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### Branch Reunions

**Far North Queensland**  
Saturday, 5 November 2022

**Canberra**  
Saturday, 12 November 2022

**Brisbane**  
Saturday, 19 November 2022

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## Gatton Gold Medal for outstanding leadership in agriculture innovation and development

John 'Safari' Ziro is an inspiring international leader in agriculture and development in the Kenyan county of Kwale, where he is the Director of Agriculture. There, John leads projects including risk reduction policy implementation to improve the resilience of the Kenyan agricultural industry and its primary producers. His work on climate change-resistant technology was adapted by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation and used around the world.

Inspired by his hands-on experience at UQ Gatton, John invites community members to his farm to witness outcomes resulting from sustainable farming practises. This approach has driven growth in community farming in his region and has led to significant improvements in the lives of women and young people.

### What inspired John to pursue his career?

"I came from a small-scale farming community in the rural area of the Kenya Coast in Africa. My education was financed from what my family could earn from the farm. I was concerned though, that my community was not getting optimal yields and profits from the farming business due to poor agronomic practices as well as changing climatic conditions, among other challenges. Seeing these issues inspired me to study agriculture, as this was what I knew would provide sustainable incomes."

"Through my education in this field, I have managed to transform my community's practices from subsistence to semi-commercial farming – this has led to food and nutritional security for everyone."

When I visited the farms in Australia, I realised that the climatic conditions in Australia, and especially Gatton where I was studying, were not that different from our own in Kenya. The place looked like a desert, however they were harvesting water and using it for irrigation and using the most efficient irrigation systems. This coupled with well-mapped value chains where production was only done after addressing issues in the market (where to sell) made me realise that with the right



John 'Safari' Ziro

technology and innovations, agricultural systems could be enhanced to be more resilient.

### What is John most proud of?

He is proud and happy that he has been able to take what he learnt at UQ Gatton and use it to transform the farming community of Kwale County.

Through his teams of agricultural extension officers, they have trained farmers on good agricultural practices including conservation agriculture, which means the community has more food and a more sustainable income, while the environment is also cared for. Furthermore, by making agriculture more commercial, these changes have created employment for young people – the average age of a farmer in my county is now 47, down from 60.

John particularly wanted to thank his "UQ Mum", Cheryl Brugman, who was the UQ Gatton Student Services Manager when he started at Gatton. Sadly, Cheryl passed away in 2021. John will always remember how she helped him settle with ease and was always available for support. She showed all students that good people exist, and it did not matter their age, economic status, or race.

# President's Report



2022 is rapidly reaching its conclusion. Back to College Weekend must be getting close but the year of 2022 is certainly going to be a memorable one.

This year, the 125th Gatton Campus Celebration on the 2 July was a day that will remain as a most memorable day with so much good spirit, camaraderie and celebration. Despite the ominous weather and last-minute changes from a long lunch it all worked out very well. Fitting 238 people into the Foundation Building for a sit-down lunch defied logic but was achieved. The Vice Chancellor and President of the University of Queensland, Professor Debbie Terry AO, attended and a good time was had by all.

Our Gatton Gold Medallist for 2022 has been announced and we all congratulate John "Safari" ZIRO on his achievements to become our latest recipient. He takes his place alongside the many other distinguished recipients. Our Distinguished Past Students Awardees (DPSA) will again be recognised at our BTCW.

Of course, we have our most revered BTCW on the weekend from the 3-5 December and we are hoping for this year's event to bring our numbers back to the pre COVID levels of between 250-300. Last year was held under

COVID restrictions and we still achieved good numbers. This year looks better than ever. Please make sure you register and attend with your year groups to celebrate. Our guest speaker for 2022, and respondent to the toast, is Professor Nigel Perkins, Head of the School of Veterinary Science (SVS). We look forward to welcoming Nigel to our dinner.

I make mention to you of the dedicated work your Management Committee undertakes to ensure this Association continues to run and deliver upon its charter and fosters the long-term tenure and influence of this most esteemed Association. Your committee this year has focussed on developing procedures to maintain the integrity and transparency of our actions and best practice. We strive to ensure effective representation and decision making in the best interests of the Association.

Your committee this year has developed and adopted the following policy/documents and procedures within its operational framework:

- Developed and adopted a Code of Conduct for all Management Committee Members;
- Developing a Patron Policy for resolution and adoption at the AGM;
- Updating our Constitution to comply with the recent changes to legislation cover Incorporated Association;
- Developing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the UQGPSA and the University of Queensland.

Our Scholarship Fund continues to grow and the Association maintains its pledge towards raising and reaching its \$100,000 fund raising goal by 2025. UQ match our contributions to invest an extra \$200,000 into our Scholarship fund. We are currently on track and slightly ahead of schedule.

I also acknowledge the dedicated work of so few to maintain our museum. Our long-standing volunteer Gary Mason has decided to hang up his hat and we sincerely thank him for his efforts.

Finally, can I express my gratitude to have the privilege of being your President. I support the dedicated efforts of your committed Management Committee. Our Association is creating new levels of influence and recognition amongst stakeholders who appreciate the intrinsic value this Campus contributes, both locally and nationally through its networks, staff and of course its valued members of the UQGPSA.

With best regards,

**Mark Pace**

President

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## Back to College Weekend, 2-4 December 2022

The feature years in 2022 will be **1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1992, 2002, 2012**, however all past students and staff are welcome to attend. Please note the year groups are the year study was completed and not necessarily the year of graduation as for several decades, graduation was around May of the following year.

All past students and staff are welcome to attend the weekend and there will be a reunion of former and current staff during lunch on Saturday.

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

will be held in the evening with a quiet day on the Sunday morning to recover and say farewells.

A Registration form has been distributed to members. This year you can easily sign up through the CVENT system using this link:

**Electronic Registration for BTCW 2022.**

We encourage you to do this as you get an instant response.

Any enquiries please email **gattonpaststudents@uq.edu.au** or call/text the Secretary on 0438 130 963.



**BACK TO  
COLLEGE  
WEEKEND  
2022**

**2-4 DECEMBER  
YEARS ENDING IN '2'  
AND SOME '7'S**



# A remarkable discovery

**A short wartime story of two College Old Boys.**

Russell Henry Grigg, QDA 1928, Senior Prefect and the first Thynne House Captain. Prior to enlisting in the RAAF in August 1940, Russell was regarded as one of the leaders in the Queensland pineapple industry, farming in the Wamuran district.

Clement Batstone Wiggins, QDA 1934, Prefect 1934. Clem was a teacher in Murgon prior to enlisting in the RAAF in June 1940, gaining his wings in September 1941.

On 5 September 1943, RAAF Beaufort A9 - 186, of 100 Squadron, piloted by Warrant Officer Clem Wiggins with Warrant Officer Russell Grigg as navigator and 2 other crewmen, took off from Gurney Field at Milne Bay. They were part of a formation of 10 Beauforts, their mission being a dive bombing and strafing attack on the Japanese held Gasmata airfield on the Southern coast of New Britain. A total of 26 bombs of varying types were released from 900 to 2,500 feet and 5,500 .303 rounds were expended on strafing. A9 - 186 and 2 other aircraft failed to return.

In 2020, a private search sponsored by Dr. Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest AO was conducted in the Gasmata area, in the hope of locating the wreckage

of Beaufort A9 - 188 piloted by Flying Officer David Forrest, an uncle of Andrew's, which was reported missing on a night raid on the airfield on 21 May 1943. In the course of the expedition, using sonar and magnetometers, a sunken wreckage was located. It was lying at 43 metres in Gasmata Harbour. In August 2020, the RAAF confirmed it was the wreckage of a Beaufort.

On 5 February 2022, another Forrest search mission to the wreckage commenced and on 13 February the primary aircraft identification plate was located. After careful cleaning, the embossed number "186" was visible.

The final resting place of Beaufort A9 - 186 and her crew of 4 had been found.

*Footnote:*

Russell's son John QDH 1951, was Chairman of the QAC Council and served on the UQ Gatton College Advisory Council.

Clem grew up in Gatton, living in Wiggins Street which was named after his parents.

**Peter Douglas**



Russell Grigg



Clem Wiggins

## 1981 and 1982 premiership winning QAC rugby teams reunite after 40 years

On Friday, 26 August, over 60 past players, supporters and coaches from the 1981 and 82 premiership winning QAC rugby teams gathered at the UQ Gatton rugby oval to celebrate those great years. They followed the evening with a regathering at the Darling Downs Rugby Grand Final the next day. A lot of tall and short stories were shared as they

reminisced about these memorable days at QAC. The 1981 and 1982 A Grade coach, Doc Henry, relived the two Grand Final winning achievements against an older, bigger (but slower!), experienced Dalby team. Doc put the wins down to the comradery that existed at the club and this was definitely on show at the reunion!

Thank you to Jack and his Black Pig team for hosting us on the Friday night. There were many 100 year anniversary jerseys being worn at the game on Saturday. As a gift to this years' crew, we provided a lesson in performing the 'ruppi char' as well as how to win a 'boat race'! Those who attended also give a big "thanks mate" to Andrew Drysdale, Wes Sloan, and Michael Beeston.



From left: Peter Goodwin, Chris Hamilton, Brian Trendell, Andrew Drysdale



Andrew Gill, Neil Cliffe, Ruth Cliffe (nee Savage), Michael Osborne

# UQ GPSA Scholarship updates



## Samantha Drummond, 2020 UQ GPSA Scholarship recipient

I have been receiving the GPSA scholarship since 2020 and without that, I don't know how I would have been able to afford to pay for my accommodation at Halls (as I am not eligible to receive Centrelink payments).

This scholarship has given me the freedom to continue to live on campus and concentrate on my studies. I am over halfway through my Veterinary Science degree and loving every minute of it and I am continually learning so much.

Being able to live on campus has given me the opportunity to get involved in many of the activities that the University has to offer. I am so grateful to the GPSA for their continued support.

I have also attached a recent photo of myself with my dog 'Marli'.



## Grace Wickson, 2021 UQ GPSA Scholarship recipient

Hi, my name is Grace Wickson and I am your 2021 scholarship recipient. I am currently in my second year of my Bachelor of Agribusiness and am loving every second of it!

I have been keeping super busy with my studies and have had the opportunity to take part in some courses at the St Lucia campus in Semester 1, which was a great experience.

Apart from studying, I have obtained a part-time job working for an Agribusiness-based PR company, which specialises in media support

and communication strategies for agricultural companies. This has really helped me on my journey to discover where I want my degree to take me.

My scholarship has helped me tremendously along the way. It has taken a large weight off my shoulders and has allowed me to be able to set a savings goal for when I graduate with my degree. I know this will open doors for me and allow me to take my work and degree abroad to experience how agribusiness works across the world.

## Amelia Doering, 2022 UQ GPSA Scholarship recipient

Unfortunately our 2022 awardee Amelia Doering had not yet provided an update at time of printing.

# UQ Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team

This year we chose to sponsor the ICMJ team from UQ to assist two graduates who missed out last year to be in the team. The team are always winners at the competitions held throughout the year. One of the members we assisted is now off to the USA as a member of the Australian ICMJ team. Two UQ Gatton representatives have secured places on the team: **Sam Turner** and **Lawton Elliott**.

Committee members Mark Pace and Bruce Birtwell recently attended the Sponsors Dinner at the invitation of the group. Mark had the opportunity to speak about our Association to current students. If you want to know more about this competition check out the website <https://icmj.com.au>.



Sam Turner



Lawton Elliott



# 50th Anniversary dinner – 1970/71 first and second tertiary years at QAC

The new tertiary courses in 1967 represented the most significant change for the College since the war years.

It saw a huge investment in new infrastructure including plant and animal laboratories, engineering facilities and new dormitories. This caused significant financial stress for the College. At this time the College went from being a school under the Department of Education to an autonomous College of Advanced Education and a large influx of talented new lecturers also occurred.

The College motto of 'Science with Practice' served us well throughout this period of

change and indeed across the entire life of the College to meet the changing needs of industry.

The four-year broad-based degrees were very successful and enabled us to contribute across disciplines including new fields of enquiry; in my case in the emerging environmental sciences. The fourth year facilitated specialisation, and industry and research contacts.

Much can be achieved through multidisciplinary approaches to local and world-wide problems to inform research and management priorities. Academic success and excellence should be recognised and

promoted at both broad and narrower fields of endeavour.

It is important that as education in agricultural sciences at the University of Queensland continues to grow in parallel with the Vet School, we appreciate and incorporate the highlights and successes achieved by the early degrees.

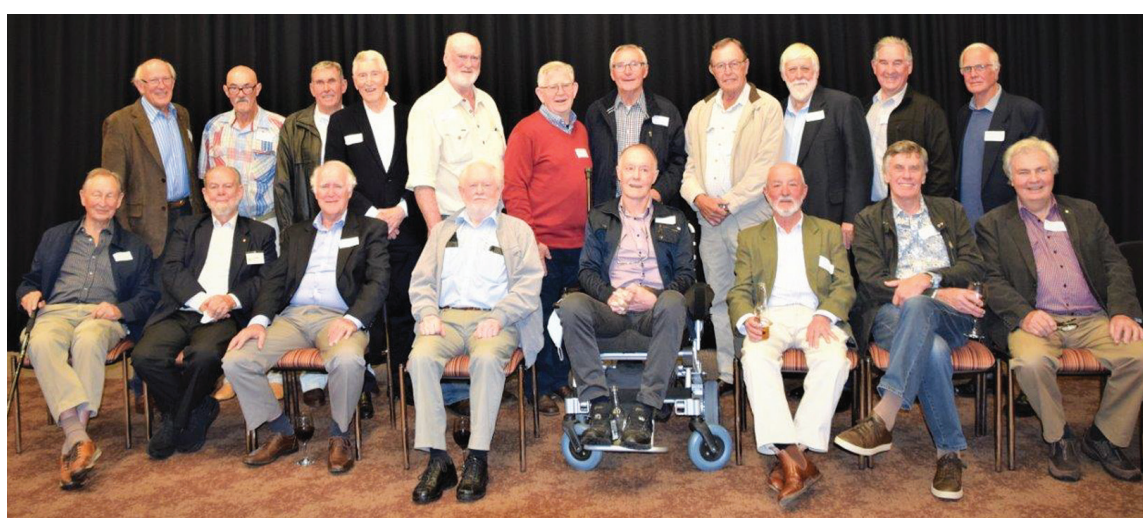
The other defining aspect of the first and second tertiary graduates is the close collegiate nature of the group, including our lecturers: we only need to look at the attendees to the special anniversary dinner held in early September 2022.

**Paul Sattler OAM**



**1970 – the first Tertiary Graduates (Fellows)**

Standing l-r: Geoff Stewart, Brian Trendell, John Powell, Bill Clift, Trevor Wilcox, Peter Goodwin. Seated l-r: (Lecturers: Jeff Tullberg, John Harden, Gordon Dryden), David Llewelyn, Roger Coulsen, Bob Clem, Carl Saffigna, Rick Humphreys.



**1971 – the second Tertiary Graduates (Fellows)**

Standing l-r: Peter Goodwin, Bill Clift, Pat Devlin, Bob Dall'Alba, Paul Irwin, Ken Orange, Ken Bullen, Ian Hosie, John Taylor, Roy Gillespie, Bruce McIntosh. Seated l-r: (Lecturers: Jeff Tullberg, John Harden, Gordon Dryden), Don Faulkner, Rick Humphreys, John Chamberlain, Phil Morrow, Paul Sattler.

# Branch reunions

BRANCH	VENUE	DATE	TIME	CONTACT
<b>2022</b>				
<b>Far North Queensland</b>	Barron Valley Hotel	<b>Saturday, 5 November 2022</b>	12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen M 0438 130 963 gatonpaststudents@uq.edu.au
<b>Canberra</b>	Email expressions of interest	<b>Saturday, 12 November 2022</b>	12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen
<b>Brisbane</b>	Siam Southbank 15 Tribune Steet, South Brisbane	<b>Saturday, 19 November 2022</b>	11.45am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen
<b>BACK TO COLLEGE WEEKEND</b>		<b>2-4 December 2022</b>		<a href="https://cvent.me/yXewON">https://cvent.me/yXewON</a>
<b>2023</b>				
<b>Gold Coast</b>	Labrador AFL Sports Club Ashton Street Labrador	<b>Saturday, 4 February 2023</b>	11am for 12 noon lunch	Peter Douglas M (07) 5546 6350 koalamen@bigpond.com
<b>Bundaberg</b>	Venue to be confirmed	<b>Tentative 4 March 2023</b>	11.30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen
<b>Rockhampton</b>	Venue and format to be confirmed	<b>Tentative 5 March 2023</b>	11.30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen
<b>Sunshine Coast</b>	Venue to be confirmed	<b>Saturday, 18 March 2023</b>	11.30am for 12 noon lunch	Kim Jorgensen
<b>Warwick</b>	Email expressions of interest	<b>April</b>		Kim Jorgensen
<b>Mackay</b>	Venue to be confirmed	<b>May</b>		Kim Jorgensen

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

# Museum report

June was a busy month preparing and cleaning the Museum for opening on Saturday, 2 July – the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration lunch.

Volunteers were also kept busy answering email enquiries regarding information on family members who attended Gatton College/QAC and emailing photos and information for UQ Contact Magazine articles regarding the 125<sup>th</sup> and stories on past staff members. The Museum was also opened on two occasions to allow a visitor to research information on life at Gatton College in the 1920s.

The remaining large items from the Animal Science Building (Scales and Carver) were delivered and thank you to Gary, Mark and Ross for collecting boxes from the NW Briton Admin Building and the Piggery and two magazine display cases donated by the Facilities Officer.

Gary Mason has advised that he will no longer be volunteering at the Museum. Thank you Gary for all the hard work you have done over the past few years – especially moving and setting up the Museum on the western side of Morrison Hall. Your carpentry skills have been invaluable in helping to reorganise the

displays in the new area and I am sure that all who visit the Museum are impressed by the memorabilia now on display thanks to your many hours of volunteering.

## Donations

### Del Holmes

Copies of publications by Ed Holmes (QDAH 1966), "Barcoo Rot & Other Cowyard Confetti": "Aussie Bush Slang": QAC& PSA Magazines: various QAC publications: *Diseases of Livestock Revised Edition – TG Hungerford*.

### Margot Cox (Tucker) OAM

Invitation to College Jubilee Ball 5 July 1947: black cape worn to ball.

### Peter Douglas

Old keys with list of doors for room/buildings eg Duty Office, Hospital, Projection Room, Chapel: Folders of articles re staff members taken from QAC Magazines and other publications: 7 small b/w photos QAHS&C c. 1927-1931.

### Piggery

Plaque – Official Opening by AR Fletcher MLA 4 February 1970: Framed Certificate of PIGBLUP Foundation Club Gatton College: Ilford camera items and cassette of slides: multi gas detector: branding iron: various

photos including framed 1929 1<sup>st</sup> XV Football: framed Ian Gall Saturday Cartoon 7.2.1970.

### Rohan Segal Facilities Officer

Two magazine display cases.

### Mark Trundle (DipAppSc 1977, BAppSc Food Science and Technology 1978)

QACU Theoptice 1975/1976/1981 and 1982.

### Rugby Union Group 1981-1982

Football Jersey donated by Greg Mitchell.

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## Welcome to new members

### Timothy Neale

Bachelor of Applied Science (Rural Technology), 1995

### Matthew Norton

Bachelor of Applied Science, 2012

### Geoffrey Pollock

Bachelor of Applied Science (Rural Technology), 1995

### Gemma Stutzle

Bachelor of Applied Science, 2005



## Gold Coast Reunion

The 38th Reunion Lunch was held at the Labrador AFL Sports Club on Saturday, 30 July. With COVID still somewhat rampant and others making a dash for freedom, we had 27 attendees. Twenty apologies were received. Special guests included PSA President Mark Pace, PSA Secretary Kim Jorgensen, Patron Graham McClymont and Past Association President Bob James. Accompanying them were Distinguished Past Students, Don Oxenham (2018) and Graeme Roberts-Thomson (2020).

It was a pleasure to welcoming First Timers in Tony Brett, Tom Crothers and Tony Heading.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Reunion Lunch on Saturday, 4 February 2023.



Front (from left): Jack Groenendyk, Peter Philp, Barry Singleton.

## 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

### ARCHER, Maxwell Mervyn

At College 1970-72. Dip Bus 1973.  
Intercollegiate Rifle Shooting 1970.  
Maxwell passed away 26 April 2022.

### BENN, Owen Kirk

A College Junior Student 1934-35.  
Owen passed away 20 June 2022 at the age of 102, possibly our Oldest Old Boy.  
Owen was the last survivor of the 1934 enrolments which included Stan Petherick, Wally Mason and Clive Gilchrist.

### BARBERO, Raymond Domenico

QDA 1962. At College 1958-62. Shelton.  
1962: 1st XV. 1959: Won Under 16 Discus.  
1958: Won Under 15 Discus, setting a new record of 106' 7 1/2". Graduated from UQ with a BVSc in 1967. He was in private practice in Indooroopilly for many years. Ray passed away on 11 August 2022.

### BORODALE, John

At College 1947-50. 1950: Won Junior Judging Guernsey's at RNA. 2nd Open 50 yards Breaststroke. CMF. 1949: Boxing.  
1948: College ATC Flight.  
John passed away 7 August 2022.

### GRACE, Douglas James

QDA 1959. At College 1957-59. Shelton.  
1959: With P Hundt, won Setting Up the Binder in Ag Day Sports. 1958: CMF. After College, he spent 2.5 years as a Plantation Manager in New Guinea. Returned to Queensland with the Tobacco Research Institute and other DPI postings. He returned to NG in the 1970s as a Plantation Manager for 6 years. Back to Q'ld DPI, managing the Tobacco Research Institute in Mareeba. Back to NG in 1989 as a Rural Bank Manager. Semi retired to Russell Island. Retired in Rockhampton.  
Doug passed away early this year.

### HANNAFORD, George

At College 1946. Riddell. He spent many years farming in the Stanthorpe and Cambooya

districts where he was involved in local councils. A stalwart of the UQGPSA Gold Coast Branch, being Treasurer for many years. Son of Stanley, at College 1913-15 and father of Ian, at College 1968.  
George passed away 8 April 2022.

### JAMIESON, Henry Bruce

At College 1948-53. Riddell.  
1953: Prefect. Captain of Intercollegiate Tennis. College Singles Champion.  
1952: A1 Tennis. Intercollegiate Tennis. CMF.  
1951: A2 Tennis. Boxing. 1950: Athletics.  
1949: Athletics. Boxing. Senior Cadets.  
Harry passed away 31 May 2022.

### KOCHI, Angel

Dip.App.Sc. (Rural Tech) 2nd Class Hons 1974.  
B.App.Sc. (Rural Tech) 2nd. Class Hons 1975.  
At College 1972-75. He was a member of the College CMF Unit and represented the College in Hockey. After QAC he was involved in the family Real Estate business while running his own farm on the outskirts of Atherton.  
Angel passed away 14 October 2022.

### LEHMANN, Peter Thomas

At College 1964-67.  
1966. 1st Hockey. 1965. B1 Hockey.  
Peter passed away 4 September 2022.

### SCHROTER, Karen Lee (née Boothby)

Assoc Dip in Rural Techniques 1979.  
Karen passed away 26 June 2022.

### SEARLE, Anthony "Pop" Keith

QDAH 1965. At College 1963-65.  
His career began in Queensland Parks and Wildlife, rising to Chief Research and Wildlife Ranger. After 18 years, he started his own business and for many years operated a wild animal capture service from Warwick. Some 12 years ago, he moved his business to Condobolin in NSW.  
Tony passed away 27 July 2022.

### TOMLINSON, Ronald "Lew" Graham

QDAH 1956. At College 1952-56. Prefect 1955-56. Thynne. 1956: 1st XV. CMF. 2nd Junior Judging Herefords RNA. 1955: 1st XV, Darling Downs and Toowoomba Rep. Athletics. CMF. 1954: 1st XV. 1953: 3rd XV. Athletics.  
1952: Under 15 XV. Athletics. Senior Cadets.  
His career started in the Roma Branch of Australian Estates, four years later transferred to Stanthorpe as the youngest manager in Australia. Eight years later he resigned after purchasing a farm in the Montville area, eventually forming a Murray Grey stud. The next move was to Toogoolawah where he was instrumental in developing the Greyman breed. He sold up in the 1990s and returned to Roma. Lew passed away 31 March 2022.

### VARIDEL, Beville Reginald

QDAH 1956. At College 1952-56.  
He led a chequered career, starting as a Jackaroo in Central Queensland for 5 years. This was followed by 2 years in Papua New Guinea developing grass airstrips. In 1963 he gained a Honours Diploma in Biblical Studies, a Bachelor of Theology in 1981, and in 1982 a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies.  
Bev passed away 21 March 2022.

### WILKIE, Allan "Aub" James Leighton

QDA 1958. At College 1954-58. Riddell.  
1958: Prefect. Champion Ploughman.  
1957: Prefect. 3rd XV. 1956: 4th XV.  
1954: Under 15 XV. Athletics. Senior Cadets.  
After College he attended the Kelvin Grove Teacher's College and in 1960 was appointed to Atherton High School for 3 years before being transferred to Dalby. After one year, he joined the Ag Chemical Division of the Shell Chemical Co. He resigned from Shell in 1979, joining Vinidex in their Communications and Electrical Division. He retired in 2000.  
Aub passed away 24 April 2022.

### WILLIAMS, Robert Christian

B App Sc (Rural Tech) 1976. CMF.  
Robert passed away 3 August 2022.

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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 or send us the original photograph, preferably with captions. We can return original photographs if required.

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## In Memoriam



### Ms Janelle Zahmel

23 May 1960–27 May 2022

It is with great sadness I advise of the passing of the Ex Gatton-Campus Director Ms Janelle Zahmel on 27 May 2022.

Janelle was the Gatton Campus Director (ODGC) from 2010–2020 and prior to that she held the position of Faculty Executive Officer in NRAVS based in Gatton from 2004 to 2010.

In Re-Connect Issue 36, Summer Edition 2020, I as President of the Association, presented Janelle with a plaque in appreciation of her long-standing support of the UQGPSA and to wish her well for her retirement.

Sadly in 2021 Janelle developed a significant medical condition and underwent several treatments under specialist supervision to arrest the condition. Tragically, in May 2022, she died at the early age of 62.

I had the privilege of working closely with Janelle, as did so many staff, and we have all been deeply saddened by her passing.

The Gatton Campus has benefited from her tenure as Campus Director and the UQGPSA will respectfully remember her with gratitude.

**Mark Pace**



### Adjunct Associate Professor Errol Hassan

15 March 1935–27 June 2022

It is with great sadness that we report that Adjunct Associate Professor, Errol Hassan, passed away on 27 June 2022. He was a person who has touched the lives of so many Gatton students who still hold him in high esteem.

Errol came to the QAC 40 years ago as the lecturer in Entomology in the Plant Protection Department. Errol had a productive career. He was a passionate and engaging lecturer, had a broad pool of HDR and honours students and published widely in the field of insect taxonomy, botanical insecticides and integrated pest management. He was often a guest speaker at international conferences, had published books on insect management and delivered training courses to universities in Indonesia. Although retired, Errol continued to work out of the same office he held for 40 years, guest lecturing in entomology, continuing to supervise students and publish research articles. His lifelong dedication to entomology was truly inspiring.

Errol also held the role of Patron of the Overseas Student Association for many years.



### Emeritus Professor Harry Lovell OAM

1930–12 September 2022

Emeritus Professor Harry Lovell, OAM, FAIP, passed away on 12 September 2022.

Harry began his association with Gatton when he took on the role of Dean of Food Studies Qld Agriculture College (1981). Many foodies have fond memories of his days at Food Studies. Harry then accepted the role as Director in 1991 and then Vice Chancellor of Gatton College University of Qld in 1994–1995.

Harry was one of the founding members of the AIP (Australian Institute of Packaging and devoted much time to the organisation in his latter years. Harry's technical knowledge and packaging expertise was unparalleled and his kindness and grace was second to none.

In 2008 Harry was nominated by his peers for an Order of Australia for his work with the packaging industry, in particular for the AIP.