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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Panorama Readers,



As 2017 draws to a close I look back on a most rewarding first year as President of BTCAA. Helen Egan (51-52) founded the Association in 2001 and was President until the 2012 AGM. She was followed by Wayne Bensley who was President until the AGM this year. Both Helen and Wayne have done an

excellent job in keeping this vibrant group active and alive with fund raising for the Scholarship, organising the yearly AGM with a variety of excellent speakers and the Reunions for the various BTC Groups.

I have stepped into very large shoes and am delighted that both Helen and Wayne have remained on the Committee, bringing with them their expertise, experience and support.

Highlights this year have been:

- Our AGM on Saturday February 18 2017 where our excellent Guest Speaker was the Head of Campus at CSU Bathurst, Dr Chika Anyanwu.
- Reunion -Pioneers (51-52) March 7-9 2017 at Mittagong.
- The Scholarship Presentation to Hayley Fowler at CSU Bathurst on Friday May 26 2017. Many thanks to all of you who have made donations to this Fund.
- The unveiling and dedication of a stained glass lead light window (made by Committee Member Olive Lawson) in The Religious Centre on Campus. This event was also on May 26. I was privileged to attend the

Dedication Ceremony and to present this Scholarship to Hayley Fowler. Both events were also attended by other Committee Members and they were impressive and well organised.

- Reunion - Southern Region - 26th July 2017 at Bomaderry Bowling Club.
- Reunion - BTC Students from 66-67 at Bonnell's Bay on October 21 2017.

Planned Activities for 2018 are:

- AGM on Saturday 17th February 2018, with Denise Cramsie as our Guest Speaker.
- Pioneers Reunion (51-52) - March 6th to 8th 2018 in Penrith.
- Reunion (58-59), Friday March 2nd to Sunday March 4th 2018 in Bathurst.
- Reunion (60-61) - October 2018.

I hope to see you all at our AGM. Possibly you may even consider joining our Committee. As well as organised events listed we meet four times a year for Committee Meetings in Sydney. We achieve a lot in a short time and then enjoy a lunch, sharing reminiscences of our years at BTC. We also organise Committee Outings throughout the year, this year having lunches at Kirribilli and Gosford. It's great fun and camaraderie. We would love you to join us.

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Wishing you a merry Christmas and all the best for a happy and healthy New Year.

Hope to see you in February at the AGM.
Carole

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2018 AGM AND LUNCHEON SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2018

The 2018 AGM and Luncheon is being held in the usual place, the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel at 169-171 Castlereagh Street Sydney. The AGM will start at 11am (arrival time c.10.45am) while Luncheon will start from 12.30pm (arrival time).

GUEST SPEAKER FOR BTCAA 2018 LUNCHEON

DENISE CRAMSIE

(PIONEERING EDUCATOR IN THE FIELD
OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN)



Denise attended BTC in the years 1958-59. Denise started her teaching career at Sutherland Girls Primary School in 1960. After serving out her 3 year bond she moved to London with 3 college

friends and taught for another 3 years there before returning home. Back in Australia Denise found her niche in children's literature and gifted education. Denise completed her Master's degree at the UNSW and followed this with a course in Curriculum Development at a summer school in Williamsburg Virginia USA. Her major assignment was a literature unit (*'It's About Time'*) for gifted students in Stage 2. This was later published by the Gifted Education Research Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) in the UNSW School of Education.

However, there will be a slight change to proceedings because of some updated procedures at the hotel.

The annual AGM will **not** be held in the dining room but in another space either on the ground or the first floor (depending on numbers). The lunch

will be held as usual upstairs after the completion of the AGM.

What this means is that if you really do not want to attend the AGM (ie. only the Luncheon) then your arrival time can be around 12.30pm. If you do plan to attend the AGM then arrival time should be around 10.45am (with the luncheon afterwards).

I trust that this change does not create too many concerns. Everyone is welcome at the AGM but the preparation of the dining room space after an earlier breakfast event means it be cannot be used in the same way as in the past.

CSU UPDATE



At CSU, we know the contributions of our benefactors help our students reach their full potential. The role of the CSU Advancement Office – to group facilitating mutually beneficial relationships between the University, its benefactors, alumni and friends – is becoming increasingly important. That's why CSU has restructured its operations to **move the Advancement Office out of the Division of Marketing and Communications into a separate unit** led by Sarah Ansell, now the Director of Advancement. Having been CEO of the CSU Foundation since 2014, Sarah is proud to take on this new role.

We were pleased to see a recent article in The Sydney Morning Herald highlighting research that CSU graduates are more likely to find full-time employment than any other Australian university graduate. The article stated that the universities that are the hardest to get into may not be delivering the best employment outcomes for their students. Only UNSW was ranked in the top 10 for full-time employment outcomes with 76.4 per cent of its students finding jobs within four months of graduating. In comparison, about 84 per cent of CSU students find full-time work within four months of leaving. See the full article here

<http://bit.ly/2vEWkrv>

The 2017 BTCAA Scholarship Winner Hayley Fowler is coming to the end of her second year in Early Childhood and Primary course at CSU – Bathurst. Hayley's earliest memory of a teacher is not of a kindergarten or preschool teacher, but of her own grandmother. 'No matter what the activity was she always managed to find a new learning opportunity', said Hayley. 'These spontaneous lessons made me realise that learning did not just occur in a typical classroom scenario – it could

happen anywhere.' Your scholarship support directly assists the next generation of Australian educators, just like Hayley 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.

Wangaratta Regional Study Centre @Wangaratta RSC has created an alumni outreach program to create an engaging experience for CSU alumni through supporting the WRSC outreach team in their area. The pilot program is the first of its kind for CSU, and showcases the great way that CSU alumni can continue to connect and give back to the university. The aim of the CSU alumni outreach program is to activate, encourage and aspire school kids toward university study; as well as supporting teachers in delivering STEM activities. 25 CSU alumni enrolled to partake in 2017, some travelling up to 705k, and activities ranged from a science expo to a small business event.

On a personal note I have had the pleasure of e-meeting some of your alumni, and I look forward to working with you in the future to help coordinate some great events and reunions! I have come on board with the Advancement Team to offer assistance in Stacey Fish's absence. If you need any assistance please don't hesitate in contacting me on singold@csu.edu.au or 02 6933 2769

- Sheridan Ingold
CSU Office of Advancement Unit

REPORT FROM SCHOLARSHIP WINNER – Hayley Fowler 2017



I am very thankful to the Bathurst Teachers College Alumni for the financial support that the scholarship has given me.

I used part of the funds to pay for my car registration and repairs. I was on prac in Lithgow this year and without my car it would've been very difficult for me to attend everyday. I put the rest of the funds towards accommodation costs. Receiving the scholarship has significantly reduced the financial burden of studying at university and living away from home. It has allowed me to reduce my hours time to focus on my studies. I completed my first prac teaching session in a year two class this year and thoroughly enjoyed it.

I am very excited to continue learning and teaching throughout my degree and to one day have a class of my own.

I have been doing well in all of my subjects and am proud of how far I have come with my university studies.

I am extremely grateful for the support that I have received this year from the Bathurst Teachers' College association and their scholarship.

Thank you,
Hayley Fowler

REUNION REPORTS FROM 2017

• SOUTHERN REUNION (26 JULY)

Have we been here before? Yes, we certainly have been here before, i.e. the Bomaderry Bowling Club in 2013.

As previously everybody forgot to bring their bowls, even those who had never owned any. But, then, this was the first time in thirteen years the Group had been to the same venue twice.

Moving around our part of the State has been successful with many varied venues.

Bill Thompson and 'King' George Windsor hosted this year's event on 26 July 2017 when twenty six members arrived and five others sent apologies. All Alumni are invited to attend our Get-Together lunch on the last Wednesday of July at the places we advertise each year; either South Coast or Southern Tablelands.

This year Michael Wood (57/8) took the opportunity to recall his College and early teaching years reflecting many of the experiences most of us had.

Enid Rose (53/54) told us how, after retiring from the NSW Teaching Service in 1989, she obtained a teaching position in the Czech Republic in 1998 at the age of 68 years. This happened after she had been travelling solo throughout Europe and had met an English speaking couple with whom she corresponded on her return to Australia. The husband had a research grant to study at ANU and on his return home invited Enid to apply to teach at the International School at Hluboka. She said she went for six months and stayed five years. Here her school activities included teaching primary school, organising and managing the high

school library and teaching history to high school levels 1 and 2; a very varied teaching experience!



- The assembled group at Southern group reunion

Following last year's establishment of the Alternative Australian Order of OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) and the investiture of Leon Brett as the first member of the Order there were two other of our members who qualified for admission, namely Enid Rose and Kitty Wood. These two ladies had missed last year's meeting but the problem was Kitty had turned ninety which is certainly OBE. It seemed that a new award should be established for nonagenarians. Voila! NBN – Now Beautiful Nineties. The award is very similar to OBE but states "For Ninety Year Olds and a Part of the OBE(Aust) Honours System (and) Never, Ever to be Confused with National Broadband Network even though it might take ninety years."

These awards were accepted in the spirit in which they were given but 'King' George who had attended his investiture at Government House thought the ceremony still lacked decorum. We blew him a raspberry. There was some speculation as to whether the need for a centenarian award would arise in the future.

- Reg Halliburton

EDITORIAL NOTE

Due to a whole range of circumstances this issue of Panorama did not get to the printer before the Printery's Christmas holiday break. It has been hand delivered on their first day back so should get out to you reasonably quickly. Please make sure to take note of the upcoming AGM and Annual Luncheon described elsewhere.

The issue is also thinner because of fewer submitted articles, so if you have any stories to tell please send them to me at wrbensley@hotmail.com. - Thanks Wayne Bensley.

REUNION NOTICES FOR 2018

BTC REUNION for 58/59 ALUMNI

It's not too late to express your interest in attending this reunion to be held in Bathurst on 2nd-3rd-4th March 2018

It's a chance to catch up with alumni and renew friendships

For further details please contact:
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Barry Wooldridge: Phone (02) 6386 2334
Carole Goodwin: (Mob) 0428 895 895

BTC 1951-52 ... PIONEERS 67th Anniversary Pioneer Reunion

In the second week of March 1951, the first year of students arrived at the then partly-finished Bathurst Teachers College.

On the 6-8 March 2018, these Pioneers will gather, yet again, this time to celebrate the 67th Anniversary of BTC's foundation. The Reunion will be in the Nepean Valley, centred on the Mercure Hotel and the Panthers Club, near Penrith, where we have obtained very favourable rates.

Some 70 Pioneers and Honorary Pioneers, including our much-revered former Lecturers, Betty McDonald (nee Pooler) and Frank Atchison, are planning to attend.

An exciting program has already been arranged, which will include a morning cruise on the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler, a visit to The Arms of Australia Inn Museum, lunch at the Rowers Club, and a formal dinner at Panthers.

For further information please contact Julia Noon (9958 1816), Imogen Kelly (9983 9985) or Ralph Rawlinson (9743 4117).



SOUTHERN REGION 2018

The annual Southern Region Get-Together lunch will be at the Mittagong RSL Club on the last Wednesday, 25 July.

The organiser is Reg Halliburton, phone (02) 6297-1859 or email - jan.reg@bigpond.net.au

If you haven't attended before and would like to come please do so. All BTC alumni are welcome to attend, any year, and whether a regular or a newcomer. Please inform Reg sometime before July.

1960-61 REUNION 2018

A significant reunion is planned for the students of the 1960-61 BTC cohort for Saturday October 20th 2018 at The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel at 169-171 Castlereagh Street Sydney.

Save the date!!

Contact Tony Koop for further details
Mail: @ PO Box 5225, Greenwich NSW 2065
or Email tonykoop@optusnet.com.au

IN MEMORIAM

..... **KATE BUTLER (nee Cathie Mulholland - BTC 1953-54)**

Died at Bodington Nursing Home in Wentworth Falls on 1st August 2017 at the age of 82 years. A dear and loving friend of her husband Barry for more than 60 years. Sadly missed by her loving family and friends who described her life as "a life fulfilled"
— *Pattie Macheledt (nee Burke)*

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY ...

THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR 1805

Following on from historical content in the last few Panorama magazines, (WW1/WW2 related articles and experiences as well as early BTC building history and recollections), I have received an intriguing copy of a letter written just 5 days after the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, a highly significant sea battle between the English and the Spanish/French fleets off Cadiz in southern Spain (near Gibraltar). The English fleet was commanded by Lord Nelson in the HMS "Victory".

This letter was written by the great-great-grandfather of Estelle Gould (nee Pope) one of our esteemed 'Pioneers' alumni of 1951-52. His name was Lieutenant Francis Baker. The framed original is with other family in the UK.

Background: Francis Baker (1762-1823): Francis Baker joined the Royal Navy in 1797 as a midshipman. He was promoted to Lieutenant on "Leviathan" in 1803. Some years after the Battle of Trafalgar in 1814 he was promoted to Captain of a frigate the "Belle Poule". After the Napoleonic Wars the navy was significantly reduced and Captain Baker spent the rest of his life ashore on half pay. He is buried in Durham Cathedral (left aisle).

(I thought it may be of interest for the formal language and the information it contains. Thank you EstelleEd).



Some painted scenes from the Battle of Trafalgar 1805

LETTER FROM CADIZ Lieutenant Francis Baker

(H.M.S.) "Leviathan"
Off Cadiz
October 26th. 1805.

I am sure My dear Brother will be rejoiced to hear of my having escaped safe and sound from this tremendous engagement. Poor Nelson: he died in the midst of the engagement exhorting the people to fight bravely, he never can be sufficiently regretted.

This defeat has been the most compleat that we have ever given the enemy, as after the firing ceased we were in possession of 19 sail and destroyed 2, here our good fortune left us for that night a storm arose and blew directly upon the shore and has been the occasion of losing (I fear) all of our Prizes and greatest risk of our own ships. I have been employed in a boat ever since in saving the poor Spaniards and French and by the wonderful protection of Devine Providence have again escaped a death more dreadful than by the enemy's shot, many, a great many of our poor men and officers have been drowned their humane attempts to save these poor fellows.

Oh My Dear Brother! I hope shortly to see you and talk over these wonderful events which have happened within these last weeks – events which will freeze your blood with horror. Give my love to all, I fear some of them may have alarmed for my safety from not writing sooner but this is the first moment of time I have had since the battle. Ever I remain

My Dear Tom

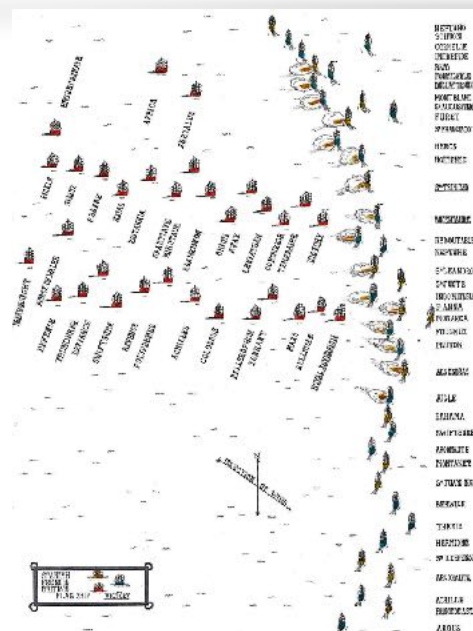
Your most affectionate Brother

Signed F. Baker

Pray write to our Father, for although I have wrote I do not know too certainly where he is, I fear it will be a long time reaching him.



"HMS Belleisle" after Trafalgar



The battle layout at Trafalgar

FRIENDSHIP

Catch up with old friends and meet new ones
at the Annual

BTCAA LUNCHEON

Saturday 17 February 2018

Guest Speaker: Denise Cramsie
(BTC Graduate 1958-59)

The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel

169 - 171 Castlereagh St, Sydney
(between Park and Market Sts – closer to Park St)

12.30 – 3pm

Brief AGM prior to lunch

11am - 12.15pm

\$60 p.p.

*Please send payment with the slip below to:
Mr Tony Koop (Treasurer), PO Box 5225 Greenwich NSW 2065
to arrive by: Monday 12th February 2017*

I enclose payment of \$60pp for _____ person/s to attend the BTCAA Lunch on Saturday 17 February 2018.

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(Please include your name and year when depositing directly to the BTCAA Bank Account)

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