

PANORAMA



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President Helen Egan introduced Ken Shadbolt, pictured above, speaker at the BTC Alumni AGM, with some memories of student life when they both trained at Bathurst in 1951-52. The President quoted from Hugh Naughton's pen-pictures:

L.J.Allen's assemblies were exciting; everything was fully orchestrated and dramatic. The exposé of our motto *Doctus Doce* took weeks. The Principal's histrionics were classical in style.

Soulful Archie Millar aroused our better instincts. He gave us snippets of romantic verse like Keat's *Eve of St Agnes* and introduced us to moderns like Housman:

'See the son of Grief at cricket
Trying to be glad...'

This bleak picture appealed to Archie who loathed sport.

Elvie Cornell and 'Pixie' Cassim got us interested in music. When playing *The Dead Horse* on recorders we thought we were great.

Didn't we fellows think we were marvellous on payday as we made for The Knickerbocker in our Stamina pants and safari jackets.

A nucleus of mature people such as Flynn and Watchorn gave the student body some respectability; when Warburton and Shadbolt introduced English traditions we came of age. I remember being terribly impressed with Shadbolt's pipe, smoking-jacket with leather sleeves plus a copy of *War and Peace* shoved in his pocket. Australia stared in amazement!

Ken said he still had that copy of *War and Peace* and spent some years teaching before turning to the Bar.

**SPEECH GIVEN AT BTCAA AGM.
17.2.2007**

These notes on Ken Shadbolt's speech were taken by Roseann Dale Dengate at the luncheon.

Ken retired from the legal labyrinth on 5th February, and was replaced by Judge Cogswell, a Rhodes Scholar. After a working life at the cutting edge of many changes, he has learnt the lesson of life 'that you are not indispensable.'

In 1963, while discussing his future with a friend over a few beers, Ken was encouraged to follow his dream to become a barrister. For a two guineas fee he began his Diploma of Law and kept passing his exams until he qualified to be employed at the Bar as a Barrister. He joined the Council of Civil Liberties and during 1960s he handled many of the cases of those involved in the demonstrations both against Australia's involvement in the war in VietNam and the use of conscripts selected upon their birth date being pulled from a lottery barrel. Often fifteen or more, at a time, of the arrested were brought before the court.

Ken was involved in Prison Reform after the troubles at that other government institution in Bathurst – the Gaol. In the 1970s, there was a Royal Commission

into the burning of the prison where evidence was heard that all 360 prisoners had been beaten by baseball bats during the 1970s disturbances. Further details of this have been published in the book entitled *Bathurst Battering*. After the gaol riot, only four were convicted of serious offences.

Another case which stands out in Ken's memory was the defence of Doris Jobling, who was Teachers' Federation Representative. Ken defended Jobling after the strike action which followed her entry into Killarney Heights School as Union Organiser.

Another case, memorable for its length was that of José Maria Bilbao, who was killed in the cells below Central Court of Petty Sessions, Liverpool Street, Sydney.

Next Ken Shadbolt became Public Defender. His work load increased as he appeared for up to sixteen pleas a week as well working at the bar for a trial lasting on average two days.

However, he recalls some humorous cases such as the fellow who walked into a chemist's shop saying, "This is a stick up. Hand over all the money in the till." The pharmacist said that as that will take a bit of time, please sit on that chair till I get it for you. The would-be thief obediently sat in the chair and waited while the pharmacist called the police.

Ken's appointment as Public Solicitor brought busy days with an office of 110 solicitors and 70 other staff members to supervise and thousands of cases to handle. Later his appointment to the Bench required regular travel to country areas.

When Ken first entered the Law, there were few appeals, but there are many more these days. When judgements are handed down, greater details setting out the reasoning is required and amounts of compensation have increased. Ken witnessed some graffiti on a railway wall which seemed to sum up his most significant cases:

Who killed Bilbao? Free the Yagoona Three. Burn Bathurst, Burn.

Over the years he witnessed many changes and saw some improvements while there were other areas where he would disagree with the changes. These included areas where civil liberties are at risk and he still sees significant problems with the police. Drugs continue to be a huge problem in all ways. However, there have been some improvements in the gaols, the lists of courts, in legal aid and the reasons given for judgements; it is in these areas that Ken feels he may have contributed to some small degree during his long life in the Courts.

REPORTS FROM BTCAA AGM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present to you my fifth annual report on the activities of the Bathurst Teachers' College Alumni Association.

2006 may well have been the *Year of the Outback* for Australia, but for the BTCAA it was the *Year of the Fishpond*. – with many emails, phone calls and meetings in Sydney and Bathurst. Already this year we have attended a meeting at Katoomba with Greg Walker, Principal CSU; Michelle Fawkes, Alumni Officer & Peter Wilson, sculptor and lecturer CSU.

The Commemorative Water Feature to replace the Fishpond will be located on Bathurst Teachers' College Common – the area bounded by Heffron Building, Cunningham House, Pontou Theatre and Allen House – or perhaps you'd be able to pinpoint the area if I said the square bounded by Admin Block, Girls' Dorm, Common Room and tennis courts!

PHOTOS FROM THE AGM LUNCHEON

From R to L: 51-52 Maureen Goslett, Judy Murphy, Estelle Gould with daughter Jenny and granddaughter Kate.



From R to L: Gail Metcalfe 62-64, Ruth Doyle 52-53 Peter Connolly 51-52, David Bowmer 52-53

For us the fishpond was a social meeting place – evening a cooling-the-feet sort of place for some – in the centre of our lecture block, where it has remained latterly as a garden, for over fifty years. Through *Panorama* we have endeavoured to keep you up to

date, but Alan Beggs will report in more detail on the project. I commend to you this one off opportunity to contribute to a lasting memorial to Bathurst Teachers' College and those who learn and go forth and teach – *Doctus Doce*.

Recently I heard a guest on TV say she wanted to live in a society, not in an economy. In spite of my holding forth about funding fishponds, to me the Alumni Association was founded by people for people.

Last year Greg Woods, a '65 – '66 grad, organized at Bathurst a reunion weekend which included a bus tour of the nearby district. A boat trip up the Tweed River was one of the highlights of the Pioneers' Weekend in May arranged by Graham Howard.

Members of the Alumni living in the Southern Region of NSW enjoyed a luncheon at Bundanoon arranged by Tom Partridge. Plans are already underway for this regional group to meet in July at Murrumbatemen – thanks to Reg Haliburton.

The Pioneers & '66 - '67 grads are planning weekends at Bathurst in November. The assistance Michelle Fawkes, CSU Alumni Officer, gives with promotion and arrangements, particularly with addresses, is much appreciated. Don't forget to notify her office if you move!

I thank all my committee for their unfailing support during the year, particularly Gail Metcalf who as well as being a diligent treasurer, has headed our Water Feature sub-committee, and Peter Connolly for his help with designs. Roseann Dengate, Carole Goodwin and Denise Cramsie have stream lined their presentation of "Panorama" for the printers at CSU.

There were mysterious mailing problems with the autumn issue which have never been solved. Allan Blanch and Helen Barber augmented the Emeritus Group which labeled and dispatched the Spring issue. Our thanks to all.

Panorama is our life-line and appreciated by members all over Australia and overseas.

My congratulations to Val Woodward who manages to write minutes of our sometimes spirited discussion. Thanks you John Middenway for your continued support over five years. John has decided not to stand for re-election this year. We have been fortunate in being able to hold our committee meetings in rooms at St Philips or Scots Church.

The next executive meeting will be on 26th May.
Helen Egan

Photo top right:
From R to L: Val Woodward 66-67, John Middenway 54-55, Graham Ware 53-54, Daphne and Dudley Roth 51-52



Photo below:
1959-60:Lorraine Newlin (McCracken), Gillian Barton (Taylor), Merrilee Yates (Hargrave), Kay Benjamin (Penny)



EDITORIAL REPORT

Two copies of Panorama were prepared for BTC Alumni and friends; Numbers 10 and 11 coming out in Autumn and Spring. These editions were prepared during March and September using a new computer application called 'ipages'. This was delivered directly to the printers as a pdf file via Michelle Fawkes at the BTC Alumni office, Bathurst. It was hoped that this would expedite the procedure and ensure copies reached Alumni in time to give them information about coming reunions. This is a good opportunity to remind those who graduated in 1957 or 1967 and 1958 or 1968 to plan early and let us know of plans so we can assist with informing the appropriate alumni. In fact, there are details in this edition on page 10 of reunions planned for later this year.

The two editions during 2006 covered the AGM, various reunions, brief personal details about the BTC AA Executive, other alumni, name lists of donors to various projects, the progress of the Scholarship Fund, plans for the Fish Pond water feature in the BTC Common, news from CSU and some memories. Reports of the death of other ex-BTC folk was noted sadly along with some of their achievements.

Thanks are extended to the team: Carole Goodwin and Denise Cramsie and to all contributors and the volunteers who assist with the mail-out. Carole and I usually put aside several days for preparation of typed material, checking spelling and numbers, then playing with layout of photographs in *Panorama*. Next we send it to Denise for her ever sharp eye to proof read the draft.

Ever conscious of costs, we did look at various quotes for printing and postage and the inclusion of advertisements, but decided against change as it is delightfully old fashioned to view material which appeals rather than advertisements. Readers seem to enjoy the photographs, so keep them coming and we will do our best to produce an interesting *Panorama*.

Roseann Dale Dengate



*Executive present at 2007 BTC AA AGM.
Back row L-R. Ken Shadbolt, Lew Ford, Greg Woods
Wayne Bensley Peter Connolly, Alan Beggs
Front row L-R Roseann Dengate, Gail Metcalfe, Helen Egan,
Val Woodward, Wanda Zaniewski*

TREASURER’S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present the Treasurer’s report for this Annual General Meeting. There has been a substantial increase in income this year following the announcement of the proposal to replace the old Fish Pond. I must say that the influx in receipts increases sharply with the publication of *Panorama*. The response from alumni to our three appeals viz: *Panorama* production, Scholarships and the water feature is pleasing. While support for the production of *Panorama* is good we have not reached the target of \$10,000, which was set as part of our contribution to the Water Feature Project. However the enthusiasm of those who have donated has been enough to inspire us to continue with our quest.

Financial Statement 1st January to 31st December 2006

INCOME

Balance B/F 31.12.05	\$7488.17
Donations to Panorama	\$2420.00
Donations to Water Feature	\$3200.00
AGM Luncheons	\$1190.00
Bank Interest	\$ 48.24

TOTAL INCOME	\$6858.24
BALANCE at 31st December	\$8889.03

EXPENSES

Meeting expenses	\$ 352.40
Panorama printing	\$1602.70
Tax receipts CSU	\$ 670.00
AGM Catering	\$1627.50
Bank Charges	\$ 17.70
Postage Panorama	\$ 920.00
Telephone	\$ 67.08
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 5457.38

Note; An outstanding payment for Invoice 11371513 Panorama Production for May 2006 for \$1698.40 has since been paid. This effectively leaves a balance of \$7190.63 for the end of the year, \$2530 of which is donations to the Commemorative Water Feature.

I must commend the many alumni who have given so generously to all the fund raising projects we have. Your support for the production of *Panorama* is vital as it is the major medium which we have to communicate with you. Printing and postage as you can see is fairly expensive. To lower costs we have promoted the use of email for the distribution of *Panorama*. A hard copy can be printed from an email copy, so it is virtually just like getting a copy in the mail – and you have a back up if you lose your hard copy! Donations to *Panorama* totalled \$2420 while expenses were \$4221.10. Quite a difference and of some concern.

Many thanks to those who have donated to the Commemorative Water Feature: your support is very much appreciated. Even though only some 62 people have sent a donation we have raised \$3200 so far. A fair way short of our target of \$10,000 but if every alumnus gave at least \$10 we would have our money in no time. If Alumni wish to claim their donation as a tax deduction, receipts will be provided by CSU. Please advise me when you send a donation.

Thank you to the members of the committee for their ongoing support and enthusiasm.

Gail Metcalf

CSU News

Hitting all the right notes

Story by Elizabeth Heath

"Music can provide powerful learning experiences for all children. It can help develop creativity and self-expression and encourage a love of learning."

The Australian Minister for Education, Science and Training Julie Bishop, speaking last week about the role of music education in Australian schools. She was commenting on the *National Music Workshop Report* recommendations which include lifting the status of music education, the development of a national music education resource, teacher training and professional development.



Dr Christopher Klopper, Charles Sturt University's (CSU) music lecturer in the School of Teacher Education, says the recommendations are confirmation that CSU is moving in the right direction.

"CSU elevates the status of music through advocacy. Our first and second year students are well aware of recent research into the benefits of music education.

"Music education teaches problem-solving through interpreting the language that is music, while performing music develops self-confidence and self-esteem.

Learning music helps reading and comprehension, while playing music together in a band or an orchestra fosters team spirit."

Dr Klopper has reinvigorated music teaching at CSU. "We have created a culture of making music. And CSU is currently re-writing the early childhood and primary teaching courses. For example, in the early childhood course, the student has to reach some level of music ability on a musical instrument.

"And in the CSU Bachelor of Primary Education course we have worked with the NSW Institute of Teachers to incorporate two music subjects per curriculum area."

The Report authors noted that teachers from NSW or Victoria were surprised to hear of some of the initiatives taking place in Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Dr Klopper stresses that the collaborations CSU is engaging in will overcome this problem.

CSU is a partner in a project originated by University of Southern Queensland which provides interaction and peer collaboration with students in Queensland and Tasmania. The project has attracted a \$150 000 grant from the Carrick Institute for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

"There is no uniformity in music education in schools across Australia. Linking with other states will expose our students to the best various states have to offer.

"Our students are learning very early in their career the value of collaboration and networking."

Dr Klopper believes there is more than can be done. "As a University we should play a role in professional development, and work harder to provide in-service opportunities.

"Generally the report recommendations confirm that we are making the right changes."

Get Connected to CSU Alumni

Charles Sturt University has launched a new Alumni Website

Everything you need to keep you connected with the University and Alumni can be found at

www.csu.edu.au/alumni

The Alumni website also offers - Alumni and CSU News, a special Alumni Spotlight feature as well as access to all alumni publications including *Panorama*.

The CSU website also offers an on-line community - **Your Alumni**. **Your Alumni** will:-

- let you search for alumni by country, state, campus, discipline or name
- provide a calendar of CSU and Alumni events
- provide a bulletin board
- give you the opportunity to post a Diary message
- provide a business network that lets you tap into alumni within your industry or specialist area

Log on and register NOW

Click on **On-Line Community**

IN MEMORIAM

IRENE JONES . 17-6-36 -11-6-06

Irene Catrin Jones [called Rene by her friends] was born in Forbes and attended Forbes High School, going to BTC in 1953 with fellow students Margaret Young [Netley], Jean Brenner [Hart], Joyce Hodges and Marie Peasley. At college, Rene roomed with Margaret and Helen Crane [Sims] from Coonabarabran. The three friends kept in touch up till her death last year.

After graduating from BTC in 1954, Rene taught in country and city schools until 1960. She commenced a course for the education of deaf students at Sydney CAE. In 1979, Rene became Visiting Teacher of the Deaf working in the city area, Hunter, North Coast, South Coast and North West regions.

Rene retired in 1992 and became very involved with the Bankstown Bushland Society working as secretary, treasurer and publicity officer over the years.

In May 2006, Rene was diagnosed with cancer and passed away on the 11th June, just before her 70th birthday.

Margaret Netley wrote to let us know about Rene and sent the photo taken in 1989 as she will be remembered fondly by all her friends at BTC 1953-54.



Photo of Jean Brenner, Margaret Young and Rene Jones at 35th reunion.

DON PAGE 1937 – 23-10-2006

An overflow crowd from all walks of life packed the main Chapel of Lake Macquarie Memorial Park to celebrate the life of Donald Arthur Page. Family, friends, sporting acquaintances and professional associates shared recollections and paid tribute to a truly unique person.

Don was born and raised in Parkes before attending Bathurst Teachers' College in 1955-56 where he achieved distinction in tennis and hockey and met Jill McInerney whom he was to marry in 1961.

After graduation Don served at Cronulla South, Upper Bingara Provisional, Fennell Bay and Condolin



Aboriginal schools. In 1971, he was appointed as the first full time Area Sports Organiser for the Hunter Region where he initiated many progressive measures. After two years in this position Don returned to schools as Deputy Principal at Morisset Primary and his famous promotion Teacher-in-Charge of Infants at Cessnock West. His last appointment was

Principal of Mayfield East in 1986, where he served until his health forced his retirement in 1994.

Throughout his life Don was an active sportsman and contributed his time generously. He served as secretary, treasurer or president in Apex and other community organisations around the state including being Vice President of NSW PSSA. Don was also the Department's representative on the Board of the Hunter Academy of Sport.

Don always recognised the potential in people and was a great supporter of the underdog.

Bill Burns also reported that one of his colleagues at the memorial service summed up Don Page with the words: He was a big man in every sense of the word.

JOHN SPEIGHT OAM 1935-2007 BTC 1954-55

Anyone who attended Bathurst Teachers' College in the years 1954-55 will remember with affection John Speight's extraordinary contribution to College life.

With characteristic initiative and enthusiasm, very early on he formed a band which provided live music for the hugely popular Saturday night dances in the Common Room.

I don't know whether, in our carefree youth, we truly appreciated the depth of his talent and musical ability. We used to refer to the band as *Speight's Eight* and the standards of all musicians were high, with John playing piano and sometimes drums. He was the director of the Manly festival for 28 of its 29 years, directed many other jazz festivals including Jazz in the Domain as well as being school teacher, musician, bandleader, journalist, grade cricketer, golfer, photographer, artist and joiner

After leaving College, John expanded his interests in music enormously. While living and teaching in the Warringah area of Sydney [he taught at Harbord

Public school for over 30 years] he formed the Young Northside Big Band, attracting talent from Northern Beaches and North Shore schools. He taught jazz before it was on the curriculum and with Alan Weldrick, wrote stage musicals for his students to perform as well as the school song.

In 1999, he received the OAM for his services to music. These achievements were well documented by John Shand of the Sydney Morning Herald who wrote his obituary published on 6 February, 2007.

Maureen Ritchard [Hartnett] who informed *Panorama* about John felt that there would be many other people more qualified than herself to write about John's College years and that they may wish to share some of their anecdotes.

MEMORIES

From photographs in previous Panoramas. BREAK-UP DAY BTC 1960

Ron Sinclair wrote:

The photograph sent in by Jill Sharwood (nee Roulston) of the 1959-60 Bathurst Teachers College cohort reverberates in the memory. I dug out my old Box Brownie black and whites after seeing Jill's photo and found one I had taken that was virtually identical. Jill's picture shows Neville Stapleton being carted around the lecture block in bed! The two bed-bearers you see at the front of the photo are Leo Pomery on the left and Trevor Carey on the right. To the left of Leo is, firstly, half a head of someone, then, trailing, Gordon Mellis. The snap was taken on break-up day 1960, the last day of lectures for the 1959-60 BTC cohort.

Neville was notorious for sleeping in and, consequently, turning up noticeably late at lectures. I can recall this happening many times. On one occasion, a good ten minutes after the lecturer, resplendent in academic gown (as they all were in those days) had commenced, the egregious Neville stumbled through the door. Still in some kind of somnambulistic torpor he slowly wobbled right across the front of the class, right past the lecturer and right into a seat at the back. Everyone, the lecturer included, was riveted. It was as if it were happening in double slow motion. Neville was utterly oblivious as to his surroundings - a lecturer stunned into temporary silence and the suppressed mirth of the class. The slow motion pantomime over, the lecturer recovered his composure with, "Now that Mr Stapleton has been good enough to join us, we will continue." He went on as if nothing had happened. Still unaware that he was the centre of attention Neville completed his sleep-in up the back of the class.

On that final day all those years ago we had decided to cart Neville around the lecture block without him knowing anything about it to celebrate his notoriety.

So, when the time came, the bed-bearers entered his room, lifted the bed and took him out onto public show. At first Neville, an enviably sound snoozer, simply slept through it all as he was paraded around. He did eventually wake though. My own photograph taken soon after Jill's shows him stirring from the depths. Nev was a good natured young man and took it in good part.

That day is memorable for other reasons. Someone had drawn a large, crude picture in the fashion of that time showing a Humpty Dumpty-like character with large eyes and prominent nose over a wall; written beneath it were: LOOK OUT, ARCHIE'S WATCHING YOU! Now "Archie" was respected drama and English lecturer Archie Millar, master of the 1959-60 cohort's male dormitory. The message, admittedly tasteless, was intended as a harmless joke. However, Principal of the campus Lionel Allen saw the poster stuck up prominently near the fish pond at the centre of the lecture block complex. Outraged, he banned all further celebrations for the day.

Everyone was nonplussed. Nothing like this had ever happened to any of us in our sheltered lives. Did we take this lying down? Not on your Nelly!

We became Bolshie. We decided on a protest - something none of us had ever done and knew nothing about. Ours was the ultimate sacrifice. We - some of the male students that is - decided to boycott lunch in the dining room! It was very different in those mollycoddled days. All of our meals were provided for us in the large dining room. Any mass absence such as we were threatening would be conspicuous.

Lunch time came. Lunch time went. We were as good as our word. We missed the meal in protest though it is likely our actions went unnoticed by Lionel and his team.

We were growing boys though. An hour or so after lunch was over some of the lads could be seen slinking over to "Fred's" to invest in a surreptitious apple pie and cream!

Peter Wright also wrote:

What a superb window on the past!

Thanks to Jill for sending in the photo of the punctuality blitz response. I had forgotten the carrying of the bed episode and it's now great for my grand children to look and wonder.

What times we had, so young we were! Just turned 17, when we arrived. The two foreground people in the photo are myself, friend Leo Pomery on the left. We were 1959-60 students. Can you believe all those wonderful things happened?

Come on people - more photos!

Bill Burns sent a letter thanking Alan Blanch for his *Eyewitness Account of the Girl in the Fish Pond* and a photo which many missed when Panorama No 10 was not delivered to all Alumni. He wrote:

Alan's account was extremely accurate except for a major understatement when he wrote 'the Principal; summoned Bill to his office to admonish him.' LJ was apoplectic! I spent the next three days going backwards and forwards to his office, up to three times a day, writing 'Letters of Explanation' which carefully omitted details of the 'offence' and failed 'to explain the behaviour'. His mood was not improved when I respectfully pointed out that amongst the myriad of rules with which we were acquainted [many relating to females such as not walking down the drive with a space of less than two feet between male and female] I had been unable to find any reference to the prohibition of depositing females in the fish pond. After listening to endless tirades and threats ranging from cessation of allowance to expulsion, I was finally fined one pound and threatened with 'dire consequences' should I come to his attention again.

Upon returning to the dorm, I was besieged by questions as to the outcome. When this was revealed, the boys had a whip around and paid the fine with a net profit to me of two and six pence. Upon reflection this should have been shared with Adrienne. So next time I see you **Adrienne, remind me that I owe you fifteen cents.**

Speaking of Adrienne, she was, and still is a great sport, evidenced by the fact that a reunion a few years ago she not only agreed to, but willingly participated in a re-enactment of the event. I am sure the fact that the pond had been filled in and planted with shrubs did not influence her enthusiasm. Adrienne still has that 'zing' to which Alan referred as she has demonstrated in her personal life and her dedication to others.



I am sure many of us will be sorry to see the demise of the old fish pond. As I was told on a recent visit to campus: Students and water don't mix! However, when they do it is pretty harmless and can provide the stuff of which lasting memories are made. FISH POND PHOTO reprinted for those who missed No 10.

Dr Ian Smith also wrote after seeing the Staff photograph of BTC 1957 and correctly identified a few more lecturers:

- the person identified as Garth Dixon was Rex Porcheron
- Margaret Holt [Craft] was between John Campbell and Bernard Greaves. Alicia Ree is on the left of L.J.Allen and the person identified as Alicia is Nancy Bayley.

Ian is on the right of Jack McDonogh and goes on to introduce himself and share a few memories:

I was a reluctant appointment to Bathurst Teachers' College having just graduated from Sydney University with an honours degree in Education. I had been teaching in primary schools but was 'seconded' to Bathurst TC staff in 1957. I continued on the staff of the college till 1962.

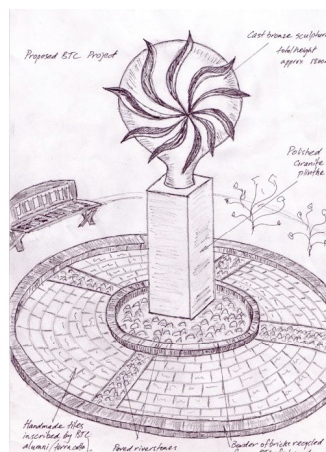
While on the staff of BTC, I completed an honours Master's degree from Sydney University. On leaving Bathurst, I went to Wollongong TC before being granted leave with half pay by the Dept Ed to complete the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Iowa [USA].

On return to Australia I was invited to take up the position of Deputy Director of Teacher Education in the Dept Ed; however, when the state teachers' colleges left the Dept Ed and became independent CAEs I became Principal of Alexander Mackie CAE.

Subsequently, I was invited to establish the new CAE at Milperra [which subsequently became part of University of Western Sydney]. Finally, I was asked by the Minister Ed to become Principal of the newly founded Sydney College of Advanced Education which came about with the amalgamation of Sydney TC, Alexander Mackie CAE, Kindergarten College, Nursery School College and Guild College.

I retired from that College in 1985, but continued to do many interesting things in my retirement.

It seems hard to believe that 2007 marks fifty years since I went to Bathurst TC as a young and rather naïve lecturer. I only recalled the other day that when I



reported to the Principal on my first day, Lionel Allen looked me up and down and pronounced that 'we have students who look older than you!'

Apart from my involvement with Bathurst TC, Bathurst holds significance for me as it was where I met my future wife. She was a teacher at the Demonstration School.

SKETCH OF WATER FEATURE to replicate the shape of the old fishpond.

REUNION REPORTS

1955-56 REMEMBER BTC IN NOVEMBER

Des Mclean sent Panorama this report on the 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION OF THE 1955-56 BTC ALUMNI.

A *preantepenultimate event* that occurred in 1956 was the Olympic Games held in Melbourne. The ultimate event that occurred in that year was the graduation of 160 future elite teachers from Bathurst Teachers' College. To celebrate and remember this consequential, noted occurrence a reunion to commemorate this 50th anniversary of the occasion was held in Sydney on 17th – 18th November, 2006.

Since the 1980s there had been a number of reunions organised, both by Charles Sturt University and otherwise. But the 2006 gathering was of particular significance. In attendance were the regulars who have never missed the opportunity, whether it was located in Bathurst or Sydney. Others who were less regular and those who were welcomed for the first time. Alumni signified the importance of the happening by travelling from near and far, including Melbourne, Hobart and Port Headland.

Friday activities revolved around a morning tea held in the Board room of the Epping Club. Frequent questions beginning with "Do you remember...?" or "Do you know what happened to...?" were heard amid the chatter and buzz that occupied the time before the lunch adjournment. There was time out in the Board Room for each graduate to account briefly for what had happened since 1956. Everyone found these *raconteur anecdotal* to be most absorbing. Our participant from Victoria let it slip that since his comparatively brief employment by the NSW Dept Ed, he had gained a PhD from a New York University. This was greeted with admired silence [and envy].

The Bureau of Meteorology provided a perfect weather pattern for our Saturday four-hour cruise on Sydney Harbour. Five of the Friday multitude were unable to participate in the cruise. The Friday gathering featured little structure, reminding me of some staff meetings, but the Saturday voyage was even less formal. Most were unmindful of the commentary about our cruising as they were busy reminiscing about the past and enquiring about the present.

There was a consensus to hold our next reunion in two years time. So 1956 graduates record November, 2008 as the time to gather again. Look for exact details in Panorama early 2008.

1963-64 GET-TOGETHER REPORTED BY MARY LAWSON

Saturday, 3rd February saw a small group from BTC 1963-64 gather for the third year for an informal get-together. The idea was conceived at the fortieth reunion in Bathurst in 2004. We meet on the first Saturday in February from about noon and for the last two years have used the Sydney Rowing club at Abbotsford as the venue. 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 all those close enough and help to make it even better. Contact: Mary Lawson [Whitnall] phone:[02]95704818 mob. 0414379076 email<maryvlawson@iprimus.com.au

OR Chris Lozano[Warrell] email<clozano@vtown.com.au phone:[02]93894310 mob.0407428368



PHOTO OF 1963-64 BTC ALUMNI

BACK ROW FROM L--R: Leonie Wenning[Fisk] Roseanne Roelink[Steggles] Tringo Goss[Sumegi] Jim Huckerby, Rick Riddle, Ludmilla Bermyk[Herke] Sue Capon, Denis Fardy. Front Row L-R. Mary Cull[Shannahan] Jim and Lyn White, Mary Lawson[Whitnall] Chris Lozano[Warren] Louise Lorentzen[Sweeney] Heather Causley[Pringle] Maureen Abdou[Byrne] Tom Partridge.

1957-58 BATHURSTIANS 2006 REUNION

The 2006 reunion drew about 40 diners. All went very well. Some were new-arrivals while others from the previous celebrations were unable to attend this time.

Freddy Waqa's son, Baron, was unable to attend because of Parliamentary commitments but he has pencilled in the date for 2007. Hope he makes it. Sadly, Freddy's wife has just passed away.

BTCAA 2007 GET-TOGETHERS

1957-8 50th Anniversary Reunion

Attention BTC ex-students . All welcome to our Fifty years on reunion which will be held at the Eastwood club on **November 20, 2007**.

The club should be informed, a week in advance, if you intend to have lunch.

Denis Burke.

[\[mailto:denisburkeads@hotmail.com\]](mailto:denisburkeads@hotmail.com)

1966-67 40th Anniversary Reunion

When: Friday 16th to Sunday 18th November

Where: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst.

Contact: Val Woodward

Phone: 02 4333 6353

Mob: 041 345 6410

For registration form and information contact:

Michelle Fawkes - Alumni Relations Officer

email <alumni@csu.edu.au>

Phone: 02 6338 4629 [CSU - Bathurst]

Southern Get-Together in 2007

All BTC Alumni are welcome to the 2007 get-together. It will be on **Saturday 7 July**, from 2 p.m. at Murrumbateman. Special rates will be available at the hotel/ motel for those who wish to stay overnight, or longer. **Contact Reg.** Murrumbateman on the Barton Highway between Canberra and Yass, is the centre of the Canberra cool climate wine district. This location is in keeping with our decision to move around the old South Coast Education Region.

Reg Halliburton (52-53) is the organiser and can be contacted on 02 6297 1859, OR at 40 Cameron Rd Queanbeyan 2620

Pioneers' Gathering in Bathurst 9 -10 November

Contact Helen Egan - Phone:02 9969 3815

BTCAA SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The criteria for the Bathurst Teachers' College Alumni Association 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.

Scholarships for first year students will close on Monday, 26 February 2008,

Unfortunately no eligible applicant was identified for 2007, so we encourage you to let any relative who might be interested in studying in the Faculty of Education, to apply for this scholarship.

There is a healthy balance of \$13,000 in the current account donated by generous BTC Alumni.



BTC COMMEMORATIVE WATER FEATURE

Allan Beggs gives an in-depth report on the planning meetings for the water feature.

Michelle Fawkes presented the first draft to be sent out in the near future.

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

I enclose a donation of \$_____ Name_____

Years at BTC._____ Address_____

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.

