

### New AMICUS Editors

Well, in this Olympic year, the torch for gathering and compiling *Amicus* has been passed from Barry Irwin to an editorial team made up of **Ross Bentley**, Class of 1963, **Beryl Roberts (Smith)**, Class of 1962 and **Kevin Chang**, Class of 2003. It is true; we need a whole team of people to compile *Amicus* without Barry. That's dinkum!

**Barry Irwin** has achieved an incredible reputation and undertaken massive amounts of gathering and research to ensure that *Amicus* was a fascinating read, relevant and available. These are big shoes to fill and there is no denying it, the three new crew members are shaking in their sneakers!

We would love any feedback and ideas of what you might like to see in *Amicus*. We are always looking for great stories, information and photos. Hope you enjoy this, our first edition of *Amicus*.



Here are your BSBS Museum and *Amicus* editorial team members in State High's Museum on Thursday, 31 May, 2012. Left, standing, is **Ian Scotney** with his wife, **Glenise (Andrews)** seated. **Ian** and **Glenise** (Class of 1962) work tirelessly in the BSBS Museum and have really upgraded this important school facility. On the right standing is **Ross Bentley** (Class of 1963) and **Beryl Roberts (Smith)** (Class of 1962) seated, members of the *Amicus* editorial team. **Kevin Chang** (Class of 2003) standing in the middle is both a great help in the Museum and a member of the *Amicus* editorial team. This photograph was taken after a morning of rearranging Museum furniture. Thanks to **Darryl Clarke** (Class of 1962), for taking this photo.

### What's in a name?

Came across this in a past edition of the *Amicus*. The word *amicus* is a Latin word meaning 'friend' derived from the word *amicabilis*. 'Amicable', according to the *Macquarie Dictionary*, is an adjective characterised by or exhibiting friendliness; friendly; peaceable. *Amicus* seems like a great choice of name for the BSBS PSA's Newsletter.

### Museum Update

There has been much pushing and shoving of furniture in the BSBS Museum of late. Five excellent glass display cabinets have been purchased and installed with much heaving in the north-eastern corner of the Museum. There is a bit of cleaning up and enhancement to be done to the cabinets before they can display State High memorabilia, but they are a great asset to the display area. **BSBS Museum is open every Thursday, 9.00am to 12noon.** You are welcome to call in then or contact the Curators through the BSBS PSA email.

### Museum Donations

If anyone has any interesting bits and pieces that they would like to donate to the BSBS Museum, they would be greatly appreciated by the Museum curators, **Ian and Glenise Scotney**. Presently they are particularly looking for past Senior and Junior Examination Papers.

### BSBS Past Student Association membership

Many benefits arise from becoming a member of the BSBS Past Students Association. It is important to continue growing our PSA Membership, so if you know someone who is entitled to become a member, please give them a gentle nudge.

One of the many benefits from becoming a BSBS PSA member is to get the four editions of *Amicus* throughout each year. *Amicus* keeps you in touch with 'old' State High and its past students as well as being a medium to find out about Reunions and what others who passed through the hallways of State High are up to these days.

**Barry Irwin** is the PSA's Registrar and he truly knows everyone who ever put their big toe onto the State High campus. If you have changed your name or changed your contact details would you kindly let Barry Irwin know. This makes his job of linking up to those thousands of former students and staff members a lot easier and it ensures the links don't break.

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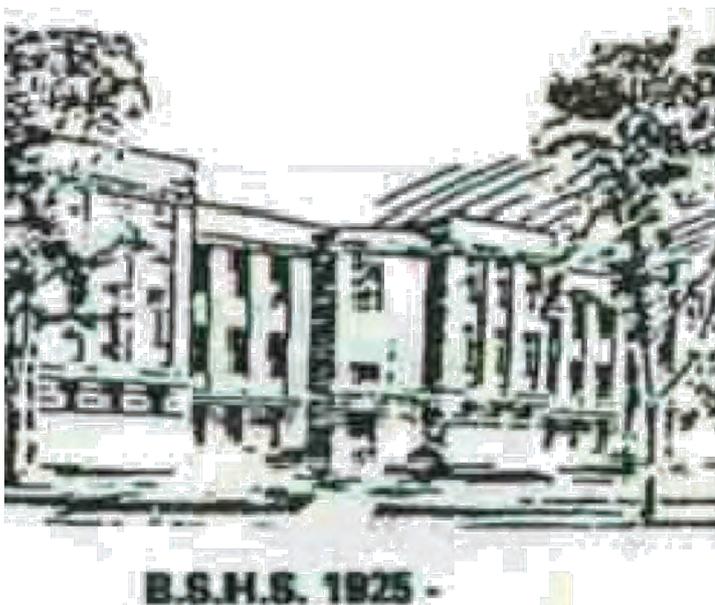
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## BSHS Past Students Association Committee Update

Notes from the **2012 Annual General Meeting of the BSHS PSA** held in the BSHS Museum, in 'G' Block, **28 April 2012.**

- The meeting table was surrounded by 21 attendees and a few extra chairs were required – a very pleasing response.
- The AGM Reports were shared covering the committee's undertakings during 2011 before all positions were vacated and nominations were received for the 2012 PSA Committee.
- There were only minor changes in the PSA Committee and office bearers. The previous PSA Committee members were voted into their places again for another go. The only changes were that Barry Irwin's *Amicus* editor's task was passed over to a new and somewhat nervous *Amicus* editorial team made up of Ross Bentley, Kevin Chang and Beryl Roberts.

Notes from the **BSHS PSA General Meeting** held after the AGM, **28 April 2012.**

- Commencement of work on a centenary publication for State High to be ready for 2012, possibly in a book format, was discussed.
- \$4000 was allocated to the Museum volunteers to organise the purchase and installation of 'new' display cabinets.
- Year 8 students are visiting the BSHS Museum as part of their induction to State High. This was greatly supported by the PSA committee.
- Margaret Blackman left a large box of her books in the Museum. On 9 May 2012 these will be presented to the Principal and the English HOD.
- University of Canberra (ANME – Australian National Museum of Education) has asked if BSHS Museum would like to be included on their database of small 'boutique' museums. Cost \$15. This was moved and carried.
- Reunions confirmed for this year were Classes of 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992 and 2002 and possibly 1987.
- Correspondence was organised.

Notes from the **BSHS PSA General Meeting** held in the BSHS Museum 'G' Block, **2 June 2012.**

- Financial matters were discussed and approved. Some funding was to be relocated into fixed term deposits and a couple of extra signatories for cheque signings was organised.
- Incorporation documentation for BSHS PSA is on its way. An auditor has been appointed.
- BSHS Museum now has an air conditioning unit installed, thanks to Wade Haynes (BSHS Principal). This installation required the removal of a full wall of the Garnet Greenbury Collection - a framed photographic display. So there is a fair bit of re-arrangement of that wall required by the Museum volunteers to ensure that this impressive display is soon back on the wall.
- 'New' cabinets have been placed in and there are a number of other display cases that are looking for new homes.
- A position has been found for the old glass pharmacy display cabinet that was donated to the Museum by a past students' family. There is a fair bit of display cabinet re-arrangement to be undertaken. The cleaning of cabinet shelves and glass sides and setting them up for displays is going to take considerable effort.

- Discussion about the increasing use of the BSHS Museum by past students searching for family history showed an interesting reason for the maintenance and constant upgrading of the Museum.
- Discussion about whether this facility is truly a museum or rather a resource centre showed that the Museum volunteers are adapting the collection to make it more user-friendly.
- Museum volunteers are keen to have a visit to this resource centre as an essential activity for all Year 8 students during their first year at State High.
- The PSA members are keen to encourage past student activities such as the golf competition, discussed elsewhere in *Amicus*. It is believed there is a regular gathering of past BSHS tuckshop volunteers.
- Many of State High's past students are highly skilled with a huge diversity of experience and knowledge. The promotion of involving relevant past students, where required, was favourably discussed.

**Next General Meeting** of the **BSHS PSA** will be held in the **BSHS Museum**, 'G' Block, at **9.00am** on Saturday, **1 September 2012**. All welcome.

### BSHS PSA Golf Day

The BSHS PSA used to run an annual Golf Day and lunch for interested past students, the last one being held in about 1996. It was proposed at the recent PSA General Meeting that we should resume that annual sporting and social activity. The date, venue, and type of competition will be decided in consultation with those interested. Spouses/partners are welcome to participate, and non-golfers are welcome to attend the lunch. Past students interested in taking part in an 18-hole competition and lunch, please contact **Anne Lanham**, 6/20 Grove St, Toowong 4066, phone 3217 7508, [anne.lanham@hotmail.com](mailto:anne.lanham@hotmail.com).

*Do you belong to a gathering or an activity involving BSHS past students? Are you keen to form a group that walks together or goes out to lunch every few months? You might be trying to link up with someone. If you are keen to initiate any past student event please let us know. We are happy to assist and get the word out to others.*

### BSHS PSA Reunions for 2012

All reunion planning committees for this year's reunions have their plans well underway. The task of finding a few elusive past students of these classes continues. So get in touch if you have not been contacted yet. If you know any past students of these years, please link up with them and contact their reunion committee.

#### 50 Year Reunion, Class of 1962

This will be the first reunion of the Class of 1962 combining both past boys and girls of that fine vintage. Wonder how many will remember and recognise other past students of their time at State High. The Reunion in October is fast approaching, so get in touch now. Don't wait for another 50 years! If you think we have changed a little over the past fifty years, then wait 'til you see what has happened to good old State High in that time span. This will be great fun.

- Girls, make that ladies, contact Gayle Thomsett: [gthomsett@bigpond.com](mailto:gthomsett@bigpond.com)

- Boys, forgive me, gentlemen, contact Ian Scotney: [ianscotney@bigpond.com](mailto:ianscotney@bigpond.com)



**BSHS 57, 1962.** *This is one of the Reunion classes for 2012. Class of 1962 past students are celebrating their 50 Year Reunion later this year. Check back to the Museum photo on the front page and you will notice Glenise and Beryl seated together. In this photo, 50 years earlier, they happen to be sitting beside each other in the middle of the front row.*

#### 40 Year Reunion, Class of 1972

Please check out the Facebook Page – Brisbane State High School Class of 1972 – and make contact now.

Email: [bshsclassof1972@gmail.com](mailto:bshsclassof1972@gmail.com)

#### 30 Year Reunion, Class of 1982

Plans are really well underway for the past students of 30 years gone. A great gathering will be held at the Booroodabin Bowls Club on 10 November 2012. Here are your contacts:

- Ian Perkins: [ian@sorbetstyle.com.au](mailto:ian@sorbetstyle.com.au)
- David Bourke: [david@bourkefs.com.au](mailto:david@bourkefs.com.au)
- Michelle Witt (Innocend): [innerchelle@yahoo.com.au](mailto:innerchelle@yahoo.com.au)

#### 20 Year Reunion, Class of 1992

Check out the Facebook page for details of this Reunion event happening on 17 November 2012 and contact: Daneile Holmes: [daneile\\_holmes@yahoo.com.au](mailto:daneile_holmes@yahoo.com.au)

#### 10 Year Reunion, Class of 2002

A great reunion is planned to take place at the Boundary Hotel, West End, on Saturday, 18 August 2012, from 4.00pm until late. Check out the Facebook page – BSHS Ten Year Reunion – and make contact via email:

[bshsclassof2002@hotmail.com](mailto:bshsclassof2002@hotmail.com)

### BSHS PSA Reunions for 2013

No time to become complacent now. A little bit of forward planning and the Classes of **1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993** and **2003** will soon be well underway with planning their Reunions for 2013.

#### 50 Year Reunion, Class of 1963

A committee has been formed and the searching has begun for all the past students of the Class of 1963. That too was a fine vintage! It is almost 50 years since the Seniors of 1963 said farewell to State High and went out into the big world. It's time to get together and reminisce with good mates. Contact the organising committee at: [bshs63reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:bshs63reunion@hotmail.com) or

Ross Bentley: 0407 144 041

**30 Year Reunion, Class of 1983**

Initial preparations are underway for the 30 Year Reunion of the Class of 1983 to be held in 2013. Please contact:

- Carolyn Robinson (Dart), [craigcarolynrobinson@hotmail.com](mailto:craigcarolynrobinson@hotmail.com), or
- Lexia Willmington (McMillan), [lwillmington@bigpond.com](mailto:lwillmington@bigpond.com)

**20 Year Reunion, Class of 1993**

Planning is underway for the 20 Year Reunion of the Class of 1993 to be held next year. Please contact: Facebook page – Brisbane State High School – Graduates of 1993.

**BSHS ‘old boys’ represent in government**

A few of our Past Students recently have been elected to take on the onerous tasks of State and Local Government. Keep an eye on these ‘old boys’.

**John (Jack) Mark Dempsey,**

Class of 1984, represents the division of Bundaberg in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland. He was sworn in as Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister assisting the Premier on 3 April 2012 and served in that position until 17 April 2012 when he was appointed as Minister for Police and Community Safety in the newly elected LNP government. Jack



Dempsey was first elected at the 2006 State election and was the Shadow Minister for Child Safety and Shadow Minister for Sport from April 2009 to November 2010. He was appointed the Shadow Minister for the Environment and the Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation in 2010 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Mining and Resource Management in 2011. He has also served as the Deputy Chair on the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee. A respected former local police sergeant prior to his election, Jack takes a proud record of community service to the Queensland parliament. Jack played in the undefeated premierships 1<sup>st</sup> XV team of 1983, which included future Wallabies, **Brian Smith, David Wilson and Paul Carozza** and the 1984 1<sup>st</sup> XV that shared the premiership with Ipswich Grammar School. Jack was selected in the Australian Schoolboys team in 1984 vs Japan and the New Zealand tour.

**John-Paul Honoré Langbroek**

(Sub-Senior class of 1978) is now the Minister for Education, Training and Employment in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland. He has been a member of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland since 2004 and Leader of the Opposition and parliamentary leader of the LNP from 2009 to 2011.



John-Paul is Queensland's most popular politician, snaring the most voter support of all candidates in the March 2012 state election, polling a massive 72.93% of the votes in his Surfers Paradise electorate. As the new Queensland Minister for Education, Training and Employment, The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek, welcomed staff and students back to school to commence Term 2, 2012. He addressed constituents with these words, “As part of the Newman government’s commitment to education, I am interested in meeting and talking with many of you to listen to your needs and concerns.”

**Paul Bishop,** Class of 1984. In

the recent Local Council elections, May 2012, Paul Bishop was elected as an independent to represent Division 10, (Birkdale/Thornside area) in Redland City Council. Born in 1966 in Gladstone, he came as a youngster with his parents to live in Wynnum where he attended Brisbane State High School. Paul lived in Melbourne and Sydney for a



decade working as an actor. He is perhaps best known from his seven years in the role of Sergeant Ben Stewart on the popular television series “Blue Heelers”. He is well known and regarded as a permanent fixture in the Queensland theatre circuit. Paul, his wife and their four children now reside in Birkdale. In an interview recorded in *The Courier Mail* just prior to Paul’s election to Redland City Council he stated, “Working as a councillor for Redland City residents is a natural progression for my diverse communication skills.” Paul continued, “More than ever before, I believe we need people who understand the human consequences of change. Particularly people who can facilitate and enable change toward more inclusive, and adaptive futures.” Paul concluded by saying, “Regardless of my result in the coming election, I remain committed to these issues for the sake of my community and our children’s future.” On Sunday, 20 May 2012, Paul Bishop gave an excellent presentation at the BCC’s Creek Ranger Forum themed on Cooperatives, Communities and Catchments at Moreton Bay Boys College. A few of the quotes that he sprinkled through his talk were: “There are no passengers on Spaceship Earth. We are all crew.”; “There is nothing good or bad – but thinking makes it so.” (Shakespeare); “Work is love made visible.” (Kahlil Kabran).

Congratulations to all of the successfully elected politicians in the recent State and Local Council elections in Queensland. If you have some information, stories or ideas on BSHS Past Students who have taken on the political arena, please let us know. [bshspsa@gmail.com](mailto:bshspsa@gmail.com)

**Award for Greg Farr, Class of 1972**

After 39 years working for the Public Service, Greg Farr will be retiring later this year. Greg’s working life saw him take on the demanding tasks of a second Commissioner of Taxation prior to his current role as the CIO of Defence. On 2 May this year, Greg Farr received the prestigious Public Service Medal (PSM) from the Governor General at Government House.

## BSSH Olympians

With the Queen's 60 Year celebrations and the Olympics, the massive metropolis of London is buzzing. Listed here are legendary State High Past Students who have participated in Olympics since 1952. The PSA is proud to acknowledge the wonderful achievements of these outstanding Olympians.

- **Norma Fleming (Croker)**, Class of 1952. In the 1956 Australian athletics championships Norma was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 yards and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 220 yards individual races. In the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Norma was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the individual 200m race and she was a Gold medallist in the 4 x 100m relay teaming up with Shirley Strickland, Fleur Mellor and Betty Cuthbert. In the 1960 Australian athletics championships Norma was placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 yards and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 220 yards sprints as well as she took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the long jump and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4 x 100m relay. In the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome she was disqualified in the relay and finished 15<sup>th</sup> in long jump. Norma was Queensland's first Olympic Gold medallist.
- **Imants Terauds**, Class of 1954. In the 1964 Tokyo Olympics Imants competed in fencing. The Australian Men's Epee Team gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the first round.
- **Fred Quine**, Class of 1956. Fred gained a Silver medal for hockey in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.
- **Marion Hoffman**, Class of 1967. Marion competed in athletics in the 1972 Olympics in Munich.
- **Tim Conrad**, Class of 1969. Tim competed as the Australian Rowing Captain in the 1976 Montreal Olympics.
- **Brad Cooper**, Class of 1971. Brad gained a Gold medal for swimming the 400m freestyle in the 1972 Munich Olympics.
- **Sue McCarthy (Funch)**, Class of 1971. Sue competed in swimming in the 1972 Munich Olympics.
- **Alison Smith**, Class of 1976. Alison competed in swimming in the 1976 Montreal Olympics.
- **Ian Edmunds**, Class of 1978. Ian gained a Bronze medal in the rowing VIII in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.
- **Karen Ramsay (Van der Graff)**, Class of 1979. Karen, a resident of Coorparoo when attending State High, was a member of the Australian swimming team at the 1978 Commonwealth Games held in Edmonston, Canada. Karen competed in swimming in the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.
- **Rosemary Fydler (Brown)**, Class of 1979. Rosemary competed in swimming in the 1980 Moscow Olympics.
- **Suzie Ford (Baumer)**, Class of 1981. Suzie competed in swimming in both the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and 1988 Olympics in Seoul.
- **Jon Sieben**, Class of 1983. Jon secured a Gold medal for a world record swim in the 200m butterfly and a Bronze medal in the 4 x 100m medley relay in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. He also competed in swimming in both the 1988 Seoul Olympics and the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Jon Sieben became a Triple Olympian.
- **Justin Lemberg**, Class of 1983. Justin gained a Bronze medal in swimming the 400m freestyle in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.
- **Duncan Armstrong OAM**, Class of 1985. Duncan gained a Gold medal when he broke the world record for the 200m freestyle and a Silver medal for his swim in the 400m freestyle in the 1988 Seoul Olympics. He competed in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Duncan Armstrong has recently signed up as the Queensland ambassador for the Swap It, Don't Stop it Campaign against obesity. This campaign encourages people to make small swaps towards a healthier life. Duncan has joined forces with Diabetes Queensland, the Heart Foundation, the Cancer Council Queensland and Nutrition Australia Qld to promote healthy living messages to Queensland communities.
- **Rina Hill (Bradshaw)**, Year 8 (1982) and 9 (1983). Rina competed in triathlon in the 2004 Athens Olympics. Rina Bradshaw ran 40min 55sec in the women's division of the Bridge to Brisbane 10km fun run with 30,000 participants. Her athletics/cross country career got off to a flying start at State High in 1982/83.
- **Jodie Housman (Clatworthy)**, Class of 1989. Jodie competed in swimming in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.
- **Boden Hanson**, Class of 1990. Bo competed in the rowing VIII in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. A Bronze medal resulted from Bo's rowing in the quad sculls in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Another Bronze medal was gained by Bo rowing in the Coxless IV at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. As a team member in the rowing VIII at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Bo gained another Bronze medal. Bo Hanson was a Quadruple Olympian.
- **Shane Lewis**, Class of 1990. Shane competed in swimming in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.
- **Hayley Taylor (Lewis)**, Class of 1991. Hayley gained a Silver medal in the 800m freestyle and a Bronze medal in the 4 x 200m freestyle relay in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. She also competed in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the 2000 Sydney Olympics and in so doing became a Triple Olympian.
- **Lise Mackie**, Class of 1993. Lise competed in swimming in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. A Bronze medal was gained by Lise as a team member of the 4 x 200m freestyle relay in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.
- **Scott Logan**, Class of 1993. Scott competed in swimming in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.
- **Wendy Alcorn** played with the Australian Hockeyroos in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.
- **Marisa Carpadios** gained a Silver medal for softball in the 2004 Athens Olympics.
- **Danielle Stewart**, Class of 1998. Danielle gained a Bronze medal for softball in the Beijing Olympics in 2008.
- **Kate Gynther**, Class of 1999. Kate competed in water polo in the 2004 Olympics in Athens. She gained a Bronze medal for water polo in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.
- **Amy Hetzel**, Class of 2000. Amy gained a Bronze medal for water polo in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.
- **Lyndsie Fogarty**, Class of 2002. Lyndsie gained a Bronze medal for kayaking in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.
- **Zane Christensen**, Class of 2002. Zane competed in volleyball in the 2004 Olympics in Athens.
- **Victor Popov**, Class of 1981. School Captain, served on three different Olympic medical teams (*Amicus*, Sept 2003)

### Tovah Cottle weaves the fabric of her amazing life

On 20 May 2012, ABC TV's 'Australian Story' ran a compelling documentary on Tovah Cottle. Tovah was born in Noosa. Her Greek father left her mother to raise Tovah alone. Fortunately her supportive mother was there as she headed into turbulent waters.

As a teenager Tovah became an international model with the world at her feet. At 14 years of age she developed migraines and started drug taking which led to drug dealing. From 1998 until 2004 Tovah entered into a criminal lifestyle with 23 drug charges as well as involvement in armed robbery and fraud. In 1999 she gave birth to a child as her life fell into chaos. Late in 2004, Tovah and her young son, moved in with her mother. She took up ballroom dancing where she met Warren Jopson. This partnership blossomed as they started dating.

At 27 years of age Tovah commenced a six year jail term. After six months in the Brisbane Women's Jail, she was transferred to the low security facility in Numinbah Valley. The Chaplain in this facility taught her to sew and soon found that Tovah not only had an interest and skill in sewing but had a great gift for fashion design. Tovah enrolled in TAFE and completed 34 short courses in two and a half years. She was an outstanding student who was not only very creative but dared to take a risk. Upon release from jail, Tovah began working in the difficult field of fashion design. In an effort to make up for lost time, Tovah has created her own fashion label and developed this into a highly successful fashion design business.

### Music in Brisbane and the QSO by Patrick Thomas MBE

Now approaching his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, Patrick Thomas has set down some random reminiscences of his birth city, Brisbane. His first-hand coverage is a true story, alive with lots of personal detail and insight, conveyed often with subtle touches of humour. Titled *Music in Brisbane and the QSO* and released by Wirripang Pty Ltd this book is made up of random recollections of Brisbane's music scene from the years after World War II. For a synopsis search Wirripang's website under Authors, Libraries or Universities. RRP \$20 + P & P.

### Victor Syrmis, Class of 1961

The film, *Lucky Stiff*, based on the 1988 musical of the same name is being produced by New Oz Productions' **Victor Syrmis**, BSHS Class of 1961, and Branded Pictures Entertainment's J.



(L to R) Carl Rumbaugh, David Schweizer and Victor Syrmis

Todd Harris. The production is slated for mid-June in Southern California.

The musical, *Lucky Stiff*, is based on Michael Butterworth's 1965 novel, *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo*. The screen play from this novel was written by Lynne Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty and was performed first in New York and then London before being taken up by hundreds of international productions. Ahrens has adapted the play for the screen while Flaherty and Ahrens have written additional

songs for the production.

Tony Award-winning Christopher Ashley directs this musical farce about a lonely English bachelor who stands to inherit a fortune from his recently deceased uncle. Unfortunately this involves squiring his uncle's corpse on a whirlwind vacation to Monte Carlo where several other parties have their eyes on the same inheritance. Veteran Broadway and Hollywood choreographer, Joey Pizzi, has been enlisted to stage the film's dance numbers. The great cast will be made up of Jason Alexander, supported by Nikki M. James, Pamela Shaw, Jayne Houdyshell and newcomer, Dominic Marsh.

### Vale

The BSHS Past Students Association records, with regret, the passing of the following past students and extends condolences to their families and friends.

- **Eileen McGlurg (Baumgartner)**, Class of 1955
- **Frances Hobbs (Ward)**, Class of Junior 1960
- **James Clarke**, Class of Junior 1943
- **Marjorie Sparks (Hemmling)**, Class of Junior 1931
- **David Garland**, Class of 1945
- **Gail Pauline Louisa Ashauer**, Class of 1963. Champion breastroker, winner of titles at GPS and State Secondary Schools Carnivals, was sadly, but at the same time, joyously remembered at a service on the Gold Coast on 16th May, having passed away on 9th May
- **Brian Jackson** who was at State High 1945-46, passed away on 23 May 2011

### Obituary: Honourable Robert John Bulley

Born in Townsville on 7 November 1936, Robert John Bulley began his primary schooling in Longreach which continued at Sarina and back again in Townsville before his family came to settle in Brisbane. Bob and his brother, Claude, became very good middle and long distance runners. With cross country being their favourite event, they joined the Toowong Harriers Athletics Club.

Robert was a brilliant student and went on to Brisbane State High School where he gained straight A's for both Junior and Senior examinations. He obtained an open scholarship to the University of Queensland graduating with an Arts/Law degree.

He met and later married Elizabeth Stott soon after he began his long legal career and they had three children.

Robert Bulley was appointed to the Family Court in 1977 where he worked long hours in this difficult job for the next 18 years. He retired in 1995 for health reasons. Colleagues recalled his time on the bench as one in which he displayed great knowledge of the law and also showed gentleness, compassion and an ability to put parties at ease.

Outside of work Bob Bulley had many sporting interests. From a young age he had a passion for cricket. He also enjoyed

tennis and rugby. Through his sons' involvement he developed a love of AFL. Another great passion he had was for horse racing and he owned several successful horses, including Right of Audience.

Robert John Bulley died on 4 March 2012, in Brisbane. (Notes were taken from: Obituaries: 'Judge was a true family man', *The Courier Mail*, 28 April 2012.)

This is a great photograph of **Hilda Cupit (Holzapfel)** taken after her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2008. Hilda is probably BSHS's oldest past student and still going strong at 103 years of age. She enjoys living in her granny flat in Nerang.



**A "senior" moment of embarrassment**

As I left a meeting at the local church, I was feeling for the car keys and began desperately giving myself a personal pat down. No keys - they were not in my pockets. A quick search of the meeting room revealed nothing. Realizing that I must have left them in the car, and frantic by this time, I headed for the carpark.

Now my wife had scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory has always been that the ignition is the best place NOT to lose them. Her theory stressed that with the key in the ignition the car will be stolen. Bursting through the front doors of the church, I came to the terrifying conclusion that her theory was correct. The carpark was empty. Now what to do?

Of course I immediately called the police, gave them my location, confessed that I'd left the keys in the ignition and that the car had been stolen.

Next, the most difficult call of all. "Honey", I stammered. This was followed by a distinct silence and I thought the call had dropped out. Then I clearly heard her, as she barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I timidly asked, "Well can you come and pick me up?" She retorted, "I will - as soon as I convince this constable that I haven't stolen your car."

**BSHS House Names Puzzle**

Up until and during 1962 there were six sports houses functioning with the students at State High. The girls belonged to Patterson, Lawson or Kendall houses obviously named after famous Australian poets and writers. The boys were allocated to Monash, Allenby and Birdwood houses that were named after prominent Australian soldiers.

Sometime from 1963 onwards State High had just four sporting houses – Allenby, Birdwood, Monash and Glasgow. The previous girls' house names disappeared and Glasgow was added.

Does anyone know why the houses were changed from six to four in number and how the names were decided upon?

In fact we would appreciate any information on the State High house system. Perhaps a funny story or two could be shared.

**The 2012 State High Rugby Program**

Date	Opponent	Home	Playing fields
1 Sep	Downlands College	D'lands	Ruthven St. Toowoomba
8 Sep	Toowoomba Grammar School	BSHS	Fursden Rd. Carina
15 Sep	Anglican Church Grammar School	ACGS	Off Hilton St. East Brisbane

Past students, whether former rugby players or not, are always welcome at venues on game days to support the teams. Other sports programmes will be advised when available.

**Chris F'Sautia, Class of 2011**

He has been described as a "freak" by his vice-captain. Readers of Saturday's *Courier Mail*, 19 May 2012, would probably have had no idea who **Chris F'Sautia**, Class of 2011, was, but Will Genia, his "Reds" vice-captain was adamant that the Sunnybank 18-year-old would quickly become a household rugby name. **Chris**, after rehabilitation from a series of injuries, and with not a single club appearance on his CV, was unleashed from the bench in his Super Rugby debut at Suncorp Stadium that night against the Lions.

Before his Saturday debut, Genia was in awe of F'Sautia's talent after seeing him dominate athletic drills in the pre-season, describing him as....."freakishly fast, he's strong, with great power and a great vertical jump.....At full tilt he's almost impossible to stop. He's just raw. You can throw him anywhere on the footy field and he will give you X-factor," Genia added.

By Sunday morning, *The Sunday Mail* headline claimed, "Reds unveil their Samoan rocket". Chris, "with thighs as sturdy as palm trunks, careered away for an eye-popping try on debut for the Reds". This unfolded just three minutes after coming on as a replacement. Chris had been described as this season's "rugby stealth weapon", and his coach, Ewen McKenzie, added that he'd been "just as excited for F'Sautia's debut as he was for the return of mercurial fly half - Quade Cooper".

(Condensed from articles in *The Courier Mail*, 19 May 2012, and *The Sunday Mail*, 20 May 2012.)

Congratulations, Chris, from the BSHS PSA.

### Barbara Blackman's visit to State High

On 9 May 2012, State High's Principal, the school's HOD of English and a number of current students welcomed Ms Barbara Blackman, an esteemed past student from the 1940s. After more than five decades, Ms Blackman returned to State High to present the School Museum with copies of her published literary works.

K. Black, the present School Vice-Captain, wrote in a recent BSHS weekly Newsletter, 'I was one of the few fortunate enough to meet this enlightening woman and to hear her wonderful memories from her school days at Brisbane State High School. She told us how much she loved writing as a teenager and how dismayed she was by the fact that student-run newspapers were forbidden during her time. Upon hearing how encouraging the school is of the current student-run newspaper, *The Ink Drop*, Ms Blackman was delighted. She taught us to value the immense support State High offers its students and to appreciate how privileged we are to be attending such a fantastic and encouraging school.

One of the most memorable things she said was that you should "always cherish and save happy memories. You should bottle them up like perfume so that when things are going badly and you feel down, you've always got those happy memories to smell."

Barbara Blackman's most generous donation of her publications to BSHS was very gratefully acknowledged. It was obvious from the School's current Vice-Captain that Ms Blackman's talk at the presentation had inspired students and reminded them of the privileges that they access.

#### A snapshot of Barbara Blackman

Taken from: [www.cimf.org.au](http://www.cimf.org.au) (last updated 19 April 2012)

Barbara Blackman, poet, essayist, librettist, letter writer and music advocate, was an only child, born and bred in Brisbane, caught up in the Barjai art/literary group of the Forties, the Melbourne Contemporary Art Society of the Fifties and the Australian wave in London of the Sixties. She was married to painter Charles Blackman for thirty years. She has worked as a child psychologist, an artists' model, a magazine columnist, a radio producer for Radio for the Print Handicapped, and an oral historian for the National Library. She was a co-founder of the Little Lookout Theatre in Sydney and is a member of the C.G. Jung Society and the National Federation of Blind Citizens. Barbara has been blind most of her adult life and has listened to, and enjoyed and celebrated music, and particularly contemporary music, with an appreciation and intensity few of us can match. She is often described as the patron saint of audiences, and believes strongly that the concert going audience is an integral part of the creative process.

As patron of the Canberra International Music Festival, she has overseen a period of great expansion of the artistic ambitions of the Festival, to the point that the program is now seen as the leading fine music festival in the country. Pro Musica, presenter of the Canberra International Music Festival, is proud to be associated with the Barbara Blackman Lecture, which is becoming one of the leading intellectual events in the Australian Music Calendar.

Barbara Blackman was awarded an AO in the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours.

### Some information about the 2012 Canberra International Music Festival

Taken from: <http://citynews.com.au/2012/arts-entertainment/>

The nation's capital has seen festivals come and go, but the Canberra International Music Festival, now in its 18th year, looks set to stay.

From small beginnings in embassies and national institutions and always passionately supported by the local community, it has grown under directors Nicole Canham and Christopher Latham into a formidable musical event that puts Canberra on the map.

That evolution has been attributed, in large part, to the input of \$630,000 from 2006 to 2008 by music patron, Barbara Blackman.

Latham has put his own eccentric mark on the event, combining the erudition and architectural know-how of the Australian Institute of Architects with fine music through the "Amazing Spaces" venture and thus giving the festival a unique flavour.

The concert "Bachiana Brasileiras" was a case in point, where UC architecture lecturer David Flannery drew comparisons between Canberra and Brasilia.

In the Australian War Memorial, music was matched to abstract qualities of valour, while in Old Parliament House, Burley Griffin's designs were projected on to the ceiling to the sounds of Jonathan Mills' Griffin-inspired work "Ethereal Eye". The courtyard of the National Film and Sound Archive became a sound studio for the skills of ubiquitous percussionists Michael Askill, Gary France and DRUMatiX.

These were undoubtedly the stars of the festival and are visible and audible almost daily. It was no surprise, then, that DRUMatiX was one of three groups (the others were the ANU Chamber Choir and the ANU Chamber Orchestra) honoured with ACTEW's Outstanding Performer awards.

Many other individuals shone, as Latham persuaded invited guests to put their shoulders to the wheel in unexpected spots. British conductor Andrew Mogrelia seemed as comfortable conducting the cello ensemble in the Brazilian concert as the more rarefied contemporary works in "Credo, Credo" at the Albert Hall.

The Song Company's Roland Peelman, chameleon-like, switched easily from Kats-Chernin and Wesley Smith to the intellectually challenging music of Mills, who, as Latham reminded us, is now the busy director of the Edinburgh Festival, but happily sat down to perform the section of his work. Mills and Latham between them injected a super-intellectual touch into the proceedings that may have daunted some patrons.

In the annual Barbara Blackman Lecture, Mills invited us to view Walter and Marion Mahony Griffin not as a pair of wacky alternative lifestylers, but as idealists dedicated to a spiritually mediated way of seeing the world that became part of the sad continuum that sees "Uberpragmatism" plague Australian society and politics.

Concerts were packed out. In marked contrast to the cool crowd attending Bell Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” on the week-end, music festival-goers, loyal and loving as they may be, are decidedly falling into “the sere, the yellow leaf” stage of life.

As Latham and his festival planners face the Canberra Centenary, it may be time to turn attention to future generations of music listeners.

**Can you help?**

This is a segment about Rugby Union taken from *Coorparoo Stones Corner Retrospect*, page 72, published in 1979 and researched and written by Michael A. Endicott.

“The present Eastern Districts Rugby Union Football Club began in 1947 when a number of past pupils from Brisbane State High School formed the *Colts*; in 1949 the name was changed, and the club made its headquarters at Bottomley Park, East Coorparoo, then known as National Park. In that year Leo Catt was president, and Joe Thorpe secretary. So far the club has produced three Australian representatives: Paul Mooney (New Zealand, 1955), Ross Cullen (British Isles, 1966-67), and the present first grade captain, Peter McLean (New Zealand, 1978), the seventh member of the McLean family to represent Australia – surely a record in any sport.”

Does anyone in the BSHS PSA or elsewhere have any further information about this snippet written about the early years of the Eastern Districts Football Club (Rugby Union)?

Who were the BSHS past students who initiated the establishment of this football club in 1947?

Were any of the three outstanding footballers mentioned as playing in international competitions, also BSHS past students?

Does anyone have photographs, newspaper articles and other ideas about this information that can be explored and placed into the BSHS Museum records?

**Find a Word to do with *Amicus***

Make a word from the remaining unused letters:

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Renewal notices are sent with the first issue of Amicus each year.

**Meetings** are normally held 1st Wednesday of April, June, Sept and Nov at 7:30pm in the School Museum, Block "G", Edmondstone Street, South Brisbane.

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1 September 2012, 9:00 am

BSHS Museum

First floor, G Block (adjacent to Musgrave Park Swimming Pool)

Vulture Street, South Brisbane

*All past students are invited to attend the Past Students Association meetings.  
Come along and support your Association.*