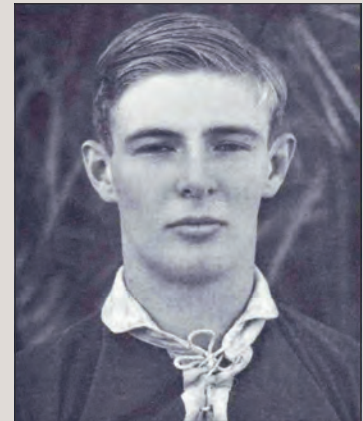
He was elected Deputy Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Country Party in 1966, being the youngest to ever hold this position, as well as holding many portfolios in the Federal Parliament.

These included Minister for Overseas Trade, Minerals and Energy, National Resources, and Primary Industry at various times.

As Trade Minister, Mr Anthony is credited with expanding trade with China and Japan, and developing new trade dealings with South-East Asia and the Middle East.

Upgrading Australian export abattoirs to US standards, introduction of wheat quotas, the backing of the wool reserve price scheme, and the setting up of the Australian Wool Commission, plus many other rural and regional based enterprises which he had a passion about, were also to his credit.

On the home front, he is also well recognised for his influence on the development and beautification of Canberra, which was during his period as Minister for the Interior. He was also involved



9.8. Future Acting Prime Minister of Australia J. Doug Anthony, College representative on the Queensland Rugby Union interstate team 1948

in the construction of Lake Burley Griffin and the commissioning of Anzac parade.

Mr Anthony was always a keen supporter of the Queensland Agricultural College, and in 1970 as Minister for Primary Industries, he officially opened stage one of the Food Technology building. And, in 1979 he opened the W.P. Hamon Memorial Centre.



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Mates for 76 years

It is with much sadness and a great sense of pride that I have been asked to pen my recollections of my long and enduring friendship with Allan Boag.

Little did I know when Allan and I arrived at the then Queensland Agricultural High School and College in 1944 as sub-juniors that this would be a journey that would last another seventy-six years.



Allan Boag (left) and Ray Montgomery

Our friendship made many stops along the way from Queensland and in the late 1940's to Papua New Guinea where we were both staff members in the Department of Agriculture.

It was to eventually find its destination at the Palmwoods Garden Village where Allan and his wife Win had resided for many years before my arrival in 2014.

I share with the family their sadness at the loss of a husband and the father of their four children. But was it a coincidence that the both of us were residents of the same place when our long mateship came to its final conclusion!

Allan achieved an impressive academic and sporting record during his four years at college. Both he and I were teammates in the 1st XI cricket and 1st IV tennis teams. He was also a member of the 1st XV Rugby team.

Farewell old mate and heartfelt thanks for all those years of companionship and friendship and never dropping a catch off my bowling.

Ray (Monty) Montgomery

Gatton Gold Medal to be awarded at “Courting the Greats” ceremony

From 2021 the Gatton Gold Medal will be awarded at the high profile Courting the Greats ceremony in October each year. Your Management Committee have worked hard over the last few months to make this very positive initiative happen. This full integration into the UQ alumni awards program raises the profile of the winner and gains a greater exposure to the global community of the Gatton Gold Medal.

With this exposure will come a growth in nominations and the recognition of the Gatton campus and its graduates in the wider community.

Award winners are promoted in UQ social media, UQ alumni and faculty/school websites, media releases and Contact magazine as well as our own Re-Connect, website and social media pages.

Key points to note:

- Gatton Gold Medal announced with alumni awards in August/Sept and awarded at the annual alumni awards ceremony, Courting the Greats which is held in Brisbane in October.

- Gatton Gold medal recipients will be invited to be the guest speaker at the Gatton Graduation ceremony in December.
- Applications open between March and mid-May each year and can be done through the UQ website. If you wish to nominate and need assistance with this process please contact the Secretary UQGPSA.

Gold Coast Reunion



Barry Beil and John Nussey



Bob James, Alan Flegler and Nev Vallis



Ralph Epstein, Graham Baumber

Gold Coast: Reunion life returned to nearly normal after a 12 month “Covid Break”. There were 30 in attendance while 24 apologies were received. These figures were encouraging considering the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions.

It is saddening to report that during the past 12 months some of our regular members have passed on, viz Clive Gilchrist, Jim Miller, Peter Dinwoodie and Colin Geissmann. They are sadly missed.

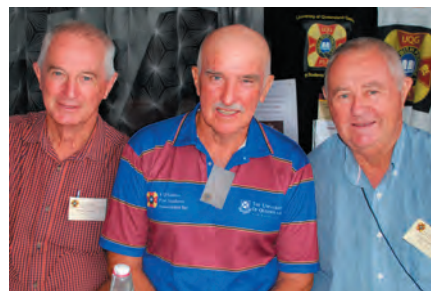
Stephanie Spafford from UQ spoke on the UQGPSA scholarship match and how members can participate.

I thank Association President Mark and Past President Bob James for attending, and Past President Gary Mason, who, at the AGM in December 2020 was presented with Life Membership. Also present were Distinguished Past Students, Don Oxenham and one of our latest recipients, Graeme Roberts-Thomson. Congratulations Gary and Graeme.

Peter Douglas.

Sunshine Coast: So good to see so many at this gathering. We welcomed a few people who had not attended before. Four generations of the Frizzo family were present, the youngest not yet ready to attend Gatton of course. About 60 people in all enjoyed the chat and lunch with Ray Montgomery there as usual to talk about his memorabilia display. His great mate Alan Boag recently passed away and was greatly missed. I am sure you have already read Ray’s article. Hope to see more of you at next year’s event.

Sunshine Coast Reunion



John Limpus, Basil Caffery and Don Gordon



Four generations of the Frizzo Family



Kate Russo, Sue Moyle, Slade Lee and Bruce Birtwell

Back to Ekka in 2021

The UQGPSA is returning to the Brisbane Exhibition in August 2021, after an absence of some 15 years.

We have been given an area of 9 square metres at the top of the “up” escalator in the Main Administration Building. The limited space allows for a display only, so unfortunately no luxury of the old Lounge format.

We will be asking for two volunteers to supervise the stand each day from Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 inclusive. Entry to the grounds will be free.

Detailed information will be sent closer to the event.



Display at RNA Exhibition 1973

Proposed Reunions 2021

Branch Reunion	Venue	Date	Time	Contact
Bundaberg	East End Hotel 58 Princess St, East Bundaberg	Sunday 12 September 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 24 July 2021	11:00am for 12 noon lunch	Peter Douglas (07) 5546 6350 koalamen@bigpond.com
Townsville	Venue to be confirmed	TBA (July-Aug)	11:30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com
Far 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
Canberra	Canberra Yacht Club 1 Mariner Place Yarralumla	TBA (September)	12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com
Dalby	Venue to be confirmed	Saturday 9 October 2021	11:30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen 0438 130 963 jorgensen_kim@bigpond.com
Brisbane	Venue to be confirmed	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.

*Because I could not stop for Death
He kindly stopped for me
The Carriage held but just Ourselves
And Immortality.*

Emily Dickinson

Gone, but not forgotten...

ANTHONY, John Douglas

AC, CH, FTSE, QDA. At College 1947-48. Thynne.

1947 1st XV. Represented Q'ld in Rugby Union (18 years of age).

After gaining his QDA in 1948, he took up dairy farming in the Murwillumbah district.

In 1957, his father, who was the Postmaster General in the Liberal-Country Party coalition, died and Doug was elected to succeed his father in the ensuing by-election.

In 1971, he was chosen to replace John McEwen as leader of the Country Party and resulting as Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. He held this position from 1971-83, retiring from politics in 1984. He was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 2003; the Companion of Honour in 1981 and appointed a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in 1990. He was the recipient of the 1985 College Gold Medal.

Doug passed away 20 December 2020.

DAVENPORT, Edward "TED" Richard

QDA 1953, QDH 1953. At College 1951-53. 1952: CMF.

1953: Cpl in CMF.

He worked in the sugar industry in Fiji with CSR. After returning to Australia, he was involved in the Macadamia industry.

Ted passed away 18 January 2021.

DE HUGARD, Conal Neal

QDAH 1958. At College 1954-58. Shelton. 1957-58: CMF. Cpl 1958.

1954-56: College Senior Cadets.

He obtained a BVSc from UQ in 1963, later establishing the Carlingford Veterinary Hospital which he sold in 1980. A change in lifestyle found him as a cattle grazier at East Walcha with the occasional cameo roles in movies

such as The Potato Factory and Mission Impossible.

An eccentric and larger than life character, Conal passed away 20 November 2020.

DINWOODIE, Peter J

High School Student 1951-53. College Senior Cadets.

He was a stalwart of the PSA Gold Coast Branch Reunions.

Peter passed away 30 December 2020.

DUFFY, Lance Spencer

Junior student 1951-53.

1952-3: 8 st 7 lbs XV. Premiers 1952-53.

1951: 7st 7lbs XV. Runners Up. College Senior Cadets.

Lance passed away 7 November 2020.

DYER, Malcolm Newton

Dip Rural Tech. 1977-79.

EGAN, Arthur Edward

Cert Ag 1968. At College 1966-68. Shelton.

1968: Under 18 XV, Union Councillor.

1967: Under 19 XV, Won Junior Sheaf Tossing.

1966: Under 19A XV, undefeated Premiers.

Arther gained a degree in Mining Engineering from UNSW and for some 20 years he was Manager of the Mt. Isa Underground Mine.

Arthur passed away 13 March 2021.

GREAVES, David Henry

Assoc Dip Rural Tech 1982.

Dave passed away 4 January 2021.

GREENWOOD, Christopher Noel

Assoc Dip App Sc 1991. B App Sc 1992.

Christopher was tragically killed due to a farm accident 5 December 2020.

HAMPTON, Evan

B Ag Sc. Lecturer in Horticultural Technology at QAC, February 1968-November 1971.

Evan passed away 25 August 2020 in NZ.

MARSHALL, Howard

QDAH 1956.

1956: 1st XV, CMF.

1955: 1st XV, CMF.

After College he attended Lincoln College in NZ, obtaining a ND Agric Eng. A career in the oil industry followed. Howard passed away in August 2020.

KELLY, Lance John

Assoc Dip Rural Tech 1985.

Lance passed away 19 December 2020.

MacLENNAN, Douglas Graham

QDDM 1961. At College 1957-61. Pitt.

1961: Capt. B Grade Basketball. CMF, Sgt.

1960: Capt. B Grade Basketball. CMF.

1959: B Grade Basketball.

1958: Swimming.

1957: Swimming, Athletics.

He joined the Australian Regular Army and served in Vietnam as the Senior Liaison Officer (Capt.) in 1st Australian Civil Affairs Unit Mar 69-Mar 70.

Gained a B Sc in 1978 and a Ph D in 1988.

Doug passed away 16 February 2021.

MILLER, James Gordon

QDDM 1960.

At College 1958-60.

1960: 1st XV.

1959: 1st XV.

After College, he gained a B Ag Sc from UQ in 1963; and a Grad Dip Bus Admin from QUT in 1979. He joined DPI in 1961 as a State Scholarship holder and resigned 33 years later as the Department's inaugural Director-General.

Later, he chaired the Queensland Abattoir Corporation from 1994-95 and was part-time chair of the Queensland Fisheries Management Authority 1997-99. He also chaired the Sugar Experiment Stations Board, the Queensland Fish Board, the Review Panel for Australian Animal

Health Laboratory in Geelong and the Review Panel of the CSIRO Institute of Natural Resources Climate Change Research Programme.

Recent commitments included chairman of the Queensland Fisheries Management Authority, the National Greenhouse Advisory Committee and serving on the Queensland Committee of the Crawford Fund and the Australia Prize Selection Panel. He was awarded the UQ Gatton Gold Medal in 1990.

Jim passed away 10 January 2021.

NELSON, George

Dip Bus 1981.

George passed away 12 May 2015.

REID, Charles "Hank"

Appointed ARA WO2 at QAC Training Unit, circa 1969-70.

Hank passed away 7 June 2015.

RHULE, John

Associate Diploma in Business (REV) 1993

John passed away 10 March 2021.

TAYLOR, John Michael

Sub Diploma student 1952. 3rd XV; Senior Cadets.

John passed away 7 December 2019.

WEISS, Brian

External student. Grad Cert Ag Studies 2004.

Brian passed away 28 October 2020.

WHITAKER, John David

At College 1958-60. High School student 1958-59.

John was a First Year student in 1960.

Chairman of the UQGPSA Mackay branch up until his passing.

John passed away 9 March 2021

Museum Report

Continuing work in the museum has boosted the renewal process considerably, with estimated completion being about 95%. Further wall hangings in the military room will soon see it finished.

By the way, we would love to get our hands on another male mannequin to display a donated army dress uniform. Get in touch if you can help.

Donations continue to keep Julie and I busy with the processing of same, as well as enquiry from past students and/or their families. We have also helped out with information sought by the UQ Property and Facilities delivery staff, who are renovating some of the older buildings on campus.

Donations:

Ian Cossart – magazines 1957, '58 & '59; photo

Kathy Muller – photo

John Guthrie – enrolment acknowledgement; receipt for handbook & rail concession form

Rob Neilsen – Anzac day service & dedication of centenary memorial booklet

UQ Gatton library – magazines 1930; '31 x 2, '32, '34, '35, '41 & '42. Classical music records from T.B. Paltridge

John Connell – text books, 1976 magazine, 1966 thesis, original QDAH certificate laminated, house captain medallion, army & tractor licence & numerous academic reports

Ross Murray – pine bookcase with glass doors, ex Jim Galletly office, made by Lex Duncan

Nicolas Corbett – rugby socks, 1978 QACRUC U19 finalist banner, 1981 QACRUC 'A' grade premiers banner

Wayne Bunning – eulogy for father (Herbert Bunning QDA 1938), copy of QACPSA AGM minutes 1987

Jim Wright – original QDA 1957 certificate, other items from 1957.... St John Ambulance Assn. certificate, Diploma dinner menu, annual exam papers, Diploma day program, invitation to Diploma dinner, QAHS&C sports club certificate half colours – house

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 Malcolm Ferguson



Malcolm Ferguson

Born in Goondiwindi, Mal lived there for 11 years before his family relocated to Toowoomba. School holidays while in Goondiwindi and later, were spent on farms of family friends experiencing the joys of stick picking freshly cleared paddocks.

On completion of his secondary education, Mal was awarded a Teaching Fellowship to attend Queensland Agricultural College (QAC) in preparation for his "lifelong" teaching career. In third year, he was elected with Harry Debney as the first student representatives on the newly appointed College Council, following College being made a College of Advanced Education independent of the State Education Department.

After a year at Kelvin Grove Teachers College he with another ten teachers opened Bamaga Secondary Boarding School in 1973. In May 1974, he transferred to Lockyer District High School for the balance of his bonded time. 1977 saw Mal return to QAC to gain a B. App. Sc. (Rural Tech). Tutoring in Agronomy occupied his time until the start of 1981 when he commenced duties as

the Regional Development Representative for Roche-Magg in Narrabri. There he researched new products in cotton, winter cereals, legumes and canola as well as looking at label extensions for forestry herbicides.

In July 1982 Mal married Leanne and in August 82 joined DuPont in Brisbane and looked after the area from Bundaberg to Coffs Harbour. He relocated to Geraldton in March 85 and was part of the very exciting but very demanding introduction of sulfonyl urea chemistry into winter cereals. Using a 75% active ingredient product at 15 g/ha followed by a 60% product at 5 to 7 g/ha, revolutionised winter cereal weed control.

Mal and Leanne returned to Brisbane in October 88 but by August 94 he had joined three other past DuPont employees in developing Macspred, a company that taught non-agricultural producers such as transport corridor owners, councils and vegetation management contractors to use herbicides. They also helped forestry companies to become more effective with their weed control especially in the developing eucalypt plantations.

Mal retired from Macspred in June 2013 and while not contributing to the management of the company, he still maintains a sentimental shareholding. He also maintains Director positions in a number of other companies.

This is his third term on the management committee of the UQGPSA. He is an honorary Life Member and Past President. During his time as president, "Reconnect" was first published and the Scholarship Fund established. One of Mal's reasons for returning to the committee is to see sufficient funds raised for the Scholarship Fund that it will provide vital assistance to at least one new student a year well into the future.



We were pleased to present **Gary Mason** with a Life Membership

Mark Pace (Left) presents Life Membership to Gary Mason