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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of "Panorama" comes to you under the guidance of a new BTCAA committee, that was in transition last year and is now fully 'fledged'. This issue sees the first report from our new President Carole Sharp. There is also a continuation of last issue's historic theme about the origins and uses of some of the early core buildings of Bathurst Teachers College. We have also tried to provide/make hyperlinks to some web articles that add information to sections in the CSU Update. (For those who receive "Panorama" by email this link should activate readily. For those who receive Panorama by mail then you will need to go to the CSU Website, find the Panorama issue and activate the extra information there. The address is <https://alumni.csu.edu.au/stay-connected/publications/alumni/panorama>).

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The new President of the BTC Alumni Association is Carole Sharp. Carole is delighted and honoured to have been elected the President for 2017.

I attended Bathurst Teachers College in 1960-61 and taught for four and a half years before resigning to have a family. When my two young sons started school I returned to the Department and have

since taught in all areas of Education.

I trained in Infants Method at BTC but also taught Years 3-6 as well as swimming in the January school holidays for many years. Retiring as the

Deputy Principal of a large primary school I then moved into Special Education working as the Relieving Teacher-In-Charge of a Hospital School for almost two years.

During my years in primary schools I completed a Bachelor of Education degree and taught in TAFE for twelve years until I finally retired in 2013.

I am amazed when I look at the directions my career has taken me in and have been very fortunate to have found a career I love.

Joining the BTCAA Committee has allowed me to share experiences and memories with other BTC Graduates, plan reunions, outings and our yearly AGM. One vital function of our group is fundraising for the Bathurst Teachers College Alumni Scholarship and this scholarship is presented annually to a student at one of the Charles Sturt University Campuses, this student being related to a past BTC student. It is your generous donations to this fund which have made this scholarship possible. I was privileged this year, along with other members of our committee, to attend this year's Scholarship Ceremony at the Bathurst Campus on Friday, 26th May 2017 and to present the Scholarship to Hayley Fowler. Hayley is studying for a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary).

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On the same day and just before this Scholarship Ceremony, we also attended the Dedication of a newly installed beautiful stain glass window made by Olive Lawson, one of our committee members.

New members, thoughts and ideas are always welcome. Our Committee has remained a strong vibrant group because of the input from all of you, past BTC students with lots of memories to share and ideas for our future as a group. Please contact me if there are any areas you wish to discuss. Details of some coming Reunions will be in this issue of Panorama and we hope you are able to attend.

I look forward to hearing from you, hearing your ideas and if you have a reunion this year, seeing you in 2017.

-- Carole Sharp (President BTCAA)
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2017 AGM AND LUNCHEON

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

This year's annual AGM and Luncheon was again held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel in Castlereagh Street Sydney. The AGM meeting covered all the usual reports from the President, the Treasurer, the Panorama editor, from CSU and other general business. Afterwards a relatively small group of 30 attendees joined in sharing fellowship and good food to hear an inspiring address from the current Head of Campus at CSU



Bathurst Dr Chika Anyanwu. Chika's address was entitled "What Was, What Is and What We Do Not Know: A Personal Reflection". (What was, what is and what may be).

Dr Anyanwu was born the youngest in an older family of siblings and grew up in Nigeria. Early in his life he was surrounded by the Civil War there. As a young child this had the effect of forcing him into an early maturity "We lost our childhood and became men and women before we were 10 years old." Education was all about jungle survival, military drills, looking after his elders, learning to farm and to cook. "We slept in snatches and took

turns to read and write on our slates with chalks under shaded lamps." It all made him value the time he spent in school as a possible way of getting away from the impact of civil war. Education was seen as a beacon of hope.

Chika then talked about how the advancement of knowledge has been rapidly increasing in current times, especially in the 22 years since the advent of the Internet. "In these 22 years of Internet technology, the whole world has written and discovered more than it did in the (previous) 1895 years". This allied with a population explosion and increased longevity has created issues in education. It is now at a crossroads catching up with technology advances, economic survival of educational institutions and international competition. There are significant differences between teaching in the 60s, 70s and 80s to teaching now in this technological age.

"While the fundamental principles of education have not changed, its mode of delivery has changed. The passion teachers have for teaching has not waned, what has waned is the power they have or do not have over their students due to technological flexibility. In your day, teachers had exclusive authority of knowledge over students, in our day it seems as if Google has taken over the repository of knowledge, and teachers merely facilitate learning."

He raised the question of what the future may hold with many analogies of how things are different now from when we were studying to be teachers. Two such examples were "In your day people talked and wrote letters to each other, today, people text and chat online even when they are in the same room." Another was "In your day, letters took days and weeks to reach their destination, today, students send texts and emails, and expect response in a matter of minutes."

He ended by posing the scenario that our society has lost touch with its humanity and sense of community. Social issues such as an aspiration to longevity but a failure to prepare for ageing, has created a very real need for change in our policy frameworks in our uncertain future. We look up to you as our forebears "to counsel, advise and link us with those who can assist. We look up to you as I look up to my senior brother because even though we may be operating on a higher technological level, your wisdom still grounds us." He also posed a question what comes after the Internet and how will it impact individuals, communities, society ... and also education?

(A copy of Dr Anyanwu's address is available by email, by contacting the Editor.)

REPORT FROM LISA O'SHANNESSEY



Since receiving the BTCAA scholarship last year (2016) I have continued on with my studies, with a goal to complete my teaching degree in 2018. In order to achieve this goal I resigned from my position as a Writer at "New Idea" so I could concentrate on my studies, which I have continued on with even after welcoming my

second child (a boy named Finn) in March.

I was recently notified that I made the Executive Dean's List for 2016. I am extremely proud of this achievement. It was just the boost I needed to stay motivated and on track to commence my career as a primary teacher as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the BTCAA for the generous scholarship funds, which were a tremendous help in covering my childcare costs while I undertook my first practicum last year.

-- Lisa O'Shannessey

CSU BATHURST AND BTCAA

Recently (Friday 26 May) two events/ceremonies involving BTCAA were held at CSU Bathurst. The first was the unveiling and dedication of an stained glass leadlight window in the Religious Centre on campus. The second was the annual Scholarship Presentation Ceremony during which a scholarship sponsored by BTCAA was presented.

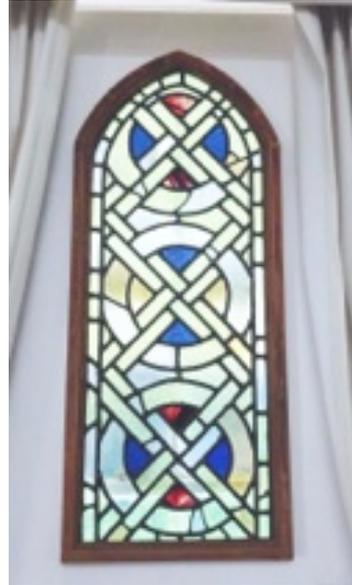
LEADLIGHT WINDOW



The leadlight window was donated by Olive Lawson (1952-53 cohort of BTC) and a current committee member of BTCAA. Its unveiling and dedication were presided over by Dr Chika Anyanwu (Head of Campus) and Bishop Michael McKenna (RC Bishop of Bathurst).

(L -R)

- Dr Chika Anyanwu (HOC)
- Olive Lawson (BTC 52-53)
- Bishop Michael McKenna



The window is a leadlight because the coloured glass pieces are held in place by strips of lead to make the pattern. It is an exact replica of a Cistercian original that has its origin dated at 1240AD. The Cistercian name refers to an order of monks and nuns founded in France (in Burgundy). This order was known for its austerity of religious buildings

and lifestyle as well as for the wearing of undyed (white) habits. The original window is believed to have been salvaged from a Cistercian monastery somewhere in SW England (Kent?)

Olive (on left with Ruth Dyer, both BTC 52-53)



spoke of the simplicity of the symbolic designs and icons that make up the window that she meticulously made a number of years ago (completed in 2000). 'Her' window was crafted from a template made by using a postcard published at Ely. It was enlarged to the exact dimensions required. The Ely Museum agreed with

Olive's request for permission to make the replica.

The original window, dated 1240AD, has survived the terrible vandalism of huge numbers of cathedral, church and religious windows during Tudor King Henry VIII's and Oliver Cromwell's later reigns in the 16th and 17th centuries. It also survived the London Blitz bombings during World War 2. This window is now housed in the Ely Stained Glass Museum within the precincts of Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire, England.

Olive had a wish for her replica window to be housed in a permanent place with some historical meaning, a place that is a focus of meditation or prayer where the light from the window can shine into some sacred place. It seems that these wishes have been met with the window now installed in the Religious Centre (Building 1298) at CSU Bathurst Campus. It is in a religious place which has regular guided bible study and prayers led by a campus chaplain.

2017 BTCAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The BTCAA Scholarship received several excellent applications this year. We are most grateful to our three BTCAA representatives Rod Allan, Helen Baber and Alan Smith, who assessed the applications and selected this year's winner.

The winner is Hayley Fowler. Hayley is doing her second year in an Early Childhood and Primary course at the Bathurst Campus of CSU. Hayley comes from Faulconbridge and attended Springwood HS prior to going to CSU. She hopes to pursue a career in rural and remote areas.



-- President Carole Sharp with Hayley Fowler

Hayley's eligibility for the scholarship came about because her grandmother, Jean Ellis, was an ex-BTC graduate from the Years 1956-57. Hayley's mother was also a teacher and it is their passion and dedication to their vocation that led Hayley to follow in their footsteps. She is indeed a worthy recipient of the annual BTCAA award.

CSU UPDATE / REPORT

At CSU, we believe the contributions we make to the lives of our students and our communities are the most rewarding part of our work. It's fantastic to know that the BTCAA believes in the power of education and is just as passionate about the future of rural and regional Australia as we are!

Your continued support directly assists the next generation of Australian educators and the students they teach. It's a strong legacy built on the foundations of the Bathurst Teachers' College and we thank you for continuing this important work.

BTCAA Scholarship Fund update

As at the end of February, the BTCAA Scholarship Fund stands at just over \$40,000.

The annual BTCAA scholarship assist recipients with education necessities and opportunities they may not otherwise be able to afford. Your scholarship not only enriches the lives of each worthy winner, but also the communities in which they choose to live and work.

A huge congratulations on your continued fundraising efforts. I'm sure Rob, Helen and Alan can attest to how valued the BTCA Scholarship is to our Education students. Keep up the great work!

Leave a lasting legacy

Some of you may know that around this time last year, the University received a bequest of more than \$3 million to provide scholarships to undergraduate students living on campus.

This incredible act of generosity was made by Carole and Stanley Droder, both passionate advocates for equality and accessibility in higher education for regional students. Mr Droder had a distinguished career as an accountant in Sydney and had ties to the Bathurst region, living and working in Oberon for a number of years.

Carole and Stan Droder Scholarships are awarded to a continuing undergraduate student at each CSU campus.

Like the Drodgers, you may wish to consider leaving a bequest to CSU. Leaving a bequest to CSU is a simple, secure way to ensure you leave a lasting legacy on teacher education. CSU is experienced in handling bequest pledges and acquitting bequest donations in various forms including shares, bonds, property, personal effects and money.

If making a bequest is of interest to you, please contact Kirstie Grady who is equipped to guide you through your options and legacy interests: kgrady@csu.edu.au.

IN THE NEWS

Changing nature of handwriting

New CSU research has sought to better understand the evolving imperatives shaping writing skills in the modern world. Read more here. (<http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/education/teacher-education/changing-nature-of-handwriting>)

Building a culture of gender equity

Coordinated by the Australian Academy of Science, the Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) initiative aims to lift the number of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM).

Read about CSU's commitment to addressing gender equity in pay, position, opportunity and culture here. (<http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/charles-sturt-university/building-a-culture-of-gender-equity-in-stemm>)

-- Stacey Fish
CSU Advancement Unit

The Architectural Significance of the "Old" Bathurst Teachers' College Buildings

-- John Payne

This is the second and concluding part of John's article that was started in the last issue of Panorama (Issue 31 - 2016). This first part can be accessed on the CSU website if so desired. This information is part of a unique, soon to be released book (2017) entitled "Building Bathurst 1815-1915". This author is Graham Lupp and permission has been given to use some information and photos from his work for this edition of "Panorama".

Following, courtesy of Graham Lupp, are some photographs from the 1,000+ illustrations that will appear in Building Bathurst. They depict the four main buildings that were part of Vernon complex that surrounded what Graham calls "a well proportioned and comfortable space."



The original Experimental Farm building was

renamed the Heffron Building in 1951 in honour of Hon. R.J. Heffron, Minister for Education, when the Experiment Farm became Bathurst Teachers' College.

Photo, Gregory Studio, Bathurst District Historical Society (BDHS)



Cunningham House (above) was built originally as accommodation for 32 Experiment Farm students of agriculture. It varies slightly in style, being in Flemish bond brickwork on the older central section. The large roof overhang is supported on decorative wrought iron brackets.

Photo, Gregory Studio, Bathurst District Historical Society (BDHS)

The photograph below shows part of the original Cunningham House and its unsympathetic modification in its BTC days to become a dormitory for female students. The handsome verandas were unsympathetically walled in to provide extra space.



In this photo it serves as background to the official photo of the 1960 BTC cohort of students (first year and second year male and female students).

- Photo property of John Payne



Bathurst Experiment Farm Dining Hall and Kitchen, which became the 'little theatre' and tuckshop in its BTC days.

- Photo, Gregory Studio, BDHS.

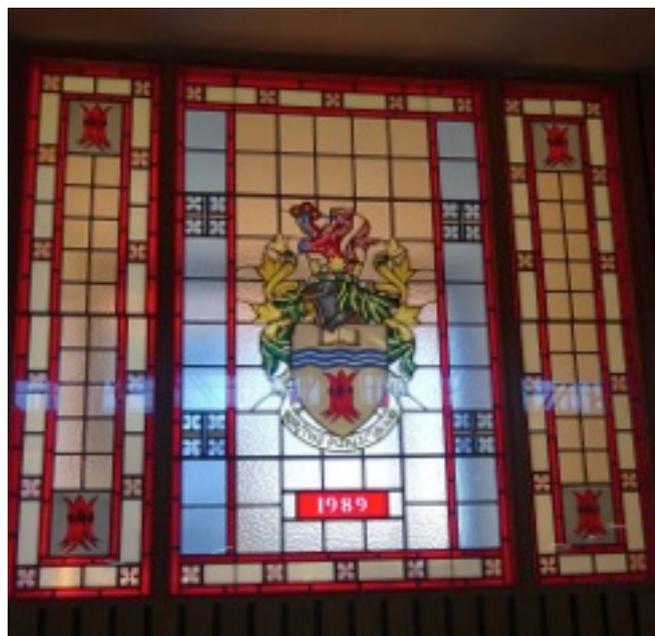
The book itself **"Building Bathurst 1815-1915"** (a limited edition of 1500 copies, coffee-table size, 800+ pages, 1,000+ illustrations including historical photographs, maps and plans, and Graham's photographs, paintings, drawings and measured drawings) will sell for \$200. Because of its size and weight (33x24 cm, approx. 4.5 kg), P.P. & H will be in the order of \$50, depending where the purchaser lives.

People wishing to put their names on the pre-order list can send their names and contact details to John Payne at john.payne2@bigpond.com. They will be contacted closer to the time of publication with final details on how to secure a copy.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

This is simply something that may be an item of interest. It was seen at the Scholarship Presentation Ceremony recently. Ed.

On the subject of stained glass (leadlight) windows, the CSU campus at Bathurst has a fine display in the auditorium of the C D Blake Auditorium. Two seem particularly appropriate to this issue of 'Panorama' one the BTC logo and one the logo of the old Experimental Farm (known to most of us as Heffron House). The CSU university one is also a fine window. Now with a really old, historic connection with Olive Lawson's window there is a mix of old and new on campus.



A MULTI TASKING TEACHER

I once had a Superintendent who really believed that the word multi-tasking was tailor made for teachers -- they could do many things while keeping the task of central focus still bubbling on. Ed.

We have seen earlier how talented one of our BTC colleagues has been (Olive Lawson). Here is another with a very different talent.

Gwen McLaughlin (Reid) B.T.C. 1954-5

After my memorable years at B.T.C. (1954-55) I taught at Dobroyd Point, Bathurst Girls Dem, Neutral Bay Dem, Dubbo South, Ascot State (Brisbane) and Jerilderie Public (6 years a teacher, 6 years executive teacher, 6 years principal). On retirement, I became a full time casual at Griffith Public for 6 years and then became permanent at Hay for a further 6 years, completing my teaching career at Hay School of the Air. (Home visits to remote stations being a highlight). Allowing for child rearing that took me to 50+ years of education and caring.

While at Jerilderie my husband and I purchased land in 1980 but when he met an untimely death in 1982 I decided to keep the farm. At first I was not confident that I could run it successfully and agisted it for about 10 years, doing maintenance on weekends but then decided that I could "have a go".

By committing 12 hours a day to education during the week, I managed to give myself weekends for the farm. Griffith and Hay were within 2 hours travel time.

The farm of 1570 hectares spreads north from the Yanco Creek, between Jerilderie and Conargo, encompassing part of the Wilson anabranch. It is a mix of wooded floodplain, sandhills that have been blown in over the millennia and part of the Old Man Plain that stretches towards Hay. Environmentally it is a little oasis - a designated wildlife refuge. With help from the Catchment Management Authority, the creek and anabranch have been fenced to prevent stream erosion. Open areas have been fenced and re-vegetated with the aim of making wild life corridors as well as providing shade and biodiversity. Recently a swamp area has been fenced off to rehabilitate an isolated rain-filled wet land as a carbon store and is studied by Deacon University. Plains. Wanderer habitat has been identified.

A predominantly Angus cattle herd is maintained and, as the property has been divided into 24 paddocks, cell grazing has been undertaken, (kangaroos hinder this arrangement as they move into unstocked paddocks).

I originally began my herd with 20 cows and now usually run between 100-120 breeders, destocking drastically in times of drought. During a normal year the cows are joined during June to quality bulls, injected with five in one medication, inoculated against pestivirus, backlined to prevent lice, worms etc and have frequent health checks. I consult regularly with the local vet.

Calves are marked, ear-tagged and replacement heifers identified. Those remaining are sold at around 400 kilograms. Older cows are sold at about 8 years of age. Bulls are selected on the basis of low birth weight calves and high 200 day weight gain so that there are minimal problems with calving. Heifers are still closely checked.

The day to day running of the enterprise includes daily checking of the cattle, fencing, water and feed, supplementing where necessary with bales of hay, either grown on the property or brought in - (for this I had to learn to drive a tractor). Fencing, water systems, rabbit and box thorn control and ploughing of fire breaks are integral in the maintenance of a rural property. Noxious weeds and animal control is a priority so I have a chemical users accreditation and a spray outfit on a John Deere Gator.

How do I manage on a farm 34 kms from the nearest town on an unsealed road, without mobile coverage and poor internet? I reside in a wonderful community, have excellent friends and neighbours, stock agents, contractors and accountants. There are regular working visits from family which are much appreciated. My late father was a highly respected station manager and gave lots of support and advice. As he aged, I willingly

became his weekend carer. My late partner of four years, who in spite of being a cancer patient, was also a great inspiration and source of knowledge.

-- Gwen MacLaughlin (1954-55)

REUNION REPORTS FROM 2017

• PIONEERS REUNION (#66)

Those pesky Pioneers have been at it again! After sixty six years of friendship forged from the crucible of the fledging Bathurst Teachers College in 1951 thirty four ex-students – many with their partners – gathered for yet another renewal of those friendships started so long ago. Indeed our group would have been larger but for unexpected problems among some who had planned to come. The group was proud and honoured to welcome again this year two of their lecturers, Betty McDonald and Frank Atchison.

This year, from 7-9 March, we gathered in Mittagong in the Southern Highlands of NSW where, despite inclement weather, everyone enjoyed the program of activities that the committee of regional Pioneers had organised for the group. Trevor Brew and Barry McConville are to be congratulated on the deceptively effortless organisation that ensured that all went well.

Accommodation at the Springs Resort Motel, conveniently adjacent to the Mittagong RSL Club, was welcoming and comfortable. On our first day, the club put at our disposal a private room for registration and for our first evening meal. We were also free to enjoy the comfortable lounge area as we met up with each wave of friends as they arrived. At our first meal together Ralph Rawlinson welcomed everyone and thanked the planning committee. June McWhirter (Woody) spoke of her connections with Bong Bong, giving a short account of a family history that stretches back over the centuries and continues today with family gatherings linking people from around Australia as well as from overseas.

The on-the-ground committee had planned a program of activities for the group for the one whole day we had together. Again nothing had been overlooked in ensuring that the day's activities were full of interest. By 9.00 am our group had boarded an extremely comfortable bus and we headed off to our first destination: the charming historic village of Berrima. Here we had ample time to stroll around the village looking at

the local wares and buildings of historical interest. Barry McConville proved to be a most knowledgeable guide. The bus next took us on to Fitzroy Falls. Most people took advantage of the busy little coffee shop's facilities before venturing the short distance to view the impressive falls.

Our last activity of the day was a visit to the Bradman Museum at Bowral. Here the welcoming staff provided our group with a light luncheon before we were split up into two smaller groups for a guided tour of the museum. This was an absolute delight to the cricket aficionados amongst us and an eye-opener even to the relative few of us who have little if any interest in the game. The museum is a little gem and a must-see for anyone travelling to the Southern Highlands.

Being of a certain age we were all happy to arrive back at our accommodation in good time for a granny nap before our formal dinner. For that dinner the club provided us with another private room where the courteous staff served us a delicious three-course meal. Receiving a compliment is always a pleasant experience and we were all delighted when, at the end of our stay, we heard from the obliging staff and management that we were the best group they had ever had the privilege of serving.

At the formal dinner Trevor Brew, in habitual (and much admired) stentorian form, made us all feel particularly welcome and glad that we had not missed this marvellous opportunity to meet up with old friends once again. During the dinner we were entertained with a Masterclass on Poetry conducted by Barry McConville who revisited the poems we learnt in our own school days and evoked memories of the poems we later went on to teach our pupils over the years.

In the final remarks, Helen Egan spoke of the importance of continuing to support the Alumni Association and a vote of thanks was raised to Gail Metcalfe - our wonderful honorary Pioneer who ably takes care of the finances connected with our reunions - and to Les Noon for his inspirational program and name tag designs.

The RSL Club was the venue for our final meal together (breakfast) before we left for various parts of this beloved country: 'a land of droughts and flooding rains' as Barry McConville had reminded us.

It must be acknowledged yet again that these Pioneer reunions could not take place without the unstinting efforts of Ralph Rawlinson and Julia Noon whose guidance and attention to detail make the seemingly impossible possible.

The Pioneers' reunion for 2018 is planned to be held in the Hawkesbury district.

-- Imogen Kelly (1951-52)

SOUTHERN GROUP REUNION 2016 HORSE TROUGHS and AN AUSTRALIAN AWARD

What do horse troughs and an Australian award have in common? Nothing -- other than they were both presented at the annual Get Together lunch of the Southern group at Queanbeyan in July, 2016.

Sixteen alumni, Reg Halliburton 52/3, Leon and Robyn Brett, Bill and June Thompson, Danny Mahar, Julie Worldon Isobel Wykes, George Windsor, all 56/7, Betty Windsor, Scott and Helen Chadwick, Michael Wood 57/8, Helen Cody 60/1, Lyn Gorrie 63/4, Frank Barr 64/5, and three spouses, Jan Halliburton, Kitty Wood, a venerable 90 years old, and Judith Barr were at the Queanbeyan Hotel to enjoy a great lunch, a couple of presentations and each other's company.

Julie Worldon presented the story of her recent fascination with concrete horse troughs and the mystery of their appearance in eastern Australia. The meeting decided that here was a new slang phrase that might be more acceptable than bull--it in polite company, ie "oh horse troughs" meaning irrelevant, old fashioned argument. Try it sometime to see how it sounds and works



Exact location unknown, could be Risewood Vic.

This meeting saw also the awakening of the Australian Order of OBE. Dismayed at the disappearance of the original award, still appearing after the names a number of our citizens Reg decided to formalise this award, OBE - AUS. (ie. Over Bloomin' Eighty). You have probably heard about this award before but now it has gained some formality with its document of

EDUCATION POLICY MUST EMBRACE THE 'THE RURAL'

This article from a CSU News article dated 12 May 2017 seems an appropriate add-on to the address given by Dr Anyanwu at the 2017 AGM. It highlights that there is a very real need to think more about educational policy and its implications. Ed.

Award winning research by a Charles Sturt University (CSU) PhD graduate argues for the need to reposition 'the rural' in education policy and research.



Dr Philip Roberts (pictured) recently received the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Rural Education Special

Interest Group Dissertation Award at its annual conference in Texas, USA.

Dr Roberts said that by using a rural standpoint, his dissertation offers new insights into how rural educational disadvantage is socially, and spatially, produced in rural areas of NSW, Australia.

"Indeed, my research found that there is a clear metropolitan-cosmopolitan knowledge hierarchy – which includes the existence of high-status subjects – in which student access and success is mediated by school location. This positioning does not allow rural meanings to be explored, or the rural to be considered in its own terms."

Dr Roberts realised it was necessary for him to develop a new research perspective to explore place, social justice, curriculum, and rural teaching in a manner that allows rural meanings to be at the forefront. "The resulting 'rural standpoint', a perspective that works in, for and with the rural to value rural people and communities and the knowledges produced therein, enables this," he said.

His examination of rural educational provision and achievement from this point of view strategically privileges the rural, and raises important questions about how equity funding is currently distributed, and also about how teachers engage with place, and the nature of the curriculum provided to students in rural areas.

"My spatial analysis of curriculum access and achievement data revealed the problem needs to be re-framed so 'the rural' is given due weight and

attention in future education and research policy," Dr Roberts said.

IN MEMORIAM

* JAMES WADDELL (1951-52 PIONEERS)

James Waddell, who died on 20 May, will always be remembered with affection for his wonderful portrayal of a Modern Major-General in the first BTC production of the "Pirates of Penzance" in 1952, a role which he sang again with great aplomb at a Pioneer's Reunion in Orange a few years ago.

A talented pianist, James was a popular student at College and he and his wife, Muriel, were a much loved couple at frequent reunions.

After a teaching career at Tibooburra, Dubbo and Wagga Wagga, James resigned to become an Anglican minister in the Wagga district for over twenty years. He and Muriel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2012. Sadly Muriel died a couple of years later.

We were all delighted that James was able to attend the Pioneer's Reunion at Bathurst in 2015 to celebrate sixty-five years since we started as students at Bathurst Teachers's College.

-- Helen Egan (1951-52)

* JULIE WORLDON (TWEMLow) BTC 1956-57

Judith Rae (aka Julie) Worldon passed away on March 16 2017 after a three year battle with cancer. Julie taught for many years in the west of Sydney and on the northern beaches.

She moved to and lived in Queensland for over 30 years before moving south to Narooma in 2013. She quickly got involved in the BTC Alumni Southern Area annual get togethers, even organising the 2015 event.

Sadly missed by son John and daughter Liz, together with four grandchildren and five great grandchildren, many friends and especially her BTC colleagues. May she rest in peace.

-- Bill Thompson (1956-1957)

* DI WEBSTER (HUTCHISON) BTC 1964-65

Dianne passed away in Dubbo on 29th May - sadly missed by her husband, children, grandchildren and friends.

-- David Bales (1964-1965)

