

Vintage Collegians' Newsletter



KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

FEBRUARY 2016

BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE

ADAY ON THE GREEN

What a lovely day was had by all up at the Pelican Waters Golf Club in late November for our annual get together - a chance to reminisce on the year that was and also an opportunity to wish everyone a happy festive season.

Just over 50 joined us for a delightful lunch overlooking the lush, green golf course. A special guest at the event was Gordon Hamilton. Although Gordon did not attend BBC, he has some very close links to the College – his great uncle was the late Mr PM Hamilton OBE, the second Headmaster at BBC; two of his brothers attended the College and one of his sons also attended.

Gordon had planned to attend BBC, however in 1951, he was offered a scholarship at Ipswich Grammar. He now lives at Pelican Waters and is a past President of Pelican Waters Golf Club.



Image L-R: John Shaw (1958), Robert Savage (1959), Alister Rogers (1960) with Gordon Hamilton.

Robert Savage (1956-1959)

Upcoming Lunches

Toowoomba

Tuesday 22 March (new date)

Gold Coast

Tuesday 28 June

Mount Mee 'Christmas in July'

Wednesday 27 July

Brisbane September Luncheon

cancelled in 2016

Pelican Waters

Wednesday 30 November

SAVE THE DATE

Founder's Day – 10 February

Centenary of Rowing Dinner – 5 March

BBC ANZAC Day – 22 April

OCA Long Lunch – 12 August

1956 and 1966 Reunions – 26 August

Old Boys' Day vs Churchie – 27 August

BBC Golf Day – 28 October

CHANGES IN 2016

Along with Jarrod, Kelly and Helen from the Alumni Office, I want to take this opportunity to offer you all our best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016. Welcome to the Class of 1974, who will at some point this year join the over 60s Vintage Collegians group. There is a smaller group of men, who meet every Tuesday from 10.00am in the former Headmasters' residence (College House), where we assist with maintaining the history and archives of the College. We also host monthly meetings, on the first Tuesday of each month, where guest speakers are invited to share their stories about BBC. Please feel free to join us where you can, no RSVP is required.

Those of you who have recently attended our weekly Tuesday meetings are aware of discussions I have been having regarding the number of lunches we have in 2016 and also our individual contribution to the cost. Firstly, the number of attendees at our Brisbane lunch in September has gradually been decreasing, whereas the other four venues - Toowoomba, Gold Coast, Mount Mee and Pelican Waters have been increasing. It has been agreed that in 2016 we will cancel the Brisbane lunch and review the situation at the end of 2016 for 2017.

Secondly, we currently contribute \$35 a head to attend each of the four lunches. The balance has previously been accommodated by the OCA. In an effort to maintain the high standard of these events and to provide as many opportunities as possible for our group to connect, it has been agreed that our contribution be increased to \$50 a head. It will still mean that the OCA will accommodate the balance but to a lesser extent.

Your attendance at these events is extremely important to us. If you have any concerns regarding the above changes, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to making our four lunches this year even better than in 2015.

John Stewart AM (1946-1953), Chairman of the Vintage Collegians
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FOUNDER'S DAY

On 10 February 1902, Mr A. W. Rudd opened our school at Clayfield with just four students.



To enable all members of the BBC community to take part in our proud 114-year history, the College will host Founder's Day celebrations on Wednesday 10 February, 2016.

Celebrations will take the form of three assemblies – Junior, Middle and Senior.

We are delighted that Mr Peter MacDonald (BBC 1991) will be our guest speaker at this event and we look forward to his contribution on the day.

The program for the morning is as follows:

- 9.30am** Junior School Assembly – Chapel of St. Andrew (via Main Administration)
- 10.00am** Morning tea for guests – Captains' Room (upstairs within College Hall)
- 10.30am** Middle School Assembly – College Hall
- 12.05pm** Senior School Assembly – College Hall

To RSVP, please contact the Alumni Office on 07 3309 3513 or email oca@bbc.qld.edu.au

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

The College will be celebrating 100 years of Rowing in 2016 and the Rowing Centenary Committee is planning a number of events to celebrate this milestone.



As BBC holds the record as the school with the most Head of the River wins, our centenary year is certainly the year to celebrate this great achievement.

One of the celebratory highlights will be a dinner to be held on Saturday 5 March 2016 at the Toowong Rowing Club from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. This date is also the night of the BBC Regatta which will be held at the Kawana course. The Head of the River will be held the following Saturday 12 March at Kawana.

The dinner will be a great opportunity for a catch up. Our guest speaker, Steve Nosilla (former Kings Cup coxswain and Commonwealth Games Manager representing St. Vincent and The Grenadines).

Date: Saturday 5 March 2016

Where: Toowong Rowing Club, Macquarie Street, St Lucia

Time: 6.30pm for at 7.00pm start

Ticket: \$140.00 per Old Boy

Dress Code: Suit or BBC Rowing Jacket

This evening of camaraderie will definitely sell out quickly. So, get in touch with your former crew members and those who wish to support BBC Rowing so we can get your tables organised! Tickets can be purchased via the OCA Website www.oldcollegians.com.au

Chris Beech (1969-1974)

GRANDSONS AND SONS GABBA EVENT

During the recent school holidays, BBC hosted a function at the Gabba, for all Old Boys and their sons and grandsons to watch the Brisbane Heat take on the Melbourne Renegades.



Also in attendance were members of the 2016 BBC First XI, their family and staff of the College.

With a great view of the match from the Queensland Cricketers' Club, it was a fantastic night which saw three generations of past, current and future BBC students get together for a great social occasion with almost 80 people in attendance.

This style of function will be hosted again later in the year, with the winter codes becoming the sports of choice. *Image L-R: John Down (1958); Headmaster, Graeme McDonald, Keith Smith (1957) and Rob Finlay (1985).*

For further information on these events, please contact Jarrod Turner, Director of Alumni and Community on 0422 231 777 or jturner@bbc.qld.edu.au

Jarrod Turner (1995-1999)

1960 Reunion

Where did the last five years go? Here we are at the Brisbane Club on Friday 6 November 2015 enjoying the company of our school mates from 55 years ago, most of whom we have not seen for five years.

Thirty of us all looking pretty good considering we are all 72 or 73 and generally short of teeth and hair. Grandfathers all and mostly retired from the various occupations that we found ourselves in after years of study and application. A toast to absent friends and apologies from those overseas or unable to make it on the night. One had even paid but then went on a pre-arranged trip to New Zealand and asked that we drink his share for him.

We took up where we left off five years ago and discovered more about each other and our journey through the intricate windings of this mortal life.



Overall a feeling of achievement and satisfaction for a good job done and a sense of gratitude to the College for giving us a push in the right direction even though we occasionally stumbled.

Many of us have had sons and grandsons follow us through the school and I am looking forward to my grandson attending in due course.

We all promised to be back again in 2020 and I look forward to it.

Dean Prangle (1954-1960) and Alister Rogers (1957-1960) Image L-R: Peter Dorman and Peter Hemming.

BUSH KIDS BURSARY



"I came from a sheep property in central Queensland and my sister and I were fortunate to be educated at boarding school. I was aware it was not easy for my parents to financially send both of us to a good school. By supporting the Bush Kids Bursary, I have been able to assist other boys from the bush to have lifelong memories of their time at BBC which I had the pleasure of experiencing." – Charlie Robinson (1955-1961)

The Bush Kids Bursary has been established by past students who came from a rural background, in order to provide an opportunity for a deserving

young man from the bush to attend BBC and experience all of its educational and co-curricular offerings.

If you would like more information on how to support the Bush Kids Bursary, please contact the BBC Development Office on (07) 3309 3513 or development@bbc.qld.edu.au

VALE

William 'Bill' Francis Fred Lawson (1948-1955), 1955 College Captain



Bill and his younger brother Ron came to BBC in 1948 after a 10-day trip by cargo ship from Honiara in the Solomon Islands where the Lawson family was situated.

A self-professed 'sports nut', Bill went on to represent the College in cricket, rugby and athletics. In 1955, he made the First XV team as winger and became the school's top athlete, excelling in sprints from 100 to 440 yards and hurdles.

After leaving BBC, Bill spent two years living in Rabaul in Papua New Guinea, where he

worked for the ANZ Bank. He then returned to BBC and became resident Master. At this stage, former BBC Headmaster, Dr Ross McKenzie offered him a position at Knox Grammar School in Sydney where Bill remained for the next 36 years, retiring in 1994. Their PE building, The Lawson Centre, was named in Bill's honour.

In 1993, after enjoying successful teaching careers, Bill and his wife Wendy set up Catherine Vale Wines located between Broke and Bulga in the Broke Fordwich sub-region of the Hunter Valley of New South Wales. In 2015, the Lawson's winery was named a four-star winery again in the Halliday 2015 Wine Companion.

Bill passed away on Sunday 10 January after facing a brave battle with cancer. Our condolences to Wendy, their daughters Belinda, Kerry, Jodie, son Gavin and five grandchildren.

Russell Kerrison (1951-1955), Bill East (1952-1955) and Jim Hutchinson (1952-1955)

MEET THE BBC ALUMNI OFFICE TEAM

Since 1920, the Alumni Office has been a hive of activity for all things OCA. In 2016, it remains a busy place, with the office located in the Headmasters' former residence, College House.

As an Old Collegian, should you be in a position to assist the OCA or BBC, or require more information on our programs and events, please contact the Alumni Office team. The office is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm



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