



KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

MAY 2016

BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE

## A ROOM WITH A VIEW IN TOOWOOMBA

On Tuesday 22 March, two buses full of Old Collegians travelled to Toowoomba for the annual Vintage Collegians trip to the Darling Downs.

The luncheon reached a record 45 Old Boys at Picnic Point. We were joined by BBC former masters, Col Goldberg and Ted Lawson as well as BBC's Business Manager, Chris Duffy and OCA President, Chris Hartley.

Special thanks to all the Darling Downs locals who attended the luncheon including our Old Boy hosts, Trevor Lloyd and Jack Burnie.



**'60 years on'** - members of the Year 6 class of 1956.

From left - Peter Gardner, Rob Gillespie, Rob Wormwell, Quentin Maclean and Malcolm Crichton.

**Quentin Maclean (1954-1962)**

## Upcoming Lunches

### Gold Coast

Tuesday 28 June

### Mount Mee 'Christmas in July'

Wednesday 27 July

### Pelican Waters

Wednesday 30 November

**SAVE THE DATE**

### BBC Long Lunch (by the OCA)

Friday 12 August

### Class of 1956 and 1966 Reunions

Friday 26 August

### Old Boys' Day vs Churchie

Saturday 27 August

### BBC Golf Day

Friday 28 October

### Class of 1961 Reunion

Friday 16 September

## BBC TREASURES

On arrival at College House recently for their weekly get-together, the Vintage Collegians found an old boater, some Portals and other memorabilia left on the table. Curiosity took over and it was soon established that an Old Boy, who had recently passed away, had donated the items to the College.

Helen Jackson, who is the College Archivist, welcomes donations and bequests of memorabilia which is all part of the history of the College.

Recently, Helen and I spent two days attending a school archivist training session held at St Peters Lutheran College Indooroopilly. The *Archival Manager* program was purchased by BBC to record and track all the BBC historical items stored in our archives.

Currently, some of the Vintage Collegians are digitising old records for storage in *Archive Manager*. This will make them available to staff and boys through the College's internal computer server for research and reference. Special attention is paid to the recording of the provenance of all items held in the College archive. The program will also allow the items to be tracked when they are lent out for displays or at College functions.

If you have any old items of your days at BBC such as photos, books, trophies, special uniforms or even a boat, before they are discarded, please contact Helen via 07 3309 3629 or [hjackson@bbc.qld.edu.au](mailto:hjackson@bbc.qld.edu.au)

**Graham Sagar (1965-1969), Vintage Collegians - Vice Chairman**



## BBC PIPE BAND

The BBC Pipe Band Support Group have written a 75-year history book of the College icon titled *Honour, Tradition, Service* - on sale now for \$100.00.

In recognition of the Pipe Band's vast and renowned repertoire including Highland Cathedral, our students and staff have also recorded a CD - *Sounds of Scotland* - on sale for \$20.00.

To purchase the *Sounds of Scotland* CD or the 75-year history book, please contact Director of the Pipe Band, Stevie Stanley via 07 3721 8778 or email [sstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au](mailto:sstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au)

Proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the Scotland Tour in 2016.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you may be aware in each edition of *The Collegian*, our community magazine, we include a number of announcements including births, weddings and the vale as part of our Milestones section.

If you have an announcement you would like to share with us, relating to either yourself or a fellow Old Boy, please inform the Alumni Office on (07) 3309 3513 or via email [oca@bbc.qld.edu.au](mailto:oca@bbc.qld.edu.au)

Do you know of a fellow Old Collegian who has recently moved or not receiving correspondence from BBC or the OCA?

Please update your details to stay in touch with what's happening within the wider BBC Community.

## CENTENARY OF ROWING DINNER

On Saturday 5 March, following the BBC Regatta, more than 130 Old Boys spanning from the 40s to the noughties attended the Centenary of Rowing Dinner at the Toowong Rowing Club. Special guests included the 2016 First VIII crew and coach, Richard Paterson as well as BBC Director of Rowing, Andrew Cruickshank and OCA President, Chris Hartley.



Richard Bell (1972) and Norman Clough (1955)



Russell Kerrison (1955), Peter Dun (1968) and John Drewe (1957)



2016 First VIII crew attended with their coach, Richard Paterson



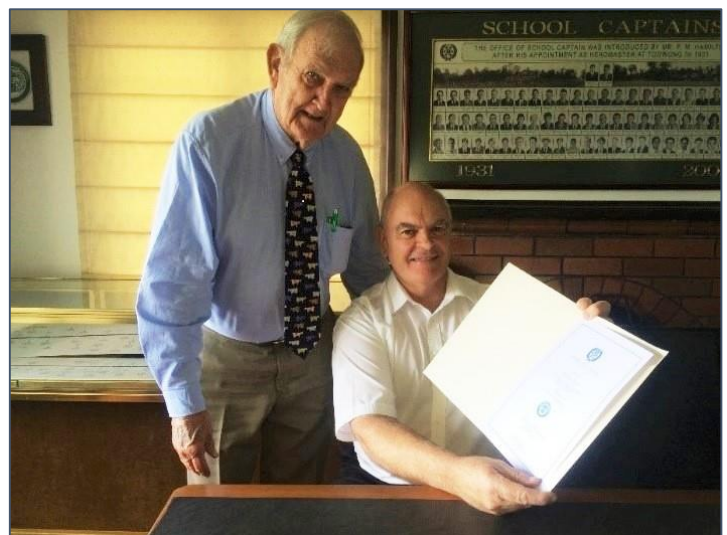
Luke Schoeffler (1989), Chris Hartley (1999) and John Stewart (1953)

## FRIEND OF THE VINTAGE COLLEGIANS

The Vintage Collegians identified that there are some people who work for the College and spend a great deal of time behind the scenes, to achieve great things for BBC. It is our intention to award these unsung heroes as Friends of the Vintage Collegians.

Our first 'Friend' is Gerry Gleeson, the Print Room Manager at BBC. He started at BBC in June 1985 so has been at the College for 30 years.

**John Stewart (1946-1953) – Vintage Collegians Chairman**



## HAPPY 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY – PETER LAWTON



Former BBC Master, Peter Lawton, who puts the ‘gentlemen’ in Gentlemen of Honour turned a very respectable 95 years of age on Wednesday 27 April.

Throughout his 36-year career at BBC, Peter was and continues to be held in a position of great respect amongst our Old Collegians and staff.

*Peter’s logical style of teaching Year 12 mathematics, with characteristic attention to detail, right back in 1972 not only gave me the maths background to do a science degree, but motivated me to pursue my interests in chemistry education. I was by no means a star student however I just want to give him the joy of knowing that I was one of the many lives he influenced in a significant way.*

**Dr Roy Tasker (1965-1972)**

Professor of Chemistry at Purdue University in Indiana, USA.

Birthdays cards and letters can be mailed to the Alumni Office and will be forwarded on to Peter.

## BBC BOARDING HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE



I am pleased to advise that stage two of the renovation has been completed. Plans for stage three are currently being drawn up and costed.

Many of you were boarders or were friends with a boarder and we wanted to share with you the progress which is currently happening in such a significant area of the College. Copies of the substantial brochure entitled *Our Boarding Future* are available for interested parties. Some of the information from that brochure is being used in the 2016 Annual Giving Campaign that will be sent to our College Community shortly.

**John Stewart – Chairman of the Boarding House Redevelopment Campaign**

## BBC ANZAC DAY SERVICE

At an earlier time of 10.35am, Old Collegians were joined by parents, students and teachers for the annual ANZAC Day service, held on the Junior School Green (near Main Oval) on Friday 22 April. In 2016, our Old Boy guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Travis Gordon (BBC 1991-1995).



Travis attended BBC from 1991 and was College Vice Captain in 1995. Upon leaving BBC, Travis joined the Australian Army in 1997 and graduated from the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1999, the Royal Military College – Duntroon in 2000 and was commissioned into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

He has served with the 6th Battalion as a Platoon Commander, and the 3rd Battalion as a Company Second-in-Command, Adjutant and Company Commander and has served twice on operations - first deployed to Baghdad in 2005-06 on Operation CATALYST as a Watchkeeper within Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 and in

Afghanistan in 2012 on Operation SLIPPER as a Mentoring Team Commander with the 3rd Battalion Task Group.

**Captain James (Jim) Campbell, DFC** (BBC 1952-1953) laid the wreath on behalf of the Old Collegians' Association at the BBC ANZAC Day Service.

Jim enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 30 December 1953. He was commissioned as an army pilot on 18 May 1962, and subsequently qualified as a helicopter instructor. He joined 161st (Independent) Reconnaissance Flight in Vietnam on 8 September 1966 and commanded the Flight's helicopters.

On 21 February 1967, during Operation RENMARK an armoured personnel carrier was blown up in a minefield. The crew and the passengers became casualties. Troops dismounted from the following armoured personnel carrier and moved forward to assist the wounded. They were also wounded by a Viet Cong claymore mine which had been sited and timed to destroy the rescue party. After the second mine explosion there were 32 members trapped in the minefield.

At great personal risk, Captain Campbell flew a medical officer to the scene of the mine explosions, and landed in the minefield knowing full well that he and his helicopter could be destroyed by a mine explosion triggered by the helicopters skids or the down blast of the rotors.

With complete disregard for his own safety, Captain Campbell landed time after time in the minefield in order to evacuate the wounded to another landing point from which it was considered safe for large Royal Australian Air Force helicopters to operate and thus remove the wounded to hospital.

Jim was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery and his Sioux helicopter is on display in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.



BBC and the OCA were honoured to have two distinguished and brave men attend our ANZAC Day Service as we paid homage to the 98 Fallen Old Collegians.

### LEST WE FORGET

Pictured: BBC War Memorial.

*Text from the original recommendation for "Honours & Awards" dated 31 May 1967.*

## OLD COLLEGIANS AND IMPERIAL HONOURS

Some time ago, our Vintage Collegians Committee was able to commission the College's computer experts to match the list of many thousands of Australians who have been awarded one of the several forms of the Order of Australia, with our Old Collegian database. After a deal of effort, we were able to confirm that 278 of our past students have been honoured for a wide variety of community services.

While that task was a considerable one, we realise that we have yet to list those who were awarded Imperial Honours prior to the establishment of the Order of Australia system in 1975. This is a difficult task because we will be required to confirm awards made much more than 40 years ago and many people who can affirm the recipients' connection to BBC are now deceased.

We are appealing to any reader who knows of an Old Collegian who was awarded a Knighthood, an OBE, MBE or a BEM award to let us know any facts that will help us to progress this task. We realise that such a list may not be complete but it is agreed that we should attempt to list as many of our Old Collegians as possible to bolster the proud history of the College.

If you can help with relevant information, please contact Kelly in the BBC Alumni Office via email [oca@bbc.qld.edu.au](mailto:oca@bbc.qld.edu.au) or phone 07 3309 3513.

**Ken Gold (1946-1949)**

## MELBOURNE OCA DINNER

On Friday 22 April, following the BBC ANZAC Day Service, the Headmaster, Graeme McDonald was joined by over 20 Old Boys located in and around Melbourne including our Victorian hosts for the evening, John Wylie (1978) and Jack Bell (1932-1933). It was a lively affair with much banter around the table.

The OCA is looking at hosting a Melbourne and possibly a Sydney reunion as part of our annual program in 2017.



Headmaster, Graeme McDonald, John Stewart (1953) and Jack Bell (1932-1933)



OCA President, Chris Hartley (1999) with Paul Kubik (2001) and Nicholas Veitch (2001)

## VINTAGE COLLEGIANS TUESDAY MEETINGS

**Join us every Tuesday in College House from 10.00am.**

**At our weekly meetings throughout the year, we have regular presentations from current students and work on projects that assist with securing and displaying the archival history of BBC for generations to come.**

**Can't make it every week? Why not join us on the first Tuesday of each month for our guest speakers.**

# VINTAGE COLLEGIANS LUNCHEON SURVEY

To further improve our future Vintage Collegians luncheons, we are asking for feedback on three important topics.

**Please circle your answer.**

**1. I would like one or more lunches to allow wives/partners to attend?**

- a. Yes, at all Vintage Collegians events
- b. Yes, but only at selected Vintage Collegians events (please specify in the comments section)
- c. No, I'd prefer only Old Boys
- d. I don't mind

**2. I would like the lunches to be changed to another day of the week?**

- a. Mondays
- b. Thursdays
- c. Fridays
- d. I don't mind

**3. I don't attend the lunches because...**

- a. I do not know anyone
- b. I do not feel I would get anything from it
- c. I do not feel I am physically able to
- d. The cost is too high
- e. Not applicable, I attend the lunches
- f. Other.....  
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**Please complete the survey and post back this page to:**

*Brisbane Boys' College  
Alumni Office  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong, QLD 4066*

Or email [oca@bbc.qld.edu.au](mailto:oca@bbc.qld.edu.au)

On behalf of the Vintage Collegians, thank you. We appreciate your feedback.