



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it's now another year along in my journey as President of our Past Student's Association. We have continued to engage with past students in a variety of social activities which are always an enjoyable and welcome opportunity to reminisce about ASSG and our youth! Added to that are the scheduled annual events such as reunions and the Burry weekend which are not only sociable occasions but also play a vital role in ensuring the traditions of the school are upheld.

For those who are new to Servire Regnare or the committee we represent, I'd like to reintroduce the other members of the PSA, namely Vice President Anthony Holloway (72-81), Secretary Kerry Willcox (79-80) & Treasurer Grahame Lyons (61-63). As a group we aim to continue supporting the school through various projects, sporting events or social meetings as they arise. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many past students and staff who have actively supported us in this endeavour – always with enthusiasm and genuine affection for the school. Your time and energy are greatly appreciated.

We are now one year closer to the 100th birthday of ASSG, to be celebrated in 2020! A small but energetic committee has been formed, lead by David Cox who is excited to begin preparations for this milestone. Please stay tuned for further updates!

The 2016 Reunion was as usual a well-attended function which was made extra special by the induction of two new past students into the Walls of Fame. Dr Barry Bignell and Mr David Elliott spoke of their life journeys from their time at ASSG, providing inspiration to all those present. Congratulations to Mr Bignell and Mr Elliott – we are fortunate indeed to have men of such calibre on our Wall of Fame.

This year's Burry weekend saw a great flurry of activity and one substantial project achieved, that being fencing around the bottom of Burry Oval. PC and Pete Lewty returned this year (after a brief hiatus in 2016) with their team of eager tradesmen and took precious little time to erect a fence that will be greatly appreciated by the cricket players of the school. There was an impressive number of parents, both past and present, available to help with gardening jobs and cleaning/maintenance of the grounds. Again, many, many thanks.

Several social events were held during the year in Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Burdekin and Richmond. By all reports, a thoroughly entertaining time was had by all in attendance. No doubt a great deal of reminiscing and rekindling old friendships, as well as catching up on news of other past students.

It's a sign of the times that this will be the last magazine sent in hard copy – as in printed on paper. Next year, copies will be sent digitally, so it would be timely to provide a current email address to the ASSG office if you wish to receive future copies of the magazine. Thank you for taking the time to read my yearly update. I hope the year has brought good health and happiness to all.

Kind Regards,
David Muguira (79-83)



**ST GABRIELS
ASSG OLD GIRLS
BRISBANE**



St Gabriels Old Girls Brisbane was started in 1956 by Phyl Saunders (nee Weatherley) who attended St Gabriels as a day student in the early 1930's.

Her aim back then was to encourage Old Girls of the school to meet, socialise and keep alive the many friendships formed by the close bond of boarding school. As the post World War 2 years were ones of austerity, they decided they would also endeavour to raise funds to help St Gabriels. Something they did very successfully. For example, the Old Girls stall stocked with past pupils' handcrafts was a great money maker at St Gabriels' Fetes. The Old Girls in Brisbane would have working bees to ensure its success.

The St Gabriels of those years was far different to the All Souls St Gabriels School of today. Different campus, different curriculum, different "many things". But one thing never changed – we are and always will be either Gabes girls or ASSG girls and proud of it. Gabes/ASSG Old Girls meet 3 times a year. Our aim has been steadfast in maintaining those friendships, whilst raising monetary support for the school as it is today.

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PAST STUDENTS

From 2009 we have gifted \$4,712, of which the School as a whole and individually the Chapel, Museum/Archives, Horse and Cattle Club, Z-Club have been beneficiaries. Additional to the above amount is \$1,100 which has been donated to the Library (since 2003) for the purchase of books suitably inscribed in memory of our deceased Old Girls.

Our funds are raised from raffles at our lunches and the generosity of our Old Girls. At our Christmas lunches in November, we dispensed with the practice of gifts under the tree, and replaced it with a monetary donation of one's choice. The collective amount is forwarded on a rotational basis to the School, Chapel and Museum/Archives.

Our enthusiastic group is buoyed by the desire to keep our precious friendships alive, whilst still making a worthwhile contribution to the present day ASSG students.

To all Old Girls from St Gabriels as it was and present day past student girls from ASSG, we would love you to join us when you are able to.

Our lunches are at:

The Melange Café (above Roma Street Station)
1 Parklands Boulevard, Roma Street Parklands
Brisbane
Phone: 3229 7777
11.30 am for 12 noon till we want to leave!

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of March, August and November.

November Thursday 16th 2017 **(Christmas lunch)**

We would love to meet you and you will be made most welcome.

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Back: Norma Perry, Carol Milton, Roslyn Frost & Dorothy Cavill
Front: Myee Henney, Pat Pepper & School Captain
Julia Keough enjoy lunch together at the
St Gabriel's Old Girls Brisbane meeting

MEET & GREET

"Our Meet and Greet program continues to grow with Meet & Greet events being held around the state. Most of these events will be annual affairs and will no doubt grow in numbers in the future. Our thanks must go to the event organisers. If you would like to hold a Meet and Greet in your area, please let us know and we will give you all the help possible.

Cairns

Friday 4 November 2016 @ Cafe China

Hosts: Sian Platte & Anton Booy



Townsville Catch Up

Saturday 6 May 2017 @ Townsville Yacht Club

Hosts: Mark Sugden



Burdekin

26 May 2017 - Ayr RSL Club

Hosts: Grahame Lyons & Tony Holloway

Richmond

Friday 9 June 2017 @ Federal Palace Hotel

Hosts: Tracy Maff & Kerry Willcox



Brisbane

24 June 2017 @ Kedron-Wavell Services Club

Hosts: First XIII



WALLS OF FAME HONOURS

Prudence Alice Clarke OAM **For service to education**

Prue was born in Port Moresby in 1939 and evacuated to Australia during the war. Her parents (Kendall and Prudence) were both active in PNG life, setting up the first radio station 4PM in the 1930s, broadcasting from a curtained-off area of their kitchen. Her father set up the Territory's telecommunications and was a Coastwatcher during World War 2. Her mother returned to PNG after the war where she was a key figure in government administration. Her parents imbued in her a love of teaching and a deep sense of public duty.

Prue attended St Gabriel's School 1951-57 where she was active in musical and artistic productions. As Prudence Frank, she was School Captain in her final year. After gaining a teaching scholarship, Prue taught at Mackay, Moresby and then Canberra. She finished her career as Principal of Ainslie School and as vice-president of the Primary Principals' Association. She has also been a lecturer for The Commonwealth Institute in London and mentor for trainee teachers at the University of Canberra and the Australian Catholic University. Her awards for services to education are numerous. They include a Centenary Medal (2002) and the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2007 for service to education and the community, particularly as convenor of the ACT Children's Week Committee. She was a Fellow of the Australian College of Education and the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. More recently, she has been active in Mental Health First Aid and the May Gibbs Children's Literature Trust. Her educational expertise is broad: Prue has been involved in teacher recruitment, computer technology in schools and in music education.



Prue married her childhood friend, Kevin Clarke, and together they had four children. She currently resides in Canberra where she is still active in her community.

Doctor Patricia Pepper **For service to agricultural science**

Pat was born in 1940 at Proserpine where her parents farmed sugar cane and grazed beef cattle. She attended St Gabriel's School from 1955-57, where she loved the boarding life, but took all her Senior subjects at All Souls' School. In particular, Pat credits her mathematics teacher, Canon CC Hurt, for encouraging her to pursue science at tertiary level.

Pat graduated in Science in 1962 from the University of Queensland, gaining further degrees in the new field of computing as well as science, before gaining her doctorate from the University of Southampton in 1975. She specialised in, and gained a world-wide reputation, in biometrics, system research and simulation modelling. Her work mainly involved the designing, analysing and interpreting of agricultural experiments as well as quantitative genetics statistics and developing simulation models of agricultural systems. Her research fields were mainly in grazing animals and pastures, but also included poultry, eucalyptus woodland and tropical fruits. Pat has published over 50 scientific papers as well as many reports and publications. She worked principally with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, rising to Director (Biometry). In 2009, she received an Australia Day Award from the DPIF for outstanding contributions to Queensland primary industries.

In her capacity as the National and the Queensland Environment Adviser for the National Council of Women, Pat has used her expertise to write submissions on many topical and contentious areas such as coal seam gas exploration, the Galilee Coal Project, the impact of dredging at Abbot Point and the threat of microplastics to marine environments.

In the community, Pat has been active and held executive positions in Australian Federation of University Women – Queensland, Community Aid Abroad, Forum Communicators, Zonta and National Council of Women Queensland. She continues to have a particular interest in advancing the education of women.





HEADMASTER'S REPORT

Dear Past Students,

It seems hard to believe that we are already half way through the year and thinking of our culmination events. One thing is for sure, it's a busy place.

Our new Year 7 students commenced feeling a little more confident after spending a couple of days with us at the end of last year as a part of their Orientation program. Those coming into boarding had the opportunity to have two nights in the dorms to get a feel for the routines that would follow.



Sport continues to play a big part in the lives of our students. The Inter-School Swimming was the first major carnival of the year. We finished a strong second after the girls were neck and neck for first for most of the event. Two students represented Queensland at the Australian Under Age Championships, which proves distance is no barrier if you have the ability. The students performed well in the first term sports of Cricket and Tennis, and followed this up with a resounding win in the Inter-School Cross Country, marking 12 in a row.



The much anticipated Rugby League and Netball seasons commenced with the usual hard fought matches culminating in the QISSN Netball and Confraternity Rugby League which were held in Bris-

bane. The 1sts Rugby League finished their season in style with a win in the curtain raiser match between Townsville Blackhawks and Ipswich Jets in Winton.

As well as our success on the sporting field there were fine performances in the agricultural and cultural spheres. The debating teams were strong and the Cattle Club did well at the Winton Show. Music continues to grow with students selected to attend the Griffith University's State Ensemble Program and Kasey O'Donoghue (Year 10) one of five state finalists in the Brisbane Music Festivals "On Song" program for young singer/songwriters. Professional musician Jack Carty and Kasey were supported by the ASSG choirs and ensembles at a Friday night concert in the Chapel which was enjoyed by all.

Currently the Equestrian team and Cattle Club members are preparing for the Charters Towers Show and the track and field athletes are training for the Inter-School Athletics which will be hosted by the school.

Despite all of this, we do actually have some time to focus on teaching and learning with literacy in the spotlight right across the school in every subject and in every class. We have purchased software that draws on the students' data from various locations into one report to help track the progress of each individual student.

We have also been busy across the campus, progressively installing irrigation, upgrading power and painting and carpeting classrooms. The major project has been the installation of air conditioning into each of the six dorms. This will bring us in line with all of the major boarding schools that are also air conditioned. This \$1.2 million project was self-funded.

On the home front, living on campus continues to be an enjoyable experience. The residence gardens are coming along nicely with the rose garden providing an abundance of cut flowers, while we share the vegetable patch with the local wildlife.

Please feel free to drop in any time to view the museum, and to reconnect with the school.

Darren Fleming
Headmaster



THE ARTS @ ASSG

Visual Art, Music and Drama are the three components making up The Arts at All Souls St Gabriels School. So far this year, our students and staff have participated in a myriad of varied activities both at school and within the wider community.

Mrs Kempster has guided our Drama students to engage in dramatic pursuits. The Year 11 and 12 students have journeyed to Townsville to view the Qld Theatre Company (QTC) production of Constellations and were then fortunate enough to participate in workshops conducted by QTC and held at ASSG. A range of students studying Drama have been involved in Foyer Recitals at the World Theatre, including Zachari Weston, Angelique Hughes, Grace Newnhan, Caitlyn Elliott, Gemma Dance-Bethel, Piper Davey, Mia Dickson and Zoe Rose. A number of students will also perform as part of the World Theatre's 21st anniversary celebrations, to be held in September this year.

In addition to the dramatic activities at school, many students were also involved in the Towers Players production of Oliver, as well as staff on stage and in the orchestra pit.

This year, whilst Mrs Moore has been on maternity leave, we have welcomed Miss Whitby as the Art teacher. She has worked with the students to create eye catching projects. Many exhibits were entered into sections ranging from wearable art to photography to painting and printmaking at the Charters Towers Show. A large number of exhibits have also been entered into the Art section of the Charters Towers Eisteddfod. The Junior School have also undertaken a wide range of art activities, under the guidance of their classroom teachers. Some of these pieces were also on display in the schools pavilion at the Charters Towers Show. Around the school there are pieces of art emerging, scattered throughout the gardens, as part of the guerrilla art project.

We have expanded the classroom and elective music programs to include Pre Prep all the way through to Year 12. In addition, Miss Croker has continued to drive the instrumental music program, providing many opportunities for our young musicians. Students performed at the Town and Country Ladies Day and competed at the Charters Towers Eisteddfod. The Junior School Big Breakfast was an opportunity for all three Junior School choirs to show their skills. There were also solo performanc-

es in classrooms from many students who currently have private instrumental lessons at school.

There were some extra special performance opportunities with eight students selected for the State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP in Cairns, and another two students selected for SHEP in Townsville). The Qld Music Festival (QMF) came to ASSG as a result of Kasey O'Donoghue's winning composition. Part of her prize included one-on-one composition workshops with renowned singer/songwriter Jack Carty, firstly via Skype and then in person. The culmination of this was a QMF performance in the school Chapel featuring Stage Band, Year 3/4 Choir, Year 5/6 Choir, followed by Jack Carty and Kasey O'Donoghue's wonderful performances. Kasey went on to perform with Jack at Green Jam, QPAC in Brisbane.



Another highlight musically was with singing in Chapel. For the Lady Day Chapel service, all the girls learnt and performed 'Blessed One', accompanied by Billie Copeland on guitar. Not to be outdone, for AN-ZAC Day the boys learnt and performed "Lest We Forget" accompanied by Mr Donaldson on bagpipes and Cody Bucklar on snare drum. It was wonderful both to hear the singing and see the surprise at the professional sounds being produced.





THE SOULS CONNECTION

It seems that wherever you go and the topic of Charters Towers comes up, someone in the group knows of the town or knows of someone with a connection to the school.

In early August, Wendy and I travelled to East Arnhem land to attend 'Garma'. Hosted by the Yothu Yindi Foundation, Garma brings together indigenous and non-indigenous Australians together to discuss contemporary Indigenous issues as well as enhancing understanding through the sharing of culture and traditional practice. We were essentially looking to see if we would take students to the Youth Forum in future years. While we were wearing out 'Souls' shirts one day, we were greeted with "All Souls, I went there." We had a great chat with Past Student Rodriguez Wilson, who now works in the health field in Oenpelli, NT. This was like meeting a long lost friend. Whilst having dinner that night, we sat with some local students from Nhulunbuy, one of whom was Emma Peace, daughter of old boy Matthew Peace. Emma told me she usually goes to Burry Weekend; what a small world.

We were only home for a couple of days before we headed to Brisbane for the National Anglican Schools Conference. On the Saturday we were pleased to attend the opening of "Still In My Mind" at the University of Queensland's Art Museum. The exhibition was curated by Brenda Croft, daughter of Joe Croft (Old Boy and School Captain). Representing the ASSG community were Diane Alford (Chair of Board), Juanita Allingham (Past Student), Wendy and myself. To our delight, Joe's old school mates Professor Sam Mellick, Peter Hollingsworth and Nick Komaroff also attended. It was a moving occasion and another example of the strong school connections throughout generations. If you have a chance, pop in and have a look at the exhibition at the University.



Diane Alford, Darren Fleming, Tim Croft, Peter Hollingsworth, Nick Komaroff and St John's College Foundation Chairman John Peden

On returning from Brisbane, we had the opportunity to host the Vice Chancellor of QUT, Professor Peter Coaldrake (Old Boy) for a day. We had a great time chatting, looking through the museum and wandering the grounds. Peter joined the students for lunch, lining up with his tray, just like old times. After lunch he had the opportunity to play the organ in the Chapel before he headed off to have a look around Charters Towers. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet Peter and gather even more stories about his time at the school.



Darren and Wendy Fleming in Nhulunbuy with Past Student Rodriguez Wilson



The Grandstanders have their annual catch up at the Goldfield Ashes

Pictured (Back Row): David Mann (Past Student), Brett Maff (Past Student and Board member), Chris Allingham (Past Student and Board member), Anthony Holloway (Past Student and PSA Vice-President), Robert Peace (Past Student and Board member), Wayne Prichard and Anton Booy (Past Student)
Front: Shannon Lee (Dean of Students), Darren Guldbransen (Past student & Head of Boarding), Matthew McKellar (student), Harry Titley (student) and Karl McKellar (parent).



PAST STUDENTS

BURRY WEEKEND

20 & 21 January 2018



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REUNION PROGRAMME – 2017

Friday 06th 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 07th October

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

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

9.30am **Touch Footy:** Past Students v Present Students on O'Keeffe Oval

11.00am **Walking Tour of the School** conducted by the Headmaster starting at O'Keeffe Oval and finishing at Halse Hall for lunch

12.00pm **Lunch** at Halse Hall with students

1.00pm **ASSG Howard Lowe Museum** – Museum volunteer staff on hand for anyone seeking further information.

2:00pm – 6:30pm **Event-Free time** for fellowship/recuperation

6.30 for 7.00pm **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.

Sunday 08th October

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

10.30am Morning Tea in Halse Hall followed by **The Great Debate**.
“The Past Students Should Do More” - Past Students have the affirmative.
Past Students V Present Students.

12.30pm **Farewell lunch** in Halse Hall