

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

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BSHS PSA MEETINGS

The **AGM** of the **BSHS PSA** is to be held at 9am on **Saturday 5 April** in the School Museum on the first level of "G" Block adjacent to the Musgrave Park swimming pool.

Following the **AGM**, the School Museum will be open from 10.00 to 12.00 to enable past students to view the collection.

General Meetings for 2014 will be held at 9.00am on **Saturday 7 June, 6 September** and **1 November** in the School Museum.

All past students are invited to attend these meetings to provide input to your association.

BSHS PSA Inc. - 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The following report was published in the 2013 School magazine.

The **BSHS Past Students Association** is proud to be the only association that has been continuously involved in the school since its foundation in 1921. The first major structural change to our Association was in 1945 when the school magazine of that year reported three historic events. Firstly, the end of World War II, secondly, the retirement of Mr Isaac Waddle, the founding Principal who took a great interest in the fortunes of past students and thirdly, "a great event was the formation of a new body for Past Students of the school, namely the **B.S.H.S. Past Students Association**." The aim of the Association which was an amalgamation of the former Old Boys' and Old Girls' Associations was and continues to be, "to promote and keep the good fellowship and spirit of co-operation among the Past Students of the school."

The second major structural change to our Association occurred in 2013, when the **BSHS Past Students Association** was incorporated in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

Also in 2013, the **BSHS PSA** campaigned against a proposal to amalgamate **State High** with the Coorparoo State Secondary College and forwarded a submission to the Honourable **John-Paul Langbroek**, Minister for Education, Training and Employment. The **BSHS PSA** was aware that the proposal which had been described by some as "a fork in the road" was critical to the future of

our school. A media release, dated 19 July 2013 from the Minister for Education, Training and Employment, "announced that the proposed amalgamation of Brisbane State High School and Coorparoo State Secondary College would not go ahead." Mr Langbroek also announced that the previously announced plans to spend \$40 million to provide additional infrastructure on the South Brisbane **State High** campus would continue.

The next stage is to implement the recommendations contained in the **BSHS PSA** and **BSHS Parents and Citizen's** submissions, particularly with respect to the revision of the Enrolment Policy and the provision of appropriate facilities.

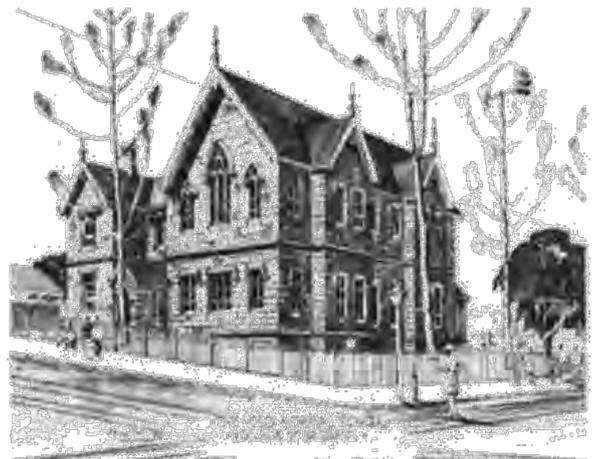
The **BSHS Past Students Association** thanks the many past students who provided input to the amalgamation consultation process. The **BSHS Past Students Association** also thanks the Minister for honouring his commitment to listen to and act upon legitimate community concerns regarding the proposed amalgamation.

AMICUS

Our regular journal provides information for past students and interesting articles about past student's activities and the history of our school. *AMICUS* is posted on the school website and is now available to members electronically as is the transfer of funds for membership payments. The printing and distribution of *AMICUS* has also been outsourced and automated.

Reunions

For the first time, 6 "decade" reunions were held. The Classes of 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003 celebrated their anniversaries. These events always generate a positive reaffirmation of our Association's aims, viz. "to promote and keep the good fellowship and spirit of co-operation among the Past Students of the school."



VALE

Grace Young (Garlick) was the first official girl's school captain in 1948 and a highly respected journalist. In 1996, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects presented her with the President's Award for her contribution to and support of architecture.

Jeremiah John Alfred Culloty, BSHS staff 1960-1991. On his retirement in 1991, the school magazine recorded that, "In the classroom, on the sporting field and in the school in general, he contributed immensely to the School's traditions and spirit." "Nino's" contribution to **State High** continued well beyond his official retirement in 1991. An enduring legacy is his "History of State High Rugby", which can be found on www.statehigh.com.au via Sport and History of Rugby.

2013 Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to master mariner, **John Biffin**, SS Class of 1960, a recipient of the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to the community, particularly through Australia Day celebrations. John has been a Master Mariner since 1968, a First Class Pilot from 1980, becoming Senior Pilot, Sydney Ports Corporation, from 2004-2007.

Wallabies

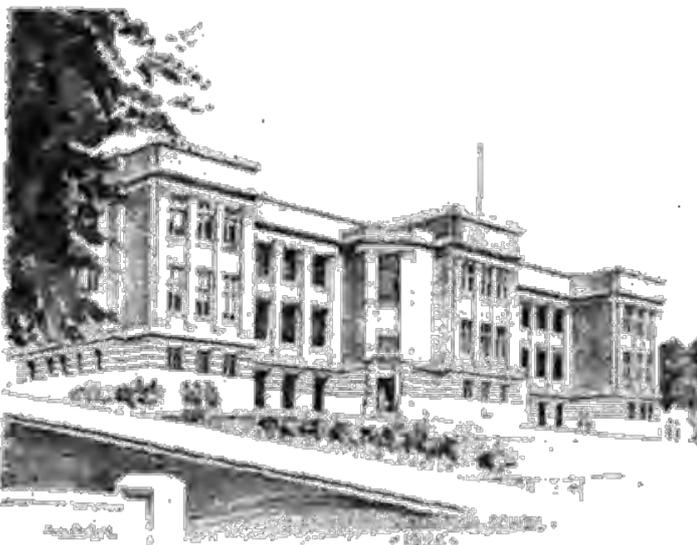
Congratulations to **Matt Toomua**, Class of 2007, and **Chris Feauia-Sautia**, Class of 2011, who have become **State High's** 18th and 19th Wallaby since our first past student to represent Australia, **Edward Bonis** in 1929.

The **BSHS PSA** looks forward to continuing to protect the heritage of the school via the school museum and supporting the school via the past students involved in teaching and administration, coaching of sporting teams, mentoring of students, the School Council, the Friends of State High Foundation and ceremonial events including Anzac Day, Speech Day and Graduation.

The **BSHS PSA** welcomes the graduating class of 2013 to our ranks "to promote and keep the good fellowship and spirit of co-operation among the Past Students of the school."

Barry Irwin

BSHS PSA Registrar
AMICUS Editor



STATE HIGH REDEVELOPMENT

Further to the announcement in the August edition of *AMICUS* that \$40 million would be provided for additional facilities on the South Brisbane campus, the design process for these new facilities is well underway. As always, the implementation of such projects has to be carefully planned. The program is critical to avoid as much disruption as possible and to ensure that projects are ready for the commencement of school in **2015** and **2016**. The program has been formulated to accommodate the Year 7 intake of students for the first time in **2015** and provide facilities for all year levels for **2014** and beyond.

The major project, with a completion date for the commencement of school in **2016**, is the construction of a six storey building on Glenelg Street between Merivale and Cordelia Streets. The basic configuration of the building is;

- Level 1 - Visitor parking and loading bays
- Level 2 - Carparking
- Level 3 - Undercroft for student play and congregation
- Level 4 - General Learning Areas
- Level 5 - General Learning Areas and Staff Room
- Level 6 - General Learning Areas and Art Gallery

To facilitate the construction of this new building, existing Blocks "I", "L" and "M" will be demolished over the **2014** Easter vacation. To enable the demolition of these existing buildings, commercial premises on the corner of Merivale and Glenelg Streets will be leased for the Visual Arts Faculty and temporary modular classrooms are being erected on the cricket nets area of the Oval to provide accommodation for **2014** and **2015**.

The second project in the program is the provision of temporary modular facilities on the Edmondstone Street Annexe for the incoming Year 7 students for the commencement of school in **2015**.

Upon the completion of the six storey building for the commencement of school in **2016**, the temporary modular facilities on the Oval and the Edmondstone Street Annexe will be removed.

The third project in the redevelopment will be the conversion of "H" Block into an Administration Centre. "H" Block is the heritage listed former South Brisbane Intermediate School that was initially constructed in 1864 and formally transferred to **BSHS** in 1964, when Year 8 was introduced into secondary schools. The building was refurbished in 1989 in conjunction with the construction of "I" Block and opened as the Junior School in 1990 by the then Governor-General, The Hon **William Hayden AC**, Jnr Class of 1949.

ENROLMENT POLICY

As identified in the August 2013 edition of *AMICUS*, "The State High enrolment policy should be revised to ensure that a balance of catchment area enrolment and merit out-of-catchment enrolment is maintained." In November 2013 it was reported that Education Queensland's deputy Director-General Jeff Hunt stated the Enrolment Management Plan would be reviewed. The **BSHS PSA** would be pleased to be consulted on any proposed revisions to provide a fair, transparent, robust and sustainable policy.

GRADUATION CEREMONY 2013

Master of Ceremonies, **Steve Hambrecht**, School Captain 1991, presided over the dignified ceremony that farewelled the Seniors of 2013 in style. As has become the norm, the ceremony was punctuated by well-rehearsed musical items, an uplifting guest speaker, emotional Captains' valedictory speeches, the Executive Principal's Address, presentation of awards, a parting gift to the school and a long procession of graduands.

His Excellency **Michael Bryce AM, AE, KStJ**, Class of 1955, was challenging and motivating as guest speaker, ten years after his wife, the then Governor of Queensland and now Governor-General Her Excellency The Hon **Quentin Bryce, AC, CVO** addressed the 2003 Graduation Ceremony. Michael described his status as a **State High** old boy as "a badge for life" that he wears proudly.

Past School Captains, **Nick Girdis**, 1943, **Marilyn Walters (Horne)**, 1963, **Erica Clancy (Mikolaitis)**, 1973, **Brett Harris**, 1983, **Kerry McCarthy (Bowers)**, 1983 and **Michelle Penman**, 1993 presented the graduating certificates to the Seniors of 2013.

CLASS of 1953 REUNION - THE SOFT NOTES OF AN ECHOING VOICE

The 60 year reunion of the Class of 1953 was held at the Sofitel Hotel on September 11 and attended by 36 past students and 12 partners. Some came from overseas – **Palma Berger (Brus)** and **Robert Dinning** from Canada - and many more from interstate. In spite of it being an infamous date in the calendar of world events, 9/11 in 2013 went very well in Brisbane.

The Sofitel was an excellent venue – we took over the lobby for an hour on arrival and at 12, moved into the Thyme Restaurant for the very comprehensive buffet lunch that catered for all the dietary quirks we have developed over the years. At least I didn't hear any complaints but had lots and lots of compliments. The seating at tables of six also enabled the conversation to flow easily. The only regret was that **Dennis Donnelly** and **Margaret Grace (Hodge)** were prevented from attending by last minute medical emergencies. Head Girl, **Barbara Andersen** who has not been well for some years but is now improving, sent her best wishes to all from her home in Michigan.

The book *We Remember* edited by **Robert Dinning** was a huge success with both the diners and other 53ers who could not attend but who were sent a copy. The **PSA** has some spare copies if you missed out.

My thanks to those who helped with the organisation and those who came to lunch. It really was a very happy day. Thank you for the card you all signed and for the flowers – quite the best gift you can get. My one regret is that we could not get a CD of *Patience* to play in the background. Brisbane libraries don't keep CDs any more.

Ruth Jowett

Class of 1953 Reunion – Part II

It was with a real sense of expectation that I booked into the Sofitel the day before to be "on the spot" for

the 60th Reunion of the Class of 53!

I have lived in Sydney since early 1961 and so have had limited contact with anyone from those halcyon days at **BSHS**. I was in S1, class of 10 girls and 18 boys, a bold and controversial move by the school and the first time boys and girls were together for 2 years in the same class!

We all had a great time being taught by the best teachers the State had to offer. Many of them had written the textbooks for Senior students throughout Queensland. We often had parties in my home in Fairfield and **David Harvey's** beautiful old Queenslander at Kangaroo Point. There were always stimulating debates and conversations on the issues of the day. Fortunately, we all survived many practical jokes played on each other and some of the teachers....

Ruth Jowett did an excellent job tracking down former students not only from our class but also from all the 1953 Senior Classes. **Noel Kentish** was also on the planning committee and did as much as he could even though he was away from Brisbane much of the time.

At 11am, we all gathered in the Coffee Shop in the foyer of the Sofitel. Nametags were provided – a great idea considering our generation changed our surname when we were married. Some of us recognised each other immediately in spite of the dramatic changes 60 years bring to even the healthiest of us all! The room was filled with much laughter and some quite intense conversations as we shared some of our exploits over the years since we sat in the classrooms at **State High**.

Barbara Andersen, our former Head Girl, was not well enough to travel from the States. She had been at the 50th Reunion and we were looking forward to seeing her again. Rob Dinning, our former Head Boy was there all the way from Toronto, Canada. Unfortunately I didn't get a chance to talk to him! We were so sorry to hear that **Dennis Donnelly**, our rowing champion and retired Sports Master at **State High** was taken to hospital that very morning.

At the designated time, we moved to the area in the Dining Room reserved for us to have lunch. It was a delicious Buffet. We enjoyed eating and sharing together stories from the past and the many very significant jobs had had around the world.. People moved from table to table during the meal to catch up with particular friends. The only problem was, there was just not enough time to talk to everyone who had been in our class.

Noel Kentish presented Ruth with a beautiful arrangement of flowers as an expression of thanks for all the work she had done for us all.

We all received a copy of the booklet, "WE REMEMBER –Personal tales of life at BSHS 1950-1953 by members of the Senior Class of 1953" It is a fascinating and entertaining read. The more I read the more memories came flooding back. **Robert Dinning** did a great job putting it all together.

After lunch I was hoping to have more time to talk to those I had not had yet managed to meet but by the time I was back in the foyer, everyone had left.

See you there! *Glenda Weldon (Peel)*

CLASS of 1963 REUNION

On the evening of Saturday 5 October, 135 past students and partners celebrated at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre at South Brisbane. And the cause for celebration?

The end of 2013 marked 50 years since the majority of the "Seniors" of 1963 had walked the hallways of their alma mater. Some had returned the following year to improve on their academic growth, but that is another story.

The reunion had been nearly eighteen months in the planning and with some of those past students living overseas and interstate, the effort required to trace them all was wonderfully rewarded by the keen interest shown in attending the function. As with so many reunions, the matter of setting the date was an important issue and the long week-end in October afforded those travelling long distances a great opportunity to be part of this celebration. Unfortunately there were some who, despite best intentions, advised that they were unable to attend although they were there in spirit. Those who had passed away were also remembered during the evening with smiles at their deeds and behaviour while students at the school. Catering by BCEC on the night was exceptional and would be recommended.

The organising committee are still receiving emails and phone calls of congratulations on the presentation of the reunion. A souvenir DVD of images from the night and the next day's picnic has been mailed, with an unfortunate consequence. The images do not bear the names of the past students., so the organisers have been inundated with requests for help in identifying those older people appearing in the group. Ah well, twelve months at a time from now on.

Ross Bentley

CLASS of 1973 REUNION

The 40 year reunion for the Class of 1969 (Year 8) to 1973 (Year 12) was held on Saturday 26th October at the Plough Inn. The feedback from everyone who attended was that it was a great event. Over 50 people participated in the School and Museum tour (including Gerry Reed who was acting Principal in 1971 and 1972) and 122 attended the reunion including 110 past students, 8 past teachers and 4 partners. Everyone who attended the reunion contributed to a display cabinet which will have pride of place on the outside wall of the BSHS Museum.

The consensus is that 2023 is too long to wait for the next reunion and so planning is under way for a 45 year reunion in 2018.

Ian Macleod

CLASS of 1983 REUNION

The Class of 1983 kicked off their 30 year reunion celebrations on October 26th with a tour of our old school. **Barry Irwin**, BSHS PSA Registrar, provided commentary as we discovered new state of the art facilities in place of many of the buildings we once knew. We reminisced about times spent hanging around the canteen, Lockie Block and the front of the library, as so many of us had done all those years ago. Our tour finished at the School Museum, where we perused the walls, cabinets, press clipping folders and old yearbooks in search of familiar faces and names.

Into the evening and spirits were high, as we all converged on the Story Bridge Hotel. With a mix of classic 80's music, good food, free-flowing beverages and all-important name tags, ninety past students and several former staff laughed, hugged, reminisced and smiled for endless photos. We rekindled old friendships and formed many new ones that night. The genuine happiness expressed in being able to come together to celebrate our school lives and share the lives that we have each forged since was truly memorable.

As the old School War Cry rang out across the room, we vowed not to wait until our 40th to reunite the class of '83 once again.

Lexia Willmington (McMillan)

MASTER ATHLETE

Des Higgs, Class of 1947, was a valuable member in our Athletics team that won the GPS Championship in 1947. Still going strong, he recently picked up a silver medal in the 60m dash at the NSW State Masters Track and Field Championships in the 85 year old section.

RUGBY UNION UPDATE

State High to the rescue! Following **Matt Toomua's**, Class of 2007, 50 metre scoot down the right hand touch line in the RU test at Newlands against South Africa, **Chria F Sautia**, Class of 2011, in his debut test scored in the left hand corner for the Wallabies. On the European Spring tour, Matt's good form continued with a strong game in the Wallabies' defeat of Ireland in Dublin. Injury prevented him from playing in the game against Scotland, however, Chris, in his first run on test scrambled over to score his second test try as the Wallabies defeated Scotland 21-15 at Murrayfield.

Queensland Reds backrower, **Curtis Browning**, School Captain 2011, won the 2013 Australian under-20 Player of the Year for an unprecedented second year. Curtis is primed for a breakout year with the Reds in 2014 and is in competition with **Ed Quirk**, Class of 2008, for a position in the run-on side.

ROAD TO RIO

Sevens rugby will be a newcomer at the 2016 Olympics in Rio and three former **State High** students are hoping to be there. **Joel Faulkner**, **Jayden Scheck** and **Sam Caslick** were in the 2009 **State High** undefeated first XV and all play for the Tribe 7S team that has made an impact successfully competing in Sevens tournaments in Shanghai, Fiji and Dubai. **Charlotte Caslick**, Class of 2012, is also highly likely to become an Olympian with the women's Sevens on the road to Rio.

A GREEK ISLAND

Kastellorizo is a small Greek island in the Dodecanese group off the coast of Turkey. Many of its inhabitants migrated to Australia after World War II and many have returned to rebuild their ancestral homes in recent times. *AMICUS's* foreign correspondent reports that the island is full of Australian expats. **Nick Mandicos**, Class of 1963 and **Andrew Liveris**, Class of 1971, were spotted on the island in the European summer.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

In the year of the 20th Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow, it is interesting to reflect on some of its history. The first Games, then the British Empire Games were held in 1930 in Hamilton, Canada. At the 4th Games in 1950 in Auckland, **James Humphreys**, School Captain 1946, won Queensland's first gold medal in the 4 x 440 yards relay. In 1946, **State High** won its first GPS Athletics Championship, the Sir John Goodwin Cup, with James winning the open 440 yards and being a member in the winning 4 x 110 yards relay team. James was also captain of the First XV and selected as a GPS football representative. An academic career beckoned.

60 YEAR ON

After a gap of 60 years **Alan Bird**, Class of 1944, contacted the Principal of our alma mater. He wrote from the United States, "I have followed our old school's progress over these many years. I'm impressed, I'm amazed, I'm mesmerised. Congratulations. We all know it's a great school, in fact it's better than great, it's incredible."

Wade Haynes, BSHS Executive Principal and BSHS PSA Patron, wrote in a recent newsletter, "I am very pleased for our graduating students of 2013. We had **339** (95.5%) students achieve an OP 1-15, **279** (78.6%) students achieve an OP 1-10 and **173** (48.7%) students achieve an OP 1-5. We had **41** students achieve an OP1, a record for our students and the highest number of any school in Queensland for 2013." A continued effort to closely monitor student achievement and meticulous teaching were keys to their top performance. **Alan Bird** would be pleased!

AFTER STATE HIGH

When **Philip Chan**, Class of 2007, moved interstate to study at the University of Sydney he knew it would be an adventure, but he didn't predict quite how far afield his degree would take him. Five years into his combined Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) and Bachelor of Laws, Philip can now add an internship in Seoul, several United Nations conferences as a UNICEF Young Ambassador, campaigns for social justice and ethical products on campus and a number of successfully scaled rock climbing walls to his list of adventures.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Dr Andrew Nicholas Liveris, Class of 1971, was awarded an Officer (AO) in the General Division in the 2014 Australia Day Awards for "distinguished service to international business through senior roles with multinational organisations, as a supporter of Australia-US educational and cultural relations and to the community." As President, Chairman and CEO of the Dow Chemical Company, Andrew maintains his connection with UQ via the new Dow Centre for Sustainable Engineering Innovation.

UQ ALUMNI AWARDS

Graeme Wood AM, Class of 1964, was a recipient of a 2013 University of Queensland Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award. Graeme who has a Bachelor of Economics, 1972, Master of Information Systems, 1998 and

an Honorary Doctorate in 2011, co-founded ground-breaking online travel booking service Wotif.com in 1999. Its success has allowed him to give back to the community in a number of ways. These have included co-founding the endowment fund UQef; establishing Wild Mob, which helps protect Australia's most threatened species and ecosystems; and establishing Artology, which supports youth development and social change through the arts. Graeme's philanthropic support also helped establish UQ's Centre for Youth Substance Abuse Research and the recently opened Global Change Institute Living Building, a world leader in sustainable design, construction and operation.

UQ RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Recognised for outstanding achievement in the Institute of Molecular Bioscience, **Dr Lachlan Coin**, Class of 1994, was awarded a 2013 UQ Foundation Research Excellence Award for the identification of structural variations associated with auto-immune disorders.

FINANCIAL UPGRADE

Reclusive coal baron, **Chris Wallin**, Class of 1969, has deposed Clive Palmer at the top of Queensland's rich list and is ranked tenth on the Australian list. In 2013 Chris teamed up with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, donating an estimated \$3 million for two mobile dental surgeries to provide free care to communities across central and northern Queensland. Past students **Nick Girdis**, School Captain 1943, **Bill Stoddart**, Class of 1960, and **Graeme Wood**, Class of 1964, are also included in the 2013 Queensland rich list.

SOUTH BANK CEO

Jeff Weigh, Class of 1969, was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of South Bank Corporation in August 2012. Jeff plays an integral role in continuing the Corporation's work of creating a world-class precinct and adding value to the Queensland economy by positioning South Bank as a desirable tourist destination. He brings more than two decades of business acumen to the role, having previously worked across a diverse range of industries including education, health, hotels, property and hospitality. Jeff has extensive experience in tourism and marketing, having worked for the Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation, Roma Street Transit Centre and Hotel, Queensland Events and Northern Territory Tourism Commission.

TO THE POINT

Supreme Court **Justice Glenn Martin AM**, Class of 1972, has shown a concise and discreet, somewhat diplomatic turn of phrase in a few recent judgements.

APPOINTMENT

Former triathlon champion, **Troy Fidler**, Class of 1985, has joined local brokers Morgans (nee RBS Morgans). The late **Paul Morgan**, School Captain 1964, would probably be very proud that the stock broking firm that bears his name will now be known simply as Morgans.

JOURNALISM CAREERS

Matt Carmichael, Class of 1998, is a sports journalist and is currently a sports presenter and reporter for *Seven News* in Sydney. After completing a Bachelor of Journalism at the University of Technology in Queensland, he worked with the News-Mail in Bundaberg, before joining Seven's regional affiliate *Seven Queensland* and then *Seven News Brisbane*.

Matt Wordsworth, Class of 1991, is the presenter of *7.30 Queensland*, the current affairs programme screened on ABC1 and ABC News 24.

Amy Hetzel, Class of 2000, is a former Australian water polo player and television presenter. She was a member of the Australian national water polo team that won a bronze medal at the Beijing Olympics and a silver at the 2007 World Championships in Melbourne. She has previously worked as a sports reporter and producer on *Sports Tonight* for Network Ten and One HD and is currently working as a sports presenter for *ABC News24*.

Amy has also been reappointed to the Water Polo Australia board having been a board member of WPA from 2011-2013. With a Masters in Business Administration at UNSW in her sights and her career experience in communications, Amy will help lead WPA forward in media and marketing initiatives.

RIVERSIDE PROPERTIES

Two riverside properties in **Patrick Dixon's**, Class of 1973, *River Report 2013*, have a **State High** connection. The "Pick of the River sales for 2013" were, in real estate speak: The Tennyson landmark, "Tintagel", a grand north facing riverfront estate bracing 1915 square metres on three lots with a 30 metre frontage atop timeless sandstone cliffs which was once the domain of **George Symons**, Class of 1962, and an iconic New farm riverfront home/development 962 square metre site on two lots with a 21 metre frontage whose former owner was **BSHS PSA Treasurer Philip Ham**, Class of 1971.

AUSTRALIA DAY - THE COMEDY

When actor **Paul Bishop**, Class of 1984, was elected to be a local Redlands City councillor in 2012 he did not expect to be elevated to the office of mayor anytime soon. After two years in politics Paul is chuffed to be in the top job, although it is a temporary appointment that will only last for the season of *Australia Day*, the Queensland Theatre Company's first offering for 2014 at QPAC's Playhouse. Paul plays the role of a small community mayor who is a bloke hungry for the rough and tumble of federal politics.

ANOTHER GIG

Matt Okine, Class of 2002, is the new co-host of the Triple-J breakfast show. Matt was the Best Newcomer at the 2012 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the

frontman of SBS2's Thursday FC Soccer show and is set to star in a 2014 SBS2 ten part comedy series.

DRAMA ON THE MURRAY

A few lucky soles experienced the drama of live theatre on board the paddle-wheeler *PS Murray Princess* as it sailed the Murray River in August 2013. They discovered unique flora, fauna and old riverside ports. 4MBS Classic FM presented its second Classic Theatre Cruise 'Drama on the Murray', featuring exclusive performances, play readings, poetry and more, by a troupe of Queensland's finest theatrical talent including **Tama Matheson**, Class of 1995. Tama subsequently performed in the Queensland Theatre Company's production of Noel Coward's *Design for Living*. **Carol Burns**, Class of 1964, was also in the cast of *Design for Living*, which comments on contemporary ideas of relationships and how these ideas have been transformed through the decades to allow people to design their own relationship structures.

SPONSOR of THE ARTS

Dr Geoffrey Porter, Class of 1951, has generously sponsored one of the decorative external panels on the Margaret Olley Art Centre currently being constructed as a purpose built extension to the Tweed River Art Gallery's award winning built environment.

AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LAUREATE

Best-selling author of more than 140 books, including the iconic *Diary of a Wombat* and *Hitler's Daughter*, **Jackie French**, Class of 1970, is Australian Children's Laureate for 2014-2015. Her role is to act as a national and international ambassador for Australian children's literature, inspiring young people to tell their own stories and be part of an active literary culture for enjoyment, wellbeing and success in life.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Greg Meek, Class of 1970, has taken up the plum business development role with Colin Biggers & Paisley. CBP Lawyers was founded in Sydney in 1900 and is one of Australia's oldest law firms. Greg was the former CEO of the *Committee for Economic Development of Australia* (CEDA) and was instrumental in setting up the Premier's State of the State address which is now the flagship event on the CEDA calendar.

CRAFTY BREWERS

Congratulations to the Burleigh Brewing Company for their 2013 Telstra QLD Business of the Year award. Founders, Brennan and **Peta Fielding (Nicholson)**, Class of 1987, describe their approach to brewing as a cross between 'monk-like tradition and cool, surfy living'. It's a hybrid approach that has seen them create Australia's first no-carb beer and a wheat beer that was recently judged the best in the world. Over-the-counter cold ones such as My Wife's Bitter, Hassle Hops, Fig Jam and Black Giraffe (based on coffee) have helped turn the Burleigh craft brewery into the country's largest independent brewer.

The Golf Competition that wasn't

Honey Butz, Class of 1970, and I made two attempts at resurrecting the PSA Golf Competition that used to happen in the 1990's. We failed both times, with people withdrawing for various reasons, including health problems. We hope there is somebody else out there who will this year have a go at getting an annual **PSA** golf event up and running. We all have our own year's anniversary celebrations, but there are virtually no occasions when **PSA** members across the years share an event. A golf day would be an occasion when people from 18 to 80 could share a sporting and social event. Let's hear from somebody else out there.

Anne Lanham, Class of 1951

AMICUS via EMAIL

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CLASS of 1974 REUNION

The 40 Year reunion will be a Cocktail party at the United Services Club, Wickham Terrace Brisbane at 6.30pm on Friday 8 August 2014.

The 1974 First XV were undefeated premiers and all are invited to attend the **BSHS** vs BGS game at the BGS grounds at Northgate on Saturday 9 August. Contact:

Greg Egan, Phone 3236 1388

Cia Adermann (Metzakis) addermann@bigpond.com

Kate Chartres (Clifford) kate@segra.com.au

CLASS of 1984 REUNION

The 30 year reunion is being organised by 1984 School Captain **Jason Greenhalgh**: jason@majorleague.com

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Your membership expiry date is the first four PSA numbers on your address label on page 8. If this date is **2014** or before, your subscription for membership of the **BSHS PSA** is now due.

Membership rates are **1 Year \$15, 5 Years \$50, 10 Years \$90, Life membership \$250.**

To renew your membership please either:

Cut along the dotted lines above and below and return with your cheque for renewal via post to;

**Brisbane State High School
Past Students Association
Musgrave Park
South Brisbane
QLD 4101**

OR - Pay via electronic transfer to the following **Brisbane State High School Past Students** Association's account.

For identification purposes please ensure that your **FULL NAME** is included in the transfer description.

**National Australia Bank
BSB - 084 004
Account Number - 47 870 7793**

UP AND AWAY

Blue Sky Coffee, Newstead celebrated its fourth birthday recently. Co-owner and spinal surgeon **Dr Paul Licina**, Class of 1981, announced that the group now has a satellite liquor licence, have launched a website, market coffee paraphernalia and have produced their first coffee pod.

REUNIONS in 2014

The Classes of **1954, 1964** and **2004** are requested to contact **Barry Irwin**, via email or phone: bshspsa@gmail.com or 3892 2376 with information re your 60 year, 50 year and 10 year reunion.

CLASS OF 1969 REUNION

The 45 year reunion of the Year 12.12 Class is being organised by **Chris Andrews**: chris.a@pobox.com

CLASS of 1994 REUNION

The 20 year reunion includes a School Tour, Memorial Presentation and Afternoon Tea at **BSHS** from 2-4.00pm on Saturday 18 October 2014 followed by a Cocktail evening at the Ship Inn, South Bank from 7.00pm.

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The **BSHS PSA** extends condolences to the family and friends of the following past students.

Violet Jocumsen (Drevesen), Class of 1929, **BSHS PSA** Member for Life

Norman Brisbane Jolly, Jnr Class of 1942, Life member QRU, Patron GPS Rowing and long-term QCC member.

Margaret Outridge, Class of 1935, **BSHS PSA** Member for Life.

John Peart, Class of 1966, a leading exponent of 1960's colour field movement whose subtle-hued paintings left a lasting mark on Australian abstract art. During a career that spanning almost 50 years John won the 1997 Wynne Prize, the 2000 Sulman prize and was a finalist in the Archibald Portrait Prize. His work is featured in the National Gallery of Australia, State galleries and corporate and private collections.

William Peter Raven, Jnr class of 1941, was one of the **Brisbane State High School** old boys who banded together in 1947 to play in the GPS Old Boys competition. In 1948 the **State High** Old Boys played in the Brisbane B Grade competition and called themselves Colts. In 1949, Colts were offered Bottomley Park and reactivated Eastern Districts Rugby Union Club. Bill's sons, **Barry**, Jnr Class of 1970, **Rod**, Class of 1970 and **Paul**, Jnr Class of 1972 continued the **State High** tradition. Although **Blair Raven** did not attend **State High** he was on the teaching staff from 1989 to 2013.

Lyn Simpson (Sanderson), Class of 1961, who maintained contact with her former classmates for over 50 years.

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STATE HIGH ENROLMENT for 2015

Sporting Merit Applications - Years 7 & 8, **2015**

Applications for Sporting Merit - **Swimming** (Girls and Boys) and **Girls' Cricket** close on Friday 14 March 2014.

Academic Merit Applications - Years 7 & 8, **2015**

The closing date for Academic Merit applications closes on Friday 21 March 2014 at 4:00pm.

Sporting Merit Applications - Years 9 to 12, **2015**

Applications for boys' and girls' Sporting Merit - **Athletics** (Track & Field) and **Swimming** close on Thursday 27 March 2014.

Local Catchment & Merit Entry Information Session

An information session for parents of Year 7 and 8, **2015** for Local Catchment and Merit Entry applications will be held from 5:00pm - 6:15pm on Wednesday 26 February. This information session will be held in the F Block Sports Centre which is located on the Vulture Street Campus.

Please refer to the 'Enrolment' section of the school's website www.statehigh.com.au for additional information.