



VALE BIG JIM HARMAN

With the passing of Jim Harman at the end of last year the School has lost one of its greatest and most enduring supporters. Chris Allingham gave the following eulogy at a requiem service at the School earlier this year.

Eulogy for Jim Harman by Chris Allingham:

What an honour to be standing in this chapel to deliver this Panegyric to our great friend, Jim Harman. I wish to thank the Harman family and others I have spoken to for providing the information about Jim's life and more importantly in this context, his association with this school. Panegyric - what a wonderful sounding word. One I must admit I wasn't aware of until Brother Robin set me straight just recently. In this case it means 'a speech in praise of a person' and how appropriate because Jim's involvement in All Souls is praise worthy indeed.

James Arthur Harman was born to Albert and Katherine at the Tully Hospital on 9th March 1930. His home was near Feluga, a small cane community not far to the north of Tully. Jim attended Feluga State School until scholarship, then onto All Souls in 1945 and 1946. But more of that later. His first job was at a Tully Service Station and it was during this time that Jim met and later married Roberta (Bobbie) Rodgers a local school teacher. They had 3 children – Robyn, John and Roy.

Jim's love was always heavy machinery. He had worked on his family's farm the moment he could walk. So it was a natural progression that he would join Okane and Company in 1960, where he binned out for one of the first cane harvesters in the Tully district. When the company acquired another harvester the following year he drove that until 1968. During the slack, Jim worked for Tully Earthmoving and this developed into a full time job as a Foreman on the construction of Harvey Range Rd, Lynd Highway and the Yabulu to Greenvale railway line. He was also involved in El Arish and Palmerston Range projects and clearing of local farms. Jim had a very good reputation and was highly respected in NQ as an operator of heavy earth moving equipment.

In 1976 Feluga Truck Harvesting was formed with Jim as Manager. They started with a cane harvester and a low loader, but over time the low loader became a full time job. His reliability was well known and he would even go the extent of arranging for the opposition to do a job if he was unable to fit it in. He last drove the low loader exactly 12 months to the day of his passing and was extremely sad to see it sold.

Jim loved his cricket, was a member of Citizens Military Forces as a transport driver and a tireless voluntary worker for many local groups including the Fire Brigade and Driver Reviver. Those from the school community who attended Jim's funeral were left in no doubt as the affection and standing with which he is held in the Tully Community. Jim now rests on the side of a hill overlooking his beloved cane fields. But this is not Jim Harman's full life story. What I will now describe is how Jim and other became part of the very fabric of this school. As I said earlier Jim attended All Souls in 1945 and 1946. He was a member of Ramsay House, loved his Cadets, Cricket and Rugby League as well as representing in Athletics as a Shot Putter. He has a long association with the Old Boys Association which has now become the Past Students. He served on the Management Committee and was President. Let's think back to the 70's. The school was a very different place. Boys only on this campus. The girls were bused over and back in old army buses to attend lessons.



On any given Saturday during the footy season, particularly against Mt Carmel, games would start at 9am and go through to the main game at 3pm. Every age group had at least a 'B' team and sometimes fielded up to the 5ths. So the O'Keeffe, Mills and Gym Oval (Burry) would all have games going on. O'Keeffe wasn't too bad; Gym left a lot to be desired; Mills had no pop up sprinklers or travelling irrigators.

At the time our Senior Master was Kev Burry – a good man, strong disciplinarian, very fair and well respected by the students. His vision was to improve the ovals and facilities of the school. Out of this grew the 'Burry Working Bee Weekend' which still occurs every January. 37 years of people giving of themselves to the school.

Kev was the instigator and organiser of the weekend but he needed some expertise to run the machinery side. His "go-to" men were 2 big men - Big Jim Harman and Big Ron Parker, another Old Boy and cane farmer from the Burdekin. The original project was to revamp O'Keeffe, but there was some scepticism at the time on whether they could deliver, so the Mills Oval became the first. And deliver they did. Machinery of all sorts and their operators borrowed, cajoled or by whatever means swung into action. Dozers, loaders, graders, early semi-tippers to small station tip trucks were all involved in the projects. People like Bob Pascoe, an Old Boy from the Haughton, encouraged all the drivers who came to his crushing and screening plant to provide their time and machinery free of charge. Many of these people had no previous association with our school. Top soil was carted then spread and levelled, then seeded.

What a list of projects. The gym Oval followed the Mills, O'Keeffe and Bishops Ovals. Then over to St Gabriels where two ovals were built. Amazing feats in themselves, up to 12ft (approximately 4 metres) of soil had to be carted into one end of one of those ovals. The only cost for the school was the fuel. These weekends were big family affairs, 132 workers turned up for one working bee. The participants worked hard and played hard, but Jim and Ron were always there at the crack of dawn to get them going again. Jim was always on the machines. If there was a machine available he would be driving and it would be impossible to get him off it.

Jim passed away before the 2012 and 37th Burry Weekend. He had attended 36. We missed him dearly.

So staff and students next time you venture out onto our ovals, spare a thought for the men like Jim who gave freely and willing of their time for the improvement of this school. You do not have to be rich or famous to have an impact on this world. Big Jim Harman was a good man; he used his greatest talents to leave a lasting legacy for us all.

Jim you are a wonderful example of what sets All Souls apart.
Severe Regnare – To Serve is to Reign.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Unlike the 90th celebrations of All Souls' and St. Gabriel's in 2010 and 2011 respectively, this year is a relatively quiet one for the Past Students Association. We are hopeful however that our reunion weekend to be held this year in October, 12-14th will still be well attended. Last year was a marvellous celebration of the 90th anniversary of the establishment of St. Gabriel's and the trip to Richmond to unveil a memorial in memory of the time spent there by the girls during the Second World War was the highlight leading up to the weekend.

To mark the 90th birthday of St. Gabriel's over the 2011 reunion weekend a special photograph was taken of the refurbished Advent House which included both past and present students. More information about this photograph and its availability is provided in this our 69th production of our magazine.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Charters Towers State High School, the first high school in the state. Their centenary was marked by a week of activities leading up to the Queen's Birthday Weekend. Our centenary is only eight years away and one wonders how we will mark that occasion. In the meantime, as a war memorial school, no doubt we should be able to find something special to mark the 100 years since World War I. One suggestion surely not out of place would be the construction and opening of the ASSG Museum – a project currently being undertaken by the past Students Association, which needs more widespread support. Further updates of our museum project and the state of the appeal are also included in this issue.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The official name of the past student body is "All Souls St Gabriels Association Inc." In 1981 the Old Girls and Old Boys Associations amalgamated to become known as "All Souls' and St. Gabriel's Association" and later amended to "All Souls St Gabriels Association Inc." So in actual fact the words "Past Students" have never been a part of the official name for our past student body. One of the reasons for this was that from 1981 we allowed non-past students to become members of our association.

Since 2000 the body which runs the School is known as "All Souls St Gabriels School Inc." which is very similar to our official name. This has led to some confusion with mail sometimes going to the wrong organisation and many past students do not recognise our official name. The Management Committee of our association has therefore recommended that this issue be discussed at this year's AGM with a view to changing our name to include the words "Past Students". The following Notice of Motion was put forward at our recent meeting and is included below for the consideration of all members.

"That the name of our Association be changed to include the words "Past Students".

Moved by Jacko Barr and Seconded by Joyce Burry
Please use the proxy form enclosed if you are unable to attend the AGM at October's reunion weekend.

Most past students refer to our organisation as the Past Students Association. However, many are probably unaware that our official name does not include the words "Past Students". We are officially known as "All Souls St Gabriels Association Inc." This has led to some confusion since 2000 as the official name of the body which runs our School is "All Souls St Gabriels School Incorporated". The Management Committee feels we should consider a change of name to include the words "Past Students". This magazine outlines in more detail the rationale associated with this issue to be considered at our reunion AGM this year in October.

At our reunion dinner this year we will induct two more outstanding past students into our Walls of Fame. From the medical profession we recognise the work of Dr Peter Wakeford and from the annals of World War II pay tribute to the remarkable wartime career of the late Colin Milson, one of the RAAF's most decorated airmen. Sadly at the end of last year we lost a member of the Walls of Fame, Jim Harman, who served this School for more than sixty years. His tribute is in this issue.

Our Association is in its 88th year and has a database of more than 2,500 past students. We are grateful to all those who have served on its Management Committees over the years and we are indebted to all those who have contributed to the many projects undertaken and to all those who have financially remained members. We appreciate so much also the attendance at our reunions and Burry Project weekends. We believe that, as an association, we have a vital role to play in the continued development of our School and we look forward to your continued support.

Many thanks, **Howard Lowe** - PRESIDENT

YE OLD ST. GABRIEL'S - ADVENT HOUSE

At last year's reunion another historic photo was taken for those interested in collecting memorabilia of the School. To mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of St. Gabriel's School a panoramic view was taken of the now refurbished "Advent House". The photo depicts the magnificently restored building with senior students on the lawns in front and past students on the verandas. We have tried to replicate a photo of the same building taken in the early nineteen twenties. Only ten of these will be produced like the limited edition of "*SOULS, SOULS – BLACK WHITE BLACK*" taken of the rugby league battle against Columba Catholic College (formerly Mt. Carmel) in 2010 at All Souls' 90th celebrations (only three of these remain). If you wish to purchase one of these beautifully framed and presented photos contact the School office for details. Remember only ten are on offer.

THE BURRY WEEKEND

More than sixty turned up for our Burry Project Weekend in January. Projects included: Continuing the O'Keeffe fence concreting, another section of the path from Jnr School and concreting at Feetham House, repairs to the road servicing the boys dorms, planting of historic shrubs at the Flinders Highway driveway entrance, painting of a room at the Manual Arts building, cleaning pavers around the Mattingley Centre, sewing of curtains for White dorm, many gardening and cleaning tasks, work in Archives etc.

A fitting service for the late Jim Harman was held in the dining hall after lunch on the Saturday. Jim was one of the founders of the Burry Weekend and since this tradition started in 1977 he attended every single one. His imposing presence was certainly missed.

The raffle of the 90 n 10 framed photo "Souls, Souls – Black White Black" rather appropriately was won by Peter Lewty from the Burdekin – a long-time supporter of the Burry Weekend. Some past students will remember buying tickets in this raffle at last year's reunion.

The Association wishes to thank all who came along and those business people who also supported our projects. Our coordinator past student Robbie Peace once again did an amazing job of organising our projects.

WALL OF FAME

The idea of a Past Students' Walls of Fame was introduced in 2004 and since then sixteen past students have been inducted at reunion dinners. Dr Peter Wakeford and the late Colin Milson were selected by the Management Committee to be this year's inductees.

Dr Peter Wakeford was chosen for his achievement and service to the medical profession and his devotion to rural medicine. He attended the School 1950–54 and was School Captain 1953–54. He studied aeronautical engineering, University of Sydney, 1955 and changed his enrolment to Medicine 1956 graduating MBBS, 1961. He first worked at the Sydney Hospital but then spent the rest of his time serving at the Tamworth Base Hospital. His awards include Fellow Australian Medical Association (1980), Presidential Award, NSW, Australian Medical Association (2001), Centenary Medal (2003) and the Faculty Health Award, University of Newcastle (2003). From 1974–84 he was Physician in Charge, Department of Nuclear Medicine, Tamworth Base Hospital establishing the first Department of Nuclear Medicine in rural Australia and from 1982–1995 he was the Clinical Supervisor, University of Newcastle Medical School. Much of his life's work “indicates Peter's devotion to rural medicine in an era when it is an ongoing problem to get medicos to practice in the bush” (Marty Sullivan).

The late Colin Milson attended the School 1932–36 and enlisted in the RAAF in 1940 during the Second World War finishing the war as Wing Commander CO of 455 Squadron RAAF. He was one of the many past students of this School to go to war and return. Our Honour Roll in the chapel lists 74 past students who paid the ultimate price. Colin flew anti-shipping Beaufighters. “My father went on to a remarkable wartime career in the



RAAF and came out not just as one of the RAAF's most decorated airman, but as one of Australia's most decorated serviceman” (Scott Milson, journalist and son and also past student). He was awarded the DSO and Bar and the DFC and Bar – All Souls' most decorated serviceman. After training as a pilot in Sydney, South Africa and England he was posted to Cairo, Egypt 1942 attacking supplies to Rommel's forces, then to England taking part in anti-shipping raids against the Germans in the North Sea. He flew 89 operational sorties and is one of the RAAF's two most combat-decorated airmen. His acts of great courage are representative of all others (witnessed or unwitnessed) of the servicemen of this School who served during the Second World War and as a war memorial school it is fitting that he adorns our Walls of Fame.

We invite you as past students to keep nominating candidates for our Walls of Fame. Go to the School's web site for a nomination form if you know of someone whom you feel is worthy. Some previously nominated are still up for future consideration. We suspect there are many out there that have not come to our notice.

PROGRESS WITH OUR MUSEUM PROJECT AND THE APPEAL

In 2009 the Past Students Association launched an appeal for \$400,000 to build a Museum for the School to save our history. According to research, when an appeal is launched, it can be expected that only 20% of those canvassed will respond. From our data base of 2,500 past students we mail out to only 174 past students have so far responded. Amazingly though our appeal has reached \$174,000. This is an outstanding effort from such a small number of our past students even though it represents a response rate of only 7%. If 20% of those we have approached did in fact respond as research suggests we would have our target already and could start our museum. With the strength and reputation of our Past Students Association however it was anticipated that much more than even 20% would respond. Please use the donor's form in this issue if you wish to contribute to this worthy project.

The exact location of our museum is still subject to the School's strategic plan yet to be formalised though some of the considerations include the following: adjacent the driveway entrance to the School, close to classrooms, close to administration. When the School decides we will let you know in the very next *Servire Regnare*.

Below is a poem written by Bob Pascoe from the Class of 1961 who returned with his old classmates for their 50th anniversary at last year's reunion. Many from his class have supported the project and this is his message for others to come on board.

WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR

By Bob Pascoe (From the Class of 1961)

Remember back in your time when our schools had great features
When the person in charge was always called the head teacher
And the kids were called pupils not students like today
And “whole language” gobbledygook never held any sway?

They've dumbed down the English course, mixed religion with science too
Intelligent design and Boyles Law doesn't mix, that's something we all knew
But we know under English Master Riddle and our Headmaster Royall
That English is real English and Boyle, thankfully, is still Boyle.

Have you watched a cricket match and were reminded of the first wicket
That you took in a head-to-head struggle in inter-school cricket
And again feel the exhilaration of that flying one-handed catch
And boasted about it to your mates at the end of the match?

Well, we're asking you to help preserve your memories of the school
To help fund a building that holds 90 years of our History, wouldn't it be cool
To take a nostalgic walk through that history whenever you return
And say, “I'm proud to be part of that history”, what a wonderful sojourn.

We are asking help to fund a museum that will be an asset of the school
To store records, display memorabilia, used for reading and research tool
For special meetings, store current archives and leave room for expansion
A simple museum worthy of the school, we're not asking for a great mansion.

We have lost so much memorabilia down through the years and it is sad
Who took the silver rifle - was it lost or perhaps was there a cad
And where is the Gabes crest and the restored glass cabinets so sublime
And what became of the black and white photos with no home at the time?

Our Archives are overcrowded and there is so much that needs our care
What happened to those Gabes records that we can't find anywhere
The philosophy of past students they tell me is a simple one of giving
Is it not our duty of care to preserve the School's history for the living?

Help us establish a “bank” of oral history from teacher and mate
To hear the voices from Dalrymple and Richmond before it's too late.
To hear their voices and their tales mixed with sadness and hilarity
Would be such a blast, so come on, let's preserve all this for posterity.

Another type of education came to us through the school
An education on straight dealings, loyalty, civility, modesty and the golden rule.
Remembering these lessons we took away from the school, let's open our bank rolls
And give, to show our loyalty and our love of 'Gabes and All Souls.

From the Headmaster

SERVIRE REGNARE

I look forward to welcoming past students to this year's Reunion. This year it coincides with the School Fete, so it will be a particularly busy weekend.

The school continues to prosper and although the last 12 months have not seen a new building completed, there have been many changes, mainly in the area of additional staffing in order to improve the services to our students.

In schools 'Staffing is Everything', or so I keep saying, and as wonderful as new or refurbished buildings are, it is the quality of our staff and our teaching which will determine how successful we are in growing and sustaining our school. In the last 18 months we have added new or replacement senior staff, including Business Manager, Deputy, Dean of School, and Head of Junior School, as well as full time School Counsellor and Rural Activities Officer. We have also employed a number of young teaching staff who have breathed some fresh life into our school.

However, in other areas the 'age of the dinosaur' continues and the Board of Governors has extended my contract past the end of 2012. I will continue as Headmaster of All Souls St Gabriels on an open-ended contract. I am privileged to have been given this opportunity to continue to lead the school we all love, and I thank the Board of Governors for their confidence.

We continue to improve our extra-curricular offering and by the time you arrive for reunion, we will have completed a week long Arts Fest which celebrates Art, Drama, Literature and Music in all its forms.

Our sporting teams continue to do well, with our Swimmers finishing second for the first time in the Aggregate Shield, and our Cross-Country runners winning the Cross-Country title for the 7th year in succession. We are also about to embark on our defence of the Athletics title we won for the first time last year. Our other remarkable effort in 2012 has been the success of our Netball girls, with all five teams winning Premierships, with all five teams being undefeated during the season.

We grow stronger all the time. And that 'Souls' and 'Gabes' spirit is very much alive.

We look forward to renewing friendships in October.

Gordon Royall
Headmaster



CHANGES AT THE TOP

June 2012 saw the retirement of the Chairman of the Board of Governors of All Souls St Gabriels Inc, Mr Chris Allingham.

Chris has dedicated 13 years of his life as Chairman, probably at some cost to his business and never mind the hours that could have been spent with his young family. Board Members receive no remuneration and, at Souls, very few, if any, expenses. They give their time voluntarily and it has been a sign of how much Chris loves his old school that he has been prepared to give the service back. Back in 2000 there was no certainty that our school would be around in 2001. There were many, especially in Townsville, who said that it wouldn't be. But Chris Allingham was prepared to roll up his sleeves and prove them wrong.



New Chair - Mrs Dianne Alford with Mr Chris Allingham

As a Chairman he has been very inclusive. He has always sought consensus from the Board in major decisions. He led a very united Board, and the school is grateful that Chris has decided to remain as a board member.

The new chair is Mrs Dianne Alford. Dianne has served as Deputy Chair for the last five years, so brings much experience to the position. Dianne, and her husband Bill, are the parents of past students Tim, John, Scott and Fiona. Dianne has a deep interest in rural education in general, and Souls in particular.



2012 School Captain's Induction

The All Souls St Gabriels School community has gathered to welcome all students to the new school year and for the Induction of the 2012 School Captains – Ryan Rankine and Madison Ievers.



Madi, who hails from Richmond, joined ASSG in 2008 as a Year 8 boarder. "I am proud to even be part of this great school that has done some much for me. For five years now, ASSG has been a huge part of my life – it has given me so many opportunities and friends. To be able to give back and to be part of such an amazing leadership group is just an even bigger honour".



Ryan, who hails from Prairie, joined ASSG in 2008 as a Year 8 boarder. "I never considered myself for a leadership role, but after watching a number school captain inductions, I was proud of what they have achieved. I know that sometimes things will happen that I am not prepared for and that some of the decisions that I will have to make may be unpopular, but I promised to honour the school, and that is what I will do" Ryan said.

Madi and Ryan are worthy leaders of the School, and have the well earned respect and support of their fellow students, teachers and staff. In their own way, each will help, support and nurture their fellow students to ensure that every single student of the school is given every opportunity to fulfil their potential.



L to R: Nathan Fittock (Vice Captain) Ryan Rankine (Captain)
Madison Ievers (Captain) Jane Stack (Chapel Prefect).
Absent - Paige Guldbransen (Vice Captain)

The role of School Captain is a demanding one, with many additional responsibilities added to an already imposing workload as a Year 12 student. In 2012, Madi and Ryan will be ably supported by their deputies Paige Guldbransen and Nathan Fittock, along with Chapel Prefect Jane Stack.

Also joining in the celebrations were House Leaders and Prefects Raine Mara, Samantha Stafford, James Read, Connor Shepley, Daniel Blacklock, Caitlin Dare, Megan Jones, Bree-Anna Schneider and Heidi Hatch.

Madi and Ryan and their leadership group will continue their development as fine young Australians and will continue to promote ASSG as a safe, secure and challenging educational facility for both day and boarding students.

Beef Week 2012

A group of 12 students attended Beef Week in Rockhampton, along with Rural Activities Coordinator, Mr Darryl Lyon.

The students took part in judging stud and commercial cattle. They also undertook work experience with a range of commercial and stud cattle exhibitors, helping out with the preparation for judging, all aspects of work from washing cattle, cleaning out stalls, putting down bedding, feeding and leading cattle out into the ring. The students also took part in the Junior Parading events and visited the Etna Creek Beef Breeding Centre to observe an artificial breeding program.

The students received many compliments from judges and stud vendors on their professionalism and presentation.

On the way to and from Rockhampton, the students spent a night at Tedlands Station, Koumala, now managed by Past Student Dugal McDougall and his wife Kerry. The students were given the opportunity to tour the cane and cattle property.

Dugal and Kerry are the parents of current students Jack (Yr 9) and Callum (Yr 9).



Reunion Debate Topic

“That we look back
with happy memories”

Current students have the affirmative

CAN YOU HELP?

It is 50 years since the 1962 Junior Class of St. Gabriel's CEGS did their Junior exam. We were only a small class of 20 students and hopefully as many of us as possible will be able to attend this years reunion to celebrate, catch up with class mates that we have not seen for years, and just have a good time...

There are 3 girls who I have not been able to track down:

Bev Taylor from the Pentland area

Suzanna Boas from PNG

Jill Shaw from Rabaul PNG.

If anyone knows where these girls may be living so I can make contact, I would be most grateful. Unfortunately I only have maiden names, which I know, makes finding folk a little difficult.

Any help would be greatly appreciated and my contact details are:

Mrs Jacki Clayton

P. O. Box 2165

Runcorn QLD 4113

Phone 07 3341 0671

REUNION PROGRAMME 2012

Friday 12th October

6.30 pm **Meet and Greet**
at Halse Hall (BBQ)

Dress informal

No formalities, very relaxed

Everyone can sign in for weekend

Refreshments available on site.

Saturday 13th October

8.00 am **Breakfast** at Halse Hall with boarders

9.00 am **Headmaster's Welcome** at Halse Hall

10.00 am **Touch Footy and Softball**

Past Students V Present Students on O'Keefe

11.00 am **Walking Tour of the School**

conducted by the Headmaster starting at O'Keefe Oval and finishing at Halse Hall for lunch

12.30 pm **Lunch** at Halse Hall with students

1.30 pm **AGM of the Past Students Association**

in the School Library

2.00 pm **P & F Fete** in School grounds (to 6.00 pm)

6.00 for 6.30 pm **Reunion Dinner** in Halse Hall. Dress semi-formal.

Program includes: ■ Welcome from the President

■ The traditional Roll Call

■ Toast to the School

■ Response from the Headmaster

■ Induction of the members of the Walls Of Fame

■ Vote of thanks

*Speeches are brief so that time can be focussed on "catching up",
which is after all the main reason why we all come back*

Then & Now

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ASSG Art teacher, Miss Rossina Crothers and her art classes have joined ABC Open's Now and Then Project. Miss Crothers first got in contact with ABC Open while searching our local community for arts facilitators and resources within the Charters Towers community to collaborate with for ASSG's upcoming arts festival. Michael Bromage, from ABC Open has since liaised with Miss Crothers and students from All Souls St Gabriels School to run a photography workshop after school as part of the ABC Open Now and Then project.

"The school has an extensive collection of archive images from as far back as the 1920s and so it was interesting to realise some of the changes and some of constants that had remained as a part of the school grounds. Our students were enthused to try to orientate themselves and recognise where each photograph had been taken all those years ago. They were also surprised at how difficult it was to steady the image to ensure the perfect shot. I was really impressed with the quality of work and I think they were really proud of their images as well" she said.

One of the best outcomes to emerge from this project were the future digital storytelling ideas and possibilities discussed by students. Students have suggested that they take the ABC Open Photograph Of A Stranger project further by photographing and telling the stories of the boarding staff that look after them here at All Souls. In the meantime the School looks forward to collaborating with ABC Open on future projects and extending our students to realise their full storytelling potential.

"It's wonderful to have a resource such as ABC Open in our community and especially that the workshops are free" Miss Crothers commented.



Sunday 14th October

9.00 am **Communion Service**
in the School chapel

10.30 am **Morning Tea**
in Halse Hall
followed by **The Great Debate.**

Past Students V Present Students

The topic: "That we look back with happy memories".
The Past Students have the negative.

12.30 pm **Farewell lunch**
in Halse Hall

ACCOMMODATION

AFFORDABLE GOLD CITY MOTOR INN <i>Motel Rooms</i>	07 4787 2187
AUSSIE OUTBACK OASIS <i>Vans, Cabins & Camping</i>	07 4787 8722
CATTLEMAN'S REST MOTOR INN <i>Motel Rooms</i>	07 4787 3555
CHARTERS TOWERS MOTEL <i>Motel Rooms</i>	07 4787 1366
CHARTERS TOWERS TOURIST PARK <i>Vans, Cabins & Camping</i>	07 4787 7944
COUNTRY ROAD MOTEL <i>Motel Rooms</i>	07 4787 4244
DALRYMPLE TOURIST & VAN PARK <i>Vans, Cabins & Camping</i>	07 4787 1121
ENTERPRISE HOTEL <i>Cabins</i>	07 4787 2404
HERITAGE LODGE MOTOR INN <i>Motel Rooms</i>	07 4787 4088
HILLVIEW MOTEL <i>Motel Rooms</i>	07 4787 1937
PARK MOTEL <i>Motel Rooms</i>	07 4787 1022
RIX HOTEL <i>Motel Rooms</i>	07 4787 1605
ROYAL PRIVATE HOTEL <i>Motel Rooms (stairs)</i>	07 4787 8688

NETBALL MAFIA

We field five teams in the Charters Towers Secondary Schools Netball competition – Firsts, Seconds, 15s, 14s and 13s.

All five teams completed the season as undefeated premiers – they did not lose one game all season. This is a remarkable effort and congratulations must go to the girls and their coaches Mrs Storey, Miss Meyer, Miss Slater and Mrs Helen Clark.

A few years ago, an achievement such as this would have seemed impossible. Ten years ago, we were struggling to find a Seconds team, our Firsts rarely won, and our junior teams suffered many more defeats than wins. If we won one game a season it was cause for celebration!

The formation of our netball team by Andrew Hodgson, our Art teacher at the time, and some parents, helped give our girls more games and that small two team club has grown to the point where ASSG has seven teams in the local competition, making us the largest netball club in Charters Towers.

Our congratulations and thanks go to the coaches and parents who provide an array of support roles for our netball teams. Special congratulations go to the girls themselves. They know that if the train well, work hard and give their best, there is an excellent chance that success may come their way. It has!



MAGNIFICENT SEVEN!

2012 saw our Interschool Cross Country Team continue its dominance of the annual Interschool Cross Country. For the seventh consecutive year, our senior school students celebrated a comprehensive victory, with the Boys winning their section by 181 points and the Girls by 136 points – and celebrate they did! More impressively though was the fact that our students won 10 out of 10 age divisions. That shows the depth of our team, and that depth is simply the result of hard work being done at training.

Special congratulations go to our Age Champions Kym Bryant (16 Yr Girls), Bree Aggiss (15 Yrs Girls), Mitch Drennan (14 Yrs Boys) and Georgie Clark (13 Yrs Girls), as well as runners-up Nathan Fittock (Open Boys), Jake Stevenson (15 Yrs Boys), Kellie Healing (15 Yrs Girls) and Kate Blennerhassett (14 Yrs Girls).



Congratulations to our coach Mr Darryl Fry, and Captains Megan Jones and Ryan Rankine. Congratulations also go to the group of students who have qualified for the North Queensland trials.

Interschool Cross Country Results - Girls

Age Group	ASSG	BTC	CCC	CTSHS
13 Years	118 (1)	33	75	74
14 Years	105 (1)	38	83	68
15 Years	126 (1)	34	83	51
16 Years	112 (1)	48	91	46
Open	109 (1)	53	102	33
Totals	570	206	434	272

Interschool Cross Country Results - Boys

Age Group	ASSG	BTC	CCC	CTSHS
13 Years	98 (1)	53	87	56
14 Years	120 (1)	47	65	59
15 Years	121 (1)	41	84	39
16 Years	114 (1)	60	74	42
Open	112 (1)	35	74	69
Totals	565	236	384	265

Aggregate

Place	Boy's Aggregate	Girl's Aggregate	Combined Aggregate
1 st	ASSG – 565 points	ASSG – 570 points	<i>ASSG – 1135 points</i>
2 nd	CCC – 384 points	CCC – 434 points	<i>CCC – 818 points</i>
3 rd	CTSHS – 265 points	CTSHS – 272 points	<i>CTSHS – 537 points</i>
4 th	BTC – 236 points	BTC – 206 points	<i>BTC – 442 points</i>