

# PANORAMA

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT AT 2016 AGM

The Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Association is a relatively small organisation overall, but is one that is remarkably vibrant and surprisingly active. The membership of this association comprises of a solid group of interested colleagues (mostly ex-teachers) who try to maintain their affiliations with the old BTC with a variety of activities. Over a period of some nineteen years around 4000 students have graduated from the college. This group stretches back to those who started teacher training college in 1951 (the well named Pioneers) through to those who completed their training in 1969.

The association is a unique entity that has been described by a former CSU official as very tight and quite unbelievable in the level and strength of support given to its members. A comment was also made about the 3 C's that seem to be part of each year group – collegiality, conviviality and camaraderie. These members, ex-students of BTC, in turn support the Association's activities and make use of the biannual newsletter *Panorama*. This newsletter advertises and promotes reunions and activities of various year groups as well as providing interesting news about achievements of members and articles of educational interest.

The committee has also conducted fund raising activities to provide financial support for a specially selected CSU student, a student who must have a family connection with a BTC ex-student. Over the last few years such students have participated with distinction in courses at Albury, Dubbo, Bathurst and Wagga campuses of CSU in courses ranging from education, to nursing, to animal science and occupational therapy. There are also social activities arranged for members that involve lunches, picnics and visits to places of interest.

This BTCAA Committee has 12-13 members who represent a far greater number of ex BTC students from the period 1951 through to 1969. Each year this committee is re-elected, added to or has new members to replace those who have passed on or retire. This year we are in real need of a few new members to continue the sterling

work of the association. We have just four meetings per year in February, May, August and November, usually on a Saturday morning for around 2 hours. And yes, they are held in Sydney.

This year we need a new *Panorama* editor, a new Treasurer and new support members. There are well refined structures, computer programs, procedures and support for these positions. All that is needed is someone with a community service interest and a willingness to be involved. It is rewarding and stimulating. This is a very real recruitment call. You will find the committee group easy to get along with and very supportive and communicative. If you are interested, or know of someone who you think might be, please let me or one of the committee members know.

Earlier last year a presentation of the BTCAA Scholarship was made to Georgia Westcott from Peak Hill to help with her studies in a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood and Primary areas at the Wagga Wagga Campus of CSU. Georgia's grandmother was a graduate of BTC in the 1950s. Georgia has also expressed her great appreciation for the help the scholarship has provided to her and to her family in financial support for necessary textbooks and accommodation costs. The scholarship was presented to Georgia in Wagga by ex-BTC graduate Peter Lloyd. Peter's comment after meeting Georgia was that the selection committee had made a really good choice. As you can imagine the scholarship is very well supported.

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Special thanks must also go to our three representatives in Bathurst who read and discussed the application of the final few screened candidates to determine the final winner. Thank you sincerely to Helen Baber, Alan Smith and Rod Allan. The ability to award this scholarship has come from a fund built up over the years and supplemented each year by donations that are canvassed through past students with a donation request in our magazine *Panorama* and with other activities. The aim is to have a perpetual fund in which the interest earned is sufficient to fund the scholarship each year. Our current Treasurer Gail Metcalfe will provide some exciting news about this a little later in her report.

of two 'hard'/mailed out copies of *Panorama* during the year. The magazine is also available on-line through the CSU website. Part of the funds donated also go into the scholarship pool and help with other costs. This year continuation of *Panorama* will be a challenge for the committee and is the reason for publicly canvassing for some interest in such a role/job.

During our luncheon today you will be hearing from Karen Jameyson who is the Communications Officer with "The School Magazine" publications. I feel sure she will be commenting on the success of this magazine in keeping students informed and aware of things both fictional and non-fictional. I also think she will touch on some of the challenges to its continuity. Maybe there's some clues here for our *Panorama*?

The BTCAA is a unique group covering ex students from 1951 through to 1969. I think you can readily see that it is an active, self supporting association that serves its members well. I am proud to have been its President over the last year. I commend this President's report to you all.

20th February 2016

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**GUEST SPEAKER .KAREN JAMEYSON,  
TALKS ABOUT  
"THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE"**

It was a very special talk, illustrated by slides, that Karen Jameyson gave at our AGM, on this, the hundredth anniversary of *The School Magazine*. Karen, who is the Publications Officer, is one of a team of eight which compiles forty magazines every year, drawing on the skills of the finest writers and illustrators in Australia and world-wide.

For generations the magazine has been introducing young readers to a world of words, with the secret of its success being its quality and its ability to engage young readers. It has been published by the NSW Department of Education since 1916 and is currently part of Learning Systems within the Department of Education and Communities.

Many of the attendees at the AGM turned up with their own copies of magazine, dating back to the 1940s. Karen was thrilled to see how much they treasured these mementos. Her talk engendered much

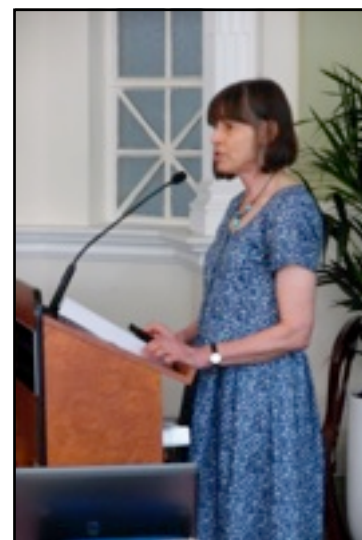


*The magnificent turn-out was partly because the 60/61 cohort used the AGM as an opportunity for a reunion.*

Other activities for the year centre mainly on meetings and reunions. This year there are five separate ones happening: the 60-61 cohort here today, the Pioneers (1951-52) in Bathurst in early March, the 1954-55 group in Jerilderie in early April, the 52-53 group in Queanbeyan in late July and the 65-66 group in Bathurst later this year. Further details and contact points are published in the recent *Panorama* issue. That these reunions and get togethers happen is testament to the collegiality, the familial connection these people have, all emanating from that Alma Mater Bathurst Teachers College.

Much of the information in this report is published in more detail in the biannual alumni magazine *Panorama*. This publication, put together so efficiently by a committee led by Carole Goodwin (who is retiring from this role after many years), is greatly valued by ex-students as a source of information, for reports on events, recollections from colleagues about things of interest as well as being diary of forthcoming activities.

We try to cover the cost of these two publications by seeking donations from the graduates of BTC by providing a return guarantee

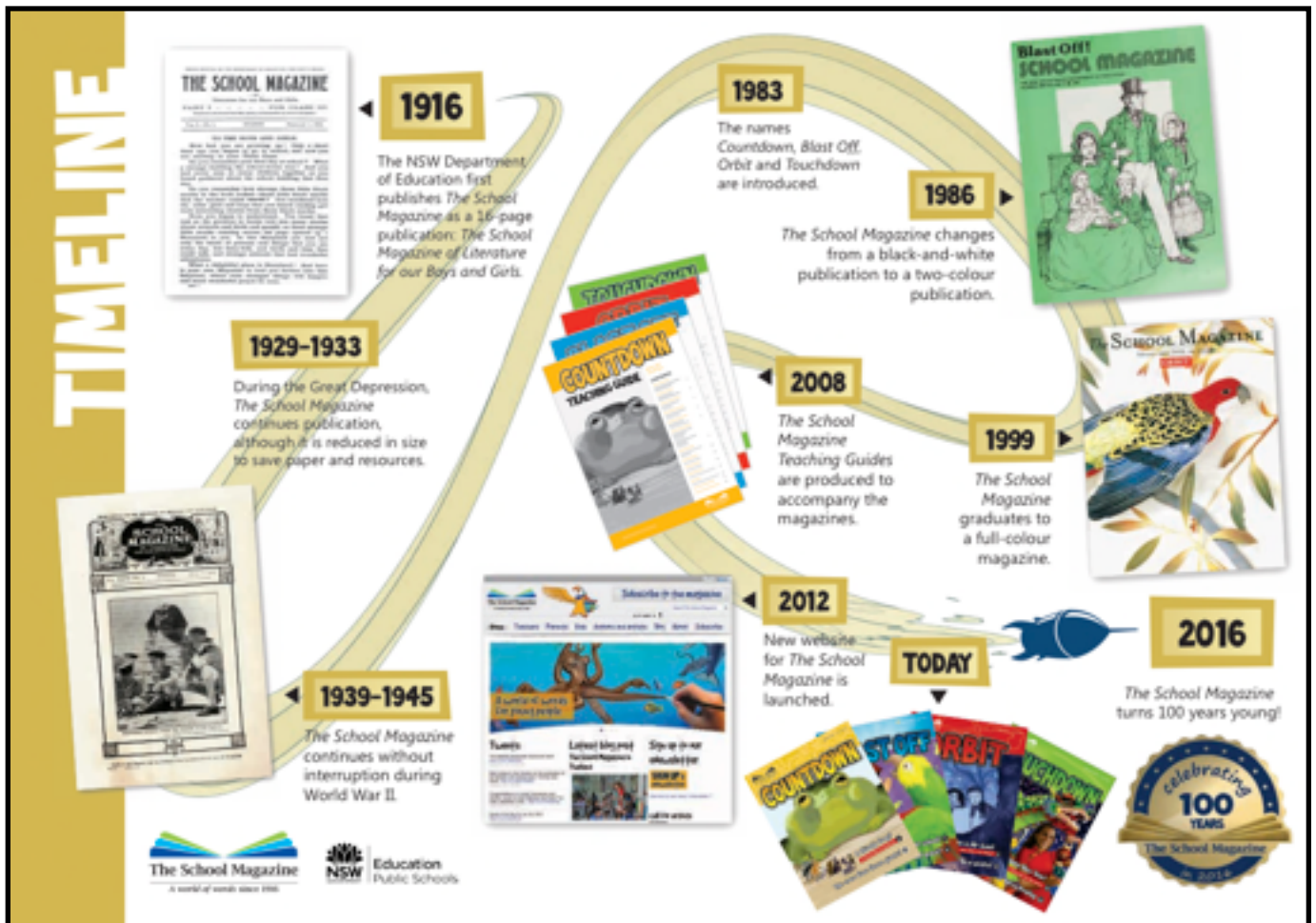




discussion and anecdotes afterwards.

Another special guest was former lecturer Frank Atchison, who returned from a brisk stroll around the block in time to change for the lunch and to share some fascinating reminiscences, with

the attendees who were no doubt wondering if they would be nearly as sprightly when they reach their nineties.



Karen has kindly sent us a time line so we can trace the history of the magazine from our childhood through our teaching career and beyond.

## NEWS FROM CSU

### Opening of new CSU Port Macquarie Campus

Charles Sturt University (CSU) Port Macquarie's purpose-built campus marked a milestone on 20 April 2016 with staff moving to the new campus off Major Innes Road. Students joined them to begin classes for session two on 26 April.

The move to the new multi-level building set around a landscaped courtyard marks the completion of stage one of CSU's development at Port Macquarie. It includes flexible indoor and outdoor teaching spaces, the learning commons and library, student central, a specialised simulation space, Indigenous courtyard, and administrative areas.

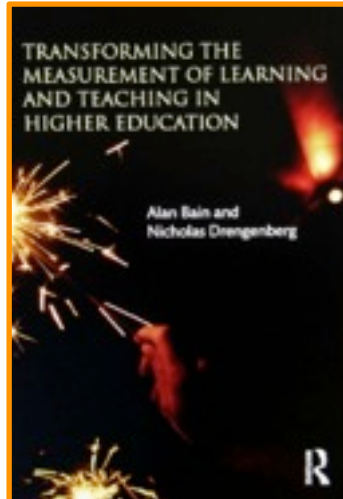


There are currently 625 students studying on campus at CSU in Port Macquarie and about 110 staff. By 2017 it is predicted student numbers will be approximately 1,000 and there will be 20 courses available in Port Macquarie.

## Learning analytics challenged

Academics at Charles Sturt University (CSU) have questioned whether the data collection systems used by schools and universities to improve education outcomes are actually beneficial.

Lecturer in the CSU School of Teacher Education in Bathurst Associate Professor Alan Bain together with Dr Nick Drengenberg, combined years of empirical research with examination of numerous studies conducted over more than two decades. They say the value of the use of 'learning analytics' is dubious, misleading, and has not demonstrably improved teaching or learning.



"While the objective of using data to understand and better predict what will lead to improved teaching methods and learning outcomes is worthy, there's no evidence to demonstrate that learning analytics contributes to any meaningful and consistently positive outcomes," Professor Bain said. "The problem is that this captured data has little to do with actual teaching or learning behaviour," Professor Bain said.

The academics' arguments are published in their new book, *Transforming the Measurement of Learning and Teaching in Higher Education* (Routledge 2016)

## Leading by example in online education

CSU will continue to cement its place as Australia's leading provider of online education this year with a new course dedicated to developing the next generation of online education leaders.

The Master of Leading Online, Open and Distance Education (MLOODE) is designed to provide graduates with the requisite knowledge and skills to support the development and integration of educational programs in their organisation or workplace that take full advantage of the online environment.

The two-year course will be delivered through CSU Online which course director in the Faculty of Education Dr David Smith sees as only fitting.

## Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Scholarship Fund

The Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Scholarship Fund currently sits at \$38,625.55. This is a great achievement and our sincere

thanks go to all those who have given to the fund to make this possible.

The average teaching degree now costs approximately \$30,000 and student living and education costs are rapidly rising with on-campus accommodation alone costing up to \$12,000 per annum. With 60% of students living below the poverty line it would be wonderful if we could band together to increase the value of the annual BTCA Scholarship.

The BTCA Scholarship is awarded each year based on the funds held in the CSU Foundation Trust. In 2016, this supported a BTCA Scholarship to the value of \$2,500. To award an annual \$6,000 Scholarship, we would need to increase the BTCA Fund to approximately \$70,000 (based on 2016 rates).

## YOU CAN HELP US MAKE THIS GOAL A REALITY

By giving to the BTCA Scholarship Fund, you'll be supporting future generations of teachers continue our noble profession.

It's easy to show your support. Simply donate online at [www.csu.edu.au/go/give/](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/give/) donate making sure to select 'Bathurst Teachers College' under the campaign drop down option. Alternatively, please send your BTCA Fund donation to:

The Charles Sturt University Foundation Trust  
c/o Panorama Avenue  
Bathurst NSW 2795

Warm regards

STACEY FISH

CSU Advancement Unit

## AND THIS YEAR'S WINNER IS:

Lisa O'Shannessy, a mature age student who is in her second year of study for the Bachelor of Education (Primary). Lisa's grandmother is a BTC 1952 Alumnus.

Lisa grew up in Parkes in country NSW but moved to Sydney to pursue a media career. She has been a magazine journalist and a sub-editor of *New*



*Idea* magazine for six years. Lisa is married and is studying by correspondence while she works four days a week and raises her one-year old daughter. Because there is a requirement for 60 working days of practical experience Lisa is required to take



unpaid leave from her job while keeping her daughter in childcare. The BTCAA scholarship will help with this expense. What a wonderful way for us to help Lisa attain her goal of becoming a teacher and what a wealth of experience and understanding she will bring to the role. We wish Lisa the best in her studies.

*Lisa is seen, bottom left, with her grandmother, Julia Noon (née Kirwin)*

## A “PANORAMA” EDITOR REMINISCES

For the past six years I have had the privilege of acting as editor of the Bathurst Teachers’ College Alumni Association magazine, *Panorama*, having taken over the role from Dale Dengate who had capably served in this position for many years. In this, I was ably assisted by Denise Cramsie and Alan Beggs, Alan, sadly, no longer with us, who not only contributed ideas and articles, but also cast their eagle eyes over the supposedly completed copy to find the errors that had slipped through. It certainly made the three of us appreciate the task of the editorial staff on a daily newspaper. How often you read what you think is there, rather than what actually is! Producing a magazine for teachers is always fraught, because it is not only spelling and punctuation that exercise their attention, but points of style and suitability of vocabulary as well. However, it has been a fascinating window into the lives of alumni and an inspiration as to how many, on retirement from full-time employment, have gone on to other accomplishments and adventures.

We have alumni who have acted as “Angels in the Bush”, tutoring children in remote areas, with the aim of giving mothers a break from supervising Distant Education Lessons and serving to give the children a different approach to their schoolwork. Others have become involved in working part-time at TAFE; serving on the Children’s Book Council; working for the Black Dog Institute; travelling internationally to give input into educational advances; reading the newspaper or describing plays for the Visually Impaired; walking across the Nullabor to raise money for a charity – the list goes on. Some activities were perhaps more frivolous, but also great fun; learning to tap dance; travelling overseas with the University of the Third Age; taking part in the filming of an advertisement to encourage overseas visitors.

Alumni used the skills gained from teaching to work in remote aboriginal communities, or

volunteer in countries such as Pakistan and Nepal. Others set up storytelling groups, travelling around different schools and captivating children with their tales. Still others had left their teaching career behind them early and gone on to contribute in other professions. There were no doubt many stories we didn’t hear and achievements we did not know of, but one thing seemed clear; alumni were not going “gentle into that good night” but were continuing to make a contribution.

Some of our issues focussed on special areas, such as the introduction of the interactive whiteboard and its associated technology; the importance of music in schools; the funding of State schools while using people who had expertise in these areas to add to our knowledge.

Then there were the tales of the educational challenges that faced us during our careers and delightful memories from those who were sent out to one-teacher schools in remote communities, not exactly *Wake in Fright* experiences, but challenging nevertheless. At one of our Annual General Meetings of the Alumni Association, our guest speaker mentioned how he looked at his eighteen-year-old son and, seeing how young and inexperienced he was, thought; “What was the Education Department thinking, sending people of that age to a one-teacher school!”

The opening of the Memorabilia cabinet in Heffron House in October 2014, the inspiration of

Jane Mitchell, Associate Professor in Education, is one way of showing today’s students just how much things have changed.

During my time as editor, our committee continued to raise funds for the scholarship we present each year at CSU, with one significant annual event being the Open Garden conducted at Gail Metcalfe’s home in Katoomba overlooking the Jamison Valley. Here Gail and her trusty helpers served devonshire teas to visitors strolling through the garden glowing with autumn colours. On the occasion when this event was held in October rather than April, it snowed and the garden was wrapped in white. For five years Gail and her family spent time and effort getting the garden ready, but after this, we needed to give her a break.

We also celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the BTC on 12th March 2011, with a commemorative plaque unveiled on the day, and the opening of the time capsule instituted by The



Pioneers, the first group of students to attend the college. 2011 also saw the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Alumni Association at a lunch in the dining room of the NSW Parliament House.

Since its inception, *Panorama* has served to keep alumni informed of reunions. It has also featured the scholarship winners and celebrated the lives of former lecturers and students who are sadly no longer with us. It advertises the AGM with its array of interesting and informative speakers, sometimes ex-lecturers, other times people from the community, with a highlight of our time being the then Governor of NSW, Dame Marie Bashir in 2014. We have been guided first by the indefatigable Helen Egan, President for ten years and then Wayne Bensley, still serving in that position today.

However, the magazine does not exist in a vacuum; we are part of that vibrant and ever-expanding community at Charles Sturt University. When I began as Editor, we were aided by the department known as "University Relations" headed by Michelle Fawkes, but in 2010 there was a name change to the "University Advancement Unit" with our new contact being Stacey Fish. Stacey has been a wonderful help, keeping us informed of CSU news of interest to our readers, aiding those year groups who decide to have a reunion in Bathurst, always the most popular and nostalgic venue for those big celebrations and finding time in her busy schedule to try to keep our data base current – not an easy task as we age.

However, Denise and I are retiring from our positions in 2016. For an organisation to remain viable, it needs fresh eyes, new ideas to remain a forward-looking dynamic institution. We encourage any of you reading now, to take up the challenge.

CAROLE GOODWIN

*The following article is a perfect example of how our adventurous alumni get involved.*

**MY TRIP TO HELLFIRE PASS, THAILAND, 2015  
THE ANZAC DAWN SERVICE  
and REMEMBERING 70 YEARS SINCE  
the END of W.W. 2**

By BEVERLEY LEWIS BTC 1968-69

This was my pilgrimage in the Anzac Centenary Year. I did not have to win a ballot but simply joined the 29th "Quiet Lion Tour" – an annual 10 day tour which concentrates on the history of the Burma/Thailand Death Railway built by allied Prisoners of War of the Japanese in 1942/43 from Thanbyuzayat (Burma) to Nong Pladuk (Thailand) – all 415 kilometres.

There were 65 people on the tour and we trudged across hot dry plains and bashed our way

through jungle to see some of the old railway embankments, cuttings, viaducts and campsites. We quickly became aware of how constantly hot the conditions were – both day and night. At Three Pagoda Pass, on the Burma border, we saw some of the old track still with the railway lines in place but we were prevented by armed guards from entering Burma at this border crossing. My brother who was travelling with me very much wanted to put a piece of original ballast in his pocket but no, he could not step onto the border to reach a piece.



**Railway embankment leading into the Hellfire Cutting**

The highlight of the tour was the Dawn Service on Anzac Day in Hellfire Pass. There were two to three thousand people (mostly Australians) at the service. Not all were allowed into the cutting but there were large screens along the track and up in the car park for people to watch the ceremony. To get a good position we were down in the Pass by 3.20 am, standing shoulder to shoulder with the crowd. At about 4.30 am, very unexpectedly, a chap started to sing the song "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda". That was moving but the service which followed just before dawn was something very special – especially when an ex-POW, Neil McPherson, aged 93, was driven into the Cutting in an electric golf buggy. He was welcomed by much applause and cheering.

Following this we attended the 11 o'clock service at the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Kanchanaburi. Here we were surrounded by more than 6000 graves of Prisoners of War – English, Australian and Dutch – and this was just one of the Cemeteries associated with the Death Railway. These soldiers fought a very different war – one against starvation, cruelty, torture, ulcers, exhaustion, disease, deprivation and lack of basic medical supplies.

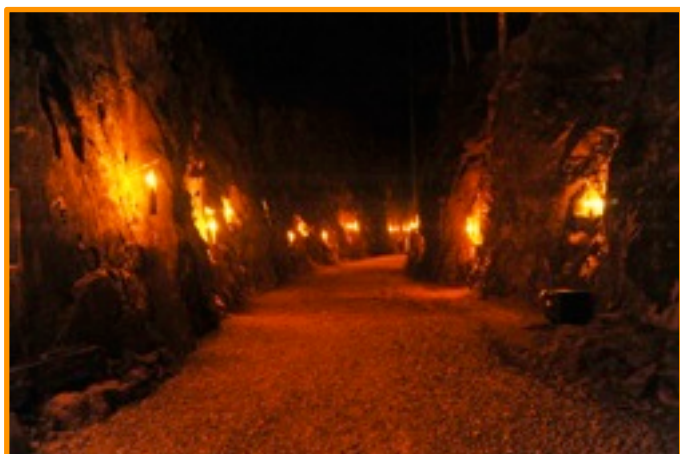
At Kanchanaburi there is an excellent Research Centre where descendants can find out more of their ancestor's story.

I went on this tour as my father was part of the A.I.F. Eighth Division captured after the Fall of Singapore in February 1942. He somehow survived, came home and declared to his sister on the wharf in Sydney that he wanted to get a job and earn enough money so he never had to go hungry again! I think he achieved this.

I recommend this tour to any other descendants of the Japanese Prisoners of War. The Burma Thailand Memorial Association aims to perpetuate the memory and sacrifices of Allied Prisoners of War and the selfless dedication of the medical personnel during the construction of the Death Railway by informing current and future generations through education and the annual "Quiet Lion Tours" to Thailand. On the tour last April there were 23 teenagers from schools all over Australia who participated in the memorial services. It took some effort to get them to stand tall and march in line when laying the wreaths at the Kanchanaburi Service but after several rehearsals they rose to the occasion and did a splendid job.

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PS The Quiet Lion refers to Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop.



*Hellfire Pass on the night of Anzac Day 2012. The torches are intended to resemble the fires which, together with the hellish working conditions, earned Konyu cutting the name 'Hellfire Pass' in 1943. [Photo: Office of Australian War Graves]*

## **REUNIONS CELEBRATED..AND PLANNED** **1960/61 fifty five year reunion**

What a great reunion on 20th February at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel held in conjunction with the BTCAA Annual General Meeting and luncheon. Forty five members from our cohort were in attendance. They had come from near and far for the occasion, including from New Zealand, Queensland, Victoria and across NSW. There was much joy and reminiscing and many tales were shared and retold. The venue was welcoming, apart from the fire alarm before

we even got started, the food was good and the *joie de vivre* was palpable. It was late in the evening before some groups found a way to stop reminiscing.

This was our first formal year reunion for at least 15 years. At 50 years the energies of our group were still very much directed elsewhere, and no reunion was planned. Organisers were delighted with the roll-up meeting up this time. Some attended for the first time since graduation at the end of 1961, others are occasional contacts and a few are regulars at this Annual BTCAA luncheon. They say you know if you have had success in life if you when you look back your memories make you smile. We were delighted that everyone seemed to have a most enjoyable day, a day to look back on in the future and smile. Indeed we have had emails expressing very positive sentiments about the day. At the reunion everyone indicated they would like a repeat performance in the near future, this time with just our group, so we are now turning our minds to the next reunion in 2018. Be on the lookout for a message about the date in 2018.

If you were at BTC in 1960/61 and are hearing about this reunion for the first time we are sorry you missed a great day. Make sure you know about future events by letting us know your contact details. Emails are preferred as we have no funds for postage. Charles Sturt does a great job supporting our BTCAA initiatives but our year group needs to be self supporting. We will try to keep you updated through *Panorama* but email is best. Even if you do not have a digital phone or a computer you can still have a gmail account and check your emails at your local library or through friends and relatives, at no cost to you.

If you were at our 55th reunion and would like to pen a report or some thoughts to share with others please send them to one of us and we will circulate them through email and/or *Panorama*.

At the moment we have a small group of three thinking about our next reunion. Some others have indicated they are keen to join us and assist in planning. If you have thoughts about this or wish to join us, let us know.

We have developed a list of current contact details of our 1960/61 group based on those who attended the 55 year reunion. If you were not there or are unsure whether you are on the list please send us your details and please let others from our year know. Charles Sturt is not allowed to give us your details because of privacy legislation so we are relying on you to fill us in. See the photo of our group taken at the reunion.

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### **BTC Pioneers Pioneers 65th Anniversary Reunion March 8-10 2016**

Friendships begun years ago, and fostered through the decades, were renewed afresh when almost sixty Pioneers of Bathurst Teachers' College and three of their lecturers held their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Bathurst on March 8-10, 2016. It was fitting that such a significant reunion be held in Bathurst and that the theme of the visit be historical since the Pioneers themselves form part of Bathurst's history. They are the original members of the Bathurst Teachers' College founded in 1951.

The days were full of activities. On our first full day (Wednesday) we visited the monument commemorating the first encampment in Bathurst in 1815 on the site where Governor Macquarie, accompanied by Mrs Macquarie, declared that the town of Bathurst was to be founded. We learned much of the early history of Bathurst from Christopher Morgan, Spencer Harvey and Henry Bialowas – all enthusiastic local historians. We visited another memorial – The Pillars – dedicated to Bathurst residents who have made significant contributions to the community and paid a visit to the garden at the so called *Old Government Cottage*. We then travelled by bus to Abercrombie House where the Morgan family served us a delicious lunch in their beautifully restored

reception room. Christopher Morgan gave us an interesting account of details of the building's history. The afternoon was planned as free time.

We later reconvened for a barbecue dinner in a private room at Rydges Mount Panorama, our base throughout the reunion. During dinner Henry Bialowas' group of musicians entertained us with tunes from a bygone era and, towards the end of the evening, we dipped further into the past by viewing old photos that had been transformed into computer-controlled images of our college days. The evening ended with an interesting account from Betty Meehan and James Waddell of their post College days.

Day 2 (Thursday) saw us ready for further excitement and indeed it was thrilling sitting in a bus whose driver negotiated the curves and dips of Mt Panorama race track almost with the flair of a Peter Brock. During the morning we visited Ben Chifley's house and Machattie Park where Spencer Harvey discussed the history of many of the park's features. We learned the history of the beautiful rotunda and marvelled at the Begonia House and its wide variety of blooms. We next made our way to the Holy Trinity Church at Kelso where the church ladies served us an excellent lunch in the church hall. We later continued to the beautiful little church where Miss Churcher told us all about its history. Here James Waddell led us in a remembrance of colleagues who have died.



For the last outing our group boarded the coach for a guided tour of the CSU Campus. Stacey Fish, Faculty Advancement Officer, and the Director of Campus Services boarded the coach and between them they pointed out to us the expansion of buildings and grounds that has taken place since our days at college. It was something of a challenge identifying our own first buildings amongst the new ones. We stopped at the Heffron Building where we were welcomed by Jane Mitchell who showed us the collection of memorabilia from the days of Bathurst Teachers College. Included among the items is a photo of the original enrolment of the college that has been enlarged and donated by Royce Levi (a Pioneer alumnus).

Soon it was time for our Farewell Dinner in the James Hardie Room. We were very honoured to have as special guests Chika Anyanwu (Head of the School of Communication and Creative Industries), Peter Hodgson (a former Pro-Vice Chancellor of CSU) and his wife Lin, Jane Mitchell and Stacey Fish. Our program for the evening informed us that there would be a musical item during dinner but, to everyone's surprise, Graham Sattler and students from the Mitchell Conservatorium delighted everyone with items from the *The Pirates of Penzance* – very special because it was an operetta performed by us so many years ago. Everyone joined in with great enthusiasm. At the end of the dinner Bruce Sargent and David Odell spoke about the life they had led after leaving college. The evening concluded with an address from Chika commending us for our dedication to the teaching profession.

As we were travelling back to Rydges we were in for another surprise, this time our courteous, attentive and cheerful coach driver prolonged our journey by taking us on another lap of Mt Panorama showing us the splendid view of the city's lights.

We all feel honoured that three of our lecturers from 1951-52 joined us for this significant 65<sup>th</sup> reunion. We thank Betty McDonald, Ellen Waugh and Frank Atchison for their presence and support.

Thanks to the tireless and meticulous planning of our on-the-ground organising team – Pat and David Williams, Betty MacDonald, Spencer Harvey and Maureen Kirkwood – our reunion was filled with not only the excitement of reuniting with long standing friends, but with activities that were of interest to everybody. It was a resounding success.

.They especially liaised with the Planning Support Group, ably headed by Julia Noon and Ralph Rawlinson for the past five years, to create a fitting finale for reunions as we have come to know them. Suggestions are now being

considered as to how future reunions might be conducted.

IMOGEN KELLY (1951-52)

*The BTC Pioneers (1951-52) will be continuing their tradition of holding regular reunions with the next one planned for Bowral in the second week of March 2017: details to follow.*

**SOUTHERN REGION  
GET TOGETHER**

**ANNUAL LUNCH**

**WEDNESDAY 27 JULY**

**11.30 FOR 12.30**

**Queanbeyan Hotel**

*“Horse Troughs; a special presentation;  
challenges”*

**All Alumni Welcome**

**Info & RSVP** Reg Halliburton ph 6297 1859  
Email: [jan.reg@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jan.reg@bigpond.net.au)

#### **THE BTC CLASS OF 65/66**

will be celebrating 50 Years since Graduation on 12th November 2016 in Bathurst. The database comprises over 100 but we are still trying to track down the following ladies.

Known married names in brackets:

Beverly Aldrich, Elizabeth Barr (Hodges), Catherine Bell, Lorraine Cairns (Thompson), Suzanne Croker, Marilyn Wigney (Curl), Lesley Crane (Eltringham), Teresa Dulgosz, Susan Grace, Marilyn Hadfield, Susan Harris, Suzanne Heal, Katrin Jehne, Priscella Joyner, Shirley Manusu, Janice McConville, Jennifer McMurray, Ellen Morozov, Keary Dyce (Mitchell), Sandra Mundy, Carol Perrott, Kerrie O'Mara (Phillip), Susan Ralph, Susan Scott, Lynne Strange, Linda Weekes, Christine Wood, Denise Chandler (Petersen), Anne Dean, Isobel Doyle (Lindsay), Lesley Feltham, Christine Hughes (Bedford), Carole Jackson, Christine O'Brien (Keys), Andra Roach (Duckworth), Barbara Wozniak (Leahey) and Jennifer Yapp

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**A reunion was held in Jerilderie** in April by the 54/55 cohort and by all accounts it was a great success. Unfortunately a report is not available at this time, so hopefully in the next edition there will be a full account of a wonderful experience.

## IN MEMORIAM

### BERYL MELAENA HAYHOW 1926 – 2015

Those Alumni who attended BTC in the nineteen fifties will remember Beryl Hayhow, Lecturer in Arts and Crafts and scourge of anyone out beyond the curfew in the Women's Dormitory where she was a warden. Beryl was one of the original lecturers appointed to BTC and taught there for many years. Under her tuition we produced desk covers, needle books, cotton bags and pinwheels, the making of which utilised similar decorative stitches that we had learnt in our own primary schooldays. We would be required to teach these in primary classes throughout the state.

Always immaculately dressed, Beryl Hayhow used to extol the advantages of silk for its properties; keeping the wearer warm in winter and cool in summer and followed her own advice by wearing it with style. Those of us who came into contact with her found her firm but fair, but also a very private person, so probably did not know her as well as some of the other lecturers. Carole Sharp (BTC 60/61) remembers her as a very fair, organised, pleasant lecturer and met her again when Beryl came out to supervise a practice teaching student on Carole's class in 1967. By then Carole thinks she was a lecturer at the now defunct Alexander Mackie Teachers' College, when Beryl talked very fondly of her time at Bathurst.

*If any Alumni have other memories to share with the readership, you can share your reminiscences by emailing Wayne Bensley, who can then pass them on to the new editorial team.*

### NEW HEAD OF THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mark Scott, the former managing director of the ABC, has been appointed by the New South Wales Government as head of the Education Department, replacing Dr Michele Bruniges. As such, he will be responsible for 2,000 schools, 49,000 teachers and 790,000 students in the state.

Mark Scott was an adviser to two education ministers in the Liberal government of Nick Greiner before becoming a journalist at the Sydney Morning Herald in the 1990s.

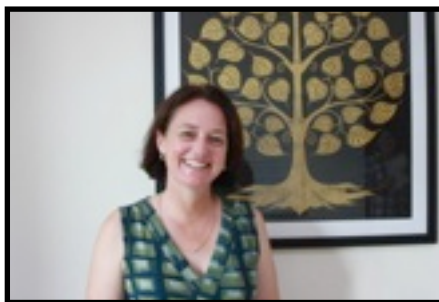
Although the appointment has been warmly welcomed by Premier Mike Baird as representing the best and brightest from the corporate world, questions have been asked whether someone whose background has been in the private system would have sufficient understanding of the public system for which he is now responsible.

Scott is quoted as saying: "I can think of no more important opportunity than working alongside the teachers of NSW and the staff of the

department to improve teaching and learning in our schools."

### CSU ALUMNA, DR EMMA LESLIE, IS MADE A MEMBER OF OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ON JUNE 13, 2016

Dr Emma Leslie, an alumna of Charles Sturt University in Bathurst and recipient of a CSU honorary doctorate has been awarded an OAM in the Queen's Birthday honours list announced on the 13th June 2016. Emma is an Australian-Cambodian who has worked on conflict transformation and peace-building throughout Asia since 1993.



Since moving to Cambodia in 1997, Emma worked with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the Working Group

for Weapons Reduction in Cambodia and supported a number of Cambodia peace initiatives – the latest being the launch of [Cambodia Peace Museum](#). She has since played a significant role in peace processes including peace talks between Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) as a member of the International Contact Group (ICG) since 2011. She observed the Myanmar peace process as an independent observer, in particular supporting the talks of the Karen National Union (KNU) and the All Burma Students Democratic Front (ABSDF).

Dr Leslie was raised in Bathurst and attended primary and high school in Kelso. She is the daughter of Michael and Annette Leslie, both of whom worked for many years at CSU in Bathurst. Emma is also the granddaughter of the former Bishop of Bathurst, Dr Ernest Kenneth Leslie.

Reflecting on her Member of the Order of Australia, Dr Leslie said, "This honour is affirming, not just for me, but all the peace builders I have had the privilege to work alongside in the Asia Pacific region; most especially my husband Ngarm whose home country Cambodia has shown such resilience in recovering from over 30 years of bombing, genocide and civil war."

CSU vice-chancellor Professor Andrew Vann said, "Congratulations are certainly in order for Dr Leslie. Her commitment to international conflict resolution in Cambodia and the Asia-Pacific region deserves to be commended.

"Dr Leslie's contribution to the 'public good' through her work as a teacher, internationally



recognised peace-builder and global citizen is extraordinary and we are very pleased to

celebrate her success in receiving a Queens Birthday honour.

## The Bathurst Teachers' College



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