



# St Mary's Old Boys' Newsletter

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The next meeting of our Brisbane Sub-branch of the Toowoomba (St Mary's) Brothers Old Boys' Association will be held on **21<sup>st</sup> September 2018** in "Harlequin Jack's" Bistro in the Sofitel Hotel situated above Central Station. Access to "Harlequin Jack's" is via the escalator (if its working) from inside the Railway building, look for the doors directly opposite the front go-card entry gates to the station platforms.

Our next Brisbane meeting will be the Pre-Christmas event, so please don't miss it, reserve the date, **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**, on your calendar as a Claimer Date.

At our July meeting our Brisbane Branch President, Bryan McSweeney, welcomed **Bronte Latham**, the St Mary's College Public Relations and Foundation Officer, who advised the gathering that the school Principal, **Mr Michael Newman**, had announced that the planning and development stage for the proposed College Auditorium had been reached, after securing funding for the multi-million dollar project. It is intended to site the building on the Helen & Hill Street corner.

During the meeting Life Membership Certificates were presented to **Tom Hutchinson** (1942-1947), and **Peter Upton** (1955-1963), and this was followed by an address by **Barry Gordon** (1954-1956) and a report by **Carl Betros** on the Confraternity Shield Carnival at Charters Towers where Carl was a spectator at the event to witness his grandson **Daniel Betros**, son of Peter Betros, play in the Shield winning St Mary's side.

Please remember in your prayers the Old Boys and Friends of the College recently deceased:

- **Rev Brother Leo Victor Larkin cfc**, Principal St Joseph's (T'mba) 1962-1967, St Mary's 70/72, Deputy Provincial 1978-89.
- **Terry Purcell**, Life Member No 13, 1945 Scholarship Class, brother of the late Andrew and Brother Ambrose (Des) Purcell cfc.
- **Rev Brother Fergus (Glenn) Gagen** (1940-1947), St Mary's Principal 1992 / 1993, brother of Brian, Peter and John (Dec).
- **Gregory John Keen** who was a College Staff Teacher between 1994 and 2012.
- **William John (Bill) Kamler**, husband of Pat Brady, father of Shane, Paul and Anne.
- **Ron Smith** (1949-1956), Life Member, husband of Denise.
- **Geoffrey Thomas Brown** (1951-1958).
- **Brian Gilligan**, husband of Shirley, brother to Ian and Eric (deceased).
- **Sister Mary Jacinta RSM (Wiedman)**, Aunt of Wiedman and Just families.
- **Barry Gordon** (1954-1956) husband of Beverley.

There are a number of our members who are unwell or recovering from surgery:

John Arndell, Tim Coonan, Lyle Dornbusch, Brien Dunne, Colin Green, Kev Killoran, Mike Ledbury, Trevor Liebke, Philip Long, Tom and Gail (Rosenthal) Mahon, Trevor Muller, Joe Short, Jim Stokes, Syl Stower, Bob Sullivan, Philip Stephens, Kevin Garrett, Sandra Garrett (wife of Michael), Ted Gill, and Bevan Zeller.

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**T.B.O.B.A. (Brisbane Sub-Branch) Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Present**

**Apologies**

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| Bryan McSweeney<br>(TBOBA Brisbane Sub-branch President)<br>Laurie Atzeni (Hon)<br>Carl Betros<br>Leigh Brady<br>Nev Card<br>Nat Chandler<br>Bernie Collins<br>Brian Gagen<br>Barry Gordon<br>Kevin Gordon<br>Gene Green<br>Terry Gesch<br>John Hagan<br>Tim Hagan<br>Daphne Hutchinson<br>Tom Hutchinson<br>Barry Kuhnemann<br>Doug Lee<br>Jim Long<br>Dick Lynch | Pat Mullins<br>Denis McClure<br>John McClure<br>Paul McClure<br>Dan McErlean<br>Justin McErlean<br>Peter McMahan<br>Wayne Nuss<br>Reg Oliver<br>John O'Neill<br>Jack Parker<br>Pat Stringer<br>Philip Simpson<br>Kerry Taylor<br>Peter Upton<br>Bronte Latham | Fr Tyrone Deere<br>Fr Paul Chandler<br>Br Barry Buckley cfc AM<br>Br Garry Ferguson cfc<br>Joe Guerrini (SMOBA President)<br>Frank Adamson<br>John Bagget<br>Greg Butler<br>Noel Cronin<br>Jack Davis (Hon)<br>Frank Deighton<br>John Drew<br>Allan Duncan<br>Les Duncan<br>Brian Dunne<br>Brian Fagan<br>Rolly Griffin<br>Peter Kennedy<br>Fred Lincoln<br>Phil Long<br>Dinny Madden<br>Deacon Peter Devenish<br>Meares<br>Jim Mullins | Michael Murphy<br>Robin Murphy OAM<br>Terry Murphy<br>Rod McDonald<br>Greg McErlean<br>Chris McMahan<br>John Noonan<br>Martin O'Sullivan<br>Keith Pickels<br>Lindsay Reis<br>Paul Reynolds<br>Allan Roney<br>Errol Ryan<br>Grahame Swenson<br>Trevor Taylor<br>Glen Wiedman |
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**“Coming Events”**

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| 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018 | <b>Brisbane TBOBA Sub Branch Meeting at 12 noon – “Harlequin Jack’s Bistro” Central Railway Station</b>   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> October        | <b>50<sup>th</sup> Year anniversary celebrations for Sacred Heart Parish School, Tor Street, Wilsonton<br/>Please phone 4634 3436 for details.</b>    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November        | <b>Deceased Old Boys Mass, 11am in the T.P.O'Brien Hall at St Mary's College</b>  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018  | <b>TBOBA Sunshine Coast meeting at the Headland Golf Club, Buderim at 12 noon. Please contact Terry Murphy (54564340) or Redmond Byrne (54776705)</b> |

**Annual Membership Fee** (\$10.00) for Calendar Year 2018 is now due / or

**Life Memberships** are available (Fee \$100.00)

Cheques for Membership should be made payable to the “Toowoomba Brothers Old Boy’s Association”

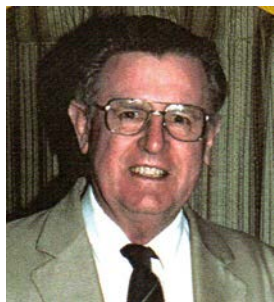
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**Cheques** as donations towards the Indoor Sports Complex should be made payable to

**‘Br. Baptiste O’Sullivan Building Fund’.**

They are fully Tax Deductible and will be receipted.

### Br Leo Victor Larkin (1929 – 2018)



Br Leo Victor (Vic) Larkin died shortly after 10 p.m. on Friday night, 8th June 2018, at Hendrina Nursing Centre at Boondall, Queensland, part of the Holy Spirit Viridian Retirement Community complex.

Leo Larkin was born in Brisbane on 9th December 1929 to John and Frances Larkin. Leo was the fourth of four boys – John (Dec.), William (Dec.) and Bernard all being older. His father, John, worked in the Railway, and he and his wife, Frances, made their loving home at Hanley St Woolloowin. After the early years of primary schooling, Leo went to St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace. Shortly after his fifteenth birthday, Leo caught the train to Strathfield where he entered the Juniorate on 18th January 1945. Just over three years later he received the habit on 15th February 1948, and received the religious name of Victor.

Victor began his teaching career in 1950 with an international trip – to New Zealand, where he joined the staff at the Brothers College in Dunedin. A story there is that he and another young brother, Nick Bilich, had to report to the Superior each evening for a special drink to build them up, both being very tall and very lean. Victor made his final profession at the end of his time in Dunedin on Christmas Day 1955. Shortly after, in 1956, Victor was transferred to St Patrick's College Mackay in sunny North Queensland. Victor stayed there until his appointment in 1962 as Principal of St Joseph's College Toowoomba. There are clear memories from families associated with the school of Victor being appreciated for his pastoral sense and for his willingness to be fully involved alongside the parents in all their endeavours to support the growing school.

Victor's next appointment was in 1968 to Warwick. One Brother remembers that as a young man fresh from the scholasticate, first year on the 'mission', he was mentored so well by Victor. That brother also remembers Victor was exuberant when he attended the wedding of the Brother's niece with him.

The regard that the Brothers had for Victor is seen in his next transfer, which was in 1970 as Socius to the

Novice Master, Br Regis Hickey, at Helidon in Queensland. Regis recalls that Victor was invaluable in that role, not the least for his knowledge of the nearby Toowoomba region and of the Helidon Parish Priest, Fr Underwood. In 1972, Victor was appointed Superior of the Brothers' Community at Helidon, and also was placed in charge of the Juniorate students living there who attended Yrs 11 and 12 at St Mary's College Toowoomba, where Victor also taught on staff. This appointment was followed in 1974 when Victor was appointed Superior of Xavier Teachers College at Indooroopilly in Brisbane, where he was also Director of the young brothers in their 2nd and 3rd years of Formation.

Young men who were Brothers during those years but who did not continue that journey, have offered these comments in recent days: *"Victor was truly one of the absolute best persons who have been part of my life"; "A great and good man"; "He was certainly a great man who lived a full life"; "He was always a gentleman and every time I saw him he was always interested to know what I'd been doing"; and "Our kids all remember him most fondly from as long as they can remember at all".*

After Indooroopilly, Victor moved to St James College in 1977, and then was appointed to St Laurence's College in 1978 as Superior. During 1978, Victor returned to Xavier, Indooroopilly, but this time having been appointed Deputy Provincial of St Francis Xavier Province (Qld & NT). In 1984, after another Chapter, he was re-appointed Deputy Provincial. The Brothers who discerned his pastoral and leadership qualities recommended him for such a role, and this was affirmed by the Brothers' Congregational Leadership appointing him. If one aspect comes through the many stories shared about Victor, it is his pastoral care and concern for the individual. With his own family, they recount how he presented his nieces and nephews with a diary about their first year of life – noting stories told by their parents in a phone call, celebrations, even current events that defined the days of their first year of life. Diaries that are now kept as prized family treasures.

After his 12 years in Province Leadership, Victor was able to return to normal Community life when he was transferred to Nudgee Junior College in 1990. In 1991 he was appointed Superior of the Community there. In 1993, Victor was appointed Principal of St James

Christian Brothers School, where he oversaw the Centenary of the Brothers in that School, and the 125 years of Catholic education on that site. He also was part of the transition of the old St James to the new St James Prac in 1994, when he handed over to Br Luke Quinn during 1994. Some years later the name changed further to St James College. In 1995, Victor was transferred to St Patrick's College Shorncliffe, and in 1998 to Charters Towers to the newly amalgamated Columbia Catholic College (formed from the Brothers' boarding college Mount Carmel College, the Diocesan girls' St Mary's College, and the St Columba's parish primary school). Founding Principal there, Mrs Althea Norton, wrote this week about Victor and his support to the whole College community during the complex first years of amalgamation, *"What a wonderful person – always compassionate, humble and forgiving"*.

After five years in North Queensland, Victor moved to Nudgee College. In 2003 he was part of Treacy Community at Nudgee. In 2009 he relocated to another part of the college campus, to the Mary Ring Drive Community, and then in November 2012, he moved into the newly opened Holy Spirit Viridian Retirement Community, next to Nudgee College, and built on what had formerly been College property.

Victor kept in close contact with the Nudgee College staff and students and families, including serving on the College Board for many years, and assisting students in the Learning Support area. He was also acknowledged when the *"Br Vic Larkin Student Centre"* was named in his honour, an extension from the Art and Music areas.

After Victor's death on Friday night, the whole Nudgee College Community gathered formally at the Wilkes Oval Amphitheatre first thing on Monday morning to commemorate the Life of Br Victor Larkin. Brothers and Family representatives were able to be present.

Mr Peter Chapman, Regional Director of EREA Northern Region, summed up that occasion, and conveyed so much of what can be said of our Brother, Leo Victor Larkin:

*"As you have no doubt heard Br Vic Larkin (1929-2018) passed away late Friday evening. He was indeed a wonderful man and an exceptional Christian*

*Brother who was able to re contextualise himself and his vocation across his various ministries and decades of his life in ways where he was deeply appreciated, valued and contemporary. He will be sadly missed as he meant much to many.*

*All of this was captured in a beautiful liturgy that was hosted by David Johnston (Acting Principal) and Steven Meara (Dean of Mission) at Nudgee College first up this morning [11/6/18]. Below is an excerpt to the introduction of the liturgy that took place under brilliant sunshine on the steps of Wilkes Oval where the immediate and extended community of parents, Brothers and Old Boys gathered in great numbers in celebration of one of God's gentle giants.*

*We remember Br Vic as a:  
Terrace Old Boy. Christian Brother, Teacher,  
Mentor, Friend*

*What we remember most is a man of faith.  
A man convinced of God's love for him; he committed  
his life to the service of that God:  
A life poured out for the God who loved him.  
A life lived in the footsteps of Edmund.  
Presence - Compassion – Liberation.*

*A giant of a man but above all a Gentleman, strong,  
loving, forgiving - when he looked at you, you sensed  
he looked into your heart and knew you better than  
many others could or ever will.*

*Today we celebrate:  
A life given fully to God  
A man of faith  
Our Brother, Vic."*

Thanks to Brother Tim Scott for forwarding this contribution to the newsletter.

**Terrance Joseph Purcell (23/10/1931 – 12/5/2018)**  
Terry was the second son of Andrew and Bridget Agnes, nee Logan, Purcell. He was born on the 23rd October 1931 at Dalkeith Hospital, Eagle Junction, Brisbane.

Terry nearly didn't make it into the world via a hospital as his mum almost left her dash to Dalkeith too late. Andrew was away in the country at the time and Jane (nee Hanley) Purcell, Agnes's mother-in-law, was staying with her to help out during the latter part of the pregnancy. The contractions began, and as it often happens with second pregnancies, the young

Terry was anxious to enter the world and he was very nearly born on the tram.

Terry attended Holy Cross Convent, Woolwin for grades 1 & 2, then was enrolled at St Columbians CBC at Albion Heights.

In 1944 the family moved to Toowoomba and Terry and his brothers Andrew and Des were enrolled at St Marys. Whilst at St Marys he was a member of the school cadet corps with the rank of Private acting Lance Corporal Blank File. For those readers who are baffled by this title the explanation is simple enough. A normal platoon has three sections, each section containing ten men (boys) in the care of a Lance Corporal. Where a platoon has insufficient men to fill a full section, one man is appointed as Acting Lance Corporal and the incomplete section is known as a Blank File.

In February 1947 Terry left school and began his working career. His working life is a study of a small business entrepreneur. He started working as a joiner, but stayed only a week as he felt he wasn't suited to the job. He sought a new opportunity with the firm McConachie Accountants where he worked for four months. During this time he was studying for his entrance exams with the Commonwealth Bank and in 1948 he joined the Savings Bank as a Teller. He remained with the bank until 1953 when he left to work in the accounts section of the Carlton United Brewery. A perfect job one would think, but seeing greener pastures further afield he moved on in 1959. He joined his dad, the Chief, in the Toowoomba Mercantile and Trading Company (TMTC). Terry had been a Director and Partner of the firm since 1954 but with its ever expanding business and the Chief's retirement in 1960, the firm needed him as its full time Manager of Operations. Whilst in this position he also formed Dollar Credits which proved to be a most profitable enterprise. That is until the big banks were given the go ahead by the Federal Government to enter the personal loans market after 1966. Seeing that two small regional finance companies would never be able to compete with the big banks, Terry wound down the business.

He purchased "Lucky Jack's Casket Agency" opposite the then Bailey's Department Store in Ruthven Street in 1967. In 1969 he also purchased the Elna Sewing Machine Centre in Bell's Arcade which he later sold in 1983. From 1969 until 1976 he also owned the Toowoomba Credit Bureau. In September 1976 he sold the Casket Agency and bought the Australia Post Office at the Range Shopping Village

but the public service wasn't for him and he sold in March 1977. Two Milk Runs were purchased in 1977 before finally purchasing a Taxi License in 1978 with Toowoomba Blue & White Cabs where he remained until his retirement.

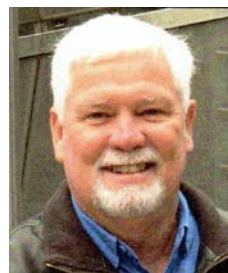
Terry however was never content with just one finger in one pie, and in 1981 he became a Tax Consultant with ITP, and their Auditor in 1983. He had a number of Diplomas and Fellowships in the Tax Accounting and Management fields. In 1968 he received a Diploma in Management from the Commercial Education Society of Australia and in 1970, a Diploma in Accounting. He was made a Fellow in 1971 and in 1972 he became a Member of the Institute of Affiliate Accountants. In 1976 he was a registered Tax Agent with the Tax Agents Board of Queensland.

Terry and his big brother Andrew were keen Rugby Union supporters. He played for St Mary's from 1946-47 in the school's First XV. After school he continued to play, being a member of Toowoomba GPS First Grade side from 1948 to 1959. He was selected to play for Toowoomba in 1951, 1956 and 1957. On the administration side he was Treasurer and Secretary of the Toowoomba Rugby Union during most of these years and was the co-founder of the Rangers Rugby Union Football Club in 1962. As Rugby spread out over the Downs during these decades he became Secretary of the Downs Rugby Union in 1964 and was Treasurer for more years than he cared to remember. He was heavily involved in the development of Gold Park as Union Headquarters in 1967 and was appointed as Trustee of the grounds. On retirement Terry could never rest and continued to volunteer as a Tax Help consultant. He worked for decades on "Meals on Wheels" and as a member of St Vincent de Pauls.

He passed to Eternal Life on the 12th May 2018.

Cumha Brathair Dar Data An Baruin Lauchma

### **Gregory John (Greg) Keen (24/10/1951-28/06/2018)**



Greg was born in the Ashgrove Private Hospital on 24/10/1951 and was educated at the Oakleigh State School and was in one of the first intakes of Grade 8 at The Gap High School. After leaving school he studied at the University of Queensland and then Kelvin

Grove Teachers' College before accepting a posting



to Home Hill State School for three years. It was during this time that he married Marie and the couple were blessed with four children, Jacinta, Jenny, Alicia and Pete.

Shortly after he joined the Army, commissioned as an Officer in the Royal Australia Education Corps and served in Victoria, Papua New Guinea and finally in Sydney. On his discharge Greg bought an apple and stonefruit orchard at Cottonvale and taught maths at St Joseph's in Stanthorpe, later becoming Deputy Principal. Then in 1978 he moved to Roma to be Principal of St John's School for eight years. In 1994 he joined the staff of St Mary's College retiring in 2012. He was Head of Hennessey House, later renamed Purcell House, and was involved in the heightened celebrations of Anzac Day at the College, and the Confraternity Shield Rugby League Carnivals. Greg took great care of the lads doing it tough, always with a fair but firm approach to assist students. He was also a mentor to young teachers. He worked with Peter Jeffery organising S.O.S. weekends for underprivileged boys who had never known the joys of camping out or fishing and established the behaviour modification program called Responsible Thinking Classroom (RTC) administering the process, drawing on his significant teaching experience.

Greg was diagnosed with a degenerative lung disease about four years ago and he passed away at the Saint Andrew's Hospital, Wickham Terrace on 28/06/2018

### **Ronald John Smith (2/2/1939-8/8/2018)**



A Life Member of our Association, Ron commenced his early education in 1945 at Holy Angels (Mater Dei) conducted by the Good Samaritan Nuns. He was enrolled in Grade 3 at St Mary's College in 1949 and left the College, mid year from

the Sub Senior Class, in 1956 to join the Navy. For the next 20 years he served at Nowra with the Fleet Air Arm and on the HMAS Melbourne, servicing Macchi aircraft. Ron rose to the rank of Warrant Officer specialising in radio, radar and electrics.

During his Navy Service Ron married Elaine and the couple were blessed with a son, Brett, and daughter Kelly; but following Elaine's death he resigned from the Navy he loved and returned to Toowoomba where

he worked for Telecom until his retirement. He married Denise and they settled in Withcott where Ron took an active role in the local annual ANZAC Day Ceremony, the RSL and community affairs. Ron's funeral service at Burstow's Funeral Chapel, Toowoomba, was led by Fr Michael McClure and attended by over 200 relatives, service mates, school mates and friends on 20/8/2018.

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**Deceased Old Boys Mass on November 1st.** Old Boys are invited to reflect on all the old boys that have passed away this year. It will be at **9am in the T.P.O'Brien Hall at St Mary's College.** Old Boys are also welcome to attend the **Presentation Evening** the night before, October 31st at Empire Theatre from 6pm-8pm.

### **Members Stories**

**Life Member: Thomas David Hutchinson** is one of three brothers who attended St Mary's College. His elder brother was Bill (RIP) and the younger one John (RIP). On leaving school after Junior, Tom gained an appointment at the Commonwealth Bank, Albion, in 1948; but the next year elected to take a position at the Toowoomba Foundry. He left there in 1969 to run a Mixed Business at Scarborough for five years. On weekends he collected tolls on the Hornibrook Highway Bridge.

For the next few years Tom had a range of positions – Teller with Mayne Nickless, Credit Officer at Gow's Wholesale, Parking Supervisor at the Strathpine Drive In and Delivery Serviceman for Frozen Foods from Wattle Products.

Then followed a return to Toowoomba where Tom joined the counter staff at Jack McCafferty's until the company was absorbed into the Greyhound Bus Company. He then became the School Crossing Supervisor at St Saviours until retirement.

In 2016 Tom and his wife Daphne (Davis), who had married in 1957, elected to settle in Wynnum to be closer to their six children, ten grandchildren (including triplets) and one great grandchild.

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**Life Member: Peter Upton**, who moved to Taigum from Pialba recently, was enrolled at St Mary's College between 1955 and 1963. After finishing school he worked in the retail industry at Woolworths

and Wyeth's Hardware Store. He served as a Scout Leader with the 9<sup>th</sup> Toowoomba Group and was a member of the YCW at St Patrick's and Our Lady of Lourdes. It was there that he met his future wife, Penny Ridgewell, and the couple married in 1968 after Peter returned at the completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion's 1967/1968 tour of duty in Vietnam.

Then Peter joined British American Tobacco Australia Limited as its Queensland Marketing Manager and later was appointed the company's National Merchandise Manager necessitating a move to Sydney. He retired in 2001.

While at St Mary's Peter enjoyed being part of football and swimming teams and time in the College Cadet Corp. Lads at the College in the late 50's and early 60's will recall his mother Mrs Iris Upton, who is now 98 years old, as one of the ladies who regularly served on Brother Brian Seward's Tuck Shop Roster.

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Present at our **Sydney Old Boys Luncheon** at the Castlereagh Club on the 24/7/2018 were Mike Fitzpatrick, Dr. Pat Coorey, Kerry Carmichael, Brian Mallon, Peter Buckley and Dan McErlean. John Arndell, Justin Dwyer and Mick Ledbury are unwell and could not attend. Apologies were received from Fathers Michael Gilbert & Richard Leonard, Dr. John Frawley AM, Brendan Crotty, Peter Kearney, Laurie Hohn. John and Karl Leis are now living near Wollongong.

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Those present at our **Buderim Old Boys Luncheon** at the Headland Golf Club on the 17<sup>th</sup> August included Rod Anderson, Geoff Anderson, Redmond Byrne, Bernie Collins, Bill Fechner, Bob Grundy, Jim Long, Tom Long, Dan McErlean, Terry Murphy, Martin O'Sullivan, Merv Paddison, Ron Roney, Errol Ryan, Darel Sterling, Brad Wilson, Lance Wilson. Apologies were from Tyrone Deere, Gary Blacka, Grahame Dornbusch, John Littleton, Kevin Leadbetter, Michael Long, Brian Lynam, Kevin Morgan, Pat Mullins, John McClure, John Noonan, Dave Robson, Bob Stevens, Glen Thompson, Laurie Walsh, Jim Wiedman, Bevan Zeller.

Railway train buff **Peter Kennedy**, (1945 and 1948-1952), recently returned from a lengthy trip to England and Wales after riding on some of the world's most historic rail networks.

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Life Member **Paul Reynolds** and his wife **Sandra** are off to represent Australia at the World Gateball Championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in September. Gateball is a mallet team sport inspired by croquet with five members played on a half Croquet Lawn. It is a very fast game lasting 30 minutes. Australia has three teams of the sixty four teams entered by twenty countries.

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**Mick Quinlan** and his wife **Margo** met up with **Ros** and **Ken Hurst** in Stockholm in July. The Hursts were visiting their daughter and her family who live there.



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**Jim and Dinny Madden** and their sister **Margaret Toleman** have donated a new state of the art cot for the Toowoomba Hospital paediatric unit to honour their sister who was stillborn in 1946. The Tom2Cott is one of ten purchased for the Hospital at a cost of \$4,850 each thanks to the generous Community support of the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation.

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Old Boy racing trainer, **Tony Gollan**, was top trainer at the recent Rockhampton Racing Carnival with 3 wins, a second and a third which won him a \$30,000 Mitsubishi Triton which was the Club's incentive to encourage runners from southern stables.

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Old Boys **Brett & Terry Lunney** had some training success with a two year old filly, Million, in its first race. It was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Sunshine Coast event on 15/7/2018 and some in the syndicate pocketed a good return on their place bets at good odds. Brett and Terry are the sons of **Justin & Kay Lunney**.

In late May Old Boys from the Toowoomba Valleys and All Whites/Brothers Clubs entertained fans to a match on the Glenholme Oval. The scores were level at 10 all on the final bell. **Ned & Justin Murphy, Brett Seymour, Robbie Moore** and **Eugene Siddon** played for Valleys while All Whites/Brothers recalled **Don Saunders, Trent Young, Darryl Docherty, Wayne Ferguson** and **Jamie Wann**.

### Confraternity Shield

Old Boys were pleased to learn that the College Rugby League Firsts had won the 2018 Confraternity Shield in the 48 team competition at Charters Towers in July. The side was undefeated through the Carnival with victories over St Patrick's (Mackay) 20v4, St Peter Claver 24v6, St Teresa's (Abergowrie) 26v18, Aquinas College 36v4, Ignatius Park 22v10 and St Peter Claver in the Final 42v6. **Jake Simkin** was named Player of the Grand Final, **Jordan Lipp** Best & Fairest Player & **Tate McCormack** gained the "Spirit Award".

This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Shield win by St Mary's College in this annual competition since the initial Independent Schools Rugby League Carnival was held in Bundaberg in 1980, and it seems appropriate to give credit to the lads, College coaches and support staff for their efforts since then. **Paul Canning** coached College teams for about twenty (20) years from 1986 and had success in 1994, 1995, and 1998, while the current coach, **Rob Anderson**, has had the role since 2012. **Dave Anderson** coached in 2009 and 2010.

Football has never been overlooked at the College. One of the first matches recorded is the 2/5/1903 Rugby Union game won by St Mary's First XV over Grammar 3rds (47v6).

From 1908 Past Brothers "A" teams competed in the local competition and in 1918 won the Rugby Union Premiership. Then in 1919 the team won the first Rugby League Premiership and five Old Boys – **Mart Ryan, Tom Gorman, Mick Bennett, L Obst** and **D McCarthy** played in a Toowoomba representative team against New Zealand that year.

For the next 100 years many Old Boys have gone on to represent Toowoomba, Queensland and Australia in Rugby League sides. Players such as **Tom Gorman** (Captain of the 1928/29 Kangaroo Tourists), **Jim** and **Mick Bennett, Frank Mullins, Mart Ryan, Bert Bowden, Peter Hickey, Joe** and **Ian (Ripper) Doyle, Brian Marks, Kev Lohman, Gerry**

**Fitzpatrick, Bill Sullivan, Kev Boshammer, Frank Brennan, Mick Fitzgerald** and **Jonathan Thurston**.

**Paul Costello, Dr John O'Neill, Bob Potter, Andrew Purcell** and **Ron Shelvey** became Rugby Union representatives.

St Mary's Toowoomba joined the Independent Schools Rugby League Carnival competition in 1981 and one of the stars was **Peter Gill**, son of Toowoomba & North Queensland representative second rower **Ted Gill**. Peter played for the Queensland Schoolboys in 1981 and in 1984, after playing fullback for Toowoomba in that sides 18v6 win against Great Britain, was selected to tour New Zealand with a Queensland Country team.

In 1986 Gill signed with Brisbane Brothers and was a member of their 1986 Grand Final side which lost to Wynnum 14v6 with Peter scoring Brothers only try. During the 1987 season Gill played for Queensland Residents against New Zealand and that year was again in Brothers Grand Final team beating Redcliffe 26v8. In 1988 he signed with St George, playing 71 first grade matches before joining the Gold Coast for 67 games over four seasons. Then in 1995 he joined the London Broncos playing 115 games and on two occasions was selected in the English Super League Team of the Year. In 2000 Peter Gill was selected as second-row in the Confraternity Shield Team of the Century.

In 1984 **Greg Manthey** and **James Donnelly** were selected from the St Mary's College side in the Australian Schoolboys team and both signed to play with Easts in the Brisbane competition. James went on to play 37 games for Canterbury and then Brisbane Broncos between 1987 and 1991. Greg joined Valleys for a year following his two years at Easts and played with the Broncos in 1988/89, then had a year with Norths before signing with the English club Fullam (later the London Broncos) for their 1990 and 1991 seasons. He then retired following his third knee reconstruction. Both Greg and James are Life Members of our Old Boys' Association.

As **Jonathan Thurston's** rugby league playing career closes we recall his efforts at the 2000 year Confraternity Shield Carnival for St Mary's. He was twice picked Man of the Match, and gained selection in the 2000 QISSRL Merit Team to start a career which has had few equals.

**Our Best Wishes go to Jonathan, wife Samantha and family.**