

# PANORAMA

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## **BATHURST TEACHERS' COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – THE FIRST TEN YEARS**

In February 2001, Dr Peter Hodgson, Pro Vice-Chancellor CSU and Head of Bathurst Campus, invited three former students of BTC (Estelle Gould, Peter Connolly and Helen Egan) and representatives from other CSU campuses to a weekend at Bathurst for the purpose of suggesting the formation of alumni associations.

Consequently, after discussions by an interim committee, the Bathurst Teachers' College Alumni Association was formed at Bathurst in November, 2001. Ex-students converged on their old alma mater to enjoy a weekend which included a meeting to establish the association, a formal dinner, a ceremony presided over by the CSU Chancellor and a thanksgiving service. This weekend also coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Official Opening of Bathurst Teachers' College.

In the ensuing years the committee of twelve to fourteen former students from various years elected at the AGM has met regularly to arrange functions and projects and generally attend to the business of the association and maintain links with CSU.

The binding link is the twice-yearly publication of *Panorama* produced by the committee and financed by donations. The magazine posted or emailed (hopefully) to all BTC graduates and lecturers, contains members' articles, reunion information, Alumni functions and appeals and CSU up-dates.

A major project to which our alumni gave over \$10,000, was the Commemorative Water Feature situated in Bathurst Alumni Common, near Heffron House.

Presently we are keen to "top-up" the BTC Scholarship Fund with direct donations and fund-raising events such as the recent Open Garden by Gail Metcalfe at Katoomba. An Alumni committee

of three makes the final selection and to date four students have received cheques of \$2,000.

Under the principalship of L.J. Allen Bathurst Teachers' College flourished from 1951 to 1969, with graduating students being posted all over N.S.W, many to one-teacher schools. Most students lived on campus all the term, lectures were held each day and we got to know each other and our lecturers and they us.

As a result of these strong bonds of friendship our Association continues to thrive. Members from all over Australia and overseas attend functions; the last one held at Bathurst in March this year was to commemorate the opening of the college doors in March, 1951.

We hope to continue with our annual lunch with guest speaker following the AGM. each February as well as other activities from time to time, renewing friendships and supporting CSU and future generations.

HELEN EGAN  
President

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## SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY AT CSU ALBURY-WODONGA

In late May this year I had the honour of representing the Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Association (BTCAA) at a scholarship presentation ceremony in Albury. This ceremony was held at the newly established Thurgoona campus (Albury-Wodonga) of Charles Sturt University (CSU). This is a most interesting 'green' campus.

For the last four years the BTCAA has provided a scholarship to a CSU student with family connections to a Bathurst Teachers College graduate. This year the scholarship was presented to Jaydam Tierney (from Wellington NSW). His aunt is Margaret Collins (nee Preston), a graduate of BTC 1964-65.

Jaydam is an impressive young man who is a most worthy recipient. He is doing an occupational therapy course in the school of Health Sciences at CSU Albury.

Jaydam was one of a number of scholarship recipients at the special early evening ceremony on Tuesday 31st May in the CD Blake Theatre Complex. Scholarships were presented across a range of categories. Most were provided by local community businesses but there were others from wider regional sponsors as well.

The ceremony was very well organised and showcased outstanding students with an amazing range of achievements, involvements and plans for the future. Jaydam was one of these outstanding students.

Well done Jaydam, we are honoured to support you in your course.

WAYNE BENSLEY  
Co-Vice President BTCAA

### A LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE RECIPIENT

Dear Mrs Egan.

I am very honoured to have received the Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Scholarship that was offered through the Charles Sturt Foundation for 2011. This award has allowed me to not only relieve the financial burden of moving over six hours from home in order to study, but also to proudly represent my auntie, Margaret Collins. With this scholarship I can stay in residence at the university and therefore make great friends while



Jaydam receives his award from Wayne Bensley at CSU Albury-Wodonga in May

living in a supportive environment for study. It also allows me to source the best of study materials and texts to which I would otherwise not have had access. The stress that this scholarship has alleviated for both my parents and me has been greatly appreciated during my first year of studies and I will be forever grateful for the support given by your organisation.

I will continue to strive for my goal of attaining my Bachelor of Occupational Therapy by the end of 2014, and wish to thank everyone within the alumni for the efforts they put into making this scholarship available to students such as myself, and allowing us to achieve our aspirations.

Thank you again for presenting me with the Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Scholarship for 2011.

Yours sincerely,  
JAYDAM TIERNEY

### PHOTOS ON THE WEB

Because of space, *Panorama* can only include a selection of photos of Alumni events, but it is possible to see many more by going to the Alumni website. At the moment photos from the Diamond Jubilee are there, and photos from the Open Garden and the 10th Anniversary Alumni Dinner will be added when available.

Steps to follow: Click on <http://alumni.csu.edu.au/events>

then click on 'events'. At the bottom of the page is a heading "Photos from Recent Reunions" and a link saying Click here to access the Alumni Photo Album.

## **A PRINCIPAL'S "HIGHLIGHT" SCHOOL EXPERIENCE .**

GRAHAME HOWARD B.T.C. Pioneer Student  
1951-52

During a conversation with the editor of *Panorama*, I happened to mention that a 'highlight' of my teaching career was the time spent as Principal at Moree East Public School from 1974-79. The editor of *Panorama*, Carole Goodwin, picked up on the word and persuaded me to write an article of this wonderful experience for the newsletter. Her motive was twofold: to explain to readers how Moree, with the reputation as a not-so-desirable rural appointment, could be described as a "highlight" and to depict the rural school experience to Alumni who have served only in metropolitan schools. My "Highlight" is from an earlier era, but the inherent need to set and achieve goals, and develop Staff horizons, surely remains constant in today's schools. .

My wife and I were determined to bring up our children in the country, as we learnt very early in our careers to admire and respect the rural Australian. All of our transfers were rural, and we have no regrets whatever, as our initial plans and hopes have been fulfilled.

Appointment to M.E.P.S. was Term 1 1974. It was hot and floods were to come. Indigenous concerns were festering, but the townsfolk were respectful and friendly as in previous such township experiences. M.E.P.S. was a Class 1 Primary School with a mixture of oldish but reliable facilities and environment. The Executive consisted of Principal 1; Deputy Principal; Deputy Master in Primary, and Infants Mistress and Deputy Mistress in Infants. Total Staff numbered about 37, including Supports – and pupils, from memory, between 600-700 – a good percentage being Indigenous.

The policy for aboriginal housing followed the plan that after perhaps two years in the out-skirt mission village, families could move into the housing commission homes in Moree East. M.E.P.S. was the school housed in this area.

So much for background information.

There were 5 particular reasons why M.E.P.S. became a personal "Highlight School" for me:

- A wonderful Staff which responded magnificently to a number of new and difficult initiatives.
- Regional Office and Inspectorial directives and support.
- Implementation of the Disadvantaged Schools Program

- Active community involvement by many Staff members, and ...
- Community responses to school initiatives.

The M.E.P.S. staff was a divided staff – Primary on the one hand, and Infants, on the other, like many other schools at that time and each operating separately. Early in my appointment a Regional Office directive was given that such two-department schools should break the barriers and function as a Whole School with whole-of-school programs. We achieved this by Whole-of-School Staff Meetings and gatherings to encourage a togetherness of thinking, in both personal and professional ways. In spite of minor problems we were able to effect changes in relatively quick time which brought the staff much closer. A very simple occurrence at the first of these meetings influenced us greatly and is worth mentioning here. Staff had been asked to present any version they wished, as a Statement of Whole School Aim. The presentation of The Infants Deputy Mistress, June Holland, was agreed to, and resulted in a staff-based, whole school decision. I particularly mention June here, as she was June Kelly – Pioneer Student B.T.C. 51-52 – just great! This Whole-School approach continued its development in many minor ways and initiatives, and became an accepted understanding throughout the school – this too was just great! B.T.C. Pioneers will be pleased to know that June retired in Moree and was well when we visited after the Diamond Jubilee Reunion.

At this time the Department's Disadvantaged Schools Program was being implemented wherein schools could determine educational programs to help reduce disadvantage of any kind in the school. The dedicated school program, including full educational aims; costings; time management and staff and community involvement was decided and prepared by the School, staff, P & C or similar group.

Funding depended on the seriousness of the disadvantage(s) and how well the submissions, including costings, were prepared. They required good teaching practice with strategies and outcomes documented. Results were to be analysed and reported upon. Team work was essential with programs largely instigated by staff and organised by staff committees, supported and guided by the Executive Committee. Most areas of school life were targeted: numeracy, literacy, music, creative arts, community and social togetherness. This Disadvantaged School Program was a wonderful influence and incentive in bringing staff members together to plan, implement and enjoy the fruits of their labour. It was the catalyst in stimulating school pride and involvement.

It gives me great joy to acknowledge a wonderful staff, whose mixture of experience and youthful exuberance provided happiness and satisfaction. Their magnificent team work displayed confidence, maturity, interest and concern, in their everyday experiences, both in the school environment and in the community itself. Many of the staff naturally received promotions and it's been good to follow their achievements. Members of the Executive were likewise wonderful in their mature involvement in overseeing – usually in the background – the achievement of Aims, Objectives and Developments. They were truly knowledgeable and delightfully supportive. Ray Bird, our District Inspector, invited M.E.P.S. to produce a K-6 Social Science Curriculum (which didn't yet exist) for the Region and our Deputy Master Nev. Walmsley (whom I had taught in 1953 at Inverell) headed a committee which produced an outstanding publication. These efforts and achievements and wonderful friendships were the main reasons for MEPS being the highlight of my career.

A further major influence at M.E.P.S. was the high degree of active community involvement by many Staff Members. At a casual discussion at Recess one time we counted over 30 community involvements among the Primary staff alone. In rural towns it's often said that "everybody knows everybody" and it was obvious that the community knew our staff members personally, and that they taught at M.E.P.S. This relationship, both social and professional, between staff and community was evident in the degree of parental support and community interest in school activities. This was seen in many ways: visiting, supporting meetings and encouragement for programs (especially from Indigenous parents). The Moree community had Community Nurses readily available for assistance, a huge and valuable resource which provided good links between the school and the Aboriginal home and helped create good liaisons.

I will always carry with me some wonderful memories involving Indigenous parents. One particular experience always leaves me with the warmth of M.E.P.S. One morning I sent home twin boys from an Indigenous family from Assembly – I had determined they had head lice and the Aboriginal Nurse took them home. Later that morning, on my return to the Admin., my Clerical Assistant advised I had a visitor waiting in

the office; she sounded concerned and raised her eyebrows, suggesting a difficult time ahead. As I entered the office the mother of the twins, Eileen, arose, and said, "Good morning Grahame," and closed the office door behind me. Of course I responded saying, "Hello Eileen". She said, "I have a bone to pick with you, Grahame. You sent my boys home, for all the neighbours to see, with suspected head lice. Grahame, they had head lice two days ago and I have treated them and what you can see today are the dead lice. They do not have head lice now. My neighbours saw this and I am unhappy and embarrassed." I asked, "Eileen, has our nurse confirmed this?" and she answered, "Yes. She has". I said, "Eileen, I am very sorry. I owe you an apology and I give it to you now. Please forgive my error."

Eileen came forward, gave me a half hug, kissed me on the cheek and said, "Thank you Grahame, that's all I needed to hear," and left the office. I saw Eileen again last March after Reunion—we have been good friends to this day.

Enough said! That was M.E.P.S.

The experiences of rural schools and communities have been wonderful for my family and I and would recommend such appointments to any teacher who has the intrinsic need and joy to be close to people. Country folk give more than they take, and are appreciative and fully supportive of their children's education, probably because of isolation and distance causing the need to be together and to be happy. They are indeed a



special and wonderful breed.

I leave you with this photograph of a fine staff, probably from 1976. Their closeness and smiles tell it all. They were a Champion Staff and I hope they will forgive me for having their picture printed unannounced, but with much pride.

## REMEMBERING JACK McDONOGH

For many of us who went through BTC in the 50's and 60's Jack McDonogh was an important figure in college life. The following article might remind us why.



Jack Henry McDonogh was born on 2nd August 1916 at Parramatta. He was interested in drawings, particularly buildings. He considered studying architecture, but instead studied Woodwork and Technical Drawing at Sydney Teachers' College between 1935 and 1936, then trained as a Manual Arts Teacher between 1937

and 1944. He taught Woodwork and Technical Drawing at Broken Hill High School between 1937 and 1939; at Newcastle Technical High School in 1940 and Lithgow High School between 1942 and 1944.

In 1952 he arrived in Bathurst, where he began as a foundation craft lecturer of Bathurst Teachers' College. The same year he married Colleen Shapiro on Christmas Eve in Sydney. He taught himself to paint and proved to be such a competent instructor that he was approached by the Adult Education Section of Sydney University to take Watercolour classes in vacation schools at Bathurst Teachers' College.

He continued as an academic staff member through the college's history and was appointed to the teaching staff of the Mitchell College of Advanced Education in 1969. He founded the School of Creative Arts in 1973, being promoted Head of School until his retirement in 1979. He gained prominence in the art world, both locally and internationally, being admitted to the Australian Watercolour Institute and the Royal Art Society. Prior to this, he was a Foundation Member of the Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild of Australia.

His book *An Approach to Landscapes in Colour* was published in 1979, being revised and reprinted in 1984. It was the first of its type and as it was so successful he published a follow-up book in 1983 entitled *An Introduction to Pencil Sketching* as well as in 1987 publishing *Watercolour Workshop*.

In 1976 he received a Mitchell Fellowship. Two years later he established *The Jack McDonogh*

*Endowment* at CSU Mitchell to assist in the purchasing of portraits of Principals or other executive officers. In 1992 he was awarded an honorary MA from CSU Mitchell and was made Governor of the Foundation in 1993.

Two buildings have been named the 'McDonoghs' in recognition of the contribution of Colleen and Jack McDonogh. A painting by Reg Campbell was commissioned of the couple that now hangs in *The Grange* building at the university campus. He died on 4th April 1994, aged 77.

Jack McDonogh is remembered as "an artist whose contribution as craftsman, painter and teacher endeared him to thousands of Australians".

## 🔊 CATCHING UP AT REUNIONS 🔊 NOT IN THE BRINY

The challenge was to go for a dip in the briny at Towadgi beach before the annual get-together of BTCAA Southern region. Although the weather on the Illawarra had greatly improved, the seas were not rough and the rock pools were far from overwhelming, no-one was awarded the prize for taking a dip. It was surely an omen when the host of the event, Danny Mahar a local, had not braved the sea, that any one else would. Thus the prize was returned to the donor to be consumed at his leisure. Ah, for the pleasure of a bottle of Yarra Burn sparkling wine blend.

Twenty four guests at the Towadgi Bowling and Recreation Club enjoyed a bistro meal and the great company of alumni and their partners. In attendance were Reg and Jan Halliburton (52/3); from 56/7 Nancy Booth, Marg and Colin Davis, Isobel and Max Wykes, Dia and Wolf Wendler, George and Betty Windsor, Lorrie Armstrong, Leon and Robyn Brett, Bill and June Thompson, Helen and John Constable, Danny Mahar; Rob and Bev Thomson (59/60); Helen Cody (60/1) and Graham and Gwen Blunden. A great response from the 56/7ers. With seventeen apologies received this would indicate a continuing interest in this annual gathering of regional alumni.

Greetings were received from Helen Egan, Alumni President, who commented on commemorative events for 2011 especially that marking the first day of our College by CSU last March and the Alumni Association's tenth birthday lunch at Parliament House in November. The regional tenth birthday is looming, coinciding with Canberra's centenary.

Members were amused at hearing metaphors which had been written by secondary students in England sitting the GCSE. Never mind Shakespeare and other classicists just see how descriptive some of them are:

The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.

The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease.

The politician was gone but unnoticed, like the full stop after the Dr. on a Dr Pepper can.

Even in his last years, Grandpa had a mind like a steel trap, only one that had been left out so long it had rusted shut.

She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.

The ballerina rose gracefully en pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a lamppost.

Whereas last year embarrassing stories of ex-student days were told this year there was a reluctance to tell any stories at all from a whole career. Some did emerge:

– The nominee for the second classroom prize, nominally for citizenship, was caught shoplifting on the day of his nomination. The teacher considered it prudent to withdraw the nomination.

– In his early years, when retired teachers, disrespectfully known as retreads, were recruited to fill gaps one of our members admired one of the aforementioned because of his appearance and bearing as being a "gay old blade". The member aspired to be a "gay old blade" in his retirement. Having reached that state he's not so sure of now wanting to be one. Such are the changes of meanings in our language.

– Not having done the infants training course at College one member decided when faced with a K1 class that he would take the easy way out one afternoon by taking the kids to the local park for lunch, letting them play on the equipment and doing a social studies walk through town and onto the railway station. After that excursion they would probably need a rest until home time. Not on your life. After about ten minutes or so they were up and ready for more. Who felt he needed the rest?

The next get-together for the southern group will be on the last Wednesday of July 2012 which will be the 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be in Queanbeyan and be lunch, 12 noon for 12.30, at Benedict House, Isabella St and opposite the public school. The venue has a connection to former Prime Minister Ben Chifley and its own ambience.

REG HALLIBURTON (52/3) 6/7/2011

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## REUNION NOTICES

Due to the fact that the Spring issue of *Panorama* does not come out until late November, it is wise to submit all reunion notices for the year in time for the Autumn Issue in April/May.

Reunions will be held in November for the following groups and we wish them a very happy time, renewing friendships and catching up on news, but by the time you receive *Panorama* they will probably have already taken place.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Informal Regular Get-Together of **BTC 1957-58** is being held at the Epping Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November.

The Class of 65/66 is celebrating the **45th Anniversary** of their graduation in Sydney on 26th November 2011 with the senior (64/65) and junior (66/67) classes both invited to attend.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

On the fourth Thursday in February, May, August and November a group of former BTC students from the 1953-54 intake meet at Town Hall Station at 11 am near the old flower stall site, Sydney.

For many years we have been meeting on an ad hoc basis but recently have set dates to maximise the number of friends who could attend.



### **In photo:**

*Lois Walker, Marlene Melrose (nee Crockett), Heather Thomas (Campbell) Betty Laing, Phyllis Cowan (Snape) Eril Jeffries (Gregg) Bernice Lee (Silk)*

**Absent:** *Kate Butler (Mulholland) June Coyle (Rixon) Pattie Macheledt (Burke) Shirley Peak (Roberts) Ruth Sutton (Rennie) Yvonne O'Brien (Press) Meg Hutton (Kerry)*

We have coffee, catch-up and chatter before moving on to a nearby luncheon venue to continue the interaction.

Gosford, Upper and Lower Blue Mountains, Cowra, Kiama and Shellharbour and various Sydney suburbs are the bases from which we travel.

ERIL JEFFRIES



**Royce Levi '51-'52** has edited and printed two books of reminiscences of the Staff and Students in the inaugural intake at BTC. These have been placed in the time capsule, to be opened in 40 years' time. Royce is seen here with The Dean of Education at CSU, Professor Toni Downe, putting the two books of memoirs into the capsule. Next to the Dean is Associate Professor Ninetta s, Head of the School of Teacher Education. On her left, two people away, is Professor Jo-Anne Reid, Associate Dean, Teacher Education as well as Vice-President of the World Educational Research

Association. Behind Royce is Allan Blanch, a 1957 graduate of BTC, and the woman next to him on his right is Associate Professor Jane Mitchell The other two people in the photograph are Michelle, our liaison contact with CSU and Allan's wife Pamela.

Royce took part in the Education Graduation academic procession with these and other people, which he found a very moving experience.

## OPEN GARDEN 2011

After weeks of preparation the big day for opening the garden came around. In typical fashion the mountain weather displayed all its colours. Bushfires and extreme heat featured in the days leading up to the opening. Frequent watering was the order of the day. Some Early Birds from Orange, celebrating significant 75<sup>th</sup> birthdays, visited the garden on the Thursday for a preview and Devonshire Tea. They were lucky enough to enjoy the sunshine.

Then lo and behold on Saturday the mist rolled in and cool air replaced the heat! Sunday was a washout with steady rain falling non-stop all day. Only a few keen and mad garden lovers braved the weather on the Sunday and were treated to Devonshire tea in the warmth of the house. The weekend takings of just under \$1000 were disappointing so with nothing to lose I decided to open the garden on a casual basis, leaving an honesty box at the front gate. This practice continued for another fortnight which netted another \$1000 for the scholarship appeal.

It was rewarding meeting and chatting to people from Canada, USA, England, Germany, Russia, WA, SA, Victoria and Queensland. Most were

interested in gardens and appreciated the variety of plants and displays of colour. For those of you who didn't get around to visiting you missed a good display of spring flowering exotics and natives, not to mention the Satin Bower bird and Lyrebirds.

The Scholarship Fund will now get a boost, which will bring us closer to our target of \$30,000 which we hope will make the fund self perpetuating.



A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Your support was most appreciated.

GAIL METCALFE

*This is the second year that Gail has opened her beautiful garden as a fundraiser and we really appreciate all the work she puts in to make it such a success. As Treasurer, Gail is also responsible for collecting all the funds for the Scholarship Fund, "Panorama" and special events. (Editors)*

### **BTCAA 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH**

On a perfect Sydney spring afternoon, 59 Alumni met at The Strangers' Dining Room in NSW Parliament House for a celebratory lunch marking 10 years of the BTCAA Alumni Association. Attendees all received a free copy of Theo Barker's *The Story of Three Colleges* as they renewed friendships in the anteroom and sipped on cool drinks, before being seated at tables with their various College years. Eleven of the eighteen sessions were represented; members and their spouses came from all points of NSW: the far North Coast, Central and Far West, Southern Tablelands, Canberra, South Coast, Central Coast, Blue Mountains and Sydney.

Helen Egan, President of the Association since its inception, welcomed everyone, with a special welcome extended to Dr Peter Hodgson, former Pro-Vice Chancellor CSU who was to be the guest speaker; Dr Jane Mitchell of the Faculty of Education at Bathurst campus; Linda Farr-Darling, visiting from British Columbia University; Michelle Fawkes, Manager of Alumni and Philanthropy at CSU and John Cassim and Betty Poulter, two of the first BTC lecturers. Her Excellency the Governor, Professor Marie Bashir, sent congratulations and warmest wishes along with an apology for her inability to attend.

Dr Peter Hodgson, who retired in 2003 as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Public Affairs) and Head of Bathurst and Dubbo campuses, was instrumental in setting up the alumni associations of former and current institutions of CSU, with the BTCAA being formally established at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Official Opening of BTC on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2001. In his address he expressed pride in the part he played in this establishment.

Knowing the affection former students have for the town where they spent two years of their lives, Peter then addressed a mystery using slides to illustrate his talk: the city that forgot it had a town square. His research has revealed that when Governor Macquarie reached the site of the future town, he simply planted a flag on the bank of what would become the Macquarie River and granted land for farmers to settle in the area. His successor, Governor Darling, commissioned Thomas Mitchell to draw up a plan for the town but insisted that there not be a town square. However, on his return to London in 1831, Mitchell

draw up a plan, completed in 1833, which had a large square as a centrepiece of the town with ten-acre blocks in a spiral around it. The proposed courthouse, carillon and cathedral were all in a line, to tie in with the flagpole Macquarie had planted by the river.

So where is the square now? In 1870 markets were part of the square but fell into disuse. In 1900 the markets were put up for sale, but the townspeople rebelled so that it became the park we all know so well. Kings Pde was begun in August 1910 to commemorate the reign of Edward V11. However, fences and other buildings now prevent the public from traversing what was planned as a town square. In 2010 permission was granted for the erection of signs to inform visitors of the once grand vision for the city centre. There is no flagpole, however, to mark where Macquarie planted his flag, just a small plaque.

*Our treasurer Gail Metcalfe, moved the vote of thanks to Dr Peter Hodgson*



After the talk, recognition was given to both Helen Egan, for her tireless work over the ten years of the BTCAA and to Peter Connolly for his part in the setting up of the association, as well as all the work he put in towards the completion of the "Fishpond" fountain. As Denise Cramsie said in the toast to BTC, it is the great affection we have for the college that brought us to the lunch, to renew our friendships and to talk about our time at the college; this special spirit unites the alumni and draws us together.

CAROLE GOODWIN



# News From CSU

## A New Vice-Chancellor for Charles Sturt University

Mr Lawrie Willett AO announced in June this year that Professor Andrew Vann will succeed Professor Ian Goulter as the new Vice-Chancellor and President of Charles Sturt University (CSU).



Above: Professor Andrew Vann

Professor Vann will take up his appointment in January 2012. He was selected from a high quality field of applicants after an extensive national and international search. He is currently Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor at James Cook University and is responsible for leading the University's teaching and learning strategies.

"I am thrilled and honoured to be appointed as the next Vice-Chancellor and President of Charles Sturt University," said Professor Vann.

"I have devoted the last 15 years of my life to education in rural and regional Australia and this gives me the opportunity to continue and strengthen that contribution. I was attracted to Charles Sturt University because of its unique geographical position in inland Australia and its connection to its communities.

"Charles Sturt University is also making very important contributions in incorporating Indigenous perspectives in curriculum and in educating Indigenous students.

"It has research strengths in areas that are critical for rural and regional Australia and the nation as a whole.

"I am also delighted to be following Professor Goulter as Vice-Chancellor. Under Ian's leadership Charles Sturt University has clearly grown and strengthened substantially.

"My family and I have really enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of regional communities since we moved to Australia. We are looking forward to moving to inland NSW and being an active part of Charles Sturt University's diverse communities," said Professor Vann.

Professor Goulter welcomed Professor Vann to CSU. "I have known Andrew for many years and have high regard for the important contributions he made in research and teaching and learning at Central Queensland University, where we worked together for a period of time, and at James Cook University," said Professor Goulter.

A farewell and end of year celebration will be held at the Grange on Bathurst campus for Professor Goulter on December 2 and will also be followed by events at other CSU campuses with times and dates yet to be confirmed.

## Alumni Information



The Advancement Unit welcomed Stacey Fish back from maternity leave in September. Stacey resumed as the Faculty Advancement Officer for Education.

Stacey is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays and can be reached by phone on: (02) 6338 4267 or via email at [sfish@csu.edu.au](mailto:sfish@csu.edu.au).

JULIE BROUGGY

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Help us to keep in touch with you by updating your records at CSU. Please complete the form on p.11 and return it to the Alumni Office.

Know any alumni who are not receiving *Panorama* but would like to? Give them a copy of the form.

# FRIENDSHIP

Catch up with “old” friends and meet “new” ones

## LUNCH

**Saturday 25 February 2012**  
**on 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

*The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel*

169 - 171 Castlereagh St, Sydney  
(between Park and Market Sts – closer to Park St)

**11am – 3pm**  
Brief AGM prior to lunch

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Wilf Ewens and Margaret Allen – Physical Education Lecturers BTC  
\$50 pp

*Please send payment with the slip below and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:  
Mrs Gail Metcalfe (Treasurer), 14 Banksia Park Rd, Katoomba 2780  
to arrive by: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012*

I enclose payment of \$50pp for \_\_\_\_\_ person/s to attend the BTCAA Lunch on Saturday 25 February 2012.

Please tick method of payment:

Cheque  Money Order  Direct Bank Deposit

BTCAA Bank Account Details: Commonwealth Bank BSB 062300 A/c No. 1013 3521

Please include your name when depositing directly to the BTCAA Bank Account

Name/s of those attending:

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