

# PANORAMA



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEMORIES from Helen Egan

In May this year Gail Metcalfe and I were invited to represent Bathurst Teachers' College at the Graduation of students of the Faculty of Education at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst.

How young and enthusiastic the graduates looked as they received their degrees from the Chancellor.

I must say it brought back memories of November, 1953 – the first graduation ceremony of BTC at the Masonic Hall on Keppel Street. The BTC choir provided several choral items – well rehearsed by Elvie Connell and John Cassim.

One hundred and thirty-six students graduated and the following year were appointed to schools from the Snowy Mountains to Tweed Heads, Sydney to Tibooburra and places in between. There was no shortage of positions in schools as we were needed to teach post-war children: large classes, often around fifty pupils, inadequate equipment and often not very comfortable living accommodation far from home were the norm and there was still unequal pay for women. But we were young and enthusiastic too and just got on with the job in hand and - dare I say it - enjoyed it!

Graduations continued at BTC until 1969 when the College became Mitchell College of Advanced Education. Today the site is occupied by Charles Sturt University and those "temporary" lecture rooms have disappeared.

Judging by the number of reunions held each year by the various year groups, the bonds of friendship forged during those two years at BTC have remained strong. Long may those bonds endure.

## PROGRESS OF THE WATER FEATURE

The Granite Plinth



Peter Wilson has completed the original and it has been sent to the foundry, Crawford's Castings Sydney.

The progress is as follows: The granite plinth has been procured and has been cut into an octagonal block in Eugowra. The slab has been poured and the handmade tiles are ready for engraving.



SOME EXAMPLES

## EDITORIAL

Roseann Dale Dengate , Carole Goodwin and Denise Cramsie.

This is the first edition we have planned for the email list where we can include photos in colour at no extra cost, so we encourage those who have access to internet to inform the Alumni Office: [alumni@csu.edu.au](mailto:alumni@csu.edu.au)

The postal edition will remain in black and white and we will do our best to lighten the photos for the clearest print production within the cost restraints.

Many letters have informed us about the life and death of College friends and this has become a significant role for *Panorama*; however, do feel free to write about any memories of your own, especially if you have had these refreshed at a reunion.

This edition features the Water Feature and Peter Wilson, the Ceramic artist who has worked hard between academic responsibilities to bring to fruition the ideas of BTCAA. This is a memorial to the founding years of CSU as Teachers' College and Mitchell CAE and to those who studied Education on the Bathurst Campus.

Already fifty people have donated fifty or more dollars, which entitled them to design a tile to be placed around the base of the water feature. Peter Connolly and myself caught multiple buses and trains on a trackwork day to Bathurst where we spent a productive time preparing tiles for kiln firing.

To be honest we had a lot of fun transferring your requests from stick line sketches to outlines for clay surfaces. Some involved searches on the internet to get a more traditional or recognisable image of 'the saint', masks of comedy and tragedy, yellow submarine or an Arabian horse head. A number had words so I decided to use copperplate 'running writing' as most of us would recall practising this style upon blackboards. Peter used his great artistic skills to sketch flora and landscapes of Bathurst.

In 2004, I received a copy of *Into the Whirly Wind* for review. It was published by CSU School of Teacher Education and told stories of 'first year out' teachers. On a regular visit to my father, the book vanished and was not found till after his death, carefully filed in his cabinet. Although it is a little late as a review, the book can be recommended as it covers stories with which we are all familiar. I am sure you would enjoy the memories of that first year teaching. As I had decided to feature Peter Wilson, it was a happy coincidence that he was one of the featured young teachers. So I have drawn on this story as well as a catalogue from Bathurst Regional Art Gallery with a survey of thirty years of Peter's career as a highly accomplished Ceramic artist. Unfortunately the photos of the

delightful coloured glazes of his ceramic bowls would not produce well in the black and white format. Fortunately, Peter has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker after the luncheon at the BTCAA AGM where he will be showing examples of his work. Once again this luncheon will be held at the Returned Services Club at Mosman, on Saturday 16th February, 2008.

See the enclosed form for full details and booking slip.

## PETER WILSON AT WORK



Peter Wilson B.A. Dip T.G. Dip Vis A. DCA.

### **How Peter nearly did not become the selected Ceramic artist for the BTC Water Feature.**

*Pine Clump! Many of the BTC Alumni had a similar experience to Peter Wilson when they received their first teaching appointment notification. No one had heard of the place. It did help our knowledge of NSW geography as we exchanged new addresses of our first appointments.*

Pine Clump Public School was 'a tiny timber classroom set on a large claypan about a mile up a track from the Warren-Coonamble Road... The school had only one tree, a wilga, which offered only partial shelter from the searing summer heat, but housed the

thirty-five pupils aged from 5 to 16, mostly Aboriginal children whose fathers worked in the local sawmill.' Being considerable distance from other teachers, especially when the blacksoils became impassable, meant Peter was left to his own devices. So even at this stage, he dug clay, caught yabbies, took them back to the classroom and drew pictures of them and modelled them in clay. These were later fired in a kiln built in the playground.

One of the parents encouraged Peter to help him establish a bee farm. Unfortunately the transfer of the swarm of bees from the red box tree to their new home did not go smoothly and Peter was stung all over. As a result of this and his allergy to stings, it took a long time for his total recovery. The full details of this episode appear in the book of first-year out teaching stories: *Into the Whirly Wind*; well worth a read.

In fact, we are lucky to have our artist hale and hearty and over the past thirty years he has contributed splendidly to the ceramic sculptural heritage of Australia. Recently Bathurst Regional Art Gallery had a thirty year survey of his works charting the important stages of his career with some wonderful examples. Early works with iron glazes, exploration of raku techniques and some collaborations with John Olsen recalling Catalonian folk pottery were included. His research for the doctoral thesis at University of Western Sydney received both national and international recognition. It has resulted in works of great delicacy contained within classical forms. Fortunately Peter did recover from the bee experience and years later was chosen as the commissioned artist for the Water Feature on the CSU Bathurst campus.

## LETTERS

### To The Editor

It was 50 years last year since I, as a naive young 16 year old entered Bathurst Teachers College to train as an infants / primary teacher.

Since then I've not had much contact with fellow ex-students from 56/57 years, except for a brief visit with a room mate, Frances Godbold (Pearson) on her return from P.N.G. I was wondering where the others from the A.S.O.P.A group are? Fran was the only girl in the group. (I recall Neil Murray, Chris Andrews and John Stoltz being in the group.)

I married the year after college and had my daughter Liz in 1959, so didn't manage to complete the three years for my certificate. Son, John was born in 1961. I did quite a lot of casual work until 1966 when the children had both started school at Dee Why. I was appointed to Beacon Hill Infants where I stayed for 14 years - finally got my certificate after 5 years.

Sadly my husband Gordon died from cancer in 1989. We had decided to make a "sea change" from Sydney

in 1981 and after a year traveling in our VW Kombi settled near Mackay N.Q. Gordon thought we had found "paradise". Our son John moved from Sydney to join us in 1983 and it was good that he was able to spend quality time with his dad. My daughter Liz Newman is a teacher, now at Wyngham Brush, and my granddaughter Tina has followed in our footsteps, graduating 2 years ago from Wagga Uni. She's at Griffith, doing part time teaching at present.

I've been a bit of a gypsy since losing Gordon. In 1998 I bought an old Toyota Hi-Ace campervan and had some interesting trips, but that's another story! I happened to be visiting Beryl Selleck (a year ahead of me at B.T.C) in Adelaide on one of my trips, and discovered in a reunion magazine from her years, a photo and story about an old friend Carol Willing (Fullagar) who was also in Beryl's year. She was living in Townsville at the time and I was able to make contact with her. She's now in the Mackay area with husband Paul, only about 40 kms from me so we've renewed our friendship after 35+ years! Another coincidence happened while visiting Corowa, where my daughter lived for some years; I discovered that two of my fellow 56/57 group, Meredith and Grace also lived there! We've been having a "mini reunion" each time I've been there since then.

Meredith Polkinghorne (Johnson) was teaching at Corowa school with my daughter and Grace Strachan (Flint) had married a farmer on a property nearby and lived there for many years. We hadn't seen each other since we graduated! I wouldn't mind hearing from anyone from our graduating year of 1957 Is anyone organising a reunion this year?



I thought I'd send this photo of the 3 of us taken several years ago. Not the best of photos - the years sure make a difference. Grace is the only one that maintained a slim figure!

L to R: Meredith Polkinghorne (Johnson), Grace Strachan (Flint), Julie Worldon (Judith Tremlow)..

Best wishes to you all, *Julie Worldon (Tremlow)*

## IN MEMORIUM

### DR RAY MEYER



As I read your interesting life histories of people connected with the wonderful Bathurst Teachers' College, I felt I would like to write a few words about my husband Dr. Ray Meyer.

Ray lectured at Bathurst from 1956 until December 1966, when we went to U.C.L.A. in Los Angeles for his doctoral programme. He achieved this with the only Distinction Doctorate in over 16 years in his field.

I lectured at B.T.C. in the mid sixties until we went to America. My area was Early Childhood Education. In those days we had teachers who were going to one teacher schools.

Life at the college was so good, especially the Christmas parties, square dancing etc. in our garden on Mount Panorama. We were a very united staff. Our home was always full of staff and students.

Ray left this world in November 1996. Bathurst has always been special to us. Ray was Captain of Bathurst High School, so was our son John. Our daughter Roslyn and I were Prefects.

I hope you keep *Panorama* going.  
Nance Meyer

### HELEN SIMS (CRANE) 27-4-1934 to 2-2-2007

Helen Mary Rae Crane was born and educated at Coonabarabran In 1953-54. She attended Bathurst Teachers' College where she made many lasting friendships, rooming with Margaret Young (Netley) and Irene Jones.

Her first school was at Lithgow, then she was appointed to Gunnedah where she met her husband Collin Sims. They were married at Coonabarabran in 1960 and made their home at 'Killarney', a property near Gunnedah. After marrying, Helen gave up teaching to devote herself to raising children and farm life. She was a devoted wife, a gentle mother and a blessing to all who knew her.

Helen had many talents including painting, cooking, handicrafts, pottery and especially play writing. She wrote many humorous plays and illustrated two books. She was always making sketches of the country, people and scenery in her daily life. In

February 2007, she was killed in a tragic accident on their farm. Helen will be sadly missed by her many friends. Her photo was in the last journal alongside Irene and Margaret, who wrote to us.

### ALAN GEOFFREY NEWTON 1-1-34 to 10-8-07

I first met Alan Newton when I arrived as a [mature-age, ex-serviceman] student in 1951 at Bathurst Teachers' College. We were the pioneers and the college was being built around us. The warden of the Men's Dormitory, Mr Arch Millar, asked, if I didn't mind, would it be all right if three younger students were in the same room as I. Those three students were: Nick Dixon; John Bennett and Alan Newton (whom I soon realised was nicknamed, Kirpo). We immediately became great mates and remained so all our lives.

Nick Dixon sadly died some years back. John Bennett and I are still very close friends after 56 years. [Thanks Archie Millar]

Over the two years at BTC Alan was notorious for his many exploits. i.e climbing the poles in the Men's Common Room to lick the ceiling which was about 25 feet up; eating numerous moths that flew around in the summer months; being a modern day Robin Hood and sharing the apples that he gathered from the nearby Experimental Farm; filling my bed with dead flies that he had spent a weekend de-winging knowing that when I arrived back on my motor bike late, from my trip to Sydney, I would crawl into bed without putting the light on in the room so as not to wake the young ones. Plus there were many other exploits that cannot be mentioned here.



Having graduated Alan and I kept in touch and as I had married and when the children arrived he became

“Uncle Al” or “Big Al” to the 4 of them [Jenny, Alan, John and David]. Our first son was named “Alan”. No matter where Alan was stationed he made sure that he spent part of every holiday with our family. Soon the whole family was fishing skilfully, eating “Chinese Tucker”, climbing trees to borrow the fruit, cooking fish properly, etc, all because of “Big Al” and also going barefoot to the despair of their parents. He was a worthy Uncle to all of our children over all their lives, helping them whenever and with whatever was needed, no matter what the cost.

His expertise with the FLUTE and RECORDER were legendary. On a trip with me to Tasmania he entertained Launceston with his flute playing and the local shoppers were so enthralled that they were soon dropping many coins at his feet and wanting to know who he was.

Alan never married but was a great example to all the students with whom he came in contact, from Bega in the South to Booragul High School in the North, many of whom I know and who still speak so highly of “Mr Newton” their favourite teacher.

Alan always taught within sight of the Ocean [one of his intense loves].

I will quote from a letter our son, Dr John Bradshaw [Research Scientist], wrote on hearing of “Big Al’s” death.

“But of all the things I learnt from Al, and what I will cherish him for the most, was how to look after friends, and always be there when asked or needed. So many times I saw him give up his time with no notice, work his backside off in the hot sun labouring for friends or someone he’d only just met. And he did it all with no fan fare or expectation of anything in return. Re-applying such attitudes myself has made me some of the most lasting friendships I have. His vocation and talent as a teacher was a really inspired choice. It didn’t matter if it was me as a young kid, my young mates, unknown kids from up and down the street, or my own kids (Ben and Shelley), he had this power over them, to interest them, enthuse them, and to give them inspiration to learn and try new things.”

Alan Newton: you will leave a very big gap in all the lives of all of us who were fortunate enough to have known you.

*John Bradshaw BTC Pioneer 1951-1952*

KAY MARY ADAMS (DAWSON NEE MCWHIRTER) 27.1.1938 to 25.7.2007

Kay was born and educated in Coonabarabran and attended Bathurst Teachers College 1955 – 1956. Then followed appointments at schools in Western

Sydney – Strathfield, Cabramatta West – where she was involved in many school concerts.

Kay married Greg Dawson in 1958 and the family travelled to the UK and Europe in 1964. They later moved to Moree where she taught from 1969-71. In 1972 they moved to Newcastle and Kay taught at Islington and Windale continuing her involvement in helping children with learning disabilities and also her music, learning the flute. Then came another move to Sydney in 1976 during which she did casual teaching before returning to Newcastle in 1990.

Kay kept her interest in music and played the organ at churches she attended. Five years ago she learnt the violin with her grandson. Another grandson helped her to become computer literate.

Kay’s life revolved around family, music and church until her health deteriorated in the last two months. *Margaret Walbran, (54-55 BTC), Kay’s sister, wrote to us about Kay’s death.*

KEITH GRADY 28-6-1932 to 7-7-2007

It was with sadness that the Pioneers of Bathurst Teachers’ College heard of the death of Keith Grady after a short illness. Keith was a very popular figure of those early College days, totally involved in College life by playing rugby union and holding a position on the Sports Union, where he helped to lay the foundation for the sporting programmes. Not long after enrolling at BTC, he found the love of his life, Margaret Brand, known affectionately by all as Brandy, whom he later married. Their teaching careers together led into the special needs education in its early and formative years and in retrospect, Margaret and Keith were really the pioneers in what is now an important field of education. We forget that in the late fifties and early sixties, Special Education was unknown and ignored.

Keith began his teaching career in the one teacher school of Coradgery, moving the following year to the Ungarie Central School. It was when he moved to the Dubbo Central School that his interest grew in remedial and special needs teaching and after a year on a Churchill Foundation Scholarship in Brisbane, he became the Principal of Westhaven in Dubbo, where his ideas could be brought into fruition. After leaving Dubbo, he was able to continue these trends as Principal at Westmead, St Mary’s and Kings Langley.

Sadly, Keith lost Margaret and it was then that he followed his other passion, agriculture, and purchased a small farm out of Orange. It was on this farm that he built his own home and spent his days raising cattle and in later years, growing lavender. He loved the land and found solace on “Jannani” with his dog, Gus,

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who actually lay in the aisle at his funeral. Keith and Margaret had three children, Jock, Kateena and Penny and at his funeral in Orange, his seven grandchildren sang two songs most beautifully, accompanied on guitar by the eldest grandson. It was so moving.

Keith was always community minded, involved heavily in many organisations such as Lions, Rural Bushfire Brigade and other farming organisations. His funeral service was packed with people from all walks of life and the eulogies given described his practical approach to life and his farming methods, while emphasising his willingness to help his neighbours.

Keith has always kept in contact with his friends from 1951-2 at BTC and was instrumental in assisting with a reunion in Orange in 2003, besides taking part in the last reunion on the Gold Coast. He had been looking forward to the reunion at Bathurst later in 2007. Keith Grady, your happy laugh will be sorely missed and remembered by all the Pioneers.

### ROGER HARTLEY SNAPE 7-8-1934 to 31-3-2007



Those who remember the musicals of 1952-3 would appreciate the sounds from Roger Snape. Roger was born in Goulburn. Finally his family settled in Bathurst where he attended the high school before going onto BTC.

After College he taught at Hill End and Trangie. After moving with his family to the Blue Mountains he was

able to teach within travelling distance of home and finally retired from Kingswood Public school. He obtained his BA degree in 1975 from Macquarie Uni.

Roger enjoyed his music and bowls; he was a member of Rotary and Probus. He was a quiet man and would have been overcome by the numbers of colleagues and friends who attended the celebration of his life early this year.

Thank you to all those Alumni who so consistently send money to support the various activities of our association. Not only are we fund raising to support the production of *Panorama* and the Scholarship Scheme but we have taken on the mammoth task of raising \$10,000 towards the project which will replace the old "fish pond". I can assure you that your contributions are most gratefully received.

It has come to our attention that many Alumni failed to receive Edition 11, Spring 2006. Consequently we reprint below the list of contributions from 1st January to 31st August 2006.

51/52 (15 Panorama, 7 Water Feature):- Ron & Meg **Rice**, Lew **Ford**, Daphne **Roth** (Frost), Margaret **McManus**, Judy **Murphy**, Graeme **Howard**, Shirley **Waring**, David **Hegarty**, Gladys **Hungerford**, Pam **Spurr** (both), Barry **McConville**, Jack **Walker**, Colleen **Welsby**, Leonie **Frogley**, Ralph **Richardson** (both), Estelle **Gould**, Peter **Connolly**, Betty **Meehan**, Spencer **Harvey**, Alan **Beggs**.

52/53 (4 Panorama, 4 Water Feature) David **Bowmer** (both), Judith Ann **Amey**, Helen **Baber**, Ken **Shadbolt**, Jennifer **Milne**, Elsa **Jones**, Helen **Barber**.

53/54 (10 Panorama, 4 Water Feature) Graham **Ware**, June **Spittle**, David **Craig**, Marlene **Grant**, Marion **Iles** (both), Dh & ME **Martin**, David **Lewis**, Thais **Turner** (both), Desmond **Steen**, Eril **Jeffries** (both), Margaret **Martin**.

54/55 (Panorama 7, Water Feature 2) Allan **Blanch**, Margaret **Tanner**, Tony & Meg **Watson**, Marion **Casey** (both), Bill **Burns**, Pamela **Stanford** (both), Margaret **Edwards**. 55/56 (4 Panorama, 2 Water Feature) Barry **Rowe**, Jean **Fisk** (both), Joy **Weatherhead** (both), Des **McLean**.

56/57 (4 Panorama, 1 Water Feature) Donald **Paton**, Brian **Maher** (both), June & Bill **Thompson**, Pam **Reid**.

57/58 (7 Panorama, 2 Water Feature) Janice **Ball**, Kirsten **Cunningham** (both), Bernard **Stapleton**, Ken **Stafford**, Scott & Helen **Chadwick**, Beverley **Bower**, Margaret **Webb** (Stanfield).

58/59 (8 Panorama, 1 Water Feature.) Maria **Raikes**, Keith **Amos**, Beth **Pym**, Carolyn **Hall**, Rosemary **O'Connor**, Pam **Hazell**, Cathryn **Hamilton**, Nea **Kracht** (both), Carole **Goodwin**.

59/60 (3 Panorama.) Alison **McArd**, Janice **Ockelford**, Judith **Copeman**,

60/61 (1 Panorama 1 Water Feature). Tony **Koop**, Gail **Metcalf**.

61/62 (2 Panorama, 2 Water Feature). Margaret **Herbert**, Diana **Robberds** (Geddes). 62/63 (1 Panorama 1 Water Feature) Joyce **Greenberger**, David **Hamer**.

63/64 (1 Panorama, 1 Water Feature.) Jeanette **Greenham** (Hogan)

65/66 (3 Panorama, 2 Water Feature.) Ross **Christie**, Kerrie **Burleigh**, Neil **von Schill** (both), Barry Miller  
66/67 (2 Panorama, 1 Water Feature.) Alison **McLean**, Les **Smith**, Patricia **Zanetic**.

#### **DONATIONS TO PANORAMA TO DATE 2007**

51/52 Megan Booker, Ken Shadbolt, Elaine Patricia Irvin, Barry McConville, Daphne Roth, Pam Spurr, Ron & Meg Rice, Helen Ferguson  
52/53 Ruth Dyer, Valda Livingstone, Nancy Harvey, Beverley Harrison, Helen Baber, Brian Keighan  
53/54 Anne Matthews, Rhonda Mercer, Philip Vaile, Harry John Ginns, Marion Ellen Isles, Graham Ware  
54/55 Colin Wright, John Middenway, James Neil Adamson, Margaret Burt (Gillard), Lois Bartlett, Richard McKinnon  
Meg & Tony Watson, Pamela Stanford (MO), Allan Blanch  
55/56 Barry Rowe, Des McLean, Jack & Pam Ascham  
56/57 Julie Worldon, Pam Reid  
57/58 Ken Stafford, Margatet Thomas, Barrie MacDonald  
George & Elizabeth Windsor G.56/57, Ken Stafford, Dorothy Noakes, Bernard Stapleton  
58/59 David Austin, Robyn Wright, Diane Flynn, Margaret Morrisey, Roseann Dengate  
59/60 Patricia Lynch, Bernice Camps (Towsey), Judith Copeman (Judge), Ken Linfoot, Marie Kelly (Comans)  
Wally Gray  
60/61 Helen Cody  
61/62 Margaret Wood  
61/63 Dorothy Ramsay (Librarian)  
62/63 David Hammer  
63/64 Marie Forte, Ken Salter  
65/66 Ainslie Schieb, Bernice Smith, Sally Bertram (Hunter), Greg Woods  
66/67 Colleen Stace, Patricia Zanetic, Marleen Neep, Kay Diamond  
66/74 Donald Cross  
67/68 Diana Upton, Dianne Constable  
68/69 Kevin Hope  
73/74 Michael Hogan  
Music 1 Michael Hogan

#### **DONATIONS TO WATER FEATURE TO DATE 2007**

51/52 Len Bloor, Grace Hope Alcock, Ken Shadbolt  
Judy Murphy  
52/53 Nancy Harvey, Valerie Aked, Ruth Dyer  
53/54 Rhonda Mercer, MarlenenGrant, Harry John Ginns  
54/55 Dawn Callan (Chisolm), Lois Bartlett, Richard McKinnon, Pamela Stanford, Margaret Burt (Gillard)  
55/56 Jack & Pam Ascham  
56/57 Julie Worldon, Pam Reid Stan & Judy Shore (Robins)  
57/58 Ken Stafford, Margaret Huxley (Hogan)  
58/59 Roseann Dengate, Margaret Morrisey  
59/60 Judith Copeman (Judge), Barbara Arabin Marie Kelly (Comans), Bernice Camps (Towsey)  
60/61 Marie Burrell  
61/63 Dorothy Ramsay (Librarian)  
62/63 Tony Dunn  
63/64 Dennis Fardy  
65/66 Sally Bertram (Hunter), Ainslie Schieb, Bernice Smith  
66/67 Patricia Zanetic, Marlene Neep (Hughes), Kay Diamond  
67/68 Lana Bates  
Leonie Wenning

## **REUNIONS**

### **SOUTHERN GROUP REUNION**

*Reg Halliburton*

Frequent showers and a forecast maximum of 8 degrees did not daunt the seventeen guests who gathered in front of the log fire for the fourth annual get-together of the southern group. The very pleasant and warm venue was the Murrumbateman country inn on the Barton highway between Canberra and Yass. This was a classic Southern Tablelands winter's day, something we had not had for many years, with snow on the Snowy Mountains and on the ranges close to Canberra. The hot finger-food afternoon tea was greatly appreciated.

There were twelve acceptances and eleven apologies to the forty five invitations sent.

Those who enjoyed the afternoon were: Jan Laut (Chad) 51/2 and Peter, John Bradshaw 51/2 and Wendy, Reg Halliburton 52/3 and Jan, Danny Mahar 56/7, Isobel Wykes (Hunter) 56/7 and Max, Bill and June (Day) Thompson 56/7, Rob Thomson 59/60, Helen Cody (Freeman) 60/1, Judy Trindall (Watson) 61/2, Mary Macnaughton (McHarg) 61/2, Ken Hogan 63/4 and Dorothy. We welcomed especially Helen, Judy, Mary, Ken and Dorothy to their first get-together and forgave or sympathised with Dorothy for having gone to WWTC.

Once again memories and stories were shared and it was nice to hear the personal stories from the new members as to how and where they had spent their lives since BTC. Ken had a story about the location of his first appointment which will surely ring with many of you. He had been appointed to Captains Flat which, for some reason, he thought was near Newcastle. Surprise, surprise, it was nowhere near Newcastle but on the back road from Braidwood to Cooma, closer to Murrumbateman where the story was now being retold, and a defunct mining settlement at that.

This prompted Reg to tell his story of the Flat when he had a six weeks' sojourn there when he was the relief teacher for the Cooma Inspectorate. It concerned the shenanigans of the miners in the miners' mess on pay day and the terror some of them inflicted on the other residents.

The weather on the day inspired Jan Laut to recall her time as an exchange teacher in Canada. She related that there the students were not allowed to stay in the classrooms at lunch time unless the temperature fell below 25 degrees. Also the parents were required to make arrangements for the supervision of their children during the one and half hours lunch break. Oh, that we could have done that on many a day during our time, especially in the early years. Perhaps some of you did!

Most of our members are now retired and enjoying their lifestyles free of working life pressures. But the emerging phenomenon reflected in today's society is the child-minding grandparents whose situation we had to take into account.

A quick review of the last three gatherings concluded that we should continue as in the past but with a slight change of date from the middle of the winter school holidays to the first weekend of third school term. This change of date is because of the tourist pressure on the south coast where our next meeting will be held.

**The 2008 get-together** will be held in Batemans Bay on Saturday 26th July. More details will be announced as they are confirmed. Meanwhile Reg Halliburton at [jan.reg@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jan.reg@bigpond.net.au) or on 6297 1859 will answer inquiries.

**1957-58 BTC Reunion Lunch** is being held at the Epping Club on 3-11-07 after their successful gathering in 2006. RSVP 31-10-07, mail to : [denisburkeads@hotmail.com](mailto:denisburkeads@hotmail.com)

**1967-68 BTC Reunion** for their 40th Anniversary is being held at Bathurst from Friday 16th, Saturday till Sunday 18th November, 2007. Most of the year have already contacted Val Woodward [Lohan] PH: (02) 4333 6353 and are looking forward to a weekend full of activities on the campus. Others have sent memories and photos for a booklet to Barry Burnett at 154 Napier St, Tamworth 2340

**1951-52 BTC Reunion** is being held on the Bathurst campus over the weekend 9th-11th November, 2007. They will be celebrating 55 years since graduating and already there have been replies from people who haven't been to a gathering for some years. Over previous gatherings, Lew Ford said that we discover something new and appealing about colleagues whom we may not have known so well before. We celebrate, not so much what we have achieved, as who we are now - in our seventies.  
Contact : Helen Egan 99693815; Bruce Sargent 9580 6426; Alan Beggs 9639 7839; Lew Ford 9522 7953.

**1958-59 BTC reunion planning** for the 50th anniversary to be started at the BTCAA .AGM Luncheon to be held on 16/2/08 at the Service Club Mosman.  
This a special invitation for all who can join our year table to come and suggest ways you would like our gathering in November, 2009 to be organised.  
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### **1963-64 Get-Together Reminder from Mary Lawson**

We meet on the first Saturday in February from about noon at the Sydney Rowing club at Abbotsford. We'd love to have more ex-students join us. We've had some travelling from Canberra, the Southern Highlands and the South Coast to enjoy the day so come along and help to make it even better.

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*Seen here at the reunion of '51 - '52 at Tweed Heads 2007: Two old Rugby players having a laugh - L. Keith Grady, (dec. see obit.) R. John Bradshaw*

### **THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

There is a healthy amount in the scholarship fund awaiting an application. As there were no applications in 2006 the Executive will be widening conditions, but in the meantime if you know anyone who might be interested get them to contact CSU Alumni Office.

Criteria for the BTCAA Scholarship are as follows:

1. Applicant to be a descendant of a Bathurst Teachers' College graduate; and studying in the first year of any course in the Faculty of Education.
2. First preference will be given to a student who meets all the requirements in point 1 and is studying at the Bathurst campus of Charles Sturt University.
3. If no suitable applicant is identified from points 1 and 2, consideration will be given to a student who meets all the requirements in point 1 and is studying at any campus of Charles Sturt University or by distance education.

**RSVP by 2nd February 2006**  
for the BTCAA AGM  
to be held on Saturday 16th February  
(see form p.10)



*Copies of this photo were sent in by Pat Connolly, (3rd from R, back row) who has just retired after many happy years of teaching and by Leone Fairweather (Curtis) (far right 2nd row)*

**BTC COMMEMORATIVE WATER FEATURE DONATION**

YES I would like to contribute to the appeal for the erection of the commemorative water feature.

I would like to contribute \$50-00 for a tile and would like a sketch or words to be included as on enclosed diagram.

I enclose a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Years at BTC. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

I require a receipt and enclose a stamped self addressed envelope. Yes / No

I wish to claim tax deductibility Yes / No.

Please send cheque/ money order for the *Commemorative Water Feature Appeal* made out to **BTCAA** to: Gail Metcalfe, Treasurer, 14 Banksia Park Road, KATOOMBA 2780.

**Alphabetical List containing additional names of those  
who have donated to the Commemorative Water Feature Appeal**

Mrs Pamela Ashman,	Mr Barry Lovegrove,
Mr Jack Ashman,	Ms Anne Matthews,
Mrs Helen Baber,	Mr Barry McConville,
Mr David Barr,	Dr Betty Meehan,
Mr Bill Blaikie,	Professor Robert Meyenn,
Mr Allan Blanch,	Mrs Nancy Meyer,
Mr Douglas Coates,	Mr David Odell,
Ms Marjorie Cronan-Dixon,	Mr John Quayle,
Dr Donald Cross,	Ms Dorothy Ramsay,
Ms Leone Fairweather,	Dr Ralph Rawlinson,
Mrs Jennifer Fleming,	Mr Wayne Robins,
Mr Frank Ford,	Ms Agnes Sanders,
Mrs Marie Forte,	Mr Stanley Shore,
Mr Peter Foss,	Mrs Judith Shore,
Ms Leone Frogley,	Mr Peter Smart,
Mrs Maureen Goslett,	Mr Bernard Stapleton,
Mrs Marlene Grant,	Ms Carole Tarlington,
Dr Donald Haddon,	Mr Daryl Taylor,
Mr Maurice Hale,	Ms Patricia Thurtell,
Mr Reginald Halliburton,	Ms Thais Turner,
Mrs Beverley Harrison,	Ms Diana Upton,
Mrs Mary Hawes,	Mr Robert Vidler,
Mrs Georgina Hawker,	Professor Greg Walker,
Mr John Hill,	Ms Sandra Waugh,
Ms Marion Iles,	Ms Ellen Waugh,
Mr Stephen Jackson,	Mr Graham White,
Mr Brian Keighran,	Mr Gregory Woods,
Mrs Constance Kelly,	Mr Christopher Worthington,
Mr Warren Laker,	Mrs Patricia Zanetic,

If you have donated to the Commemorative Water Feature and your name does not appear in either the Treasurer's report or this list, please call the Alumni Office on 02 6338 4629



You are invited to the:  
**BTC Alumni Association**  
**Annual Luncheon and**  
**Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 16 February 2008  
at the Mosman Returned Servicemen's Club  
719 Military Rd, Mosman 2088

AGM commences at 11.30 a.m.

Lunch commences at 1 p.m.

Guest Speaker will be former Mitchell College student  
Peter Wilson BA Dip T.G. Dip VisA DCA

Peter, a former student of Mitchell College, is a lecturer, School of Teacher Education  
in the Faculty of Education at Bathurst Campus, CSU.

Lunch : consists of a two-course meal in the dining room on the second floor with glorious views of the harbour and the city. Cost \$35.00 pp. Please notify of any special dietary requirements. Drinks can be bought at bar prices.

Tea and coffee are available from 11 a.m.

Transport : If coming by ferry to Mosman Wharf, catch the 230 bus and alight at Mosman Junction outside the Club. The 247 bus can be caught from the QVB or Carrington St, Wynyard. Alight at Mosman Post Office (op. the Club). If coming by car there is limited parking under the building itself or in the surrounding streets.

*Arrange a table with friends and come along to support your Alumni Association.*

*The AGM will be short, so there will be plenty of "chat-time".*

*Please send payment with the slip below together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:*

Mrs Gail Metcalfe (Treasurer), 14 Banksia Park Rd, Katoomba 2780  
to arrive by: *Friday 1st February 2008*

For further information contact Helen Egan 9969 3815. Alan Beggs 9639 7839, Gail Metcalfe 4782 1573

Received from: \_\_\_\_\_ BTC Year \_\_\_\_\_

the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, with thanks.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Treasurer)

## **A supplementary Letter to the Editor for the Spring 2007 Panorama**

Thanks for emailing the latest Panorama! I appreciate reading about the “good ol’ days”.

I looked for the passing of John Speight (BTC 53-54). It wasn’t recorded, so I thought I’d pass along a brief report.

Let me say that I was in Australia to take a “sentimental journey” on the Indian Pacific train fifty years after my first adventure to Perth. Upon learning that the Manly Jazz Festival was being held before my scheduled trip, I decided to drop by and partake.

I was very surprised to learn that co-student John Speight had been the Festival’s spark plug for twenty-eight years, had recently passed away, and several activities were planned to acknowledge John’s commitment. “The least I can do is attend the plaque dedication, and perhaps see some former BTC-ers,” I thought.

After the formalities, I introduced myself to Mrs. Speight and son, Andrew, who thought I had come all the way from Canada for the memorial. Er, not quite! Just coincidence. I don’t know if any of the BTC 53-54 crowd were there...if so, time had wrought its changes on my memory!

John Speight’s memorial plaque is beside The Corso Stage, now renamed The John Speight Stage....a fine tribute to the effervescent guy who pounded out Blue Moon on the Common Room keyboard way back when.

Son, Andrew, is a professional musician in the US, and some of his work is on YouTube.

Geoff Scott (BTC 53-54)  
Strathmore, Alberta

You can find a PDF file of an excerpt from the Manly Jazz Festival Programme in which the Mayor of Manly pays tribute to John and the work he did for the Manly Jazz Festival on the Alumni website at <http://news.csu.edu.au/alumni/director/publications/panorama.cfm>



**Mrs. Speight receiving a memento from the Mayor of Manly**

