

UQ ALUMNI AWARDS 2015

The University of Queensland Alumni Awards recognise alumni who have achieved outstanding success in their chosen field and who have made exemplary contributions to the community. **Dr James Morton AM**, Class of 1980, was one of six recipients of a 2015 Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award. Dr Morton was the dux of **State High** in 1980, graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Medical Science in 1986 and a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery with Honours in 1987. He is a medical director of Haematology-Oncology Clinics of Australia and a senior specialist in leukaemia and bone marrow transplant services. In 2005 in conjunction with his wife Louise, James established the AEIOU Foundation to provide effective early intervention treatment for children with autism spectrum disorder. He was Citizen of the Year at the Brisbane Lord Mayor's Australia Day Awards in 2011 and as reported in the May edition of **AMICUS** was named as a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2015 Australia Day honours list for his work in oncology and autism spectrum disorder.

DOW Chemical Company Chairman and CEO and **State High** Legend **Andrew Liveris AO**, Class of 1971, and Wotif co-founder and philanthropist **Graeme Wood AM**, Class of 1964, are previous winners of a UQ Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award.

The Heart of the Matter

State High Legend **Dr Gary Roubin**, Class of 1965, received an Honorary Doctorate in Medicine from UQ after a distinguished career as one of the world's leading cardiologists and pioneer of the first FDA approved balloon expandable coronary stent. Dr Roubin graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 1970, a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery in 1976 and Doctor of Medicine in 1995.

The State High Foundation

The "centrefold" of this issue of **AMICUS** contains information on a **State High Foundation** fundraising initiative that provides the opportunity to purchase a plaque to commemorate the opening of the Kurilpa Building and acknowledges your association with **State High**. Your support of this initiative via a tax deductible donation will enable the Foundation to support the school's continuing development.

Barry Irwin Director, **State High Foundation**

1995 Reunion – 20 Years

The 20 year reunion for the **BSHS** Class of 1995 was held at The Ship Inn at Southbank on Saturday 29 August 2015. The event was a brilliant success, with 100 out of the class of 400 able to make the night. Former students came from near and far, including from interstate and overseas, to be there on the night. There was great food (thank you Ship Inn) plenty of laughs, dancing and reminiscing on the night. Memorabilia, photo collections and hilarious school videos made for English classes also kept everyone entertained into the wee hours. Many agreed it felt just like the old days, like the last 20 years had not passed by.

Friends reunited and new friendships were formed. Most people looked the same...well, apart from grey hairs or semi balding...of course that was to be expected, given it has been two decades after all!! A huge thanks to the people who assisted in the arrangements for the evening and to the **PSA** for its support for the night.

A "mini" 20 year reunion for 5 of our London based chums (unable to make the big reunion) followed in October 2015 which even had a special guest appearance from former **BSHS** teacher Mrs Swanwick.

A dedicated email has been set up for new contacts and future reunions so don't be afraid to get in touch!! bshs1995reunion@yahoo.com.au. Until the next reunion.

Wensley Bitton (Cohen)

1970 Reunion – 45 Years

I keep looking at my graduation date and cannot fathom that it's 45 years since I left **BSHS**. It was a very good evening at the Urban and it is a great venue. Keep in touch via **AMICUS**.

Honey Butz

BSHS PSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **BSHS PSA** Annual General Meeting for 2016 will be held in the School Museum on the first level of "G" Block adjacent to the Musgrave Park swimming pool at 9.00am on **Saturday 6 February**. All past students are invited to attend this meeting to provide input to their association. All positions will be declared and the **BSHS PSA** Executive looks forward to welcoming new members.

The 2015 BSHS PSA Annual Report

This report was published in the 2015 **State High** school magazine and will be presented at the AGM in February. *"Another year of happy association and steady growth of the 'Oak and Ivy'. Long may the 'Oak and Ivy' stand – the School and the Past Students Association."* * 1935 School Magazine

2015 marks the 90th anniversary of the relocation of **State High** in 1925 to the South Brisbane Campus from the Normal School, on the corner of Adelaide and Edward Streets, where **State High** was founded in 1921. 2015 also marks the 70th anniversary of the **Brisbane State High School Past Students Association** after the amalgamation in 1945 of the former **OBA** and **OGA**, which were established in 1921. The **BSHS PSA** has been and continues to be an integral part of **State High** as we march towards the celebration of our centenary in 2021. The **BSHS PSA** continues to be involved in the **School Council** and the **State High Foundation** and the following major annual events on the school calendar.

The **BSHS PSA** was well represented at the **ANZAC DAY CENTENARY COMMEMORATION** which included an historical snapshot of past conflicts and the dedication of a memorial wall.

At the **FOUNDATION DAY ASSEMBLY** in July, **State High** Legends **Serge Karas** AO OAM and **Wally Lewis** AM delivered inspirational keynote addresses.

The 2015 **AWARDS CEREMONY** had a significant past student involvement, including the presentation of the **BSHS PSA Spirit of State High Award** and the inaugural **Cassandra June Carter Bursaries**, in memory of **Cassandra Carter**, Class of 1962.

The **GRADUATION CEREMONY** is one of the highlights on the school calendar. **Dr Jason Acworth**, school captain 1985, delivered the keynote address, **Ben Brew**, school captain 2012, was the Master of Ceremonies and the school captains from 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, presented the graduation certificates.

MUSEUM: It is the role of the school museum to record and maintain our history for the benefit of current and future students, alumni and the wider community. Open Days held in 2015 were a great success and enabled many past students to view the collection. Year 8 inductions in the museum and research for school projects were conducted throughout the year. Memorabilia donated on a regular basis is greatly appreciated and a

bound copy of the 2010-2014 school magazines was added to the school magazine collection which dates from 1921.

The "**Legends of State High**" honour board was installed by the **BSHS PSA** in the Red Brick Building.

A redesigned **BSHS PSA** badge was minted, along with new corporate stationary.

Design work for the Sports Honour Board, which will record all sporting premierships since 1921, is continuing and it is anticipated that it will be installed in 2016.

A consolidated list of alumni since 1921 is being compiled for inclusion in a centenary publication for 2021.

AMICUS: The **BSHS PSA** journal informs the alumni of the development and activities of **State High** and the activities and achievements of past students. Volume 42, Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 were published in 2015.

AMICUS is posted on www.statehigh.com.au and is available to financial members via post or email.

REUNIONS: 2015 has been a stellar year for class reunions. Eleven reunions were held, which reaffirmed the strong ties that past students have with their alma mater. The Classes of 1950, 1953, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2005 celebrated in fine style and **High** spirits. The **BSHS PSA** is indebted to the numerous organisers and attendees for their efforts.

VALE:

General Eva Burrows AC, Class of 1946, **State High** Legend

Guilford Huxham, Class of 1941, whose grandfather unveiled the foundation stone for the construction of the Red brick Building in 1923

Rev Dr Ian Mavor OAM FACE, Class of 1955

The **BSHS PSA** congratulates the graduating Class of 2015 and extends an invitation to join the association to maintain their links with their alma mater.

Barry Irwin

BSHS PSA Registrar

1953 Reunion – 62 Years

After highly successful reunions in 2003 (50 Year), 2013 (60 Year) and subsequent annual reunions on the first Friday in September in 2014 and 2015, the tradition is set to continue in 2016 and 2017 in the lead up to the 65 Year Reunion for the Class of 1953 in 2018.

Alan Skyring took up the mantle for the 2015 reunion after **Ruth Jowett**, **Bruce Grant** and **Peter Rose** had convened previous reunions. Lively conversation was the order of the day. However as always, time was too short and the discussions will continue at the 63rd Reunion for the Class of 1953 on Friday 2nd of September at the Greek Club in 2016.

Alan Skyring Email: alan.g.s@bigpond.com



recognising excellence

Commemorate our past. Celebrate our future.

Provide a lasting legacy, create a sense of pride and history
and inspire our students toward future excellence.

Scientia est Potestas.



We believe the pursuit of knowledge equips and enables our students to make a powerful difference in the world. By supporting the State High Foundation you are **empowering potential** – enabling our students to make a powerful difference in the world.



The State High Foundation was established to ensure sustained excellence in the educational and extra-curricular programs offered by the School. The Foundation supplements School building funding through tax deductible philanthropic support from the School community and private sector for projects that enhance opportunities and support for students.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors working in concert with the School, independent of the Education Department.

References to State High Foundation are to The Trustee for the Friends of BSHS Foundation Building Fund (ABN 37 318 629 081), which is an endorsed gift recipient under the Income Tax assessment Act, 1997 and has been granted a sanction for making of appeals of support under the Collections Act (Qld) 1966.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN PUBLIC EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

In 2015, Brisbane State High School will see the completion of the new six-storey Kurilpa Building, on the border of Merivale, Glenelg and Cordelia Streets.

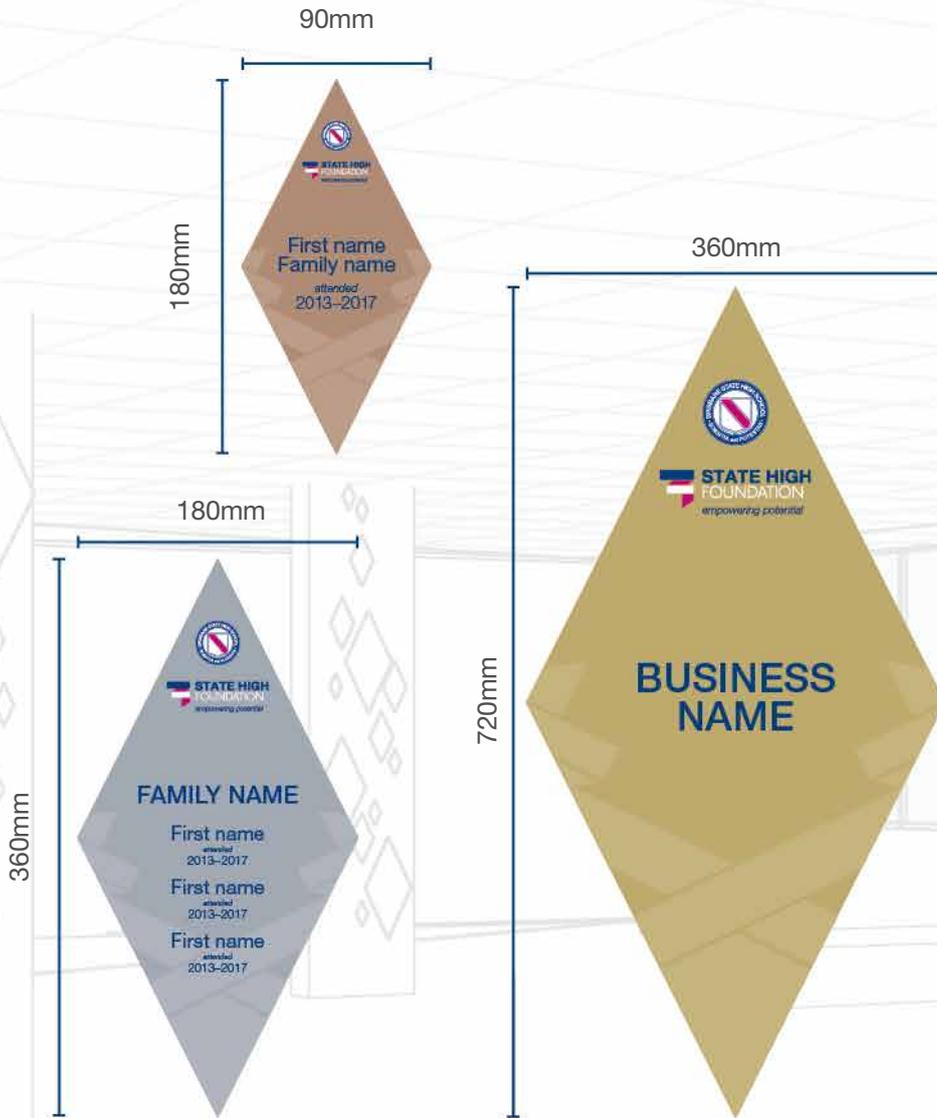
This exciting development will provide our School with 37 general classrooms, nine art classrooms, collaborative spaces, staff areas, car parking and open areas for students to meet and interact.

The main entry to the building will be via the ground floor on the corner of Cordelia and Glenelg Streets which will lead visitors, staff and students through the *Kurilpa Concourse*.

The *Kurilpa Concourse* is a large open-plan area for students and will be home to the school uniform shop and a self-service canteen.

To commemorate the opening of the Kurilpa Building, the State High Foundation is providing an exciting opportunity for students and staff (past and present) along with other supporters of Brisbane State High, to recognise their achievements and personal connection to our great School's history. By making this contribution you are also helping to further our School's continuing development.

With your tax deductible donation to the State High Foundation, you will secure a commemorative diamond-shaped plaque which will be permanently displayed in the *Kurilpa Concourse*.

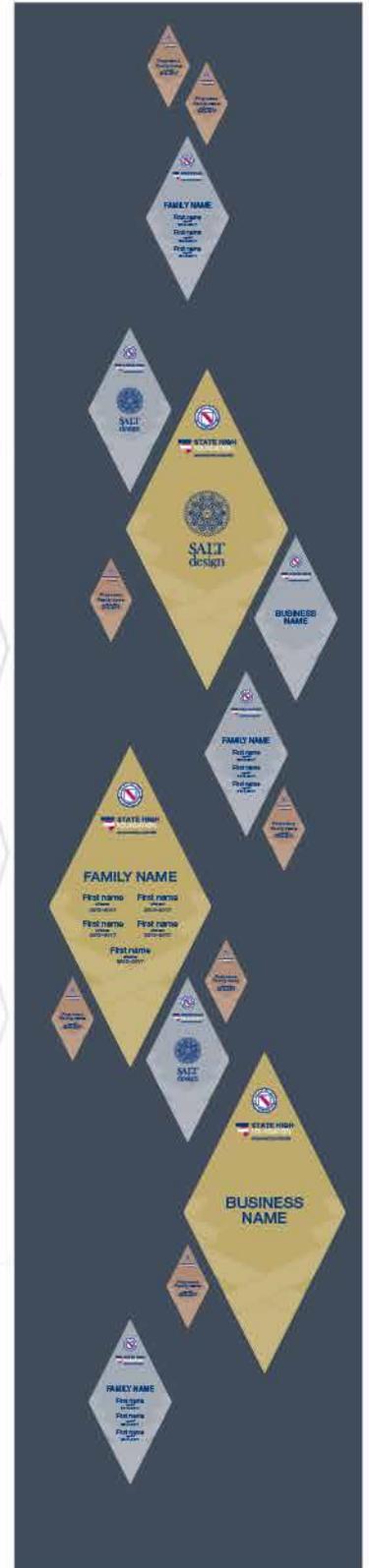


COMMEMORATIVE DIAMONDS

Commemorative Diamonds are available in a range of sizes to suit individuals, families and corporations and can be secured for as little as \$250.

PERSONAL DIAMONDS	
BRONZE (Individual)	Min. \$250 donation <i>one name only</i>
SILVER (Family Level 1)	Min. \$500 donation <i>up to 3 names</i>
GOLD (Family Level 2)	Min. \$1,000 donation <i>up to 7 names</i>

CORPORATE DIAMONDS	
SILVER (Level 1)	Min. \$1,000 donation
GOLD (Level 2)	Min. \$2,000 donation



Cover and above:
Artist's impression only. Not to scale.

FAQs

How will my donation be used by the State High Foundation?

Your tax deductible philanthropic donation to the State High Foundation will help meet the needs of the School now and for years to come. Your support will assist in providing State High with state-of-the-art facilities through selected building and renovation projects.

When can I purchase my Commemorative Diamond?

Diamonds will be available for purchase from October 2015.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes. Your donation is 100% tax deductible within Australia.

Are there a limited number of Diamonds available?

Yes. A limited number of Diamonds are available in each of the allocated sizes. So to avoid disappointment – secure your Diamond as soon as possible!

Who can be recognised with a Diamond?

Past and present students (both families and individuals), as well as past and present staff and corporate supporters of State High are eligible to be recognised with a Diamond.

Can I secure a Diamond as a gift?

Yes! Securing a Diamond as a gift for family or friends is an ideal way to celebrate and honour their achievements.

Where will the Diamonds be displayed?

Diamonds will be permanently displayed on allocated panels within the *Kurilpa Concourse* (ground floor of the Kurilpa Building).

When will the Diamonds be displayed?

Once your donation is received, your Diamond will be ordered. Once installed, a photograph of your Diamond will be sent to you.

We will endeavour to have your Diamond manufactured and installed within four to six weeks of your donation being received.

What will appear on a PERSONAL DIAMOND?

Your **Family name** will appear at the top of the Diamond, under which the **names of each individual** and **years of attendance** will appear. *(As space is limited, specific details can not be included).*

What will appear on a CORPORATE DIAMOND?

A single-colour version of your company logo or company name will appear.

Can more than one individual be recognised on a PERSONAL DIAMOND?

Yes. A number of Diamond sizes are available to accommodate individuals and small and large families.

BRONZE Individual

– one name only

SILVER Family Level 1

– up to 3 names

GOLD Family Level 2

– up to 7 names.

Can more than one company be recognised on a CORPORATE DIAMOND?

No. Only one logo/business name can be included on each Diamond.

SILVER Corporate Level 1

– one name/logo

GOLD Corporate Level 2

– one name/logo.

Further questions?

If you have any other queries regarding this great opportunity, please contact the State High Foundation coordinator, via details below.

VALE

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

Barbara A Bennett (Forsyth)	Class of 1951
Mervyn J Briant	Class of 1946
Carol A Burns	Class of 1964, Queensland theatre and television leading lady.
Maxwell C Harding	Jnr Class of 1945, Patriarch of a third generation State High family.
Cole Miller	Class of 2015, a tragic loss of one of our newest past students.
Robert G Nevell	Class of 1951

STATE HIGH Roof Top Ball

The **BSHS P and C** Association invites all past students to register their interest in receiving a notice of the release of tickets to the inaugural **State High Roof Top Ball**. The ball will be held on Saturday 5 March 2016 in the Kurilpa Building on the corner of Cordelia and Glenelg Streets. For additional information please contact pandc@brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au

Please register your interest at www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/153335

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

If you receive **AMICUS** via post your expiry date for financial membership of the **BSHS PSA** and subscription to **AMICUS** is indicated by the first four numbers on the address label, e.g. **2016 1990 1994**. **If you receive AMICUS via email you will be advised when your fees for financial membership of the BSHS PSA and subscription to AMICUS are due.** Fees are due in February of the expiry year.

Membership rates are:

1 YEAR - \$15

5 YEARS - \$50

10 YEARS - \$90

Life membership - \$250

(1) Please post your cheque for renewal to;

OR - (2) Pay via electronic transfer to the following account;

Brisbane State High School Past Students Association
150 Vulture Street
South Brisbane
QLD 4101

Brisbane State High School Past Students Association
National Australia Bank
BSB - 084 004
Account Number - 47 870 7793

For identification purposes please ensure that your **FULL NAME** and final year at **State High** are included with your cheque.

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REUNIONS in 2016

The Classes of **1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996** and **2006** are requested to contact **BSHS PSA** Registrar **Barry Irwin** via email bshspsa@gmail.com with information re your reunion.

65 Year Reunion for the Class of 1951

Date: 11.30 for Noon, Friday 2 September 2016
Venue: The Greek Club
Format: Luncheon
Contact: **Anne Lanham** Phone 3217 7508
 Email: anne.lanham33@gmail.com
Allan Morton Phone 3824 3592

63 Year Reunion for the Class of 1953

Date: Friday 2 September 2016
Venue: The Greek Club
Format: Luncheon
Contact: **Alan Skyring** Email: alan.g.s@bigpond.com

55 Year Reunion for the Class of 1961

Date: September looms as the date for our reunion
Contact: **Barry Irwin** Email: bshapsa@gmail.com

25 year Reunion for the Class of 1991

Date: Saturday 10 September 2016
Venue: TBA
Format: School campus and museum tour at 3.00 starting at the WHITE HOUSE followed by an evening function
Contact: Facebook "Brisbane State High School Class of 1991" or email bshspsa@gmail.com

Rugby Reunion for the 1st XV from 1973 to 1976

Date: Tentatively, Saturday 10 September, to be confirmed. This is the date of the last fixture of the season vs TSS. Confirmation of the date and venue will be advised via the school website and published in AMICUS.

1975 Reunion – 40 Years

The Class of 1975 and some teachers came together on 24 October 2015 at The Greek Club. It was fantastic to see such a strong response from the 1975 past students and teachers of that era. Surprisingly more people attended the reunion than was expected as it was arranged at such a short notice by a hand full of past classmates.

Initially it was just an idea between friends, a tentative booking was made then **Fazal Muhammed (Choudrey), Mike Stapleton, Nick Barker, Lesley Tooth, Leanne Rambert (Taggart), Cia Adermann (Metzakis) and Mary Schofield (Rose)** got together for a breakfast meeting at St Lucy’s Café UQ to plan the reunion. Lesley Tooth in particular worked tirelessly to contact past students by emails, phone calls and continuously kept updating the list of contacts. The others all chipped in to make the reunion the success that it was.

A raffle of donated Aroma’s Coffee Hamper, Lions Footy Tickets and Car Wash Vouchers raised \$505 during the evening, funds which have been donated to The State High Foundation and we will have a plaque installed (Class of 1975) in the concourse of the newly constructed Kurilpa Building on the corner of Cordelia and Glenelg Streets. It was wonderful to see some of the past teachers who were able to grace the occasion, the ever young Bill Sole, Bill Simpson, Carol McGavin and Jim and Margret Lucy fondly chatted to all and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Some people traveled from overseas, interstate and country areas to be at the evening. The Greek Banquet food was aplenty and enjoyed by all.

During the evening **Nick Barker** (1975 School Captain) gave a very eloquent speech to welcome everyone and to remember those past students who were not able to join us because they were interstate or overseas and had sent

<p>A M I C U S</p>		<u>BSHS PSA EXECUTIVE 2015</u>	
		Patron:	Wade Haynes (Exec Principal)
		President:	Charles Stubbs
		Vice President:	Louise Floyd
		Secretary:	John Harding
		Treasurer:	Philip Ham
		Registrar:	Barry Irwin
		Museum Curators:	Ian and Glenise Scotney
		AMICUS Editor:	Barry Irwin
		<p>BSHS PSA 150 Vulture Street South Brisbane QLD 4101 www.statehigh.com.au Email: bshpsa@gmail.com Phone: 07 3291 4111</p>	

their greetings. He also remembered past students and teachers who had passed on, one in particular, **Lou Sorenson** who died early and was much loved by many. Everyone enjoyed watching footage of the 1st XV football team & the NZ Tour 1975, thanks to Nick Barker.

Although it was our second reunion since our 20 year reunion in 1995, many suggested that we make the next one after 5 years as we are all getting on, especially some of the teachers.

At the completion of the evening, the organizers breathed a sigh of relief, and reflected on what was a very successful and happy reunion. All the attendees had departed with glowing smiles, newly created memories to add to those of the past 40 years and promises to keep in touch with renewed friendships. It is planned to have a more casual meeting of 1975 past students every 12 months for those who wish to come and catch up. A suggestion was made to come together at the Regatta Hotel to meet and greet. Details “To Be Advised”. *Fazal Muhammed*

1960 Reunion – 55 Years

A very enjoyable 55 year reunion for the Class of 1960 was held at The Shore Restaurant, Southbank on 21 August. Forty five attended, a few for the first time and it was as always a very happy and enthusiastic informal “long lunch” which ran on into late afternoon. The venue is ideal for this sort of event and although this was our third reunion in the last five years, many were wanting to know how soon the next one would be held... ah, the joys of reminiscing.

Russ Short