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## THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

It was a wonderful weekend 25-26 September at Katoomba when Gail Metcalfe opened her garden to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. Thank you Gail and John and thank you committee members who helped collect money, serve Devonshire teas and help wherever else required. Over \$1800 was raised. All the visitors were full of praise for the spring flowering plants, shrubs and trees and the extensive views of the Jamieson Valley. Perhaps we can persuade Gail to repeat the gesture next year.

In July I had the pleasure of joining the southern group of BTCAA for lunch in Goulburn. Reg Halliburton initiated these get-togethers seven years ago and they are obviously popular events held annually at different towns in the region. Thank you, Reg.

Our *Panorama* editors, Carole Goodwin and Denise Cramsie, deserve our thanks for keeping us informed of BTCAA and CSU activities. *Panorama* is well received throughout Australia and overseas; consequently I was delighted to hear from Ralph Warburton ('51 - '52) who, after living in Italy and England for fifty years, was visiting family members in Australia. He has kept in touch with Alumni affairs through the magazine.

The BTCAA Scholarship Fund and *Panorama* always need topping up and we are grateful to our faithful members who regularly contribute to both funds.

A big thank you to Allan Blanch, Helen Baber and Spencer Harvey who comprise the BTCAA Scholarship Selection Committee. Allan, with his wife, Pam, represented us at the ceremony in Wagga in May to present Rebecca Picker with her cheque.

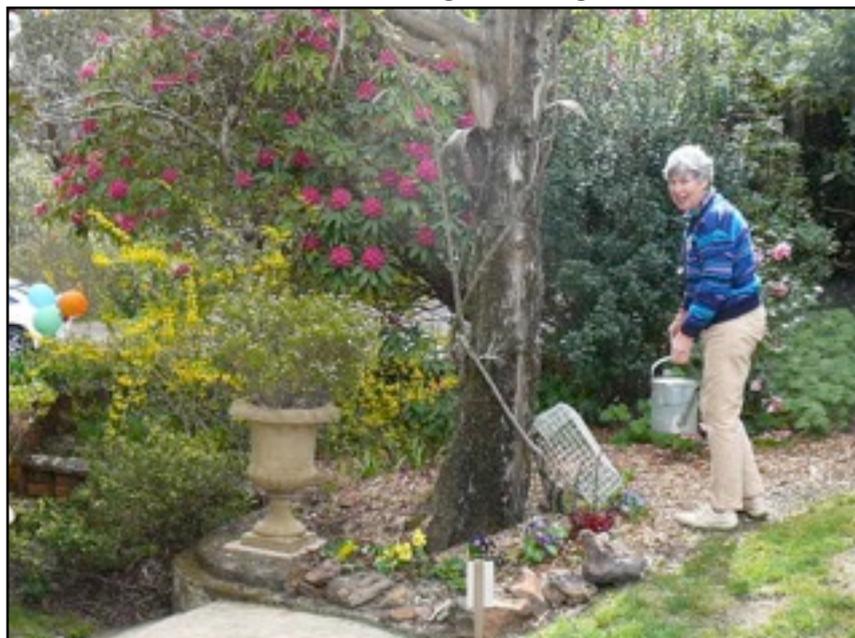
Next year will be a busy one for us all.

BTCAA Annual Lunch and AGM will be held on Saturday 5 February – details and acceptance form in this paper.

Celebrations for the 60th Anniversary of the first students enrolling at Bathurst Teachers' College will be held during the weekend 11, 12, 13 March 2011. Details of the functions to be held at Bathurst for *The Pioneers* and all the BTC Alumni will be sent to you. Make sure we have your current address in case you are thinking of moving in the near future.

See you in February and/or March.

HELEN EGAN  
PRESIDENT



Gail Metcalfe in her magnificent garden

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### THE ORIGINAL BTC STAFF 1952

*Pioneers* will recognise all of the people in this photo; how many were still lecturing when you were there? Below is the list of staff members. Have fun trying to match names to faces.

**FRONT ROW FROM LEFT:**

Colleen J. A. Shapiro, Alicia Ree, Charles P. McCausland, Wilfred E. Hart (Vice Principal), Lionel J. Allen (Principal)  
Ellen M. Waugh, Maurice E. Hale, Kathleen Wall, Elvie G. Cornell

**MIDDLE ROW FROM LEFT:**

Betty J. Pooler, Frank E. Atchison, Archibald R.H. Millar, John W. Campbell, Jack H. McDonogh, Thomas G. Mason, John S. Gunn, Beryl M. Hayhow

**BACK ROW FROM LEFT:**

Bernard Greaves, Russell C. Porter, Allan R. Bunker, Robert K. Levis, Raymond G. Bass, John O. Cassim

**MISSING FROM THE PHOTO:**

Jean Garrett, Terence S. Paul (Librarian), Ronald P. Josephs (Registrar)

Also missing is Shirley Stimson (née Bonner) who was a lecturer in 1951 and has remained close friends with Betty McDonald (née Pooler); the two of them regularly attend the reunions of *The Pioneers*.

Photo given by Beryl Hayhow, Lecturer Arts and

Crafts, for the BTC Archives



## REBECCA PICKER – SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Dear Mrs Egan.

I would like to thank you for selecting me as this year's recipient of the Bathurst Teachers' College Alumni Scholarship that was offered through the Charles Sturt Foundation. I am honoured to be chosen as the 2010 recipient of this award and the prestige it carries. This award has a strong emotional attachment for me as I feel I am not only representing myself but also my grandfather, Grahame Howard. This scholarship will reduce the financial burden of my course and accommodation fees and will allow me to focus more of my time and efforts on studying and continuing to achieve the level of success I have set for myself.

I will continue to strive at attaining my goal of completing my Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging) degree by the end of 2010.

Once again may I express my gratitude and pleasure in accepting the Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Scholarship for 2010.

Yours sincerely,  
REBECCA PICKER

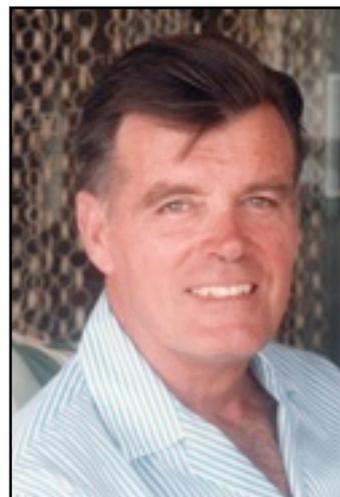


*Rebecca being presented with her award by Allan Blanch, a member of the selection panel.*

Rebecca was awarded the scholarship at the Scholarships Ceremony held on 19th May 2010. This year over 200 Charles Sturt Foundation Scholarships were awarded with ninety-five

presented at CSU in Wagga Wagga to students across a variety of courses and years.

**Grahame Howard**, one of the Pioneers, is the proud grandfather of this year's scholarship winner, Rebecca Pickford, the eldest of his and his wife Phyl's six grandchildren. After attending BTC in 51–52, Grahame taught at Inverell, Tweed Heads, Deniliquin and Biggo (where Becky's parents first met and played together as 1-2 year olds). This was followed by Crookwell and Moree East, which was the highlight for Grahame and then Banora Point, with a stint as an acting District Inspector at Tweed prior to retirement.



*If you have a family member who will be undertaking further study at CSU, remember they are entitled to apply for a scholarship. For full information on conditions and application details, go to the CSU website.*

**For news on CSU Alumni go to  
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**Inform the CSU Alumni office and you'll be linked to the new *Panorama*. This way you won't miss out on news of get-togethers and celebrations.**

## ACROSS THE NULLARBOR PLAIN WITH A WHEELCHAIR

WAYNE BENSLEY 1964-65 retired after 41 years service in 2007, last position was Principal of Middle Harbour PS (Cremorne, Sydney)  
Committee member (Vice President) Bathurst TC Alumni Association 2008-2010

Earlier this year (2010) I had the opportunity to do something different. This was to walk across the Nullarbor Plain from Perth to Adelaide, a distance of some 2600kms ... pushing a wheelchair! It was an experience to remember, and a really fascinating one.

The first sector of the BIGROLL was from Perth to Adelaide, and was the one in which I was the leader. A team of 7 people, support vehicles and the wheelchair started from the WA Parliament House on 23 April. We were flagged off by VC winner Trooper Mark Donaldson. The team (soon down to 6 people) operated in a relay style operation, with each person walking between 6 and 10km per day, with the team covering approximately 50 kilometres per day. Each night was a camp out somewhere along the road ... in the bush, at rest areas or in a camping/caravan park. Cooking was done on a BBQ or in a camp oven, usually around a campfire. We all ate very well, with several companies sponsoring us with frozen food supplies.

A special permit was needed (and obtained) to push a wheelchair on the roads in WA and SA.



Safety issues and rules prevented a person riding in the wheelchair so a dummy/mannequin was created. This 'rider' was a bear named Wilson. He became quite a legend with truckies and travellers along the way.

*At left: Wayne with Wilson*

From Perth, Wilson was pushed for some 60 days eastwards towards Adelaide through basically good weather. (The trip had been planned for Autumn/Winter to avoid excessive heat and to take advantage of westerly to north-westerly

tailwinds). However there were some not-so-good days too with gale force wind storms (in the Great Australian Bight area), heavy driving rain (the best rain in years), incredibly thick fogs and some very cold and frosty nights (-4°C to -5°C). These times were compensated by generally clear sunny days, amazingly colourful outback sunsets and incredibly clear night skies. Nothing stopped the team and except for a few rest days along the way the 48-50kms per day was readily achieved, with no injuries and only a few early blisters and minor shin soreness which quickly dissipated.

The trip from Perth to Adelaide, especially the Nullarbor region from Norseman (WA) to Ceduna (SA) is something I will never forget. Many travellers have said it is a very boring piece of road, but we all found it anything but that. Every 20-30 kms or so the ecosystems would change .... from the actual treeless Nullarbor Plain to heavily vegetated and hilly areas elsewhere. The roads were mostly incredibly straight, one section was 146.6 kms without a bend (plenty of long hills though). The things to see at such a slow pace made it truly fascinating!

The truckies were utterly fantastic with many honks and beeps along the way and many comments on their Ch 40 UHF radios (we kept in touch with them ... Wilson even carried a small radio handset!). Grey nomads and other travellers in their caravans stopped and talked along the way and many got to see Wilson several times on this stretch of road as they started out and returned from holiday trips. The pushing team, 3 guys over 60 years old and 3 guys under 21 years old all had a 'ball' with lots of laughs and innumerable interesting experiences to tell in the future.

What did we achieve? We did cover the Perth to Sydney distance with Wilson and the wheelchair; we did create awareness of issues facing people with disabilities and those with mobility problems (especially to do with transport options); we did meet lots of fantastic people along the way; we did receive great support from Police and Roads authority people in all states; and we did have a very memorable adventure. It's an experience we will all remember forever. (The reactions from people when I say I walked across the Nullarbor, I helped push a wheelchair across Australia are priceless!! You really did that???)

I ended my on-road participation in Adelaide in early July (as did 4 others in the initial team), but the journey continued with other volunteers who joined Wilson for varying amounts of time throughout Victoria and NSW. The finish of the event on August 20th was highlighted with a police escorted parade from Victoria Barracks

(Paddington) along Oxford Street, College Street and Macquarie Street to NSW Parliament House. There we received an official welcome back, again attended by Corporal Mark Donaldson VC. It was, as they say, a journey and a half!!!



*The whole team at the 2 500 km mark. Wayne is 2nd from left.*

### **CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WORK AS MENTORS WITH REFUGEE STUDENTS**

In Semester 1 2010 eighteen Faculty of Education students volunteered to work as tutor/mentors for Refugee students enrolled at Wagga High School. This involved them tutoring students, in class, for three hours each week, attending debriefing sessions at the school and contributing reflections on their learning to the Refugee Assistance Scheme. All involved in the program, the students from CSU and WW High and the school staff, report the success of the strong network of support and learning that has developed. In Semester 2 students from the Humanities (Social Work) faculty joined the program and were trained as tutor/mentors along with more Education students. This opportunity for sharing learning across faculties and nations is a valuable development.

### **The Faculty of Education supports rural pre-service teachers to undertake international experiences during their degree.**

The Faculty of Education has established a grant scheme to encourage pre-service teachers to undertake a teaching placement in an international context during their degree. As a result of involvement in an overseas school experience, it is expected that student teachers will acquire a greater appreciation and understanding of schooling in a different cultural

setting, an increased understanding of teaching children with language backgrounds other than English, increased capacity to reflect on their teaching practices and increased intercultural competence. Around 70% of the graduates from the Faculty of Education go on to take up teaching appointments in rural settings. Their overseas experience builds the intercultural competence of the rural education workforce. In 2010 programs have been developed that provided the opportunity for students to undertake placements/study tours to Vanuatu, Thailand, Korea, India and America.

### **AVID Dallas Summer Institute 2010**

The Faculty of Education also supports pre-service teachers to attend international conferences and develop links with global initiatives to improve the educational participation of those not traditionally represented in higher education.

In 2010 staff and students from the Murray School of Education attended the Summer Institute of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) training in Dallas, USA. They joined over 2,000 teachers in exploring the elements and successes of the AVID program, now in its 30th year in the US. Each year Bachelor of Education (Middle Years) degree students are invited to submit an application to participate in this program and successful students are selected to attend based on the calibre of their written application.

AVID is a program that helps equip students for entry into and success at tertiary level studies. It is a voluntarily joined program that combines academic rigour, high teacher expectation, researched techniques, a focus on literacy skills, critical and reflective thinking and strong organisational strategies to support students as they work towards their post-secondary careers.

The AVID program is specifically designed to help students 'in the middle' (those with unrealised academic potential), students from families with no history of tertiary education attendance, students from low socio-economic backgrounds and students from under-represented minorities.

The AVID program is being used by over 400,000 students in the USA. The program has been adopted by the Wodonga Middle Years College. On their return from the AVID program Charles Sturt University students act as tutors in the Wodonga Middle Years College AVID program.

To find out more about the AVID program, please go to <http://www.avid.org/intro.html>

### **Bringing cultural diversity to rural schools**

The Faculty of Education works with regional school communities to deliver study programs for staff and students from international universities. In September 2010 eight staff and students from the University of Yamagata, Japan participated in



an Australian school visit program. The visitors ran a cultural day at the Rock Central School teaching students aspects of Japanese culture. They also visited Wagga Public School and Wagga High school. The program provides the Japanese delegates with an insight into the way education is delivered in Australia. It brings Australian students into contact with people from diverse cultural backgrounds.



The School of Education also encourages international students to complete aspects of their degree in Australia. In 2010 two students from the University of Gothenburg visited Wagga to complete their final degree project for their teaching degree on the subject of "Outdoor Education".

**MARGARET HAMILTON** CSU Development Officer for the Faculty of Education

### NEWS FROM CSU

As published in the April edition of *Panorama*, the unit previously known as "University Relations" was renamed to the "University Advancement Unit", which is concerned with creating and promoting an awareness of and support for the

University's academic and research achievements and building the reputation of the University within Australia and around the world.

University Advancement encompasses a range of functions aimed at building effective relationships with key stakeholders such as alumni, donors, business, professions, government and communities, to communicate and grow the University's reputation as well as build financial sustainability.

The Advancement Unit welcomed some new members to the fold in recent months.

Mr Jayson Hanrahan has joined CSU as Manager, University Advancement and CEO Charles Sturt Foundation. He brings with him a wealth of experience in philanthropic management and marketing, having worked with a range of not-for-profit organisations, including Guide Dogs Australia, the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, the Adelaide Festival Corporation and the Organising Committee for the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.

The Advancement Unit is also supported by a small team of dedicated and professional staff:

- Development Officer, Danielle Ballinger – Responsible for developing and coordinating University wide Advancement activities.
- Faculty Advancement Officer, Gina Jessett, Education and Business – Responsible to design, coordinate, implement and support stakeholder activities at a faculty level.
- Research and Systems Officer, Michelle Fawkes – Responsible for the development and day to day management of the University Advancement System.
- Foundation Officer, Tracy Andrew – Responsible for administrative duties associated with scholarships applications, donations, bequests and pledges.

**CSU takes this opportunity to advise all alumni of Bathurst Teachers' College that a commemorative and celebratory day has been set down for Saturday March 12 2011, at Charles Sturt University, in order to mark 60 years since the establishment of the College. This day will see graduates and assorted dignitaries associated with Bathurst Teachers' College and Charles Sturt University attend a Commemorative Ceremony whereby the time capsule of Bathurst Teachers' College will be opened and placed on display, a Wine and Cheese**

Reception and a Dinner will be held in order to recognise this very exceptional occasion.

Please note:

- The cost of the dinner will be met by attendees to the event.
- Alumni groups, with exception to the Pioneer group, will need to make their own arrangements for lunch and the afternoon between the commemorative ceremony and the wine and cheese tasting/reunion dinner.
- A return "acceptance form" will be required from each attendee with payment for the meal—details for which will be included with the event invitation to all alumni members on our database.

Should you wish to contact the Advancement Unit for further information regarding this or any other Alumni related matter on which you would like further clarification, please contact Gina Jessett on 02 6338 4680 or email to [gjessett@csu.edu.au](mailto:gjessett@csu.edu.au)

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## IN MEMORIAM

RON WHITE 1943 – 2010

Born in Cabramatta but spending his childhood in Bundeena when he attended Port Hacking High, Ron won a scholarship to Bathurst Teachers' College in 1960. While there he met Robin Frazer, another trainee teacher and they were married in 1966.

After a career in teaching while Ron studied psychology at the University of New England, the family moved to Toronto, Canada, where he worked as a counsellor while earning a PhD in Clinical Psychology at York University. The family returned to Sydney in 1974 where Ron became a counsellor at the University of NSW and, following this, a senior lecturer at Macquarie University.

But now Ron left a teaching career for one of property developer, with his first project, in partnership with fellow Bathurst alumnus John Cooper being the Studley Royal strata development on the water at Kirribilli. Later he included restaurants in his development projects and his company, in partnership with the restaurateur Damien Pignolet was responsible for 15 significant buildings, 20 restaurants and more than 50 SMH Good Food hats.

Ron was also known as a patron of the arts, being for many years on the board of *Performing Lines* which produces and tours Australian performances, supporting painters and sculptors, and most notably serving on the board of the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra for whose benefit he established an annual Government House dinner.

At the time of his death Ron was about to set out on the Wainwright Coast to Coast Walk across England, and is survived by his wife Robin, two sons and a granddaughter.

**CORRECTION:** The article attributed to Alan Beggs in the Autumn edition of Panorama on the passing of John Middenway was actually contributed by Allan Blanch. (Ed.)

## FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

### The 1957-58 Unofficial Regular Reunion

Meet at the Epping Club, 11am at the bar, for noon luncheon  
third Tuesday of November (16/11/10) No need to contact the club, just turn up.  
Denis Burke: (02) 9498 8609

### BTC 1951-52

#### The Pioneers' Diamond Jubilee Reunion

The first students of BTC, the 1951-52 intake, will be holding Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Charles Sturt University Bathurst from Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13, 2011.

A civic reception, as well as presentations by distinguished young local artists and performers, will be part of the celebration of 60 years of tertiary education in the city. Already more than 100 1951-52 students have booked to come.

All other *Pioneers* and the staff who taught them will be most welcome.

Contact Julia Noon: 0416243383

[julia.noon3@gmail.com](mailto:julia.noon3@gmail.com) or Elaine Gilligan: 02 96170666 [manfromaus@optusnet.com.au](mailto:manfromaus@optusnet.com.au).

## BTC: 1960-1961

To the Alumni out there, it will be your 50th Anniversary of graduating from BTC in 2011 and Gail Metcalfe would like to know if any of you are interested in celebrating this event, perhaps combining it with celebrations in Bathurst in March. If you would like to help organise a gathering, please contact Gail  
Ph. (02) 4782 1573,  
mobile 0418434167 or Email:  
[gailmetcalfe@bigpond.com](mailto:gailmetcalfe@bigpond.com)

*The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations are open to All College Alumni. Get together with your own years for Saturday lunch then join in with the other activities, culminating in a Reunion Dinner in the CSU Dining Hall*

*Details will be mailed to all Alumni*

## BTC: 1962-1963

In preparation for a 50 Year Reunion, a small committee is seeking contact, or information that will help us locate these 1962/3 students of Bathurst Teachers' College:

Angela Boone  
Suzanne Johns  
Ngaere Pownall  
Di Waller

Rhonda Castle  
Coralie Kelleher  
Rona Sharp  
Madeline Walpole.

If you can supply us with information on their families, their last known location, married name or similar "clues" then we can continue our search. There were 183 names recorded and we aim to locate these final 8 as soon as possible, so any information from friends, room mates etc. will assist.

With the possibility of other informal gatherings, it would also be good to have an Email address recorded for as many as possible. So far we have 53, but more would mean faster, easier communication.

Advice please to Bruce Fairhall  
Ph. (02) 4571 1019 or Email:  
[bruce@fairhall.id.au](mailto:bruce@fairhall.id.au)

*Right: At the Goulburn Workers Club*

## REUNION REPORTS

### NAPLAN MEETING FAILS

But the NAPLAN (Noting All Previous Larks And Nonsense) meeting held at the Goulburn Workers' club on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July by no means failed. In fact, it was quite a success as eighteen members of BTCAA Southern region enjoyed their annual get together.

Whereas some members were wary of NAPLAN, the spelling out should have given them a clue, a different acronym, MAPLAST, was used. This was Memory Assessment Program – Long And Short Term. It was designed to test long term memory by requiring members to recall embarrassing moments during the very early years of their teaching career.

Danny Mahar, displaying his athletic prowess, hurdled the school fence which had a top strand of barbed wire. As you can guess he caught one leg of his trousers and ripped it from cuff to waist, much to the entertainment of on-looking pupils. Fifty years later on a return visit one of his former



pupils wanted to know how often he had repeated the trick.

Jan Granger enthusiastically led her young charges in “follow the leader”, tripped over while checking her followers and landed on the dusty cricket pitch in her clean white blouse. Embarrassed, she was excused to return home and change. She suspected she couldn't have been a great leader as no child followed her into the dust.

Reg Halliburton wondered why the boss looked at him in despair when he showed him a lead pencil by its sharpened point from the palm of his hand, declaring he would suffer from lead poisoning. Nor was the staff pleased when, for the third time, he let the morning tea kettle, no thermostat, boil dry and it collapsed completely.

As with NAPLAN it was necessary to draw up league tables so savvy parents could make informed school choices. A trivia quiz was used to make this determination. This year the competition was very keen and two couples scored the possible top mark; better than web site MySchool. A play off resulted in Danny Mahar and Isobel Wykes being the winners with Judy Trindall and Judy Shore as runners up. Parents will now flock to the schools where these very knowledgeable members taught.

Exercise your mind with some of the prize winning trivia questions:

1. What was the publication date of the thick hard covered blue “Curriculum for Primary Schools” issued to graduates?
2. In how many nursery rhymes does the name Jack occur?
3. What was the incident that caused “the man from Ironbark” to go berserk?
4. The tie breaker question was – In which direction do professional ballroom dancers (and we used to at college dances) move around the floor?

For our seventh annual gathering – we first met at Gundaroo in 2004 – we received fourteen apologies while those who attended were: Reg Halliburton 52/3 and Jan, Enid Rose (Bennett) 53/4, Judy Shore (Robins) 56/7 and Stan, Danny Mahar 56/7, Tony Hepworth 56/7, Leon Brett and Robyn (Parslow) 56/7, Isobel Wykes (Hunter) 56/7 and Max, Nancy Booth (Carr) 56/7, Rob and Bev Thomson 59/60, Jan Markmann 61/2. Enid was congratulated on her recent retirement after 53 years teaching, a sterling effort. Stan Shore is the brother of Colin Shore who was at college in 52/3 and now lives on the Central Coast.

This year we were pleased to welcome Helen Egan, Alumni president, to her first meeting of the Southern group. She reminded us of the 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations being planned by CSU to be held at

Bathurst next March and said she hoped to meet us all again there.

Next year Southern group get together will be in Wollongong and be organised by Danny Mahar. Details will be issued later but in the meantime contact can be made with Reg Halliburton, who would appreciate any changes to postal or email address or phone number. It makes keeping in touch easier. Details: ph. 02 6297 1859, email “[jan.reg@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jan.reg@bigpond.net.au)”, 40 Cameron Rd Queanbeyan 2620.

Answers: 1 – 1952; 2 – 5; 3 – the barber “slashed the red hot razor-back across his victim’s throat” 4 – anti clockwise

REG HALLIBURTON

### IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

Rosemary Hummelshoj, Brian Bryant and Sue Howarth helped organise the 40th Reunion for former students of Bathurst Teachers’ College and Mitchell College of Advanced Education, held in Bathurst on the weekend 25 – 26 September. The 42 graduates present for the festivities who attended the college in 1969, 1970 and 1971 travelled with their partners from South Australia, Queensland, the ACT and across NSW.

A range of activities was enjoyed over the course of the weekend, starting with a casual “meet and greet” at the Knickerbocker Hotel on Friday night. Lunch on Saturday was at The Hub, followed by a formal dinner at The Oxford on Saturday night.

A tree planting at CSU on Sunday morning and a barbecue lunch at the Family Hotel completed the celebrations.

Sue Howarth was quoted in *The Western Advocate* as saying that the whole weekend was really special and that everyone had a fabulous time reminiscing. A few guests brought along photos and college magazines.

“There is something special about the bond you have with people you lived with on campus”, she said.

“We all had such an enjoyable time. Some even described it as the best weekend of their lives.”

### HOLD THE BACK PAGE

#### Angels in the Bush

Having trained at BTC in 59/60 I taught for close to 40 years with a few breaks.

On retirement in 2005, my husband and I became interested in VISE (Volunteers for Isolated Students Education) and immediately signed up. With our police checks in place, we headed off for



*Celebrating a Fortieth Reunion in Bathurst*

Southern Queensland and later western NSW, me as Tutor and he as Angel.

Altogether we have been to 6 different places, and now I am on my own, having lost my husband in 2009, I intend to continue. The aim is to give a mother a break from supervising Distance Education Lessons, so she can help on the property or for any other reason.

The "angel" helps where needed, but not doing general farm work due to insurance restrictions.

Placements generally last for 6 weeks, the family paying travel expenses and providing accommodation and food, in return for the help.

It is a great way to see some of our country areas, meet some wonderful families, and use your teaching skills in a more relaxed setting.

The placements can be worked in with a "Grey nomad" trip.



Check it all out on the website, [www.vise.org.au](http://www.vise.org.au)  
JOY FREEMAN (LONGLY) 1959 – 60

*Joy is pictured here at the BTCAA Open Garden*

### **Maroubra Rock Pool. 13th May.**

*Stomping at Maroubra in 2010.*

7.30 - AM – that is!

The surf is up and crashing over the rock pool at Mahons Park. Fifty years ago Little Patti put Maroubra on the map with 'Stomping at Maroubra'. [1] I've not been there since the 1970s when Leone, a friend from Bathurst Teachers' College, arrived back in Oz with her family, and found cheap accommodation among the sand hills along Fitzgerald Avenue.

So in 2010, you would wonder why come all the way to Maroubra on a cool May morning, just as the sun is rising to stand on a sandstone ledge?

The waves crash into the pool which looks like a frothy latte. Indeed hot coffee would be welcome at this point. Just then someone announces steaming coffee is available along with fresh fruit salad, even porridge or warm egg and bacon roll.

This is what people, who make advertisements, expect when they start the morning. People are friendly as they sip their coffee, check lists of names, fill in forms and ask if you have your costume? It may be too rough to go in the pool, but fill in this form while you wait! Let's walk down to the pool for a close look.

It is then I notice a sign: Warning – hazardous creatures have been found in this pool!

And I am supposed to swim in this pool.

As it turns out, the Director and team of ten men in black jackets and winter gear decide the water is too turbulent to allow us to risk being in it. He's probably considering the cost of compensation for smashed limbs on rocky surfaces. So it is that three blokes and myself, in our cossies, with our teen years back in the years when the word 'teenager' was being invented, are told to sit, stand or lean, while we sing above the crashing waves. Actually we have to shout: *It's over here.*

Or here.

*There's nothing like Australia.*

*Come over where everyone's your mate, to a tune that reminds me of*

*'We run 'em in, we run 'em in. We show them we're the bold gendarmes.'* [2]



However, the Director decides we should look as if we've just come out of the waves, so a bucket of sea water is tossed over our heads. Am I glad I didn't spend any time doing my hair or makeup this morning. In fact, I thought I might get a great make over from the film crew stylist... but no such luck. She seems to think my hair will look best dangling down rather than pinned up. Doesn't she know that at my age we try to avoid the dangle down look?

So, looking like a drowned rat for the following two hours, the four of us – senior swimmers of all shapes and sizes – shout the seriously tuneless new ad for Tourism Australia. Just as I think that the sun is warming nicely on my back, it is decided we look dried out, so over our heads goes another bucket of salt water.

This is certainly a different ad from the Bingle 'Where the bloody hell are you?' which drew strong criticism. But everyone remembers it and I'd have to admit Lara is much better looking than we are, so it will be interesting to see what the impact of this ad will be. Come and spend what's left of your super savings!

The various views of Australia will look sensational and after the film crew finished, I went for a swim in the rock pool and would recommend it to everyone.

PS. Did I mention that for the morning I was paid the equivalent of my last teacher's pay for a fortnight!

[1] The early sixties was an era of waves and crazes. Lee Gordan's last gasp was the 'Twist'. Soon after bringing Chubby Checker to Australia,

Lee was discovered dead in a London hotel room. Chubby was soon forgotten. Run over by what was arguably Australia's first national dance - 'the Stomp'.

Stomp classes, stomp comps, stompathons. 14 year old Little Patti arrived fresh from Sydney's Maroubra Beach where she'd been stompin'.

**"The Stomp was really Australian. I think it came out of the fact that we were not really part of the rock and roll era, we kids. We didn't have those sort of clothes. We were real dags, you know. We had t-shirts and cut off jeans, or jeans and sloppy joes, and we were a pretty grubby looking lot, but we thought we were really cool. And I suppose we were the antithesis of the neatly dressed rock and rollers. And whether consciously or not, we were rebelling against what we considered to be an orderly looking fashion, and a pretty calculated look. That included the way they danced. But really, the truth is, we couldn't dance like that. So we thought, 'Well, what do you do when you can't dance?'. So we made up the dance and it was called the Stomp. And that was the best part about it. Because everybody could do it."** - Little Patti

Along with the stomp came the surfing lifestyle.

*I doubt Little Patti thought we'd still be stomping at Maroubra, in 2010.*

[2] Gendarmes Duet. Offenbach 1868, which in the US after 1916, became known as 'The Hymn of the US marines'...From the halls of Montezuma....

ROSEANN DALE DENGATE (MORGAN) 1958 – 59



*Looking towards Mt Solitary at the BTCAA Open Garden*

*BTC Alumni Association  
Annual Luncheon and Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 5 February 2011  
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 BTC student 1958 – 59  
David Barr*

*Former Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Western Sydney, Macarthur*

**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 Bay Wharf, catch the 230 bus and alight at Mosman Junction outside the Club. The 244, 245, 247 bus can be caught from the QVB or Carrington St, Wynyard. (Stand A). 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". For further information contact Helen Egan (02) 9969 3815, Alan Beggs (02) 9639 7839 or Gail Metcalfe (02) 4782 1573*



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Name/s of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_



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