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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Panorama Readers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well as these uncertain times continue. Looking at our Goals for 2020 as listed in our last Panorama, Issue Number 38



Winter 2020, the position we are now in is:

1) Planning for a Reunion in November 2021 to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Official Opening of BTC and the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of BTCAA is under way.

At this stage it is hoped that this reunion will still go ahead on 8th/9th/10th November 2021. Planning and activities have been drafted for the event.

2) Increasing our Scholarship Fund

This is still going ahead thanks to all the generous BTC Alumni who have already contributed. Hopefully with your continuing contributions we can increase our BTCAA Scholarship Fund to \$65,000 and make the Award a perpetual one.

3) Encouraging members to submit items and stories of interest to Panorama.

We would love to hear from you. Please share your stories, pictures and items of interest to help keep our magazine vital, interesting and alive.

4) Advertising and attending where possible, Reunions and Scholarship Presentations.

All reunions this year were cancelled due to concern re COVID 19, but it is hoped that we will be able to resume having them again in 2021. Our BTCAA Scholarship this year was awarded to Iain

Wood, but the actual Presentation Ceremony unfortunately had to be postponed. Our Congratulations go to Iain and hopefully the Scholarship Ceremony will take place next year.

At this stage the 1961-62 Reunion Organising Committee are now planning two reunion lunches next year, one earlier in the year and one in November.

Gloria Enfield (Moritz) BTC 60-61 who led a 2020 Reunion Committee organising a 1960-61 Luncheon sadly passed away on August 28, 2020. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family and friends.

5) Planning for our 2021 AGM

Our BTC AGM and Luncheon planned for February 20th 2021 at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, has been cancelled and instead a ZOOM Meeting is planned to be held. If you would like to take part in this ZOOM Meeting please email me on talía7@ozemail.com.au for the access details. Thank you to Tony Corp (BTC 60-61) for agreeing to be our Guest Speaker. Hopefully we will be able to have the Luncheon in 2022 and enjoy listening to Tony's talk then.

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Helen Egan and Gail Metcalfe, who were both given Life Membership of our Association at our 2020 AGM, are also both finalists in the 'Association Member of the Year' Section of the Charles Sturt University Alumni Awards for 2020. Congratulations to you both. It is wonderful to see recognition for Alumni who have made a huge impact in their field and inspired others.

Once again I hope you enjoy our magazine and we look forward to hearing from you. I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy, safe and above all a healthy New Year.

Carole Sharp
President BTCAA talial7@ozemail.com.au

2021 AGM and LUNCHEON SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY

This year's annual AGM and Luncheon event will **NOT** be held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel in February next year.

This has been decided because of coronavirus concerns. **There will be no physical luncheon.** However, there will be a ZOOM meeting for the AGM for those who wish to participate and keep up to date with the activities of our association. See the President's Report on the front page for how you can find out the details of the timing and the log-in details for this meeting if you are interested.

CSU REPORT / UPDATE 2020-21



A message from our Development Officer CSU Advancement Unit, Stacey Fish

Our Office would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Helen Egan and Gail Metcalfe** on being chosen as the two Highly Commended in the 2020 Charles Sturt University 2020 Alumni Awards Category for **Association Member**.

This category recognised 'alumni who are current members of an alumni association (national and international), who are having an impact and inspiring others through their professional achievements or service to the community'.

This accolade is incredibly well deserved for both ladies and a worthy recognition for their ongoing work and support of the BTCAA over many years.

A message from the CSU Bequest Officer, Kirstie Grady.....

One sentence in your Will can make a lifetime of difference.

A planned gift in a will to the Charles Sturt Foundation can make an enduring contribution to the progress of learning and discovery.

Supporting a cause you are passionate about can create a powerful legacy in your honour or in memory of a loved one which you can direct to a specific cause, or should you choose, be applied more broadly in support of students.

One of our valued supporters of the planned giving Bequest program is a lady to whom most would need no introduction.

Helen Baber OAM has a strong affiliation with Charles Sturt University having attended its antecedent institution BTC, (Bathurst Teachers' College), in 1952. Throughout her career, Helen taught in Toongabbie, Newtown, London UK, Wallerawang and Bathurst (at the demonstration school at the top of George Street), before accepting a position in Lithgow where she worked for 23 years until her retirement.



"I think in one way, I wanted to give to Charles Sturt University because I would have liked to go to university myself but when I was leaving school, universities were very expensive places and I couldn't afford it. It seemed that my husband and I could do something to help people. We thought, seeing we had no children, we might be able to help other people's children who needed a bit of a helping hand to get through University".

The couple chose to leave a bequest to Charles Sturt in the hope that it would encourage others to do the same. They have asked that their bequest be used to fund a scholarship to help students who would otherwise be unable to afford university and are studying in areas related to community services. "We'd like the scholarship to be something to do with community services, so that would include nursing, education and paramedics."

For further information, please contact: Kirstie Grady, Advancement Services & Development Officer on 02 63384834 or kgrady@csu.edu.au.

BTCAA SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

This year's 2020 Scholarship winner is Iain Wood (from Bathurst). Iain is a mature age student doing a Bachelor of Education K-12 at the Bathurst campus.

"I sincerely thank the Bathurst Teachers' College Alumni Association for awarding me this scholarship, and I am extremely grateful." said Mr Wood earlier this year in a CSU Facebook report.

"As a mature-age student I had enormous doubts as to whether I could learn again, and whether I would fit in."

Iain Wood follows his father into the education field. His father, also Iain, graduated from BTC in 1970 and taught for 35 years, mostly in Bathurst.

Upon graduation Mr Wood hopes to teach in either a primary or a high school.

Re-engaging with tertiary study marks a big change for Mr Wood following his earlier career with two police services. He spent six years with the Australian Federal Police in Sydney and a further six years with the NSW Police. It has been a trying time transitioning into civilian life and juggling living with 3 young children he shares as a joint carer with his ex-wife. The support of this scholarship has eased this process.

Mr Wood said that the scholarship has enabled him to purchase textbooks, a laptop for use at home and on campus, as well as to buy items to assist study. He can also print journal articles and notes for study.

Mr Wood's return to study, initially on campus then on-line due to COVID has been a real challenge. His first semester results have been great, even surprising, especially with the feedback, advice and direction from lecturers.

He offers some advice to current or prospective students considering applying for scholarships ... "Do it! ... the application process is easy to follow".



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CSU ALUMNI AWARDS 2020

This year has seen the start of the inaugural Charles Sturt University Distinguished Alumni Awards program. This program aims to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of CSU alumni people who are creating a world worth living in.

There are 4 categories ... Professional Achievement, Service to the Community, Young Alumni and Association Member.

Many nominations were received and these were screened and a panel chose 3 finalists in each of the categories. These finalists were then further examined and an overall Winner, (Alumnus of the Year) and 2 Highly Commended winners were determined and announced.

ASSOCIATION MEMBER

This award recognises alumni who are current members of an alumni association (national or international), who are having an impact and inspiring others through their professional achievements or service to their community.

Several of our ex-BTC members were nominated and in the Association Member division two ladies were announced as the Highly Commended winners. These ladies were Helen Egan (BTC Pioneers) and Gail Metcalfe (BTC 1960-61). Well done and Congratulations to Helen and Gail.

CAPTAIN COOK

This is a story by Greg Woods (BTC 1965-66) who was 'caught' in Queensland earlier in the year while caravanning and was able to spend time visiting sites that had an historical connection with Captain James Cook

As a student in primary school I was enthralled by the legendary James Cook. To do what he did and when he did it amazed me. In my lifetime, the only comparison is Neil Armstrong walking on the moon. In hindsight, I have to acknowledge that my primary school teachers instilled in me a fascination that still continues to this day.

Every day I sit at our breakfast table and look across the water towards Pigeon House Mountain behind Milton. I always think of Cook. After Cook discovered the east coast of Australia at Cape Hicks he headed north and named places such as Batemans Bay, St Georges Head and Pigeon House Mountain. It reminded him of some "square dove houses" near his home in England. These days I use Pigeon House as a weather beacon, navigation point when flying and occasional exercise path when the knees allow it.

This year I completed a quadrella. I had finally stepped on the soil in the 4 places in Australia where Cook once stood. On his first voyage in 1770, Cook went ashore 3 times. Firstly it was in Botany Bay that is now known as Kurnell. Cook originally named it Stingray Bay.

The second place where he stepped ashore was at what he named Bustard Bay after the birds he spotted and ate there. It is now known as Seventeen Seventy (1770). It's a delightful place where in July I swam with dolphins and watched magnificent sunsets across the water while enjoying a good glass of red.

Of course the 3rd place he stepped ashore and stayed for some time is Cooktown on the Endeavour River. Cook stayed for 7 weeks and had mostly friendly interaction with the indigenous population and learned some of their language including "gangarru".

The fourth place that Cook stepped ashore will surprise many people. It was on his 3rd voyage and his ship "Resolution" replenished its fresh water supplies at Adventure Bay at Bruny Island off

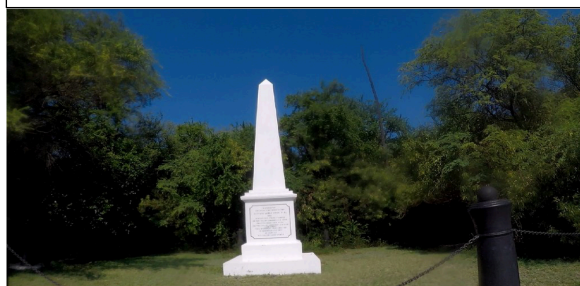
Tasmania in 1777. Bruny Island had actually been visited by Abel Tasman in 1642 and other ships had stopped at Adventure Bay before Cook.

I am aware that Cook "visited" other sites on the east coast and certainly named many places along what is now NSW and Queensland. However I believe from studying his journals that he only went ashore himself at the 4 places mentioned. Usually his ship sheltered in a bay and if someone did go ashore it was Banks, Solander or other crew members.

In 2011, my wife Jan and I, walked the 320km Coast to Coast Walk across England. As you cross the Yorkshire Moors you traverse the areas where Cook grew up. The English are very knowledgeable about Cook and keen to talk about him and his voyages. Upon reaching Robins Hood Bay we headed north to Whitby to visit the Captain Cook Museum and we were fascinated by the exhaustive collection.

In 2015 we were in Hawaii and I was keen to visit the place where Cook was killed and see a memorial erected in his memory. I discovered that the choice was a 5 hour walk or a 30 minute paddle, so we hired a kayak and headed across Kealakekua Bay. We didn't realise that we would be accompanied by a pod of dolphins or that the snorkelling would be so spectacular. So what started out as a quick paddle, turned out to be a full day excursion. When we eventually returned the hired kayaks, the place was closed and we found the owner at the local pub. Cook was killed at that bay in 1779 – a sorry end to a career that I think is unmatched by any explorer.

Hawaii (Kealakeau Bay) - where Cook was killed in 1779



Seventeen Seventy (1770): Bustard Bay QLD



REUNION REPORTS FROM 2020

Well what can I say? There are NO reunion reports to relate as the coronavirus pandemic very effectively either cancelled plans or postponed them to a time to be announced. The travel restrictions and social distancing rules in venues, allied with the susceptible age group of our cohort members now, meant that the staging of reunions and activities became very difficult and threatened safety and health. Next year... ???

REUNION NOTICES FOR 2021

Next year several reunions are possible but at this point in time none are confirmed, although **one that was telegraphed in the last magazine earlier this year is still very much on the agenda.** Details of this, and other possible reunions are outlined below.

1. Two (2) groups are planning a very special anniversary celebration in November next year (8/9/10th Nov. 2021) at Rydges in Bathurst.

The anniversaries are the 20th anniversary for the BTCAA group (started by Helen Egan) and the 70th anniversary of the official opening of BTC in 1951.

This event will be open to all year groups too, if particular groups would like to have their reunion at this time and place (will be year tables as was done some years ago).

For the **Pioneers (BTC 1951-52)**....for further information please contact:

Julia Noon (Mob: 0416 243 383 **OR** Ralph Rawlinson (02 9743-4117). Please keep it on your calendar as a possibility.

2. The BTC CLASS OF 1960-61

3. The BTC CLASS OF 1959-60

Again an activity is being considered but not yet decided. Please contact Ralph Sheens (M: 0428 608 981) or via email frankgundy@hotmail.com for an update on what may happen.

4. The BTC / MITCHELL COLLEGE 1969-70-71 CROSSOVER GROUP(50 Yr REUNION)

Please contact Sue suehowarth08@gmail.com OR Rosemary rhummelshoj@gmail.com for information and further details. There is a tentative plan to meet in Sydney at the Kirribilli Club in Lavender Bay. Brian Hartman will be helping to organise this gathering. (Date TBA).

5. THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION ANNUAL GET TOGETHER 2021

Please contact Bill Thomson or Scott Chadwick

6. THE BTC 1961-62 ANNUAL REUNION ... KIRRIBILLI CLUB

A message from Les Scarborough suggests that the group committee is planning 2 reunions next year in 2021, one earlier in the year as well as the usual one in November. Please contact Les for further updates (lesjmark@tpg.com.au)

It is a bit difficult to provide any details with the current environment so a likely contact point is provided if you wish to follow up.

If at all possible a return to normal advertising will be provided in the first issue of 'Panorama' early next year (#40 in April-May 2021).... Please send me details.

BTCAA Membership ... Call for support

In the first issue of 'Panorama' this year (Issue #38) there was a piece published about the work of the BTCAA Committee and its activities. It referred particularly to the twice annual 'Panorama' magazine.

1. Apart from keeping you in touch with the latest news and events it brings back fond, and maybe not so fond, memories of our days at BTC. The magazine is like the life blood of our association – the Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Association - with reunion notices, reunion reports, articles and current affairs items provided by our readers, the CSU University and the BTCAA Committee.

2. *Panorama* magazine is currently published twice a year. It had printing costs for 2019 of \$1505. Postage was almost \$950 for the year.

The ***Panorama*** print copy run is 410 copies. Last year there were 117 paid up members. This covers the costs of printing and postage. This means 293 alumni are getting their copy of 'Panorama' at no cost. The ***Panorama*** preparation cost is zero as it is put together on a voluntary basis. BTCAA is fully self funded by its membership and gets no financial support from Charles Sturt University. Please consider helping us to meet other costs (such as paper, stamps, bank fees, committee meeting costs such as room hire, software updates etc) by filling in your Membership form on page 7.

3. **'Panorama'** is also sent out via email by CSU. If you would prefer to get your copy via email there is a section on page 7 where you can request this.

NOTE TO READERS OF MAILED EDITION:

Enjoy the pictures in your 'Panorama' in colour ! This can be done by going online to www.alumni.csu.edu.au/publications and then click on the Publications box and then BTCAA Panorama Newsletters. (Or you can do a Google search for Panorama newsletter).

BTCAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Who can apply for a BTCAA Scholarship?

The BTCAA Scholarship is currently offered at \$3,000 and is advertised on the CSU website. The 2021 scholarship details will open early next year (CSU Website) closing February 2021. Do you know of an eligible student? If you do know of any eligible student through your networks please encourage them to apply! The Scholarship is available to students in any year, studying at any Charles Sturt campus. Applicants must be a member of the family of a Bathurst Teachers' College graduate and preference is given to students studying education, however, any course is accepted.

ONGOING BTCAA SCHOLARSHIP

Sadly, the number of living graduates of BTC decreases each year. Over its life from 1951 till 1969 there were seventeen intakes of students averaging 168 each year, a total of approximately 2,856 students. As those organising regular reunions for their year will realise, our numbers keep falling at an increasing rate as we age. Pleasingly, the Pioneers, the first BTC intake (1951-52) still have quite a large number attending their annual reunions despite them being in their late eighties. We are fewer and fewer each year so now is the time for us to look towards setting things for the future.

With all of this in mind our BTCAA President, Carole Sharp, supported by Past President and Life Member, Helen Eagan and Immediate Past President, Wayne Bensley, launched the 2020-2021 BTCAA Scholarship Appeal at our March 2020 Committee meeting. It has an initial goal of increasing the BTCAA Scholarship Fund to \$50 000 initially (to maintain the existing \$3000 scholarship annually) but with a future thought of raising \$20,000 to bring our Scholarship Fund to at least \$65,000 making it a perpetual, ongoing scholarship that allows for inflation and a possible increase to \$3500. **Imagine a BTCAA Scholarship being awarded in 2051!!!**

IN MEMORIAM

BETTY McDONALD: (1924-2020) Died 15th January 2020. Betty was a founding member of the lecturing staff when BTC was began in 1951. She was a regular attendee at Pioneers group reunions over many years. Betty was awarded an AO for community work in all sorts of areas. An interesting sidelight is that Betty's kids were all educated at Nashdale PS and at some stage were taught by David Bales' (1964-65) Mum or Dad there. One of them was taught from Kinder to Year 6 by a Bales teacher. (*Thanks David!*)

GLORIA ENFIELD (MORITZ): Gloria died on 28th August 2020. She was one of the main organisers of the 1960-61 group 60th Reunion Committee... which sadly did not go ahead this year. Her daughter Lara Lambkin was the BTCAA Scholarship winner in 2013. Gloria's teaching career spanned nearly 30 years, starting at Narrabeen and Allambie Hts Public Schools. She went on to spend much of her time in Special Education, teaching at The Far West School in Manly. In 1990 Gloria changed careers to become a Parole/ Probation Officer working with offenders with a wide range of convictions. Gloria leaves behind her husband Gary, children Scott and Lara and their families and a wide circle of friends.

WINSOME BYLOS (COOMBER) (BTC 1954-55): Winsome passed away on 22 October this year after a bout with cancer. She was described as a kind, other-person centred and thoughtful person with a vibrant personality. She will be sadly missed by her husband Peter and two children Sandra and Peter. Winsome came to BTC from Dubbo, was coached in tennis by Harry Hopman and was a good piano player. She started her teaching career in West Wyalong, but moved to Sydney and taught at various schools in the Eastern suburbs before retiring in 1991. She later taught in Tanzania with the Church Missionary Society. (*Thanks to Allan Blanch BTC 1954-55*)

BRIAN BRYANT (BTC 1969-70-71): Brian was tragically killed at his opal mine on the Grawin Opal fields in October. He was one of the reunion organisers and a very popular graduate from that group. (*Thanks to Sue Howarth*)

The committee of BTCAA wish all alumni of BTC and the readers of 'Panorama' a very happy Christmas, a safe and enjoyable New Year and a rewarding and healthy 2021.



The Bathurst Teachers' College Alumni Association Scholarship Appeal

KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE TO SECURE THE FUTURE



BTC Alumni Association Fund

BTCAA and Panorama rely on contributions from us as BTC graduates for their continuation. Please help by making an annual contribution to our Fund, your first \$25 covers your annual BTCAA Membership.

I wish to assist the financial viability of the BTCAA

My contribution of \$_____ includes my annual Membership fee of \$25

Please pay by Direct Bank Deposit to BTCAA Bank Account: BSB 062300 A/c No. 1013 3521 - include your name and year when depositing

OR send Cheque or Money Order with your name and college year written on the back to:

*BTCAA c/- Tony Koop
PO Box 5225 Greenwich NSW 2065*

If any of your details have changed please email changes to mikecree@iprimus.com.au

OR complete and send the following to:

*BTCAA c/- Michael Creenaune,
7 Eden Street, Chatswood NSW 2067*

Date: _____

Surname: _____

FormerName: _____

Given Name: _____

Years at BTC: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone : _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

I would like to receive Panorama by: (circle one)

Email

Post (hard copy)

BTC Scholarship Fund

This scholarship, tenable annually at any CSU campus is available to a member of the BTC family – see the criteria and how to apply on the CSU website. To date, funds raised by alumni for this scholarship now stand at over \$45 000.

I wish to support the BTCAA Scholarship Appeal

*Please send to: Charles Sturt Foundation Trust
Panorama Avenue, Bathurst NSW 2795*

My gift to the Scholarship Fund is: \$ _____

Please find enclosed my cheque for \$ _____

OR

Please debit my credit card for \$ _____

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EXPLANATION:

Please note that in this quest to build the BTCAA Scholarship Fund to \$65 000 by the 1st of November 2021 there are two ways in which alumni can help. One is to complete the form above (RHS) and choose a donation amount, then pay by either writing a cheque OR by using your credit card. A second way is to do it on-line direct by clicking on the hyperlink below and following the instructions there (can pay be EFT). <https://www.csu.edu.au/office/advancement/giving-to-csu/give-now> (Note: Both allow Tax Deductability).



Plaque inscription at Seventeen Seventy memorial in the Gladstone region QLD



Lt James Cook's ship "Endeavour"

BTCAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ---- This is an overview list of BTCAA Scholarship Winners since 2008. As you can see they have often come from communities faced with the vagaries of drought, flood and fire. It is clear from feedback from these awardees that the award has been significant in assisting the winner to complete their studies in their chosen fields.

YEAR	NAME	FROM	CSU CAMPUS	STUDY AREA	BTC RELATIVE	BTC YEAR
2008	Emma DAVIS	BOURKE +120km	DUBBO	EDUCATION	Helen Ferguson (Bouberet) Grandmother	1951-52
2009	Kristie CATON	DUBBO	DUBBO	EDUCATION	Lyn Harrison (Ison) (Grandmother)	1955-56
2010	Rebecca PICKER		WAGGA	MEDICAL IMAGING	Graeme Howard (Grandfather)	1951-52
2011	Jaydem TIERNEY	WELLINGTON	ALBURY	OCCUP. THERAPY	Margaret Collins (Preston) (Aunt)	1964-65
2012	Kristie CATON	DUBBO	DUBBO	EDUCATION	Lyn Harrison (Ison) (Grandmother)	1955-56
2013	Lara LAMBKIN	SYDNEY	BATHURST	NEURO PSYCH.	Gloria Enfield (Moritz) (Mother)	1960-61
2014	Lanae ROBINSON		WAGGA WAGGA	ANIMAL SCIENCE		
2015	Georgia WESTCOTT	PEAK HILL	WAGGA WAGGA	EDUCATION	Coral Barber (Dawes) (Grandmother)	1950's
2016	Lisa O'SHANNESSY	PARKES	BATHURST	EDUCATION	Julia Noon (Kirwin) (Grandmother)	1951-52
2017	Hayley FOWLER	SPRINGWOOD	BATHURST	EDUCATION	Jean Ellis (Grandmother)	1956-57
2018	Emily CALDWELL		WAGGA WAGGA	EDUCATION	Lindsay Caldwell (Father)	1969-70
2019	Darcy ABEL	COONABARABRAN	BATHURST	BUSINESS MGT	Nea Kracht (Grandmother)	1958-59
2020	Iain WOOD	BATHURST	BATHURST	EDUCATION	Iain Wood (Father)	1969-70
2021						
2022						