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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This report comes to you in a "Panorama" that has been put together by a couple of people as we try to find a permanent editor. (Any offers?) It has had a few ups and downs along the way. I am very grateful for the help provided by a number of people in providing some reports and for offers of help in a number of different forms along the way.

It seems that this year 2016 (and last year 2015) have been historic years for Australians generally with the different celebrations and re-enactments of events that have happened as part of the centenary remembrance of events in World War 1 (1914-18). There will no doubt be more in the next two years, 2017 and 2018. It is very heartening to me to see that the media coverage and news reports, travels and journeys to significant places by many people and films and documentaries have been clearly evident to all throughout these two years. They all help to highlight parts of our history and make younger generations aware of activities in which their ancestors/forefathers may have been involved. There are a number of reports and reminiscences from our BTC colleagues in this edition of "Panorama".

Greg and Jan Woods had an historic trip to the Western Front in France and Belgium, President Wayne Bensley participated in a 640kms re-enactment of the original Coeee recruitment March from Gilgandra to Sydney (Oct-November 2015) and others have visited places of significance to their families (see the earlier edition of "Panorama" this year for Hellfire Pass and Gallipoli visits). I am also very aware that many others have made similar visits in earlier years.

Keeping on with this historic theme there are a couple of articles related to the establishment of BTC and the early years of teacher training. There is an article about the buildings that formed the core of the early Bathurst Teachers' College (thanks John Payne). I was very intrigued to read

a reminiscence about Principal Lionel Allen's vision for the nascent college. It seems that this early vision was modified a little in later years ... at least in my experience. (What about you?) The college obviously grew pretty quickly too. These articles make interesting reading and will no doubt trigger memories of what the College was like during its operating years.

The bonds that were created during these training years from 1951 through to 1969 seem to have remained pretty strong too with regular reunions and get-togethers of differing year groups. I recall a comment made several years ago by an Alumni Officer at CSU that this BTC group had possibly the strongest familial connection of any alumni group from any college/university group in Australia. That something to be proud of I think! It is just great that each group still has reunion get-togethers at significant times. The early Pioneers group are well into their eighties but still find energy to get together, reminisce and have a good time. That's mateship at its best!

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PRESIDENT

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## **2017 AGM AND LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Next year's annual AGM and Luncheon is being held in the same place, at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel at 169-171 Castlereagh Street Sydney. However, there will be a slight change to proceedings because of some updated procedures at the hotel.

The annual AGM will **not** be held in the dining room but in another space either on the ground or the first floor (depending on numbers). The luncheon will be held as usual upstairs after the completion of the AGM.

What this means is that if you really do not want to attend the AGM (ie. only the Luncheon) then your arrival time can be around 12.30pm. If you do plan to attend the AGM then arrival time will need to be at 11am (with the luncheon afterwards).

I trust that this change does not create too many concerns. Everyone is welcome at the AGM but the preparation of the dining room space after an earlier breakfast event means it cannot be used in the same way as in the past.

### **GUEST SPEAKER FOR BTCAA 2017 LUNCHEON**

#### **DR CHIKA ANYANWU (HEAD OF CAMPUS CSU BATHURST)**



Dr Anyanwu is currently Head of Campus at CSU Bathurst. He has an extensive background in Media, Media Arts, Television, Theatre Arts and Mass Communication. He has worked at the University of Adelaide, Curtin University of Technology in Perth, University of Papua New Guinea and is

originally from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria. He has a large publications and research portfolio and comes to our AGM with a wealth of knowledge and no doubt many interesting stories to tell. He has said that one of his roles as Head Of Campus is to strengthen the links between the University and the region it services.

## **A JOURNEY TO THE PARALYMPICS 2016**

An early morning phone call can mean only one thing - bad news and this phone call was no different. It was terrible news, my granddaughter Monique had fallen from a fifth floor balcony and was in hospital fighting for her life.

She did survive but with multiple injuries, the worst being the crush to her lower left leg, so bad in fact, that at just 19 years of age, Monique had to make the decision to have it amputated. Thus began Monique's journey to recovery and with it the rediscovery of her love for swimming.

Monique had been a competitive school girl swimmer but had given up the sport to pursue other things. Now she returned to the pool, relishing the freedom of movement that the water offered. Initially, competitive swimming was the furthest thing from her mind, it was simply part of her rehabilitation programme. However, she found she was enjoying the challenge of swimming faster and further, so she joined a swimming squad where she started serious training. The many hours in the pool and the gym paid dividends and her times tumbled, so much so that she qualified for the National Championships just nine months after her accident.

The Victorian Institute of Sport gave Monique every support, recognising that she not only had real potential but also she had the fight and determination to achieve her goals. When the Dolphins Squad was announced for the World Championships Monique's name was among them, she was off to Glasgow to represent Australia. The 400 metres Freestyle is her specialty but she also competed in shorter distances both in freestyle and backstroke. Once again her times improved and she reached several finals. She didn't come home with a medal but the experience was invaluable and she returned to training harder than ever, spurred on by the glimpse of what was possible.

Her next goal: to swim a time at the National Championships fast enough to qualify for the 2016 Paralympic team.

Just two years after that terrible phone call, she did just that, not only qualifying but with a time that was just short of the world record. Monique was on the team and off to Rio. It was a long and agonising wait for her for her main race as the 400 freestyle was one of the last events. Finally the moment arrived and there was my granddaughter in front of the world, swimming with the grace and power of a champion. The result came up - silver

medal to Monique Murphy from Australia. She had done it!



As she stood on the dais to receive her medal, a grandmother's heart burst with pride, the journey from coma to silver medal complete. For me it was not so much the medal of which I was proudest but rather Monique's spirit and determination to achieve it.

-- Judy Murphy (1951-52)

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## AUSTRALIANS AT WAR

When I was a student at Bathurst Teachers College in 1965/66 I didn't know the difference between a corporal or a colonel. My immediate family had been heavily involved in both WW1 and WW2 but that was never mentioned as I was growing up.

My paternal grandfather was wounded but survived Gallipoli in 1915. My maternal grandfather was on both HMAS Waterhen and HMAS Perth when they were sunk. He was a Prisoner of War and survived Singapore and the Burma Railway experiences and lived till 1967. My mother served in the WAAF and my father fought in New Guinea as a member of the famous 55/53 Battalion who fought on the Kokoda Track, Buna, Milne Bay and Bougainville.

A great uncle almost survived WW1 but was killed in France in late 1918. He is now buried in a British War Cemetery in France. Another uncle was shot down in New Guinea and is buried in the Bomana War Cemetery on the outskirts of Port Moresby.

My knowledge of the military quickly changed in 1967 during my first year of teaching in a 1 teacher school outside Bathurst. The Vietnam War was in full swing and I was called up for National Service and became a Nasho in 1968. I was fortunate to be selected to undertake Officer Training and graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant.

After completing my 2 years of National Service I returned to teaching and in 1979 was selected to teach at RAAF School in Penang Malaysia. During my Penang posting we visited Thailand several times as we lived in the adjoining country. On one visit we went to the Bridge over the River Kwai, Hellfire Pass and the War Cemetery at Kanchanaburi. This was my first visit to a War Cemetery. It is an amazing experience to walk up and down the rows of graves all set out with military precision. All the more amazing in that my grandfather could have ended up here but somehow was one of the lucky ones to survive and return home.

In 1985 I was appointed as Principal of Coolah Central School and attended the town Dawn Service with my family on a chilly Anzac Day morning. I recall the hush of respect when an elderly gentleman arrived with more medals pinned to his left breast than I had ever seen. It seemed that he had everything except the Victoria Cross. I then discovered that this gentleman was the captain of the Lancaster bomber G for George that you see in the Australian War Memorial.

I invited this hero to the school's Anzac Day service the following year. He agreed as long as he didn't have to speak as he found it too emotional. I did some research and soon discovered the circumstances that he was awarded his medals .... a local farmer who was a national treasure!

At a family reunion in the early 90's I discovered that no one in the family had ever visited the grave of the uncle who was buried at Bomana in New Guinea. My wife and I decided to walk the Kokoda Track as well as visit Bomana War Cemetery. What an emotional experience. Definitely the hardest thing I have ever done. I had read every book published at that time about Kokoda but that didn't properly prepare me for the experience. It became inspiring to realise that my father had fought the Japanese on the very track we were walking. It took 3 visits to Bomana to find my uncle's grave. As we walked up and down the rows it was amazing the number of 18 and 19 year olds - what a waste. Unfortunately most Australians do not understand the significance of Kokoda and the fact that this is where we stopped the Japanese from invading Australia.

This year marked the centenary of the major Australian battles in France during WW1. We engaged a guide to do a 5 day cycling tour of The Somme to encompass Fromelles, Pozieres and Villers Bretonneux.



We were amazed at the number of Australians visiting the various War Cemeteries in the area. It was very emotional to find the grave of my great uncle Oliver Woods. He was a dairy farmer from Nowra and along with his 3 brothers (including my grandfather) had headed overseas to the battles of WWI but never returned. He was killed in 1918 just before the end of WW1.

So what have I gained from this tripping around the world visiting various battlefields?

First and foremost it has made me very proud to be an Australian. Secondly, I am proud that my family has contributed to defending our great country. Thirdly it has given me an understanding of the various wars and makes me wonder at the great loss of life that quite often achieved very little. And lastly I am so glad that our sons have not had to be in the military at war time. Hopefully that will continue for future generations.

-- Greg and Jan Woods

## CONGRATULATIONS

### FRANK BARR -- OAM

Frank William Barr of Hazelbrook has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List this year, for service to youth through the Scouting movement for more than 30 years.

He'd been in the Scouts as a kid, but it was something he started in earnest when his youngest son Scott took up Cubbing. Mr Barr loves the Scouting movement's motto to 'Do Your Best' and said he had got just as much out of it, as what he had put in, working as a district commissioner, national assessor and great advocate for the effects of the outdoors.

A long love of bushwalking instilled by his father, had led him to pass on that passion to his own children and the hundreds of children he has helped in the scouting movement.

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invested time in me when I was young. Like one of my friends says 'I don't want to live in a world where people don't care'.

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Frank Barr with wife Judith celebrating his OAM together: Judith is "the other half of the equation".

His wife Judy is "owed half the honour". Apart from raising their own three children, the pair have been volunteer crisis foster carers for Barnados, taking in 37 foster children, many seriously traumatised. They only gave up when Judy had to undergo treatment for bowel cancer.

Mr Barr has previously been awarded the ACT Emergency Medal for the Canberra Bushfires in 2003 and was a longstanding member of several P and C's at his childrens' schools. He remains an active member of the Hazelbrook Rural Fire Brigade where he is regularly called upon to help as a volunteer in search and rescues.

"We feel very lucky. I could live until I'm 150 and never get bored."

*This excerpt was printed in 'The Blue Mountains Gazette' in June this year. Permission to reproduce it is gratefully acknowledged. Ed.*

## **DO YOU REMEMBER THIS?** **(An insider look at LJ and BTC)**

### **Lionel Allen and the Principalship of Bathurst Teachers College - 1951**

Attending the celebration of 50 years since the founding of Bathurst Teachers College in 1951, I was excited by a session where ex-students spoke of their experiences since leaving teaching or retiring. Their contributions to society had been ongoing, spreading across academic research, administrative roles, social commitments and personal development.

When I was invited to speak my admiration for what had been achieved surfaced. Could Lionel Allen's concepts of the Bathurst Teachers College have born other fruit in an area he had not foreseen?

When Lionel Allen was Vice Principal of Wagga Teachers College, Arch Millar and I were Wardens of the Residential side. The Principal of Wagga Teachers College was George Blakemore who ran an institution with rules for everything.

When Lionel Allen was appointed as Principal of the new Teachers College in Bathurst, he invited Arch Millar and me to join him as Wardens of the Residential side. The discussions that followed were an inspiring challenge. There would be no lists of rules.



Lionel Allen believed that in 2 years time college students could even be in charge of a small country school where people could be looking to them for leadership. Therefore students would benefit from an understanding of their role in the running of the college and an understanding of the community of Bathurst in which they would be living.

Basic understanding of the running of the college could be explored at Assemblies. Meal times needed to be adhered to as we paid the staff and lecturers to eat with the students, sharing the same food. Rooms tidy and floors clear by 9 am was a necessity for the people we employed. As we were legally responsible to the Education Department for them, weekends away needed to be covered by a note.

Students would be encouraged to form their own clubs of all kinds to gain experience of the organisation involved and their on potential.

Getting to know the city of Bathurst, its people and institutions would be extremely important to enable students to experience their role as part of a community. An interesting activity initiated by some students was visiting outlying Bathurst District communities at weekends to make contact with young people. Another example that occurred within the college was when late night noise from the Common Room interfered with a nearby dormitory. This was settled by mutual agreement.

Through Lionel Allen and his staff's co-operative contact with the young Mayor of Bathurst and other community leaders. students were warmly welcomed in areas of sport, religion, music, drama and art. Apart from these group encounters, individual students were to play dinner music in hotels, entertain in certain dining venues and play in the Salvation Army Band. (Unfortunately students were on vacation when William Dobell and Frank Clune were entertained by Bathurst Council but they came to the college to see students at work.

Lionel Allen was always appreciative of adventurous projects. Personally, I remember his backing of the introduction of "Creative Expression" as a lesson type. The first college scarf was an individual black, yellow and white creation by each individual student. This of course had to be standardized for sporting purposes but it put to good use a generous supply of hand looms and wool supplied by the Department. He was also appreciative of students painting murals on the covered walkways and other places in the college.

Students were also included to help in college official functions and everyone was delighted when, after the Graduation Day Function in Bathurst, kitchen staff offered to service a picnic in the college grounds - especially as our chef, from the nearby migrant camp, was an expert pastry chef.

I trust this gives you some insight into the thinking that was part of Lionel Allen's 1951 founding of Bathurst Teachers College. I also realise it is as personal memory - recalled with enthusiasm.

*-- Ellen Waugh (Head Women's Warden and Art  
Lecturer from 1951*



## "THE BALLOON GOES UP" (The Start of BTC)

Students had been notified - so Bathurst Teachers College would open. The residential staff and Principal met on site and were aghast! Buildings not finished, windows unglazed, no cleaning staff and only half the kitchen staff. Students from all over western NSW and some from Sydney were coming.

It was decided, if students were to look after the place, it had to be in reasonable condition when they arrived. The men cleaned the toilet blocks, the women made the beds. Even the hand towels were in one big roll. We gave our English Literature man the handbook to get a machine working to enable us to cut and hem them.

We decided to meet students on arrival and help them as best we could to settle in, then we shot off to the kitchen to help prepare the evening meal on time. I remember helping cut up cabbage for salad.

The first lecture room next to the library, destined for science was found to have been assembled without a door and the art room had no walls. My first lecture was given under a tree in the grounds while the lecture block was being finished.

The first students were tremendous in coping with building paraphernalia everywhere and the dramatic changes in Bathurst weather - especially when it snowed!

The opening of Bathurst Teachers College was to set both students and staff dramatic challenges!

My rooms at the college looked west and a particular sight that stayed with me was a fireball bouncing along the roof of the lecture block in a thunder storm. Another memory is when a group of my, Art Option students studying pottery built a ground fired kiln and stayed up all night to keep the fires going. Rugged against the cold and clustered around the glowing kiln for warmth they could have been our original inhabitants.

-- Ellen Waugh - Lecturer in Art, Head Women's Warden from 1951

## The Architectural Significance of the "Old" Bathurst Teachers' College Buildings

-- John Payne

When I attended Bathurst Teachers' College as a callow 17 and 18-year-old, I was blithely unaware that some of what I perceived as being "just old college buildings" were, in fact, important examples of the later work of Walter Vernon (1846-1914), who was Government Architect 1890 - 1911, and whose office during his time of tenure was responsible for such important Sydney buildings as the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Central Railway Station and the Fischer Library at Sydney University.

Over the past 3 years I have been working intermittently as proofreader and copy editor of a major book titled ***Building Bathurst 1815-1915*** which is due for publication in 2017. The author is Bathurst-born Graham Lupp (1946 -) who has been a lifelong resident, except for periods studying architecture in Sydney and Fine Arts in London. Graham has forgone his work as an accomplished and widely-recognised professional artist (in 2009 he won the prestigious \$35,000 Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape) to devote himself to writing this book, which focuses on the work of the architects and builders responsible for building Australia's first inland settlement during its first century.

For this article, Graham has generously allowed me to use for some of the results of his work, which itself in this case sourced some material from Theo Barker's *The Story of Three Colleges*, Mitchellsearch 1987.

English-born Walter Liberty Vernon (1846 - 1914), according to Graham Lupp, "was one of the finest architects to have contributed to our colonial heritage."

*Walter Vernon, Government Architect responsible for the design of the 1906-8 complex of buildings for the Bathurst Experiment Farm, which became part of Bathurst Teachers' College in 1951. Photo, State Library of NSW*



In 1872 Vernon established a prominent private practice in London. Because he suffered from severe bronchial asthma, he migrated with his family to Sydney in 1888. His first private commission in Sydney was the David Jones Department Store building in George and Barrack

Streets. In 1890 Vernon was appointed Government Architect.

The "old buildings" that were part of our life at BTC were in fact built in 1906-8 to accommodate an agricultural college as part of the Bathurst Experiment Farm, which had been founded in 1895. The Experiment Farm was part of the movement that saw the development of the first agricultural college at Hawkesbury in 1890. The college at the Bathurst Experiment Farm operated until 1941, when the farm became a military Ordnance Depot during World War II. In 1951 80 acres of the site were granted to the Department of Education for the establishment of Bathurst Teachers 'College.

Graham Lupp describes the architectural principles that Vernon applied to the Bathurst buildings thus:

*For the most part, these buildings, which loosely fall into the Federation Arts and Crafts movement, represent a new approach to design, with less of the rich detail and texture of the more domestic Queen Anne style. Perhaps the constraints of cost account for the buildings' simple and straightforward appearance. The roofing, for example, is economical corrugated iron, not terracotta tiles and the usual decorative cresting and finials.*

*The brickwork is mixed and includes Flemish bond on Cunningham House, English bond on the Heffron Building and ordinary stretcher bond, suggesting cavity work, on smaller buildings and later additions. Most of the buildings have exposed rafters and boarded eaves, with Cunningham House having decorative wrought iron brackets to support the wide sunscreening overhang of the roof. Timber verandah posts on most of the buildings have the simple but fashionable angel-wing brackets, favoured by many architects of the time. The Experiment Farm group is a good example of the last of the period buildings, before the plethora of styles that mark the Inter-War period 1915-1940.*

-- (This article and associated photos will be continued in next year's Panorama)

*The Heffron Building*

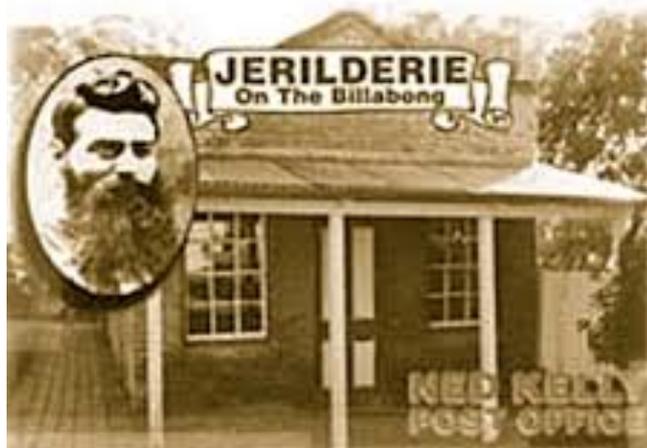


## REUNION REPORTS FROM 2016

### • 1954-55 REUNION

On Monday 4th April 2016, members of the 1954 - 55 cohort met at Jerilderie and spent four terrific days celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of graduating from Bathurst Teachers' College. Jerilderie is a clean, tidy and very friendly little town. It is the centre of olive, tomato, cotton, rice beef and sheep industries and has strong links with John Monash and Ned Kelly and so is a great place to spend a few days.

Gwen McLachlan (Reid) worked at the local school as classroom teacher and then Principal. She lives on her cattle property just out of town and is very involved in town activities so was able to give us a very personal and detailed look at her district. The preparation and organisation by Gwen and her co-organisers, Colleen Goodwin (Coles ) and Tom Hay, was brilliant and ensured that our visit was a fantastic experience.



**Day 1 Monday** : Having arrived by car or train and bus, we gathered at the Bowling Club for a cuppa, talk, share photos and documents, and talk, before retiring to the Caltex servo for dinner and more reminiscences.

**Day 2 Tuesday** : 10a.m. We met at the Old Bank building where Ned Kelly made a substantial withdrawal in February 1879. The building is now a private home, restaurant and museum set in a beautiful cottage garden. Morning tea consisted of tea/coffee, freshly baked scones served with bowls of jam and cream . Gwen took us on a bush tucker 'RAMBLE' on a track beside the Billabong Creek until we reached the school. The well grassed play areas, vegetable gardens, lots of play equipment and shade areas create a wonderful environment for the fifty children and their teachers to work, play and learn, After all this exercise we were ready for lunch at the Jerilderie

Bakery. Laurie Henery the local historian, took us on a walking tour of the town with emphases on properties connected with Ned Kelly and Sir John Monash. We completed the day out at Gwen's property for afternoon tea, a huge dinner, supper and entertainment by local Bush Poet Tim Shead.

**Day 3 Wednesday** : The day began with a visit to 'Old Coree' Rice Research Station. Emily Ford took us on a tour of the beautiful old homestead and discussed its connection to the McCaughey family . She then spoke about the very scientific approach to rice production, demonstrated one of the drones used for monitoring the crops and then cooked us a fantastic risotto. Our satiated group then examined various types of rice on our way to "Willandra Merino Stud" where we inspected the prize rams which were priced up to \$81,000 each . The afternoon tea provided by Mrs Williams was amazing. Late afternoon saw the fit and able amongst us play bare foot bowls at the Sports Cub where we all enjoyed dinner. The food was delicious and of such quantity that we shared the left overs for lunch the next day.

**Day 4 Thursday** : The morning found us driving through thousands of olive trees and then inspecting the modern olive oil press before having lunch together in one of the cabins. The afternoon was very special. Gwen had arranged for us to meet Rosalie Ham, the author of the novel, "The Dressmaker" as well as two other novels. Rosalie was very generous with her time and discussed with us the process of writing her stories as well as the ups and downs of having her novel made into a film. We then sat back with coffee and biscuits to enjoy a private viewing of the film which stared Kate Winslett and included some of the Jerilderie local people as extras. Thanks Gwennie.

Our final dinner at 'The Willows' restaurant also celebrated Alice Jansen's {Wingrave} birthday. We completed the day by joining the local Sing Australia group for a singalong and of course, another huge supper.

**Day 5 Friday** : Informal farewells as we set off in various directions after four unbelievably fabulous days of memory sharing and country hospitality. Many thanks to Colleen, Tom and especially Gwen for firstly, having the idea of breaking with tradition and taking our reunion to the country and secondly, of planning it so thoroughly and with such passion.

Thank you also to the Shire Council, Tidy Towns committee, historical society, shop keepers and general community who showcased their town of which they are all justifiably proud and made us so welcome. Thanks Jerilderie.

## • 1965-66 REUNION

Eighty people travelled from as far away as Western Australia for the 50 Year Reunion for the BTC class of 1965/66 held in Bathurst in early November. We were joined by 5 lecturers and the Head of Campus for CSU Chika Anyanwu. One of the lecturers from our time at BTC, Daryl Taylor was celebrating his 90th birthday.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the number of graduates who had not attended a previous reunion and had not met some of their fellow graduates in the intervening period.

It was decided to have another major reunion in Bathurst in 2021 as well as our annual gathering in Sydney.



- Greg and Jan Woods

## REUNION NOTICES FOR 2017

### • 1952-53 COHORT

Not Able to Wait Years Until our Next Reunion?

Come and join us at a table the 2017 AGM. If you are coming from out of town, why not stay at the hotel & do some sightseeing as 52 well?

**For more details please contact Ken Shadbolt (02) 9977-3772 or Ruth Dyer on (02) 9953-5104 or 0412 918 415**

### • SOUTHERN REGION 2017

The annual 2017 luncheon for the Southern Group will be held at the Bomaderry Bowling Club in

Bomaderry on the last Wednesday of July, which will be 26<sup>th</sup>. Details are not yet finalised but regular mailing list members will be notified in due course. George Windsor and Bill Thompson are organising the event. All alumni are welcome to attend, any year, and whether a regular or a newcomer. Contact can be via Bill at [billnjune1@bigpond.com](mailto:billnjune1@bigpond.com) or via Reg Halliburton at [jan.reg@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jan.reg@bigpond.net.au), by phone (02) 6297-1859 or at 40 Cameron Rd Queanbeyan 2620.

## • THE PIONEERS – 66 YEARS SINCE 1951

Again we are looking forward eagerly to renewing long-standing friendships and sharing a range of social activities, this time in the beautiful Southern Highlands. We are delighted that some 60 Fellow and Honorary Pioneers plan to attend. This gathering will be 7-9 March 2017 in Bowral. **Contacts:** Julia Ph:(02) 9858-1816 or Ralph (02) 9743-4117 (for the Planning Support Group)

## IN MEMORIAM

### \* COL MURRAY (1946 – 2016) 1964-65

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Colin Murray. Col grew up in Orange, completing his teacher training at Bathurst Teachers College. He commenced teaching in 1966 at Narwee BHS as social Science teacher. From that time he coached school rugby teams – 7 years as 1st XV coach. In between rugby seasons Col was involved in Water Polo, coaching during school summer terms. He was a resident of The Shire for most of his adult life teaching at Sylvania High School and at St George Girls' High School until his retirement. Col also spent a number of seasons as Patrol Captain with Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club.

He played for St George RUFC between 1966 and 1976 having 166 games in all grades. At Narwee Boys' HS he coached the school's team to a Buchan Shield Final win and was involved in Combined High Schools Rugby for many years. Col toured with the CHS team to Japan in 1979 as Assistant Manager and went on to manage the CHS team for several years including a tour to Fiji, Tonga & New Zealand in 1984.

Col served on the NSW Schools Rugby Union Committee from 1985 before becoming NSWSRU Secretary in 1990 and serving as President for the past sixteen years. He was the NSW Schools delegate to the Australian Schools Rugby Union from 1991 until the present and an Australian Schools Selector from 1993 – 2010.

In addition to his Committee positions, Col managed several CHS, NSW and Australian Teams in Australia and abroad. He was made a Life Member of the NSW Schools Rugby Union in 2004 and of the Australian Schools Rugby Union in 2007

He is survived by his wife Kay.

*--This report came from Schools Rugby News*

### \* BEATRICE BATHGATE (BLACK) 1952-53

It is my melancholy duty to advise your association of the death of my dear wife on the 17th of January this year.

Beatrice Bathgate (she was Betty Black at BTC) was in the second intake at BTC attending in 1952 and 1953. Beatrice never lost her fond affection for BTC and was proud to be a teacher ... particularly a teacher of infants K-2.

Beatrice travelled overseas and taught in the UK and in Canada and returned to Australia in 1961. She shared a flat at Fairy Bower, Manly with another "schoolie" and taught for some time at Narrabeen North before marrying and moving to Double Bay. After a period of 'retirement' to raise 3 sons, she returned to teaching as a casual in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. She had many blocks of terms or even years coming her way at Vaucluse PS, Woollahra PS, Double Bay PS and even Kambala Girls School.

Beatrice spent her last two years in a Nursing Home suffering from Parkinson's Disease and its side-effects.

She is much missed by her husband, Bruce, her three sons and her ten grandchildren ... all of whom she adored.

*--This report came from husband Bruce*

### \* WAKELING – Lynene Kay "Lynn" (1964-65)

On Thursday April 21, 2016. After a long illness at Concord Hospital Palliative Care Unit. late of Galambine, Mudgee. Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Mathew and Narelle, Anthony and Emma, Benjamin and Elizabeth, Jane and David. Loving Nana to Ethan, Sophie, Jacob, Charlotte, Alys, Jessica, Lucy, William, Henry, Joe and Eloise. Dear Sister of Jan and Susan.

*-- Much loved and devoted to her family.*

\* **SHERI MILLS (1964-65)** passed away 27th September. She had been battling dementia for some 10 years. Sheri was a warm, clever, musical, strong, fun-loving person. At peace now, after her struggles.

# FRIENDSHIP

Catch up with old friends and meet new ones  
at the Annual

# BTCAA LUNCHEON

**Saturday 18 February 2017**

**Guest Speaker: Dr Chika Anyanwu - Head of Campus CSU**

*The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel*

169 - 171 Castlereagh St, Sydney

(between Park and Market Sts – closer to Park St)

**12.30 – 3pm**

Brief AGM prior to lunch

11am - 12.15pm

**\$60 p.p.**

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*Mr Wayne Bensley (Treasurer), 31 Churchill Crescent, Allambie Heights NSW 2100  
to arrive by: Monday 13th February 2017*

I enclose payment of \$60pp for \_\_\_\_\_ person/s to attend the BTCAA Lunch on Saturday 18 February 2017.

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