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SBC Old Boy Connection Bears Fruit for SBC Agricultural Program

The St Brendan's College Old Boy connections have borne fruit for the College Agricultural Program in 2018, with 2,000 pineapples planted in a new agricultural science plot as a result of SBC Old Boys giving back to the College.

New Head of Agriculture at the College, SBC Old Boy from 1979, Mr Bill Oram, remembered the strength and importance of the pineapple industry to the region in his time at the College, and following discussions with SBC Old Boy Mick Cranny from 1961 and his son John, from 1992, a pineapple project has commenced that will have lasting impacts for St Brendan's College students for years to come.

"Our Year 10 and 12 Agricultural Science students have just planted the first 2,000 pineapples in our agricultural plot," Mr Oram said.

"That culture of 'because it's St Brendan's and we're old boys, we'll help out', is alive and well," Mr Oram said.

Mr Cranny was approached by Mr Oram who saw the pineapple project as a way to put one

of Yeppoon's oldest industry's on display.

"We decided it's an opportunity both for the pineapple industry and for the College to add another level of information to the students, and to the parents, so they can see the industry and the process," Mr Cranny said.

"If we can harvest the first crop and then put that through our packing operation, we can provide a full economic display of how you grow pines, and what you need to turn them into value or money so the whole thing works," he said.

"We've got budgets of what we can grow these things for and estimates for what we can sell them for....and the College will even have to eventually become a safe food accredited production system which is another requirement of modern life."



Mick and John Cranny and Bill Oram

"We hope we can add in an intelligent way, where it's fun for the kids to learn, the recognition that there will be in their future a need to be managers of risk. They will need to be doing things they're passionate about, so they're fun, but within the regulations that govern our society."

It is anticipated the first crop of 2000 pines will be ready to harvest in February 2020, and that the 2019 agricultural students will replicate and plant another crop, for an ongoing process of information and upskilling for the College's agricultural science program into the future.



Students plant first rows of pineapples



Ag Student Ethan Bowden operates the tractor during planting operations

2019 Events

Events Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Rolleston Lunch	27th March, 2019	1.00pm
Springsure Dinner	27th March, 2019	6.30pm
Emerald Country Dinner	28th March, 2019	6.30pm
Monto Show	27th April, 2019	
Taroom Country Dinner	5th May, 2019	6.30pm
Taroom Show	6/7th May, 2019	
Theodore Country Dinner	6th May, 2019	6.30pm
Biloela Country Dinner	7th May, 2019	6.30pm
Callide Valley Show	17/18th May, 2019	
Longreach Country Dinner	17th May, 2019	6.30pm
Longreach Show	18th May, 2019	
Barcaldine Country Dinner	19th May, 2019	6.30pm
Miles Show	21st May, 2019	
Clermont Show	28/29th May, 2019	
Springsure Show	31st May, 2019	
Sunset Tour	6th June, 2019	4.30pm
Rockhampton Show	12-14th June, 2019	
Ag Grow Emerald	20-22nd June, 2019	
Sunset Tour	18th July, 2019	4.30pm
Sarina Show	3/4th August, 2019	
Blackwater Dinner	7th August, 2019	6.30pm
Clermont Dinner	8th August, 2019	6.30pm
Moranbah Dinner	9th August, 2019	6.30pm
Sunset Tour	5th September, 2019	4.30pm

To RSVP to any of the listed events please contact Kylie on 49399485 or email- hedgesk@sbc.qld.edu.au

Rugby League Dally M Coach of the Year Award- Anthony Seibold



*Anthony Seibold Senior 1991 - 2018
Sydney*

It has certainly been an eventful journey since Anthony Seibold graduated from St Brendan's College in 1991, as a leading athlete and rugby league prodigy and the College celebrating his recent accolades, with the awarding of the NRL Dally M Coach of the Year for his role at South Sydney Rabbitohs in 2018. While his own talent, dedication, skills and experience have certainly led him to his achievements today, just for a moment, the College's staff and community are relishing the fact that they were a part of Anthony's journey and that his time at SBC gave him skills, experiences and a connection that has stayed with him on his rugby league journey of over twenty five years. Anthony's role as NRL Head Coach in 2018 joins the extensive list of rugby league achievements out of St Brendan's College with a significant number of NRL, Queensland and Australian players among its alumni: giving current and future students certain inspiration that their time on the SBC playing fields may take them on a rugby league journey to the highest level. While the College has not held the

Confraternity Shield high since 2015, the dedication and efforts of the current coaching and support staff and the emerging rugby league talent of its students cannot be mistaken and will undoubtedly see a return to the podium in coming years. Arriving at St Brendan's College in the late 1980s from what was known as CBC in Rockhampton, Anthony hoped to grow and learn and build on the College's dominance where it had won the 1982, 1983, 1985 and 1987 Confraternity Shield Carnivals. While he certainly shined, captaining the First XIII in his senior year and making the QISSRL merit side, unfortunately the Confraternity fairy tale did not happen, going down to St Augustine's in the semi-final at Charters Towers in 1991. Anthony was noticed by agent Cyril Connell while playing for St Brendan's College and went onto play for the Broncos and the Canberra Raiders in the 1990's, before moving to coaching where, according to reports, 'he has served an 11-year apprenticeship at clubs in Australia and the UK before realising his dream of becoming an NRL head coach.' For avid rugby league followers, the South Sydney journey in 2018 was a spectacular turn of events, as Anthony took them from 12th place in 2017 to third in 2018 and the club's first preliminary final since 2014. However, one doesn't have to be a league follower to have heard of his coaching saga across the NRL in late 2018. It is certainly heartening for the SBC community and for Queenslanders to hear the news of Anthony's return to his early career start at the Broncos, as Broncos Head Coach in 2020 and possibly 2019 if some reports are accurate.

The SBC community congratulates Anthony on his award, his achievements and his amazing Rugby League journey and we thank him for his ongoing connection with St Brendan's College. Anthony was a notable guest speaker at

the SBC Old Boys Foundation Sportsman's Dinner in November 2018 in Brisbane and has in previous years organised opportunities for the College, while on the coaching staff at the Melbourne Storm.

Cultural Safety and Mateship the Key to Lifelong Connection with SBC - Dean Jarrett



Dean Jarrett - SBC 1978 - 82

St Brendan's College has educated thousands of young men who have gone on to successful lives and careers in their chosen path, but for one of these SBC Old Boys, Dean Jarrett, St Brendan's was the impetus for a career and a journey of lifelong learning and a place recognised as one of cultural safety and mateship.

Since graduating from St Brendan's in 1982, Dean Jarrett has forged a remarkable career, having studied and lectured in Australia and overseas, gaining his master's degree, then working towards his PhD completion in December 2018. He has established himself as a successful business person and consultant

and is now a Lecturer, Indigenous Business at the University of Technology Sydney.

Dean will join the St Brendan's College Board in 2019 and looks forward to bringing his knowledge and various experiences as an Old Boy, as a parent of the College, as an educator and as an Indigenous representative, to support the St Brendan's College community.

His work today is a long way from his life as a young boy growing up between northern New South Wales and Duaringa in Central Queensland, where Jarrett's father worked mostly as a labourer on railway gangs, the local council and in sawmills.

"The local priest had built a good relationship with the community in Duaringa, and he talked to Mum and Dad about us boys going to St Brendan's: my brother Malcolm was already there, then my brother Stanley came after me, then a gap and my younger brother Michael later on."

"When I got there, the first couple of weeks were hard, but it helped having the Duaringa and Woorabinda lads there."

"Coming from Duaringa we could roam around a bit and had a little freedom, but when I arrived at St Brendan's it was quite regimented: the bell rang, and you couldn't talk; the bell rang, and we were up and into the shower; the bell rang, and we ate."

However, it didn't take long for Dean to settle into the ways of the College. "St Brendan's College taught me about having good reliable support people and networks around, good Christian and lay teachers who dedicated themselves to helping us out. They wanted to ensure, as much as they could, to give us a hand through academics, sport and pastoral care."

Asked about memories from his time at the College, mateship was top of mind. "It really, truly is a lifelong friendships you gain. You mightn't see the mates for a while, but you pick up a yarn like it was yesterday. The diversity of people at the College, people who came from properties, from cities, the Aboriginal boys, boys from the Torres Strait, PNG, with a mix of backgrounds, experiences and cultures, all over time blended as a SBC crew and that became an important part of our identity."

"The thing that stuck in my head is that you cry the first week, when you go to St Brendan's, because you don't want to be there and then you cry during the last week because you don't want to leave!"

Dean's support for the College over decades has meant his children have established connections with many of the sons and daughters with whom he went to school with in the 1980s.

This is one of the experiences he hopes to bring to the St Brendan's College Board, in addition to his knowledge working with community organisations, corporate and government organisations, to implement culturally safe programmes, and to develop and embed Indigenous content across, economics, marketing, finance and other degrees at the University of Technology in Sydney.

"I want to look at what we can do at St Brendan's to embed Indigenous content across the curriculum, to see what they al-

ready do and see how it would look and feel for teachers and students."

Asked about his future Dean said: "I want to continue to work with Indigenous business, on things that can empower communities in terms of economic development and to work with corporate entities and government departments to help them engage better with the Indigenous business sectors and communities."

The Principal of St Brendan's College, Mr Robert Corboy, said: "The College looks forward to welcoming Mr Jarrett to the Board in 2019. From his days as a Year 8 boarder in Duaringa, it has been a varied and successful journey for Mr Jarrett. St Brendan's College community congratulates him on his success and looks forward to learning from his career and life journey for the betterment of the College community. Today our Indigenous Programme is one of which we are proud and are also proud that our students continue to come together from all over rural and regional Queensland, the Torres Strait and beyond, to learn from each other and extend their knowledge and understanding, becoming men with a strong sense of belonging, and a brotherhood that often stays with them for life."



SBC Alumni Fly High with National and International Rodeo Success

The list of St Brendan's College alumni making their mark on the national rodeo stage continues to grow with 2018 bringing another round of success for St Brendan's Old Boys.

Finishing out a massive year in 2015 SBC Senior Aaron Kleier was crowned the PBR Australian Professional Bull Rider of the Year in Townsville on Saturday 24 November, while 2017 Senior Brady Fielder took home the 2018 Australian Champion Bullrider of the year at the Australian Professional Rodeo Association finals in Warwick in late October; while Steve Comiskey took home the coveted Warwick Gold Cup in 2018, the second time he has won the prize in eighteen years of competing in it.

Aaron has been dubbed 'Mr Consistency' in the rodeo ring in 2018 after riding more bulls than any other rider on the PBR Australian Tour; following a stellar season in 2017 which saw him take home the 2017 PBR Rookie of the Year prize.

Brady Fielder, 18, who only just swapped his St Brendan's uniform for life in the real-world, was proud of his achievement taking home the APRA Champion Bullrider and the Warwick Rodeo Aggregate Bull Rider prize, and according to media reports said, "I have been working pretty hard to win it."



Aaron Kleier- 2018 PBR Australian Professional Bull Rider of the Year



Brady Fielder - 2018 APRA Champion Bullrider

The Comiskey name is renowned in rodeo and campdrafting circles, with Steve Comiskey, and his brother Peter, both SBC Old Boys, well known as top competitors throughout the State.

According to reports Steve was just six years old when he first attended the Warwick Rodeo event, and after winning the Warwick Gold Cup in 2009 and placing second in 2015, the 2018 win in a run-off was a big achievement.

According to media reports Steve said, “I wasn’t too nervous, the worst outcome was second. I was pretty happy with the win.”

With its strong rural and regional history, St Brendan’s College has had a strong association with rodeo as an extra-curricular activity for decades, with many Old Boys participating in rodeo at the College, going onto achieve at the highest level, including Old boys Josh Cavanagh, Caiden Sandilands and Sonny Schafferius to name a few.

Today, regular practice and event nights at The Great Western Hotel in Rockhampton as part of the College Rodeo Club and participation in the annual St Brendan’s College Rodeo ensure that those students keen to extend their skills in rodeo are given every opportunity to do so.

Recent 2018 SBC graduate Jackson Gray is one of these students; and in 2019 will travel to the United States to participate in the World Youth Bull Riding Finals for the second time.



Steven Comiskey- 2018 Warick Gold Cup Winner



Jackson Gray representing Australia in the Trans-Tasman Challenge at the 2018 SBC Rodeo.



Jackson bucks out at the 2018 College Rodeo

2019 College Captains



2019 College Captains Announced:

2019 Vice Captains Chase Demaine-Beale(Yeppoon) and Luke Selwood (Yeppoon), Principal Robert Corboy and 2019 College Captain Joseph O'Brien (Burua)

SBC Welcomes Major Staff Boost for 2019

St Brendan's College is looking forward to 2019 with much anticipation following the announcement of a significant number of staff appointments set to bring a major boost to the College's curricular, extra-curricular and boarding offering for the new academic year.

St Brendan's College Principal Mr Robert Corboy who hit the ground running as the 15th Principal of the College in 2018 will welcome Head of Boarding, Fr Pius Jones; Director of Rugby League, Mr Nathan Doyle; Vocational Education and Training Coordinator, Mr Andrew Lawrence; and full-time Boarding Recreation Officer,

Mr Trent Gorrie for 2019.

"I was welcomed to St Brendan's College in 2018 by a dedicated, experienced and committed team of approximately 170 staff across the College, so to have the opportunity to bring on board additional resources of such a high calibre in 2019 is wonderful news for our students, our staff and the entire College community," Mr Corboy said.

"St Brendan's College has long been recognised as one of Central Queensland's leading schools; and we are pleased that with strong and increasing enrolment numbers for 2019 we

can add to our staff with these new key positions as well as new teachers across music, maths, science, ITD, automotive and religion.”

The College welcomes:

- Miss Shani Smith – English
- Miss Alyssa Priddle – Music/ Religious Education
- Mr Brian Barry – Automotive/ITD
- Mr Cameron Neyland – Science

New key staff appointments include:

- **Fr Pius Jones – Head of Boarding**

Fr Pius has worked in education for much of his life. Having been a boarder himself Fr Pius has a strong belief that boarding is not just a place to reside after school, but is a whole experience in itself – a place where students learn life skills, forge friendships and learn life lessons from those who look after them. Fr Pius arrives at St Brendan’s College following his role as head of Boarding at St Teresa’s Abergowrie in north Queensland.

- **Mr Andrew Lawrence – VET Coordinator**

Mr Lawrence is well-known in the Rockhampton community as a teacher and sports professional and comes to the College from teaching roles at The Cathedral College, Rockhampton State High School and Smartcity Vocational College. Mr Lawrence also has a strong reputation as a dedicated

coach, sports trainer and community representative as President of Rockhampton Secondary Schools Rugby League Committee and involvement with QRL and School Sports over many years.

- **Mr Nathan Doyle – Director of Rugby League**

Mr Nathan Doyle joins the St Brendan’s College community from Mackay and roles as Head of Department Physical Education and Acting Deputy Principal at Mackay State High School, and Coach of the Mackay State High School Rugby League Academy. Mr Doyle has a Bachelor Education and Bachelor of Business Administration, Certificate IV in Training and Assessing, Certificate III in Fitness and is a current Level 2 Rugby League Coach.

- **Mr Trent Gorrie – Boarding Recreation Officer**

Mr Trent Gorrie, an SBC Old Boy, joins the St Brendan’s College community following roles with the NRL as Game Development Officer and NT Operations Manager, as well as Sports Coordinator and Boarding House Parent at St Teresa’s Abergowrie, and Boarding House Parent at St John’s College Darwin. Trent has a Certificate IV in Community Recreation and strong sports, community development and administrative experience.

Old Boys vs First XIII Rugby League Match

The Old Boys game against a St Brendan's First XIII resulted in a runaway victory 32-24 to the Old Boys on 10 November.



Back Row: Wade Fickling, Mitch Wyatte, Jonathan Still, Angus Fitzgerald, Kurtis Jeynes, Dan Crosby, Sam Lollo, Ryan Fry, Cale Dendle, Pat Busby, Frank Rolls.

Front Row: Charlie Mayne, Joe Lollo, Sam Holzheimer, Jacob Close, George Grant, Jack White, Mitchell Dare, Alex Jaquet.



Back Row: Joe Lollo, Will Neven, Jacob Close, Angus Fitzgerald, Harry Grant, Mitchell Dare, Brad Neven.

Front Row: Kurtis Jeynes, Alex Jaquet,



Cale Dendle, Dan Crosby, James Busby(7), Frank Rolls, Sam Lollo, Jack Hayman (9), Ryan Fry.



Back Row: Anthony Wright, Travis Field, Elwyn Tilberoo, Oliver Peoples, James Busby, Rudd Choyce, Jackson Mercer, Caleb Young, Jai Ross, Laish Salam, Dean Dorante, Roy Zingle, Jack Hayman, Ethan Kingston, Joseph Woods.

Front Row: Henry Dendle, Ruben Hansen, Joseph Howard, Jeremiah White-Williams, Lochlan Winston, Dustin Mums, Jeremiah Naawi.



Ray and Margie Busby with daughter Melissa (Collins) and grandson Billy (College Captain) seen enjoying Patrick playing for the "15th" time against the Brendan's First Xllls.

Historical Dictionary Recordings



Br Street Memorial Statue located in the College Grounds

This Dictionary was used by Colin O'Sing while he was a student at St Brendan's in 1946-48 and presented to the College in July 2018.

The Dictionary recorded a very significant event in the life of Colin and was written on the back cover: "Br Street died on the 8th June 1948. Thrown from a horse on Sunday 6th June."

Brother Kevin Street a native of Melbourne was educated at Parade, the first Christian Brothers School in Australia. In 1945 he joined the Staff when there were only six Brothers and an enrolment of 141 students at St Brendan's.

Br Street had often ridden the horse, though still not a good horse rider, had gone out riding late that Sunday afternoon. When the weather deteriorated he turned for home along the bush track. A riderless horse, returning quietly to the College, was the first ill-tiding of the fatal accident. A search party of Brothers and students found him within ten minutes of their setting out, unconscious by the wayside just a hundred metres from the present Edmund Rice Residence. Colin was one of those students.

The accident, which nobody saw, is believed to have occurred when the horse ran into a temporary barbwire fence across the track causing the horse to shy throwing Br Street, leaving him unconscious by the track. Br Street was rushed to the Mater Hospital in Rockhampton, but passed away in the early hours of Tuesday morning, 8th June 1948. The Statue of Our Lady of the Playing Fields in the Park near the swimming pool honours the passing of Kevin Marius Street.

The Dictionary has been donated by Margaret Hay. The Dictionary belonged to her father Thomas Colin O'Sing known as Col O'Sing. Boarder from 1946 - 1948

Col is the Grandfather of Patrick, Bradley and Matthew Hay who all attended or still attend St Brendan's.

"I am going to donate Dads old dictionary from his time at St Brendan's. Dad has handwritten in the back of the book the date that Br Street fell from his horse and later died. Dad said he remembers being out in the paddock with the boys looking for Br Street.

Cheers, Margie Hay"

Picture of donated Dictionary



Reunions

1958 Reunion



***Des McSherry, Hartley Smith, John Schmidt, Brian McCay,
John Power, Terry Stallard, Kerry Martin***

As in 2008 for the 50th Reunion the 'old students' again lived for the two days in one of the residence, Edmund Rice, in single rooms. Unfortunately, the Dining Room was closed for the holiday break and so apart from a light breakfast, the Sailing Club proved to be a popular option! A tour of the College took place on Saturday morning with a special visit to the Archives in the Library, finishing with a gathering at the Sailing Club.

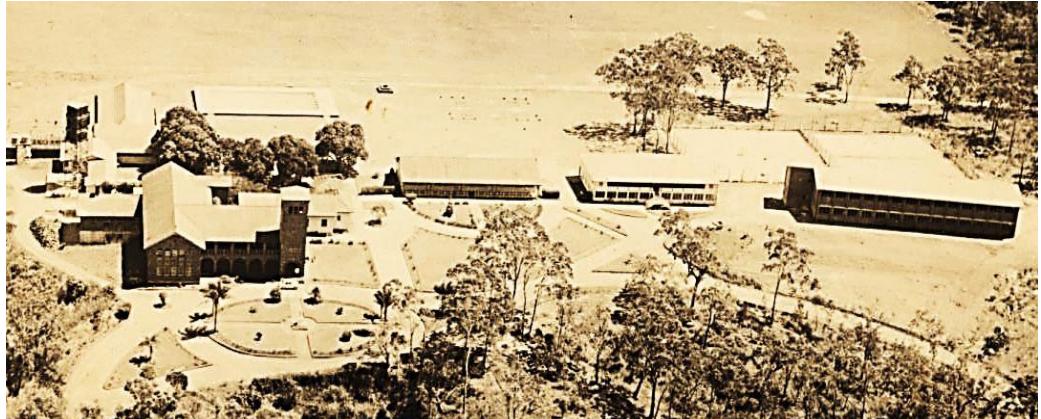
Terry Stallard, Dux of the 1958 class, co-celebrated Mass at Sacred Heart Church Saturday night with Fr Matthew Moloney, the Parish Priest, acknowledging the presence of the Old Boys, the Class of 1958.

Fifty Year Reunion 2008



Deceased
Rubert Mitchell,
Mike Gesch, Dick Sefton,
Patrick Nolan.

Front Row: Rubert Mitchell, Allan Leach, Terry Stallard, Terry Tsikreas, Leo Bartlett, John Rea, Mike Gesch
Back Row: Dick Sefton, Ken O'Shea, Tony Fitzgerald, Vince McSherry, Ray Moore, Bob Hislop, John Schmidt, Kerry Martin, John Power, Pat Nolan.



The only facilities remaining from 1958 are the Hayes Class Rooms (C Block), the first Chapel, now the Common Room behind McKennarney, the old kitchen wing, now the Health Centre and the Swimming Pool. Remaining still are only "Three Mango Trees", a constant reminder of the past for all old boys. Today, St Brendan's can boast of many new improvements, among which should be mentioned the Chapel, new class rooms, Performing Arts Centre, Sports Centre, Library, four new Residences and a modern Dining Hall.

1968 Reunion



Standing: Cedda O'Neill, Harley Storch (obscured), Michael Franettovich, Frank Blain, Peter Webb (1967), Len Holmes, Alan Mackey, Neville Young, Chris 'Choppy' Wilson, Dan Connor, Andrew Cabassi, Pat Foden, Gene Paterson, John Della, Pat O'Brien, Frank Foley, Tom Horn, Michael Casey, John Barrie, Paul McKendry, Robin Spann.
Front: Ken Bielenberg, Graham Smith (1967), Steve Malone, Frank Forzatti, Trevor Upton, Tony Robertson, John Galea.

What started out as a 50 Year Reunion for the 1968 Seniors was extended to include anyone who was in our class along the way. As a result we had 28 classmates with 31 apologies from those who were unable to come along and were joined by another five from the 1967 Seniors. It was decided to hold the reunion in Yeppoon over the weekend of 12/13 October mainly to avoid the distraction of the footy finals. Some classes had held events in Brisbane but we thought it would be appropriate to return to 'the scene of the crime' as it were. We started with a 'meet and greet' at the Sailing Club on Friday evening where a group of 49 including wives and partners got together. The bulk of us hadn't seen one another since the day we left the College, so there was a fair bit of catching up to do. On Saturday morning we met at the College Library for a roll call, morning tea and a tour of the facilities with a group of present day boys to show us around. These lads did a terrific job and are a credit to the College and their parents. On top of this the Principal, Rob Corboy, shouted us lunch in the College Dining Hall. It was a far cry from the (Hutton's) bread, 'bog' and 'birdseed' that sustained us in the '60's! Saturday night 56 of us met for dinner at the Strand Hotel where we were addressed by Rob Corboy, Cale Dendle from the SBC Foundation and our German teacher, Anton Schick. It was great to catch up again and hear the old tales. Surprising how individual's memories of the same event can differ. Good to see the wives and partners relax and enjoying themselves as well. Thanks to everyone who came along and contributed to making it a special event.

Steve Malone



Tom and Jennie Horn



Waterford Dining Room: Maurie and Peter Webb



Steve and Elizabeth Malone



Robin Spann and Pat O'Brien



Frank Foley on farm tour.



*Roll Call: Michael Franettoritch, Tom and
Jennie Horn.*



1968 Old Boys and their partners



*Michael Boland, Chris Wilson, Trevor and Joan Upton, Dan Connor, John Della,
Michael Franettorich, Peter Webb, Chris Wilson, Robin Spann, John Galea.*

1988 Reunion



1988 Old Boys catch up in the College grounds.

1998 Reunion



1998 Old Boys enjoy a catch up at the Races in Yeppoon.

2008 Reunion



2008 Old Boys enjoy a catch up at the Races in Yeppoon.



Townsville Dinner

The Townsville Old Boys met for their twenty fourth consecutive year on the 9th November 2018. The dinner was held at The Avenues Tavern Kirwan because our usual venue the Victoria Park Hotel was reduced to ashes early in the year, a sad loss.

At the roll call we had 16 old boys and 7 partners/friends. Apologies were received from 16 Old Boys who mostly were out of town, like the Cutlers touring Egypt. We also received apologies from the College (Cale Dendle).

Tony Reddy (1969-71) in his role of Emcee kept the event moving well. Colin Priddle (1953-55) opened with grace. Ian Kuhl (1963-66) read out the apologies and during the dinner a power point was running with photographs of the College and past students thanks to Steve Malone (1964-68) who was fresh from his class of 68 reunion at the College.

Led by John Power (1951-58) the members recalled interesting times at the College. The stories became more interesting over time. Having an enclosed room for the event was helpful in encouraging the members to talk of their experiences without the world listening. Bruce Edwards thanked mine host for her hospitality. The evening closed with Tony wishing seasons greeting to all and best of thoughts for next year until we meet again.

Ian Kuhl Coordinator



Back Row- Michael Bongers (1976-80), Shane Edwards (1970-74), Paul O'Connor (1963-66), Tony Reddy (1969-71), Bruce Edwards (1967-70), Steve Malone (1964-68), Paul Hefferan (1970), Fank Ferlazzo (1984-85), Nicholas Wright (1982-86).

Front Row- Ian Kuhl (1963-66), Jim Gleeson (1948-52), John Power (1951-58), Terry Duffy (1946-51), Colin Priddle (1953-55).

Facebook Posts



**Well done Geoff Comiskey- SBC 1987 -90
1st Place 2018 Ekka Paddock to Palate
Pen of Six Steers Carcase in the 100 days
Grainfed!! Comiskey Bazadais Beef**



A big shout out to Robbie Dendle (Senior 2005) who raced in the Ironman World Championships (aka Ironman Kona) in Hawaii. Amazing effort to get there Robbie.



**Congratulations to 2011 SBC Old Boy,
Corey Oates (Baralaba) on receiving
Brisbane Broncos Best Back Award 2018**



Great clash at the SBC Rodeo in the novelty category this year. Cap Coast Crocs Rugby Union first followed by SBC Old Boys with the SBC Staff a close third in the steer riding competition. Interestingly everyone who rode was in fact an SBC Old Boy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tony Connor

Senior Class 1953

Usually, the mid-year Bindi-Eye is received by the end of May and I have been wondering whether I have missed it or that it has been delayed. I sincerely hope that you are well and that you are still doing the great job with the old boys' publication that you have been doing for so long. **Tony Connor.**

Tony, Good to hear from you. No, the Bindi-Eye is still to go out. Actually, it is to be sent out in a new format and printed in colour. Up to the present we did our own printing but now to be done by an outside company-much the same as before just with a little more day to day school content. It is hoped to have the "new Bindi-Eye" out by the end of November. You might try going to the Old Boys' Foundation Facebook on our website....www.stbrendans.qld.edu.au. Editor.

**Anthony McDermott
1984 - 88**

Just a note, Dad (Kevin McDermott) was at St Brendan's from, 1949-53, Uncle Leo 1949-51, I might be splitting hairs but the McDermotts, all six of us, are from Kolijo not Calen. One thing the McDermotts know that Kolijo is the home of the Southside Irish!

Thanks, **Anthony McDermott**

**Kevin Cutler
1951 - 54**

Greetings, Kylie. That sure was a great Bindi Eye that has just landed on my computer. I've been through it twice and some of the

more 'ancient 'names helped me go down Memory Lane. I attended SBC 1951-1954 so was able to recognise those characters in the 1953 photo from when I was in Junior. In more recent years I have regularly traded e-mails with Tony Connor and John Price from that photo. I understood perfectly Geoff McLaughlin's article but I seem to recall that my 'pineapple contribution' was five shillings. They were nice pineapples though!! Marv Pacey and Martin Kavanagh I recall too and poor Noel Whitehead I see is now R.I.P. Please give my regards to Br. Kev Smith. I first met him at a Townsville reunion dinner and when I called in on the College a few years back he gave me the modern tour.

Geoff's comment that old boys from the early days are thinning out is only too true, but I'm sure that those who are still on top of the grass have fond memories of their time at St Brendan's. In my case I got my OBE last year, 'Over Bloody Eighty', so I have many more years behind me than I have in front of me! **Kevin Cutler.**

**Jim Shelton
1943 - 44 & 1947**

Thanks for the latest Bindi Eye. I have read and enjoyed it all but was sad to read the names of six of my contemporaries in the RIP list. However, I feel compelled to comment on a couple of statements about what happened when and to whom. Sure they would seem to be of no importance, but when a statement is made about history of the place, in the belief that it is correct, and one knows that it is not correct, and then I feel compelled to say something. We know that if an error of history is repeated it eventually becomes the accepted history, and the truth remains unknown. Probably, when the history of St Brendan's is written, much of the

information will be drawn from what is appearing now in Bindi Eye.

Therefore I believe that contributors to the Bindi Eye should be careful about attributing goals and achievements to individuals without checking that it is correct. This is of particular importance at this time in the College's history because there are few living witnesses of what happened in the first decade or so. Wilf Gregg's belief that he was the first College cadet to graduate from a cadet officer training school is difficult to substantiate. In January 1946 I attended an officer training school, I think it was at Grovely, as a cadet from CBC Warwick. At that training school were three cadets from St Brendan's, whom I knew because I was at Brendan's in 1943-44. In 1947 I returned to Brendan's and served as a cadet lieutenant with the three mentioned above. I do not recall names of all three, but certainly one was Tony Brown, Captain of the college. It seems that those three were the first College cadets to attend a cadet officer training school.

There is a fine tribute to Brian Byrne as the first College student to graduate from UQ and his subsequent career. I was a contemporary of Brian during Sub-Junior and Junior years 1943 and 1944. Malcom Nasser is also mentioned, and I believe he would have been the first College student to graduate in Medicine from UQ. However, whether he was the second UQ graduate is questionable. I reckon that honour might go to Tom McGinley, who completed Senior in 1947, the same year as me, and went on to do Civil Engineering at UQ. He would have completed his 4 year course in 1951. Malcom Nasser was a year or two behind Tom at Brendan's and medicine would

have taken at least six years, so it is difficult to see him graduating before Tom. I do not know when Malcom graduated, but it is possible I graduated in Veterinary Science, 12 December 1952, before Malcom graduated in medicine.

All of this is of little significance but it is difficult to let pass a statement that although made in good faith, appears to be incorrect. I hope I have not offended anyone.

Jim Shelton

Thanks Jim for your letter. I have only printed what I had from Wilf Gregg but have checked old Annuals and come up with the following. In 1947 40 Cadets journeyed to Brisbane, Lt A. Brown, A. Rissen, J. Shelton and R. Shepherd. In 1948 during the Michaelmas holidays, 30 Cadets travelled to Wacol with Lt A. Brown, L. O'Connor, J Gordon and G. Rissen. This appears to be a qualifying course for Sergeants and Lieutenants. In 1949 there a specific mention of an Officers' Courses over the holidays to qualify for their Commission as Cadet-Lieutenants- R. Shepherd and J. Gordon. In the 1950 camp was held at Selheim with Lt. G. Wright, C. Hutton, W. Gregg, L. Jensen, and T. Cawte. I'm a bit confused about R. Shepherd and J. Gordon as they were listed as Lieutenants before 1949 but apparently not qualified.

Tom McGinley according to Rose McGinley graduated in 1952 in Civil Engineering, the same year as you. Master of Engineering in 1964. Ed.

Visitors



Tony Montgomery, SBC 1974-78, shared a few tales with Bill Oram, SBC 1978-79. Tony was here with his son on the occasion of the Primary Schools' Challenge Cup held in July. Bill was recently been appointed St Brendan's Head of Rural Operations. Though seriously injured in a truck accident, Tony still runs his transport industry in Gladstone.

Visitors to the College 17th October were Carmel Bourke, Cecily Turner and Donna Lawrie Hetherington. Carmel is married to Michael, College Captain in 1979, Cecily is Carmel's sister and Donna Lawrie Hetherington is the Aunty of Darcy and Dempsey Davey from Blackwater. Darcy graduated in 2012 while Dempsey is in Year 9.



Ashwin Acharya, SBC 2004 - 2008, visited the College, 2 November, to speak to the student on Vocations to the Priesthood. Ashwin is also a very talented musician and in January performed in a charity concert in Yeppoon. He is currently a student at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo, Brisbane. In 2019 Ashwin will be placed in our South Mackay Parish with Fr Don White another former old boy for his Pastoral Formation.



Recent visitor was Peter Siegmeier, Springsure, SBC 1978-79, to organize the 40 Year Reunion of his class.

Peter would be interested to make contact with any of the class.

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Bill Oram 39 Adelaide Park Road, Yeppoon. 4703.

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A frequent visitor to the College is Eugene Sullivan, SBC 1985 - 89 from Springfield, Springsure, the occasion being the annual old boys' football.



On Valedictory Day, 16 November, Fr Matthew Moloney and Fr James were celebrants for the Year 12 Mass. Fr Matthew, originally from Barcaldine, is an old boy of Nudgee, but his father and his two other brothers were foundation members at SBC in 1940. Fr James has only recently arrived from Nigeria to work in the diocese. Both have been made honorary Old Boys.



Morgan Witts, 2014 Old Boy and College Dux in his first year Medicine Degree recently undertook his prac with Dr Shao from Yeppoon Family Practice at the SBC Health Centre. Pictured with student Matthew Ray.

Show Visits

Ag Grow



Small Family from Dingo Mitch, SBC 1997-2000 with sons Rubin and Austin and Dad Greg



Kurt Sullivan, SBC 1995-99, "Talagai", Capella with his children



Bill Strike, SBC 1984-86, Yeppoon.



Ben Sullivan, SBC 1984-86 with son Ryan, SBC 2015 - 18



Springsure visitors: George Crawford, Bradley Crawford, Allen Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Andrew Sullivan and Garry Crawford



John Dunne, SBC 1999-2003, Duaringa and Kevin Smith, SBC 1950, Emerald



The Briefies' Family from Blue Mountain Sarina with mother Mary and daughters, Vicky and Bernadette. Michael 2003 and Robert 2010 are Old Boys



Photo taken late afternoon after a long day at Agro, Glen and Wendy Sullivan "Old Malvern" Capella with their Family



Parker Brauer, SBC 2015, Theodore



Scott Conway, SBC 1998-92, "Stockade", Capella sons Remi, Rok and Blake



Jeffery Howard, SBC 1985-87 and Renee with Steel, SBC College Captain 2018, and Ty Grade 10



Anthony Watkins, SBC 1995-97, "Pindara", Springsure

REST IN PEACE

The Brendan's Family is asked to pray for the repose of the souls of:

Cecil Chardon, SBC 1959-64, 'Belmont', Dingo, deceased 28th February, 2018.

Ian MANGI, SBC 1998-2000, died 15th March 2018 at Catholic Mission, Minj PNG.

Kombi MAMBSY, SBC 1998-2000, from Mt Hagen PNG, died 15th May 2013 at Lae PNG.

Patrick LUANA, SBC 1998-2000, from Rabaul PNG, died 1 June 2013, at Lorengau, Manus Island PNG.

Christopher HARIHI, SBC 1994-1997, from Boroka PNG, died in 2018, Port Moresby.

Jason KING, SBC 2003-04, of Yeppoon, deceased December 2017.

Benjamin BOURKE, Senior of 2015, passed away on Saturday 8th August 2018 in Yeppoon.

Anthony SANDERS, SBC 1970-71, originally from Longreach, passed away in Kirwan, Townsville March 2018.

Paul BURNS, passed away late in August 2018 in Yeppoon. Old boys would remember Paul as assistant coach of the First XIII with Terry Hansen. Students of the College attended the funeral in Rockhampton.

Peter McCOSKER, SBC 1952-54 from Emerald, passed away in Rockhampton 12th October 2018. Peter is the father of Bruce and Bradley, 1988-92, the brother of Neil, Paul, John, Robin and Bill, all SBC Old boys.

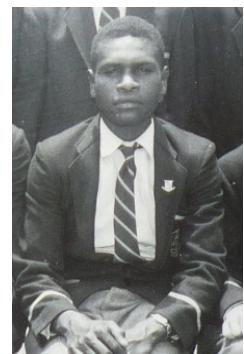
Henry To ROBERT, SBC 1957-61, originally from Rabaul PNG, died in Cairns 27th October, laid to rest at Romale, East New Britain, 2nd November 2018.

Henry To Robert

Sir Henry To Robert came from Romale Village in East New Britain and was one of the early students of the Christian Brothers at St Mary's Vuvu just outside Rabaul. In 1957 Henry won a government scholarship to St Brendan's and becoming the first New Guinea student to pass Senior in 1961 and then later to obtain a University degree in Economics in Sydney. Henry was also the Athletics Champion.

Henry was the first Governor of the Bank of Papua New Guinea and served the Bank from 1973 till 1993. He was also one of the longest serving Governors in the Commonwealth of Nations and over saw the growth and development of the Central Bank up to and after PNG gained its independence. Henry celebrated his 75th birthday last year.

John Ksaipwalova, the 1968 College Captain of 1968, informed the College of Henry's death in Cairns in October. Henry was laid to rest in his village of Romale in New Britain.



**May the Child Jesus bless you
and your family with many graces
during the Holy Season of
Christmas and throughout
the New Year**



Nativity Scene on the Front Reception Desk at the College

Information Updates

We are currently updating our database to be able to get information to our Old Boys more efficiently.

For the past 14 years Br Kevin Smith has been and still is, regularly compiling the Bindi Eye Newsletter, giving snippets of the lives of Old Boys from the College and updates on what is happening around the College for the Old Boys network.

Due to the increased cost of postage we are looking at more cost effective methods of sending this information to our old boys. Emails have become a very reliable method of sending information in the last few years therefore; we are seeking your updated contact details to send this information to you ie. Old Boys Newsletter and information about upcoming reunions etc. If you do not have an email that is fine and we will still post the Old Boys Newsletter to you.

As you can appreciate we have a lot of old boys who do not have current correspondence addresses on our database so we are also asking you to please direct any Old Boys you are in contact with to please email us their updated contacts or give the College a call on 49399444 to update their details.

If you could please complete the information below and return it to the College as soon as possible by email to hedgesk@sbc.qld.edu.au or by fax to 49395273 or by post to St Brendan's College, 139 Adelaide Park Road, Yeppoon 4703 it would be kindly appreciated.

We invite you to also keep up-to-date with news about the College by visiting our website www.stbrendans.qld.edu.au or like us on Facebook.

Kind Regards

Kylie Hedges

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Years Attended: _____

If you are happy to advise of the following-

Occupation- _____

If you have any stories or events you would like to share with the College please feel free to send these into us.

Bindi-Eye Publication

Have you a story to tell? Achievements, Graduations, Marriages, Sporting Events, Reunions etc. All it takes is a page or two or a photo! Thank you to those old boys who have sent in articles.

One of the easiest ways to assist is to send your e-mail address if you have not done so already. When the Bindi-Eye is downloaded on the website you will be notified. Check the College Website for other information. The Newsletter can be opened on the website: www.stbrendans.qld.edu.au under the Our Communities Tab.

The present postal mailing will continue for those who prefer it. Please make sure your address is current.

Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date events and reunions happening at the College.

We are also currently live feeding a lot of events that happen at the College such as the SBC Old Boys vs 1st XIII Rugby League game via UTUBE. Visit: www.youtube.com/SBCWEB1/live

If you can assist in anyway to the cost of printing and postage please forward any contribution to: St Brendan's College, 139 Adelaide Park Road, YEPPON 4703

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ST. BRENDAN'S —OLD BOYS— FOUNDATION

THE ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION

is a not-for-profit organisation working to improve the resources of St Brendan's College, foster the spirit of Edmund Rice and develop the broader interests of the College community.

Our motto is to connect, advocate and build.

CONNECT

Encourage participation in the activities of the College community by Old Boys, past parents and friends and students.

ADVOCATE

Raise the profile of the College among the Old Boy network and general community.

BUILD

Through events and fundraising, raise money to support the development of College facilities and community.

STAY CONNECTED



/SBCOLDBOYS

139 Adelaide Park Road Yeppoon QLD 4703

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Any member of the community with a connection to St Brendan's College, whether that is past students, parents or friends of the College.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

St Brendan's College has a proud history of providing education to rural and regional sons and young men of the Capricorn Coast since 1940. The College is renowned for its brotherhood and belonging, and the bonds formed during the St Brendan's years often last a lifetime. The Foundation is a meaningful way of becoming and staying connected to St Brendan's and making a real contribution to the ongoing development of the College and its students.

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

The Foundation is membership based, and has also introduced a significant calendar of events and encourages participation by the St Brendan's College community. Events include the annual SBC Foundation Golf Day in January; Race Day in August, Old Boys vs First XIII Rugby League Match in November, as well as a Sportsman's Dinner in Brisbane, to name a few. To find out more about these events, please follow our Facebook Page.

MEMBERSHIP

Current member fees are:

YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS	\$20 PER ANNUM
UNDER 25 SBC OLD BOYS	\$50 PER ANNUM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	\$100 PER ANNUM

Visit the St Brendan's College website to join, with convenient online payment options - www.stbrendans.qld.edu.au/our-community/sbc-old-boys/sbc-old-boys-foundation/



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