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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Panorama Readers,

The planning for our BTC Reunion on 8/9/10 November 2021 in Bathurst is now in full swing. This Reunion will celebrate 70 years this year since the opening of BTC in 1951 and 20 years since the establishment of our Alumni Association BTCAA in 2001. The first group of students, popularly known as



'The Pioneers', commenced training at BTC on March 12, 1951 and the College was officially opened later that year on November 9 by The Hon. R.J. Heffron, Minister of Education NSW.

The BTCAA held its Inaugural Meeting at an AGM on November 24, 2001 and Helen Egan was elected President. Helen was President of the Association for many years and is currently a Vice President. Many current Committee Members of this Association were present at this meeting.

At this meeting in 2001, Dr Peter Hodgson, then the Pro Vice Chancellor and Head of the Bathurst Campus of CSU, welcomed everyone and spoke of the coming together of the nine antecedent institutions which make up CSU. He spoke of the place BTC has in the future of the University and posed a challenge for BTCAA in finding that place.

BTCAA, twenty years later is an active association with strong membership. It has a Scholarship Fund, a yearly Scholarship awarded to a descendant of a BTC Graduate and a continuation of the magazine 'Panorama', produced twice a year in both print and digital form. I believe BTCAA has certainly risen to the challenge.

We would love you to join us in November, meet old friends and enjoy some planned, interesting

activities both at Charles Sturt University and at Rydges Panorama Hotel on beautiful Mt Panorama.

Amongst other activities planned for this reunion are an Anniversary Luncheon at CSU in the James Hardie Room on Tuesday 9th, followed by a Reunion Dinner at Rydges Panorama Hotel that night. This Reunion is for all ex BTC students and their partners, family, friends and carers. This means from the Pioneers who were our first students in 1951 to the final BTC students who graduated in 1969. These students, who graduated in 1969 were the last cohort to do so before the college went on to become Mitchell College of Advanced Education and later Charles Sturt University, all on the same site.

Many BTC Students have remained in the Bathurst area but it is expected that most will be travelling from other parts of the state and also interstate. As Bathurst is busy at this time of year it is advisable to book your accommodation as soon as you have made your plans to attend. More details about these events are on later pages in this issue of 'Panorama'.

Our BTCAA Committee Meetings are continuing, still in a ZOOM format. This has proved to be very successful. If you would like to join us in one of these meetings please contact me on

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Our next meeting will be on May 21st. The goal to increase our Scholarship Fund is still going ahead. Thank you to all the generous Alumni who have already contributed. We are moving steadily towards our goal of \$65,000 (currently at \$47,824) which will make the Award a perpetual one. Details about this are at the back of Panorama.

Although there were a number of student applications for the Scholarship this year, none met the eligible criteria so there has been no award made for 2021.

Also, at the back of 'Panorama' you will find the contribution section for our BTC Alumni Association Fund. This contribution covers your Membership of the Association, printing and postage of Panorama and general running costs of the Association. Your financial support here is greatly appreciated and vital to the continuation of BTCAA. Once again, I hope you enjoy Panorama and it would be wonderful to see you at our Reunion later in November.

Carole Sharp

2021 AGM and LUNCHEON

This year's annual AGM and Luncheon was not held because of COVID restrictions. Hopefully this event will be back to normal next year.

The AGM however was held via ZOOM and covered all the usual reports of the Association from the President, the Treasurer, the Panorama editor, from CSU and these were followed by general business. Much of this has already been summarised in the President's Report.

BTCAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

As mentioned earlier there was no BTCAA Scholarship awarded for this year (2021).

CSU REPORT / UPDATE

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2021 BTCA Scholarship

The 2021 Bathurst Teachers College Charles Sturt University Foundation Scholarship received several good applicants this year. Unfortunately however, none met the criteria of

being a descendent of a BTC graduate. This means the money allocated for this year's scholarship will be compounded in the Bathurst Teachers College Scholarship Fund to help afford Scholarships in future years.

If you wish to contribute to the worthwhile cause of the Bathurst Teachers College Scholarship and continue your legacy by supporting future generations, then please logon to:

<https://www.csu.edu.au/office/advancement/giving-to-csu/give-now>.

Select from the dropdown menu for 'Your Donation', Bathurst Teachers College Foundation.

Alternatively, you can post cheques to:

Charles Sturt University
Foundation Office
Panorama Ave, Bathurst NSW 2795

News from the University

As new students across the state started the school year, so too did hundreds of Charles Sturt University graduate teachers who play a crucial role in filling positions in regional and remote areas.

More than 700 students graduated from Charles Sturt University's School of Education and School of Teacher Education during 2020.

Associate Professor David Smith, Head of the School of Education, said the majority of Charles Sturt teaching students are from regional areas, and following graduation they return to the regions to play an important role in the community.

"We also give students that have never been in a regional setting an opportunity to experience the sense of community support for teachers in a smaller centre," he said.

As a member of the Rural and Regional Education Advisory Group, Professor Smith said he had an extensive understanding of the challenges regional schools face recruiting teachers, particularly in specialist subject areas – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

"Charles Sturt University is in an important position to help build the teaching population in regional New South Wales," Professor Smith said.

"The University's education schools are focussed on attracting people to the teaching profession by delivering courses that are flexible, progressive, and relevant to what the regional teaching sector needs."

Charles Sturt is one of the few universities in Australia to offer a Bachelor of Education (K-12) and the Bachelor of Education (Technology and Applied Studies) program.

"Graduates of the K-12 program have the qualifications to teach at primary or secondary schools, making them more responsive to fit the demands of regional communities," Professor Smith said and the humanities, arts, and social sciences to transform people's lives.

Stacey Fish

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REUNION REPORTS 2021

Unfortunately there are NO Reunion Reports for this issue of 'Panorama'. The COVID19/ coronavirus situation and its allied restrictions last year has meant that reunions did not happen. It's still a little bit uncertain and predictability is not 100% HOWEVERthere is some light later in this year.....

REUNION ACTIVITY.... 2021

TRIPLE CELEBRATIONS! ★ ★ ★
2021 is a momentous year for BTC
.....Bathurst Teachers' College.

- **70 years** since first intake of students (aptly named the 'Pioneers') attended a welcome assembly addressed by L.J.Allen. held in half of the Dining Hall(15-03-1951)
- **70 years** since Official Opening of BTC by the then Minister for Education, the Hon. R.J. Heffron..... (09-11-1951)
- **20 years** since formation of BTC Alumni Association.(24-11-2001)

To celebrate and recognise these events the functions below have been organised as follows:

Official celebratory luncheon, hosted by CSU, from 12 noon in the James Hardie Conference Room (easy access and parking.)

Official Dinner in the Panorama Room, RYDGES Mt Panorama Hotel from 6.00pm. Tables will be set up specially for Pioneers AND other year groups. There will be very few speeches, some special entertainment and plenty of chat time!

Tuesday, 9 November 2021, will be the day of these functions to which former students, spouses, partners, carers, lecturers, family and other BTC friends are cordially invited.

Registrations will be required to confirm numbers and organise seating see Registration Form later in magazine.

This reunion/celebration on Tuesday 9th of November has a day of activities planned and organised. It begins with a **lunch hosted by CSU** from 12 noon at the James Hardie room at the Centre for Professional Development area (CPD) with a guest speaker currently being investigated and awaiting a response. Hopefully it will be someone from the NSW Department of Education. It is also planned that possibly the Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. John Germov and/or the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Experience and Governance) Jenny Roberts may also be able to attend this lunch activity (TBC) to represent CSU.

Prior to this lunch there may be some activity on campus or around Bathurst generally. *However the more likely scenario will be year groups organising individual group/friend tours of some of the Bathurst attractions, for example, the very new and impressive Bathurst Rail Museum or some of the other museums and attractions. (See latest brochure suggestions on the back page email edition or website only)*

In the afternoon there MAY be some form of CSU tour. This is still currently being negotiated.

However **in the evening (Tuesday) there will be a big dinner** for any attendees on the day (specifically a **Pioneers' (1951-52) reunion**, but with cohort/year tables for other year groups who may want to join in and make this a really memorable reunion dinner. It will be held in the **Panorama Conference Centre at RYDGES Hotel (6.00 for 6.30pm)**. This is planned to be a convivial evening with many people from different year groups enjoying a common connection that is BTC. It will be a 3 course set menu with alternate servings at \$75.00 per head. There will be minimal speeches, but there will be entertainment from Greg North, a Blue Mountains bush poet. (See the short biographical clip below or go to his website www.gregorynorth.com.au.)

There has already been interest in joining in this activity from the 1959-60 group, 1960-61 group, the 1961-62 group and the 1965-66 group. The latter have planned and booked an exclusive year reunion dinner at RYDGES on the Monday night (8th Nov) then will possibly join in with the Tuesday activities as well. The 1959-60 group have organised a year group dinner at the Bathurst Panthers on the Monday night and are canvassing

their colleagues to join in with the some of the activities of the Tuesday celebration reunion events. The 1959-60 year group, the 1960-61 year group and the 1961-62 year group plan to support the plan for the Tuesday activities.

Some other activities are being considered /or are in the planning stages but the luncheon and the evening dinner are confirmed and booked. Also arranged and confirmed is a special deal with room rates at RYDGES Hotel (Mt Panorama).

RYDGES have set a rate for reunion attendees for Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th nights at \$161 per room for a studio room (single or double) and \$197 for a deluxe room (with spa and walk in shower). If an access room is required this can be requested at the time of booking.

This is a great rate as there are a couple of motor sport events and races over the following 2-3 weeks starting from Wednesday 10th with rates starting at \$269 and \$314 per room.

If you plan to stay at RYDGES they can be phoned and you need to say that you are part of the BTC reunion group and ask for a booking at the special rate. (Phone is 02-6338-1888).

We were lucky to get in early and have our block of days booked and confirmed. It does mean though that accommodation will be tight, even unavailable(?) after the 9th of November. Other accommodation options can be sourced through the usual website booking sites such as Wotif.com or Booking.com etc.

The weekend before Mon 8th may be easier if other days for an extended reunion are required (or are being considered).

It may also be the case that just the Tuesday 8th November activities will be enough of the organised stuff, and other things (if desired) are organised within individual year groups (like the Monday night dinners see above.) See also a single page 'Mud Map' later for some ideas.

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.

GREGORY NORTH -- BUSH POET



Discovered wandering in the Blue Mountains, this man of many hats will have you wondering which voice is really his. Known for his rendition of 'The Man From Snowy River' in 15 different accents and his adventures with sticky

tape, the voices and characters in his poems and yarns could be the result of medical experimentation or maybe he's just a freak of nature. Whichever it is, this three-time Australian bush poetry champion brings his many characters to life whenever he performs. His book, CDs and DVDs are great ways to relive the experience. Check out Greg's website at www.gregorynorth.com.au

BTCAA AGM REPORT ... 2020

At this year's ZOOM AGM it was suggested that it may be a good idea to continue to include some of the decisions and reports in '**Panorama**'. The main decisions this year relate to this year's 70/70/20 Reunion, the Scholarship Fund, and stories for 'Panorama (see President's Report). The main thrust of activity this and next year is to increase the BTC Scholarship Fund up to \$65 000.

This is being undertaken, with readers' support, to make the scholarship award a perpetual one, and hopefully lead to the award of a Centenary Scholarship in 2051. IMAGINE THAT ...!!!

DID YOU KNOW???

- + The Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 and the first award was made in 2008. To date 13 scholarships have been awarded.
- + \$3000 is currently awarded to the scholarship winner (who must have a family connection to a BTC graduate).
- + Scholarship Funds are pooled with the CSU Foundation to ensure a better return on funds.
- + Currently the return is 6% on our investment.
- + In 2020 there was a shortfall of \$274 which was made up by the Foundation.
- + There was no Scholarship award for 2021.
- + Current balance in the Fund is \$47824.
- + The Fund needs to be \$50000 to maintain viability to meet the commitment each year.
- + For scholarship to continue in the long term investment needs to be \$65000.



'MUD MAP' ... WITH INFORMATION SNIPPETS: PLANNING NOVEMBER REUNION

**** POSSIBLE PROGRAM O'VIEW**

Monday 8th November

Register Mon afternoon at chosen accommodation - 'Pioneers' @ Rydges ... Others TBA

Monday evening

**** Reunion Dinners at Rydges (1965-66) and at Bathurst Panthers (1959-60) groups**

**** Others to arrange own dinner In town, with friends /takeaway Hotels ... eg. Victoria, George, Family, Dudley, Paddys, Oxford, Knickerbocker etc**

Restaurants eg. Chicane @ Rydges Vine and Tap, The Hub, Thai Terrace OR other eateries around town Indian, Chinese, Mexican, Lebanese etc

Wednesday 10th November

Breakfast ... own arrangements... Chicane @ Rydges, Banjos, Piccolos, (William Street), Country Coffee, Sweet Caramel (George St) or other places (motels etc)

**** Visit a museum Rail Museum, Fossil Museum, Motor Racing Museum etc**

**** Drive around Mt Panorama ... walk the new track at the top.**

**** Have a rest.**

**** Tour DIY (Visit the BVIC?)..... Abercrombie House, BRAG (Art Gallery etc) ... see new Brochure (back of email version)**

Head home or travel on in region

Tuesday 9th November

Breakfast ... own arrangements...

Chicane @ Rydges, Banjos, Piccolos, (William Street) Country Coffee, Sweet Caramel (George St) or other places

**** Visit a museum Rail Museum, Fossil Museum, Motor Racing Museum etc**

**** Drive around Mt Panorama ... walk the new track at the top**

**** Have a rest.**

Anniversary Luncheon (hosted by CSU) in James Hardie Room from 12 noon (70th ann. Opening BTC and first students , plus 20th ann. of BTCAA foundation). Guest speaker (TBA)

**** Tour DIY (See options @ BVIC)**

**** Possible campus tour (TBC)**

Reunion Dinner in Panorama Room at RYDGES from 6.00pm for all registered year groups entertainment from Blue Mtns bush poet Greg North (see earlier and/or website)

TRAIN INFO (Current ... updates later)

*** Mon 8th and Tues 9th Nov....**

XPT ... SYD to BATHURST (#427)

Depart Central 07.19am

Arrive Bathurst 10.52am

(Taxi or small bus to CSU??)

*** Mon 8th Nov.**

BATHURST BULLET #2

Depart Central 15.05pm

Arrive Bathurst 18.02pm

(Taxi or small bus to Hotel/Motel??)

*** Wed 10th Nov).....**

BATHURST BULLET #2

Depart Bathurst 07.35am

Arrive Central 11.46am

XPT BATHURST to SYD (#428)

Depart Bathurst 17.05pm

Arrive Sydney 20.48pm

NOTE:

It will be a busy time in Bathurst in November so it is advisable to choose your accommodation and book it as soon as you are ready to do so.

DO YOU REMEMBER BTC LIKE THIS?

(For all BTC students L.J. Allen was the Headmaster / Principal 1951-1969). Here are two contributions that provide some insights into College life one from Lecturer and one from a student.....ed.)

1. Lionel Allen and the Principalship of Bathurst Teachers College - 1951



Attending the 2001 celebration of 50 years since the founding of Bathurst Teachers College in 1951, I was excited by a session where ex-students spoke of their experiences since leaving teaching or retiring. Their contributions to society had been

ongoing, spreading across academic research, administrative roles, social commitments and personal development.

When I was invited to speak, my admiration for what had been achieved surfaced. Could Lionel Allen's concepts of the Bathurst Teachers College have born other fruit in an area he had not foreseen?

When Lionel Allen was Vice Principal of Wagga Teachers College, Arch Millar and I were Wardens of the Residential side. The Principal of Wagga Teachers College was George Blakemore who ran an institution with rules for everything.

When Lionel Allen was appointed as Principal of the new Teachers College in Bathurst, he invited Arch Millar and me to join him as Wardens of the Residential side. The discussions that followed were an inspiring challenge. There would be no lists of rules.

Lionel Allen believed that in 2 years time college students could even be in charge of a small country school where people could be looking to them for leadership. Therefore students would benefit from an understanding of their role in the running of the college and an understanding of the community of Bathurst in which they would be living.

Basic understanding of the running of the college could be explored at Assemblies. Meal times needed to be adhered to as we paid the staff and lecturers to eat with the students, sharing the same food. Rooms tidy and floors clear by 9 am was a necessity for the people we employed. As

we were legally responsible to the Education Department for them, weekends away needed to be covered by a note.

Students would be encouraged to form their own clubs of all kinds to gain experience of the organisation involved and their on potential.

Getting to know the city of Bathurst, its people and institutions would be extremely important to enable students to experience their role as part of a community. An interesting activity initiated by some students was visiting outlying Bathurst District communities at weekends to make contact with young people. Another example that occurred within the college was when late night noise from the Common Room interfered with a nearby dormitory. This was settled by mutual agreement. Through Lionel Allen and his staff's co-operative contact with the young Mayor of Bathurst and other community leaders. students were warmly welcomed in areas of sport, religion, music, drama and art. Apart from these group encounters, individual students were to play dinner music in hotels, entertain in certain dining venues and play in the Salvation Army Band. (Unfortunately students were on vacation when William Dobell and Frank Clune were entertained by Bathurst Council but they came to the college to see students at work.)

Lionel Allen was always appreciative of adventurous projects. Personally, I remember his backing of the introduction of "Creative Expression" as a lesson type. The first college scarf was an individual black, yellow and white creation by each individual student. This of course had to be standardized for sporting purposes but it put to good use a generous supply of hand looms and wool supplied by the Department. He was also very appreciative of students painting murals on the covered walkways and other places in the college.

Students were also included to help in college official functions and everyone was delighted when, after the Graduation Day Function in Bathurst, kitchen staff offered to provide a picnic in the college grounds – made especially good as our chef, from the nearby migrant camp, was an expert pastry chef.

I trust this gives an idea of the thinking that was part of Lionel Allen's 1951 founding of Bathurst Teachers College. I also realise it as a personal memory - recalled with enthusiasm.

(An insider look at LJ and BTC Ellen Waugh (Head Women's Warden and Art Lecturer from 1951)



2. My Recollections of BTC 1966-67

I am writing to express how proud I am to have been part of an Infants course at BTC 66/67.

On reflection I realize we were privileged to have been trained at this time. BTC was indeed my third choice having rejected 2 other offers. The scholarship I eventually accepted covered tuition, food, board and paid the princely sum of \$14.70 a fortnight for incidentals!

Our two year course was packed with face to face tuition - (was there any other?) Every minute of the day was accounted for - even compulsory sport after lectures often saw us in the dark during winter. I must also mention visits to the Olympic Pool pre breakfast!

We covered in 2 years what the following courses at MCAE did in 3!

Even our Practice Teaching Units were organized for us; usually with transport, and lunch (remember the green tins???)

The other great thing was that on exit we were assured of a position. Admittedly we were obliged to report to where the Department chose to send us for 3 years, in order to work out our bond. Many of us eagerly explored road maps in order to discover where in the world we were being sent.

Looking back, the course really equipped us well for anything and everything. I was extremely thankful for my prepared K-3 Term Programme that Miss Margaret Clyde had insisted we did prior to leaving college. (She had an idea of what we were likely to face. We didn't!!)

In those days teachers had to be self sufficient. Thanks again to BTC, we were. All teaching aids had to be produced from an on-hand stock of textas, cardboard, contact, tape and glue. We provided most of our own classroom music. If we were lucky a piano, a guitar or as a last resort, the good old recorder would be used. And who could forget the mandatory tuning fork!

Many of us had few classroom resources other than the chalk board and a large box of chalk. I remember even resorting to the Jelly Pad to reproduce work sheets. The school only had a broken down gestetner, and no one to fix it.

In many schools the men had additional chores such as chopping the wood, digging fresh pit toilets to name a few.

BUT Back to our college days.

How fortunate we were to have had a Principal like Mr Lionel Allen. This tiny Rural College was his "Baby". It was his vision for excellence and his hand picked staff, that set BTC apart.

Many of us were slightly perplexed by the Principal's Annual Citizenship Address. Mr Allen was determined that "his" students should integrate smoothly into the communities they were sent to. And we soon learnt just what country communities expected from their new teacher.

Lastly, I would like to thank BTC for not only equipping us to be teachers who make a difference, but for up skilling us to take leadership roles in the many and varied societies in which we now live.

Thank you BTC!

--Annette Brown - nee Marriott (BTC 1966-67)

VALE NOTICE

ESTELLE GOULD (1951-52):

It is with sadness that I write of the death in February of Estelle (Pope) Gould 1951-1952 aged 91. Apart from living for four years in Malaya with her husband, Peter Gould, whom she met prior to attending BTC, Estelle was a lifetime resident of Ingleburn. She taught at various primary and high schools in the area. In retirement she pursued many interests as well as tending animals on her acreage at Ingleburn. Estelle was a regular supporter of Pioneer Reunions and a foundation member of the Alumni Association and contributor to Panorama. She was a member of the editorial team which produced the first Panorama in 1951. Our sympathy to her family. She was looking forward to becoming a great grandmother in May. We shall miss her humour and enthusiasm at our gatherings. ---- Helen Egan BTC 1951-52.

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PANORAMA OF THE PAST 1951 - '52

PANORAMA

BATHURST TEACHERS' COLLEGE NEWSPAPER

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NO. 1

HENCE THE NAME ..

The name of our newspaper "PANORAMA" - embraces several notions in a way which may not be significant to any-one who hasn't had the pleasure of living in Bathurst.

We live at the foot of Mount Panorama, an inviting farm-clad hill from whose summit one may see the city of Bathurst and the small villages of Eglinton, Kelso, Perthville, George's Plains and in the hazy distance, Rockley. At Easter and Six-hour Day we listen at the foot of Mount Panorama - those who are too poor to rush home - we listen to the buzz of a thousand infernal motor cycles and racing cars. You may wonder where the association lies between racing cars, panoramic views and us. Read on and satisfy this instinct.

You undoubtedly know that a panorama is an impressive sweep of landscape, or perhaps the unfolding of a subject before the eyes of a scholar. Might it not also apply to an ideal? To an inspiring survey of a little society, a society made up of trainee teachers, lecturers, staff and experimental farmers all co-operating to the utmost. The word itself is Greek in origin: PAN - all HORAMA - a view: and it is to the Greek notion of democracy at its best that our society aspires. A view of all, and a view for all.

But what of our mountain? The original name was not Panorama but Bald Hill which, though expressive, is nor a very picturesque name. It came to be called Panorama in 1937 when £1/1/- was offered as a prize for a suitable name. This was after the road had been completed.

When the Minister for Local Government Mr. Spooner, who was in charge of relief works during the depression, was approached by the City Council he was persuaded to build a scenic road. This supplied work for many of the unemployed. The Mayor of Bathurst the late Alderman Griffin with the support of the Council was responsible for the part of the work.

The original engineer in charge of the project was W. G. Adams, but for its completion, the present City Engineer H. C. Reid succeeded him.

Prior to the construction of the Panorama road, the Auto-Cycle Union of N.S.W. had held races on the Vale Road Circuit, but while the work was in progress this union, together with the Light Car Club of Australia, suggested to the Council that the road be altered to suit the Grand Prix races of both these clubs. Taking into account the added prestige this would give Bathurst, the Council agreed and completed the circuit with granite and gravel surface in 1937. The road was officially open on 17th March 1938 and Auto Cycle and Light Car races were held the same year, attracting 60,000 spectators from all parts of the State.

The late Walter J. McPhillamy, ex-Mayor and his wife donated 25 acres of land on the summit of the mount, and sheds and a caretaker's residence were built. The park built in this area is named after Mr. McPhillamy.

As a racing circuit Mount Panorama is considered the finest in Australia and ranks with famous tracks in other parts of the world.

An added attraction in recent years has been the Billy Cart Derby. So far no College student has entered for this whizzing event.

Panorama is then an appropriate name for a mountain which looks down on the history and life of Bathurst, as well as onto cathedral spires and parks. Similarly we trust that it will be appropriate for a newspaper which is designed to cover every phase of the life of Bathurst Teachers' College.

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EDITORIAL

Soon the magazine will be financial. It ought to be after all the troubles of constitution drafting the committee went to. The strife at two S.R.C. meetings was very entertaining. One very young, ardent delegate was even willing to perjure himself for the noble cause. Fortunately he did not have to.

The magazine committee will be an economic factor, a potential of culture and story, a thing to be reckoned with. Note that it is composed of a great number of that small minority of intelligentsia - the contributors to "Panorama".

The main aim of the magazine (or so they told the S.R.C.) is to leave to posterity a cultural record of 1951 to show what the pioneers (ourselves) could do. Now if the magazine committee write all the material, as it appears very likely they will have to, they will in their own mystical and ethereal way create a wonderful myth of poetry and short story appreciation. We, of course, must not allow this to happen. All of us are able to write contributions of verse, yarns and descriptive anecdotes.

Surely we have thought about something during the past years, and if we have, let it go down on paper. Any member of the magazine committee will receive it. Only with a cross-section of the College can we have realistic magazine for the first year.

DANCING

The Saturday night dances have proved to be most enjoyable as well as enlightening. The wearing of collars and ties at these functions has been the topic of much discussion among the males of the College.

With the measles epidemic spreading and thousands falling like flies attendance naturally drops.

However the popular dancing instruction is certain to maintain a good attendance.

This front page copy of an earlier 'Panorama' (1991) recalls the first ever edition of 1951.

GRADUATE MAGAZINE

AUTUMN 1991

PANORAMA

BATHURST TEACHERS COLLEGE
MITCHELL COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION
CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY – MITCHELL

For some of our graduate audience it will not be news that 'Panorama' was initially published some 40 years ago.

The first edition of **Panorama** appeared at BTC on July 6, 1951, and in its own way was a milestone for the pioneering students of the College.

"We were 150 students – pioneers some call us – in the midst of ploughed fields and paddocks," says Mrs Helen Egan (nee Long) reminiscing about the early College days. She was one of three women and six men on the original editorial committee.

"If you wanted to do something back then, you had to get in and do it yourselves. There were no grants or hand outs in those days!

"We were young and eager when we started at College, and we had to make our own entertainment, create our own interests," says Mrs Egan.

There's no doubt that it was quite a feat for the students to produce their own 'newspaper', as there were very few pens, and not much paper available. In those days ration coupons were still being distributed.

"It was mainly due to the fact John Richardson had a typewriter that **Panorama** ever got off the ground," says Mrs Egan.

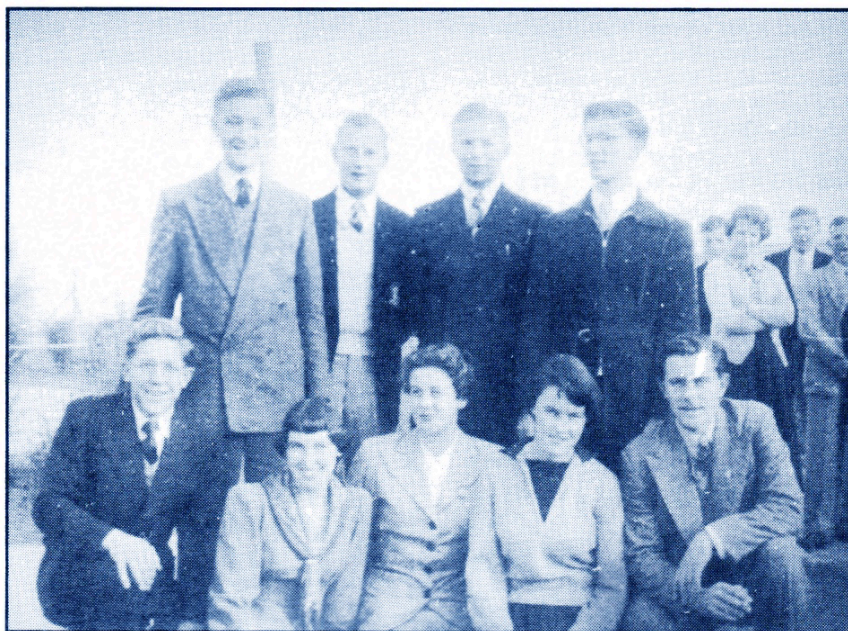
"It was one of those ancient types, with a tiny narrow carriage – in fact we would use toilet paper as backing paper because it was just the right size!"

There was one staff member, Frank Atchison, who assisted with the newspaper, his guiding hand assisted numerous 'hot' pieces to the filing cabinet to be filed under 'outlying correspondence – sub-section X'.

Most of the articles in the paper dealt with the happenings on campus, featuring columns such as Editorial, Letters to the Editor, Horror-scope, social and Recreational News, and Sportsnotes as well as advertisements for local business houses, which financed the printing of the newspaper. There were informative sections and reflective passages, as well as anecdotes and gossip columns, all in a style quite different to the language of today.

Most of the newspapers were four or six pages, and there were nine editions of **Panorama** produced, one each month from July to December 1951, and three

DIFFERENT 'PANORAMIC' VIEWS



Editorial Staff of PANORAMA, 1951-1953

Back L-R: John Richardson, Ken Shoebridge, Mr Frank Atchison, Ralph Warburton.

Front L-R: John Bradshaw, Helen (Long) Egan, Estelle (Pope) Gould, Gloria (Whitburn) Kiel, Edward Shields.

editions in 1952; no more appeared after April 17, although Mrs Egan seemed to remember a few hand written 'underground' newsletters after printing ceased.

No one seems certain as to why production stopped; perhaps the all night sessions prior to printing, complete with "aeroplane coffee essence in very strong black tea" were detrimental to the editorial staffs' health – or perhaps some 'wicked' article upset the College administrators just a little too much.

In any case, the words of the then Principal Mr L. J. Allen in his introduction, **Panorama Vol. 1, No. 1** ring quite true:

"Vol 1 No 1 is surely an historic and important issue."

For us, 40 years later, it certainly makes most interesting and 'historic' reading. (See pages 6-7).

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2021 NOVEMBER BTC REUNION REGISTRATION Mon 7th to Wed 9th

This tear off section below has 3 aims:

- To communicate your intent to attend **either or both** of the Tuesday events to organisers for seating and catering purposes (ie. Luncheon at CSU and/or Reunion Dinner at RYDGES Hotel);
- To allow pre preparation of name tags (with name and year group), and any other materials. These will given out either at RYDGES from Monday 4pm or delivered to your year coordinator for distribution prior to the events ... Monday evening or Tuesday morning
- To provide a contact point (home address or email) to which later communications about the event can be sent.

Please either tear or cut along the dotted line and forward it as per instructions below.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN 2021 BTC REUNION ... November 2021

I/we.....

plan to attend the 70/70/20 Celebrations in Bathurst in November this year.

** Year Group

+ Attendance at CSU Luncheon James Hardie Room CSU 12 noon

☐

+ Attendance at Reunion Dinner at RYDGES Hotel from 6.00pm

☐

Address

Email

Phone no.

Deposit \$10 per person..... (this is to cover postage of updates and other costs)

Cheque enclosed or direct debit to BTCAA Amount

(please circle choice above)

Bank details for direct debit:

Name = BTCAA BSB 062300 ACCOUNT NO 10133521

Please reply ASAP but definitely before June 30th (Wed)

Return your reply to Gail Metcalfe 14 Banksia Park Road Katoomba 2780

OR email details to gailfmetcalfe@bigpond.com



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. Any extra amount is considered a donation.

Please pay by Direct Bank Deposit to BTCAA Bank Account: BSB 062300 A/c No. 1013 3521

Please include your name and year when depositing

OR send your Cheque 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: _____

Former Name: _____

Given Name: _____

Years at BTC: _____

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Mobile: _____

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

Email

Print

BTCAA Scholarship Fund

This scholarship, to assist study annually at any CSU campus, is available to a selected member of the BTC family – see criteria on how to apply on the CSU website. Currently this Scholarship Fund now stands at over \$47000. Our goal is for a fund of \$65000 by 01/11/21

I wish to support the BTCAA Scholarship Appeal

\$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other ☐

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

My gift to the Scholarship Fund is: \$ _____

Fiind enclosed my cheque for \$ _____

OR

Debit my credit card for \$ _____

Card Type: Mastercard or VISA

(Please circle card above, provide numbers below

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Name on Card: _____

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Home Phone: _____

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Email: _____

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 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 by EFT). <https://www.csu.edu.au/office/advancement/giving-to-csu/give-now> (Note: Both allow Tax Deductability).

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