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## STATE HIGH CENTENARY PROGRAM

4 July	<b>"Tour of State High"</b>	<b>BSHS</b>	A <b>BSHS PSA</b> event
31 July	<b>State High Day</b>	<b>BSHS</b>	A <b>BSHS P and C</b> event
19 July	Foundation Day Assembly	<b>BCEC</b>	A <b>BSHS</b> event
September	Centenary Showcase	<b>QPAC</b>	A <b>BSHS</b> event
15 October	<b>State High Golf Masters</b>	<b>St Lucia</b>	A <b>State High Foundation</b> event

Additional information and registration is available at: [www.bsbs100.com.au](http://www.bsbs100.com.au)

## BSHS PSA FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Sincere thanks to all those past students who paid their **BSHS PSA** membership fees following a request in the March edition of **AMICUS**. Your support is greatly appreciated and these funds will enable the **PSA** to continue to support the school as required by our constitution.

If you received a renewal notice and have not yet paid your **BSHS PSA** membership fees you are encouraged to forward payment as noted on page 8 of this edition.

These funds are vitally important to enable the **PSA** to continue to support the school for the benefit of all students, past, present and future.

As noted in the December 2020 edition of **AMICUS**, the distribution of **AMICUS** is now via **State High Connect** and is sent to all past students whose email address is recorded in **State High Connect (SHC)**.

**ALL** past students are encouraged to register on [www.statehighconnect.com.au](http://www.statehighconnect.com.au)

**ALL** past students are encouraged to become financial members of the **PSA**.

**ALL** past students are encouraged to receive **AMICUS** electronically via **SHC**.

## ANZAC Day COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

A dignified ANZAC Day Ceremony was conducted at **State High** on 23 April 2021. There was a strong representation of past students from all branches of the armed forces, viz. Army, Navy and Air Force, including keynote speakers at previous ANZAC Day Ceremonies, **Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) Hugh Bartholomeusz OAM**, Class of 1970 and **Brigadier (Retd) Kevin O'Brien**, Class of 1964. **Flight Lieutenant Ashley McAlpine**, Class of 1989, delivered the commemorative address and **State High's ANZAC scholar** shared stories of mateship, camaraderie, sacrifice and the ANZAC spirit, including the sacrifice of **Captain Karl Baudistel**, Class of 1956, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1967.

# Tour of State High

## Sunday 4 July 2021



**1921**  
The Normal School



**1923** Construction  
Red Brick Building



**1925** Opening  
Red Brick Building



**1964**  
“The Farm” - “H” Block



**1990** The Junior School  
“H” and “I” Blocks



**2016**  
The Kurilpa Building

The first day of school for **Brisbane State High School** in 1921 was on 4 July in the **Normal School**, on the corner of Adelaide and Edward Streets.

The school moved to the **Red Brick Building** in Musgrave Park, for the start of the 1925 academic year.

Symbolically, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this significant date, the **Brisbane State High School Past Students' Association** extends an invitation to past students to trace the development of the **State High** campus, on Sunday 4 July 2021, with a “**Tour of State High**”.

The “**Tour of State High**” will involve an escorted, external walking tour of the 2021 campus from the heritage listed **Red Brick Building** to “**The Farm**” followed by an afternoon tea under the heritage listed Moreton Bay Fig tree.

**Note: Booking is essential for the TOUR of STATE HIGH**

**RSVP** to attend the **TOUR of STATE HIGH** at [www.bsbs100.com.au](http://www.bsbs100.com.au)



## State High Day, Saturday 31 July

**All welcome to attend**

**Visit the school museum. A day of fun, food, music, sports and dance.**

**1st XV BSBS vs BGS on the School Oval**

# THE STATE HIGH MASTERS

The Centenary Round - celebrating 100 years of BSHS

Friday 15th October 2021  
 St Lucia Golf Links  
 Carawa Street St Lucia

Arrival: 7:00am for Breakfast

With special guest Rugby League legend  
**Wally Lewis (Class of 1977)**

\$160 per player includes:

- Green Fees
- Bag Drop
- Motorised Cart
- Pre-game breakfast
- Post game lunch

Play with Wally or Play with the Principal ...  
 see booking site for information and to register.

[www.StateHighConnect.com.au/Golf2021](http://www.StateHighConnect.com.au/Golf2021)



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 GPS and QGSSSA Cricket programs and  
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## **CLASS REUNIONS in 2021**

### **Class of 1951 - 70 Year Reunion**

**Date:** 31 July 2021 **Venue:** The Greek Club **Contact:** Anne Lanham **Email:** [anne.lanham33@gmail.com](mailto:anne.lanham33@gmail.com) or  
**Phone:** 07 3217 7508 **Post:** 6/20 Grove St, Toowong Q 4066

### **Class of 1953 – 67 Year Reunion - Rescheduled**

**Date:** 3 September 2021 **Venue:** Sofitel Brisbane Central **Contact:** Alan Skyring **Email:** [alanskyring@gmail.com](mailto:alanskyring@gmail.com)

### **Class of 1961 - 60 Year Reunion**

**Date:** 16 July 2021 **Venue:** United Service Club **Contact:** Barry Irwin **Email:** [statehigh1961@gmail.com](mailto:statehigh1961@gmail.com)

### **Class of 1970 – 50 Year Reunion - Rescheduled**

**Date:** 22 Oct 2021 **Venue:** The Ship Inn **Contact:** Cecily Blake (Welsh) **Email:** [bshs1970reunion@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bshs1970reunion@yahoo.com.au)

### **Class of 1971 - 50 Year Reunion**

**Date:** 2 October 2021 **Venue:**TBA **Contact:** Lynne Schouten (Fredricks) **Email:** [gsch7757@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gsch7757@bigpond.net.au)

### **Class of 1976 - 45 Year Reunion**

**Date:** 20 November 2021 **Venue:** The Greek Club **Contact:** Bruce Ollason **Email:** [bigollie@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bigollie@bigpond.net.au)

### **Class of 1980 – 40 Year Reunion - Rescheduled**

**Date:**18 September 2021 **Venue:** Darling & Co **Contact:** Rona Zorzetto (Yaxley) **Email:** [mezorzetto@bigpond.com](mailto:mezorzetto@bigpond.com)

### **Class of 1981 – 40 Year Reunion**

**Date:** 16 October 2021 **Venue:** TBA **Contact:** Mandie Tindall (Bull) **Email:** [paul.tindall3@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.tindall3@bigpond.com)  
**Facebook:** “1981 Seniors 40 year Reunion”

### **Class of 1991 – 30 Year Reunion**

**Date:**TBA **Venue:** TBA **Facebook:** “Brisbane State High School Class of 1991”

The Classes of **2001** and **2011** are requested to contact the **PSA** Registrar via [bshspsa@gmail.com](mailto:bshspsa@gmail.com) with information regarding your 2021 reunion.

The **PSA** has prepared a checklist that is useful in planning your reunion and arranging publicity. The checklist is readily available from the **PSA** Registrar.

## **VALE**

The **BSHS PSA** records with regret the passing of the following past students and extends condolences to their family and friends.

**Mervyn Lane**, Class of 1948, Cox of the 1948 winning *Head of the River* crew

**Shane Lewis**, Class of 1990, 1992 Olympian

**Keith John (Jack) McGhee**, Class of 1951, **BSHS PSA** Life Member

**Ronee Gay Stevens (Bidgood)**, Class of 1955, Former **BSHS** instrumental music teacher

**Alan Edward Thorpe**, Class of 1959, Group Captain RFD (Ret'd), 9 Flight Cadet Under Officer

**Bevan Jon Valentine**, Class of 1976, U16A (1975) and 1<sup>st</sup> XV (1976) Rugby premiership team

**Gail Elizabeth Elaine Wills (Pleash)**, Class of 1957

## LEGENDS OF STATE HIGH

As I reported in the June 2001 edition of **AMICUS**: “As a tribute to the late **Paul (Porky) Morgan**, School Captain 1964, a passionate supporter of all things **State High**, the Morgan family has actively supported the creation of a “Legends Gallery”...The aim is to recognise the achievements of past students who have contributed significantly to society in the broadest possible sense or achieved the highest level of excellence in their chosen field of endeavour. A prerequisite for inclusion would also be an affinity for, or a more than sentimental attachment to **State High**.”

The Legends Committee, that was established in 2001, charged with the responsibility “of defining the parameters for inclusion, the process and guidelines for assessment of nominations and implementation” consists of **Suellen Morgan**, **Barry Irwin**, Class of 1961, **Pam Robson (Dun)**, school captain 1964, **Jason Greenhalgh**, school captain 1984 and **Neil Breen**, Class of 1985.

The Legends are representative of eminent past students and they are intended to provide role models for current and future students who could realise that they could also aspire to excellence and make a significant difference to their community. Excellence not elitism.

The first twenty one **Legends of State High** were inducted in 2007 and nine were inducted in 2014.

In our centenary year, the Legends Committee has recommended the induction of an additional 19 **Legends of State High**, who will be inducted at the Centenary Foundation Ceremony to be held in the Brisbane Entertainment and Convention Centre on Monday 19 July.

*Barry Irwin* **AMICUS** Editor

## CENTENARY MASTERCLASS

This year, **State High** is facilitating a series of Centenary Masterclasses, which provide students with opportunities to learn directly from renowned State High alumni in their field of expertise, including sport, culture and academia. In the first Centenary Masterclass, Year 11 and 12 Economics students had the opportunity to learn from **Dr Andrew Elek AM**, Class of 1964, Visiting Research Fellow of the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University. Dr Elek was **State High's** first Rhodes Scholar in 1969 and, each year, the *Elek International Affairs Award* for Humanities and Languages is presented to the top student in Humanities and Languages.

## RETURN TO STATE HIGH

The **State High Foundation** hosted the “Seniors - Return to State High” on 3 June. This re-scheduled centenary event, on the Kuripla Rooftop re-engaged over 150 past students with their alma mater. **Chris Bombolas**, Class of 1978, welcomed past students from the classes of 1946 to 2014. **Barry Irwin**, Class of 1961, conducted a morning tour and an afternoon tour of the 2021 **State High** campus that highlighted the physical development of the school over the last 100 years.

The memorabilia in the Kurilpa Rooftop display, provided from the school museum collection, created great interest and prompted recollections of “days gone by” and animated discussion.

## A CLASSICAL NOTE

**Diana Doherty**, Class of 1983, is one of Australia's most acclaimed and internationally recognised oboe players and it all started in Brisbane with the Queensland Youth Orchestra. Diana is principal oboe with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and has performed as soloist with the New York, Liverpool and Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestras as well as all the major Australian and New Zealand Symphony Orchestras. Diana returned to Brisbane in March for a Musica Viva concert at the Queensland Conservatorium Theatre and in May to play with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

## ANOTHER ACCOLADE

The **Japan Prize** Foundation has announced that Australian Scientia **Professor Martin Green**, Class of 1965 and **State High Legend**, is a laureate of the **Japan Prize** in the field of “Resources, Energy, the Environment, and Social Infrastructure” for his revolutionary work in the field of photovoltaics.

## HOME OF THE ARTS

The Home of the Arts (HOTA), opened on the Gold Coast in May 2021. The inspiration for the architectural design and future gallery programming has been the stunning painting *The Rainforest* by **William Robinson**, Class of 1953 and **State High Legend**. A major exhibition, *Lyrical Landscapes: The Art of William Robinson*, will run from 31 July to 3 October and will feature William’s entire *Creation Series*.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Thirty-seven Queensland Year 12 students won Distinguished Academic Achiever awards in 2020. Included in the top 37 students were the following eight State High students: **Angela Chen**, **Imeshi Dayaratne**, **Sohini Kundu**, **Kerrie Liang**, **Jennifer Mai**, **Lucy Ochre**, **Khoa-Anh Tran**, **Chethin Weerakkod**.

Angela was also awarded the *T J Ryan Memorial Medal*, following in the footsteps of former recipients, **Gayle Adams**, Class of 1969, **Adam Coin**, Class of 1996, **James Brennan**, Class of 1997, **Helen Green**, Class of 1998, **Lila Warszawski**, Class of 2000, **Alice McDowell**, Class of 2005 and **Eleanor O’Neill**, Class of 2012.

**Rani Carmichael** took out the 2020 Highest Achievement by an Aboriginal Student or Torres Strait Islander Student award.

## CLASSIC CRICKET

Queensland’s first Sheffield Shield victory was in 1994/95. **Stuart Law OAM**, BSHS 1981-1982, captained the team which included **Michael Kasprowicz**, Class of 1990, as 12<sup>th</sup> man at the beginning of his career. Stuart is the most successful captain in Australian domestic cricket having captained Queensland to five Sheffield Shield victories in 1994/96, 1996/97, 1999/00, 2000/01 and 2001/02. Queensland recorded its 9<sup>th</sup> Sheffield Shield victory in 2021.

The 2021 team included wicket keeper **Jimmy Peirson**, Class of 2009, **Jack Wildermuth**, Class of 2010, who captured 4 wickets for 21 runs in the NSW 1<sup>st</sup> innings and **Marnus Labuschagne**, Class of 2011, who produced a classic match winning innings of 192.

At the Queensland Cricket Awards, Marnus won the “Ian Healy Trophy” as the Queensland Bulls best player. **Ian Healy**, Class of 1981 and **State High Legend**, presented the trophy to his fellow past student at the Brisbane City Hall celebration.

## AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

**Peter Conde**, Class of 1975, who has overseen Australia’s powerful medal surge in Olympic and Paralympic sailing, is the Australian Institute of Sport Director. Peter assumed the role of AIS Director in 2017 after having been a key figure in Australia’s successful sailing program since 2005 and the sport’s high performance director since 2009.

The AIS was established in 1981, with aspirations to help Australian athletes realise their full potential in both sport and life. The AIS began with 150 athletes in eight sports. In 2021, as the AIS celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the National Institute Network now supports more than 2200 athletes at any one time, with an institute or academy in every state and territory.

## OLYMPIC GAMES

2016 Rio Olympian, **Cedric Dubler**, Class of 2012, has been selected to compete in his second Olympic Games. Cedric will compete in the decathlon at the postponed 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Fellow Rio Olympians, **Chris Goulding**, Class of 2005, and **Brock Motum**, Class of 2007, remain in contention for their second Olympics after having been selected in the Boomers squad, that will be trimmed for the Tokyo tournament.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

**Aida Tunik** was a well respected **State High** teacher from 1953 to 1987. On her retirement in 1987, the school magazine recorded that: *There are many hundreds of students who have been privileged to receive their grounding in Geography at the hands of this fine teacher.* The **PSA** wishes Mrs Tunik all the very best as she celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in July. In retirement on Bribie Island, it is reported that she is “as sharp as a tack”.

## STATE HIGH ANNIVERSARIES

**1975** Jubilee Celebrations marked a milestone in the history of the school – 50 years on the Musgrave Park site. To mark the occasion, a number of students who attended the school in 1925 were guests of honour at Jubilee Celebrations throughout the year which included an “Orchestral Concert”, a “Cavalcade of Fashion” an “Open Day”, “Jubilee Dinners”, the annual “Passing Out Parade” with a Jubilee theme and “Speech Night”.

**1996** marked the 75th Anniversary of **Brisbane State High School**. A program of anniversary events to celebrate the major and significant aspects of **State High** life over seventy-five years, namely the sporting, artistic, historic, social, spiritual, academic and cultural aspects, was devised. The 75th anniversary program included a range of exciting events including “75 Years of BSHS Sport”, “State of High Arts”, “Commemorative Plaque”, “Red and Blue Ball”, “Thanksgiving Service”, “Staff at State High”, “Return to State High”, “State High on Stage”, “Open Day” and “Golf Day”.

**2001** marked our 80th Anniversary. School Captains, **Rozanne Botha** and **Jared Eismann**, conducted a whole school assembly at South Bank Piazza to commemorate this event.

**2011** marked our 90th Anniversary. The school opened its doors to over 3,000 current and past students, their families, past teachers and friends of **State High**. On the oval, the school welcomed Anglican Church Grammar School in the regular GPS First XI Football and First XV Rugby competitions. The school, the P&C and the **Past Students’ Association** hosted the 90th Anniversary Dinner on the F Block terrace, overlooking the floodlit oval with a backdrop of the city lights.

A comprehensive review of these anniversary events is available online at:

<https://brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au/our-school/history/anniversaries>

## ARCHITECTURAL ACCOLADES

**Paul Memmott AO**, Class of 1966, is a life fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects and a fellow of the Australian Anthropological Society. Paul has authored and co-authored numerous books and articles on Aboriginal architecture and Indigenous housing.

In 2009, he was recognized with the Royal Australian Institute of Architects’ Neville Quarry Architectural Education Prize. The RAI jury said, “Professor Memmott is highly regarded as the leading Australian scholar and applied researcher on Aboriginal housing and settlement.”

Paul was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the 2021 Australia Day Awards.

## **BSHS PSA GENERAL MEETINGS**

A **BSHS PSA** General Meeting, will be held at 9.00 am on Saturday **9th October** 2021 in the School Museum in the Assembly / Sports Hall on the Vulture Campus. All past students are invited to attend this important meeting to provide input to and support for their association.

### **FEEDBACK**

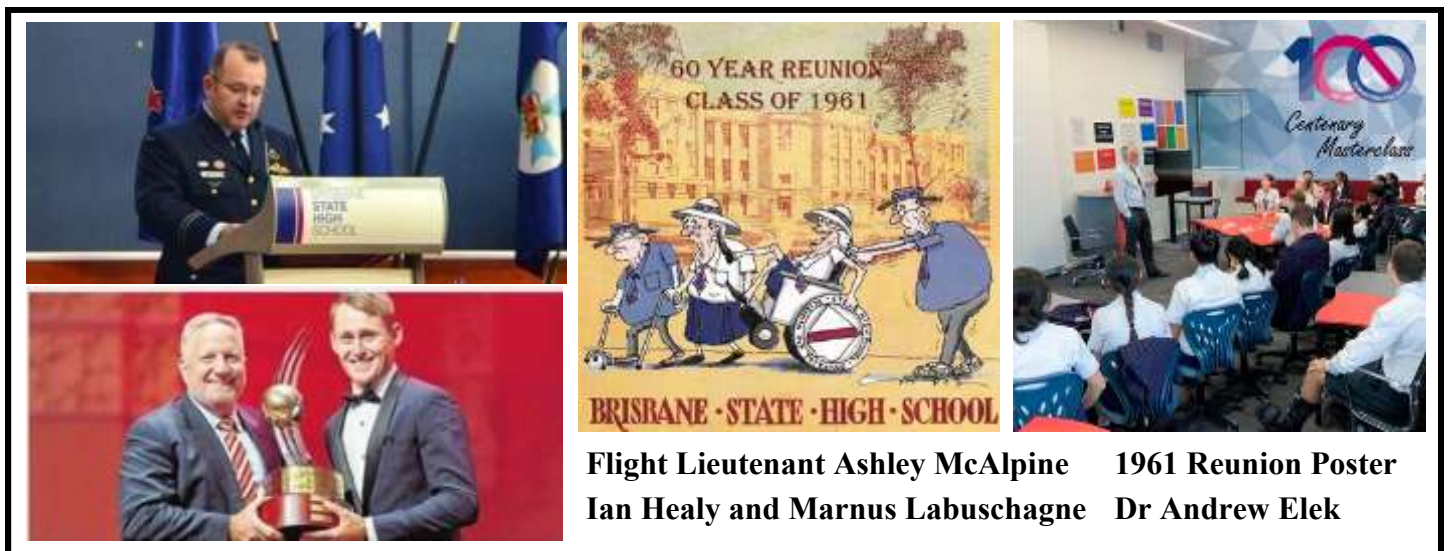
Thank you for the March edition of *AMICUS*. The depth of the teaching staff at BSHS in 1953 is, pages 5 and 6, proof of the quality of our education. I cannot let your list rest without a few more to be added by 1955:

Joe (Hoppy) Noonan, Harry Atwell, Billy (Bunsen Burner) Beckman, Stumpy Russell, Marge Rahmin, Goosens, Johnny Hunt, Vera Arnell, and Cyril Ernst. Roly Trickett was more familiar to us as "Moaner". All with respect and endearment, of course.

And for the record, in the quest for the Senior Art Prize of 1953, **William (Billy) Robinson** was pipped at the post by one **Ian Jackson**. Ian was a brilliant delineator who made a career in architecture. He is now in deserved retirement on the Sunshine Coast. I hope I got all the spelling correct. Hoppy would not be amused.

Scientia est Potestas *Bob Gardner* 1955 architect (retired)

**Editor:** Vic Honour, George Lockie and Fred Barrell could be added to Bob's list.



**Flight Lieutenant Ashley McAlpine**      **1961 Reunion Poster**  
**Ian Healy and Marnus Labuschagne**      **Dr Andrew Elek**

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## **BSHS PSA FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP**

If you receive *AMICUS* via post your expiry date for financial membership of the **BSHS PSA** is indicated by the first four numbers on the address label, e.g. **2021** 1990 1994.

If you receive *AMICUS* via email you will be advised when your fees are due.

Fees are due in February of the expiry year. Membership subscription rates are:

1 YEAR - **\$15**    5 YEARS - **\$50**    10 YEARS - **\$90**      Life membership - **\$250**

(1) Please post your cheque for renewal to;

**Brisbane State High School Past Students Association**  
**Cnr Cordelia and Glenelg Streets**  
**South Brisbane**  
**QLD 4101**

OR

(2) Please pay via [www.statehighconnect.com.au](http://www.statehighconnect.com.au) or by electronic transfer to the following account;

(3) **Brisbane State High School Past Students Association**  
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For identification purposes please ensure that your **FULL NAME** and final year at **State High** are included with the transfer.