



St Mary's Old Boys' Newsletter

November 2012



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Dear Old Boys

Our Pre-Christmas meeting will be held at 'The Public Service Club', Level 1 Function Room, 84 William Street (cnr Stephens Lane), Brisbane on Friday 23rd November 2012 from 12 noon through until about 2.00 pm; but feel free to drop in anytime from 11.00 am on, as your commitments dictate and join Old Boy mates in convivial fellowship. **Brothers Kevin Dwyer and Brian Saward** joined us at our September meeting and we hope to have **Brother Barry Buckley OAM** back from Broome with us when we gather on Friday 23rd November 2012.

If Old Boys are coming by train to the Central Railway Station, there is a free City Loop bus from Stop 8 opposite Central Station in Ann Street which allows you to alight at Stop 103 in the Government Precinct, just outside 'The Public Service Club' at 84 William Street. The bus services on this route are every 10-15 minutes.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of **Michael Quinlan** (1950-1959) our Sydney Old Boys will gather at Noon on Thursday November 8th, 2012, for their annual luncheon at the Castlereagh (former Catholic) Club. These are very successful functions and Mick would like to hear from any Old Boys who are now Sydney residents, so he can keep in touch with them. His phone numbers are (02) 9997 2397 or 0418 465 159.

Special Thanks go to **Kevin Blacka** (1962-1967) and **Justin Kingsford** (1942-1943) who have taken out Life Membership of our Association recently. Kevin is the son **Bill and Irene** and brother of **Bryan, Gary and Laurie**. Justin is the brother of **Des and Jim** (RIP).

As the 2012 Calendar Year draws to a close, Old Boys wish to pay a special tribute to the TBOBA President **Joe Guerrini** and his Executive – **Peter Walters, Matthew Booth, Donald Stephens, Paul Canning, Greg Manthey and Jeremy Cotter** who have so tirelessly committed considerable time driving fund raising for the redemption of our Loan on the Clive Berghofer Sports Complex. It would help the Committee greatly if Old Boys would please consider giving generously to the Bro Baptiste O'Sullivan Building Fund to assist with the Debt Reduction Program for our Indoor Sports Complex. Donations will be receipted and are fully Tax Deductible.

If you need caterers for that Wedding or Class Reunion in 2013, please don't forget the TP O'Brien Function Centre at the College operated by our Old Boys' Association. Function Coordinator **Jeremy Cotter** (Phone: 0439 916 109).

As November is the month of the 'Holy Souls', please remember our deceased Old Boys, Christian Brothers and Friends of the College. Recently deceased have been **Bill Lunney and Terry Brady**, husband of **Veronica** and brother of **Philip** (RIP), **Brian, Bernie** (RIP) and **Noel, Allan Nuss** (husband of **Joan**). **Neil Greenslade** (son of **Dr Cliff and Myra** (RIP), **Catherine (Kelly) MacGinley** wife of **Neil** (RIP) and sister of **Maureen, Eileen** (RIP), **Patricia, Tom** (RIP) and **Frank and Shirley (Murphy) Lynch** wife of **Allan**, sister of **Marion, Joan, Reg and Lyn** and daughter-in-law of **Mrs Lillian Lynch** and sister in law of **Ray** (RIP), **Neil and Julie**. Also unwell or recovering from surgery are **Fr Peter Murphy, Kevin and Tim Coonan, Dr Kevin Everding, Justin Kingsford, Barry Lysaght, Don Vallyely, Trevor Muller, Ron Shelvey, Ron Peut, Pat Seymour, John Keightley, Pat McErlean, Dan Reilly, Gloria Chandler and Annette Gilbert**.



PLEASE NOTE:
Our first meeting in 2013 will be on Friday 8th March.



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T.B.O.B.A. (Brisbane Sub-Branch) Meeting – 28/9/2012

Present

Apologies

Bro Kevin Dwyer Bro Brian Saward Barry Ainslie Laurie Atzeni (Hon) John Bagget Kev Bianchi Jack Davis (Hon) Frank Deighton Brian Gagen Terry Gesch Rolly Griffin John Hagan John Hutchinson Doug Lee Fred Lincoln	A E (Mick) Moloney Jim Mullins Bernie Murphy Michael Murphy Paul McClure Bill McErlean Dan McErlean Justin McErlean Paul McErlean Peter McMahon Bryan McSweeney Graham Swenson Kerry Taylor Gerry Williams	Fr Paul Chandler Br Barry Buckley OAM Bro Glenn Gagen Frank Adamson Greg Butler Nat Chandler Bernie Collins John Coyer Pat Costigan Noel Cronin Les Duncan Des Franklin Bob Grundy Keith Howe Tom Hutchinson Merv Johnstone Peter Kennedy Jim Long Justin Lunney Bill Lunney	Dick Lynch Trevor Muller Pat Mullins Terry Murphy John Noonan Lee Nightingale John O'Neill Reg Oliver Martin O'Sullivan Jack Parker Ron Peut Keith Pickels Don Reilly Ron Roney Ron Smith Bob Sullivan Reg Taylor Glen Wiedman Jim Wiedman Kerry Zeller
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‘Coming Events’

31/10/12 7.00 pm	St Mary's College Annual Presentation Night In Empire Theatre, Toowoomba
23/11/12 12 Noon	Brisbane TBOBA Sub-Branch Meeting 1 st Floor Function Room 'The Public Service Club' 84 William Street (cnr Stephens Lane), Brisbane
16/11/13 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm	1955 – 1963 Class Reunion in TP O'Brien Function Centre – Contact Darryl Brennan on (07) 5577 5578 or mobile (0413 983 296)

Annual Membership Fee
(\$10.00) for Calendar Year
2013 is now due / or

Life Memberships are
available
(Fee \$100.00)

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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.

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with the Debt Reduction Program for our
Indoor Sports Complex.’**





- This December **Brother Barry Buckley OAM** will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of his entry to the Christian Brothers Congregation. In the hundred year history of St Mary's College only two Brothers have served two separate terms as its Principal, the first **Brother H B Wynne** and the second one was Brother Barry Buckley from 1970 to 1972 and again in 1991 and 1992.

Barry Buckley was born in Rockhampton where his father was a policeman and it was not long before he was transferred to Walkerston near Mackay. He attended school in Walkerston and Mackay and it was from Mackay that Barry teamed up with **Mal Anderson**, who later ascended the tennis heights, to win the Qld Hardcourt Under 15 doubles in Rockhampton in 1949.

Then the family moved to Brisbane where he attended Gregory Terrace in 1951 and 1952, winning a Commonwealth Scholarship; but not taking it up as Barry had decided to join the Christian Brothers. At Terrace he played a lot of cricket and tennis and was the opening bat for the First XI that won its one and only GPS cricket premiership in 1952. He was captain of the First IV tennis team that finished second in the competition. There was a moment of glory, foreshadowing greater things, when Terrace played Brisbane Grammar School and Barry inflicted on Roy Emerson his only defeat in the competition that year. Roy, of course, went on to be five times Wimbledon Champion and in the light of the victory, we should not think that Mal Anderson was the major partner in that doubles victory in Rockhampton in 1949.

At the end of his Senior Year, Barry received his National Service call up papers; but was given a deferment when he informed the Army he was going to Strathfield to begin his formation as a Brother. He repeated the senior year as a year in the Juvenate was considered a good preparation for the Novitiate. Barry won a second Commonwealth Scholarship, which he took up after the Scholasticate. 1954 was his Novitiate year in Minto with 50 other young men from all parts of Australia and New Zealand under novice master **Bro Patrick Harty**.

1955 was spent in the Scholasticate under Bro Innocent Keenan and in 1956 Barry commenced four years of study at the Sydney University acquiring the degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science and the Diploma of Education. After graduation Bro Buckley was assigned to a teaching position in Tamworth, where he taught maths and science to every secondary class, with sole responsibility for senior chemistry. He was also Sportsmaster and OC Cadets, something new to him. One of the members of his unit was **Gordon Sharp** who, as platoon commander in Vietnam, was ambushed and killed at the battle of Long Tan. Then he was transferred to the Terrace Community where he served for the next 9 years teaching mainly Physics, Chemistry and Maths, Religious Education and then Zoology and Biology. He also took on sporting duties – fourth XV rugby and first XI cricket and was also 2IC of Cadets.

It was from Gregory Terrace that Brother Buckley was appointed Superior and Principal of St Mary's Toowoomba in 1970, he proved to be fully capable of handling the changes in curriculum that were on the horizon. During his term and with the support of the Administrator of the Cathedral, **Fr (later) Mons Patrick**

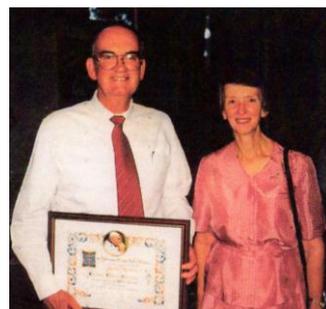
Doyle, Brother saw the competition of new library and administration facilities on the upper floor of a new complex with science and technical drawing rooms on the ground floor completed and occupied on 21/9/1971. Two science rooms in the Hill Street building were then converted to classrooms and the demonstration room into a theatrette.

In 1973 Brother Buckley was appointed Principal of his old College, St Joseph's, Gregory Terrace and slowly but thoroughly changed the College, winning the confidence of staff, parents and boys. In 1978 he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and spent three months studying the American Education System.

When the Government withdrew its support for the school cadet system, Brother found another way to cater for outdoor education by acquiring land on Lake Maroon to begin setting up the College Outdoor Education Centre and in a tribute to him it is now named the 'Brother B M Buckley Outdoor Education Centre.' A portion of the land Brother generously donated to St James College.

After 9 years as Principal of Terrace, Brother Buckley was given a roving commission by the then Provincial, Bro Len Marshall, to support secondary colleges in the Province and 2 years later was made a member of the Provincial Council. While at the 1990 General Chapter of the Christian Brothers in Rome, to which he was an Australian Delegate, Brother learnt he had been appointed Principal of St Mary's College, Toowoomba for a second time. He was welcomed back by the **Deputy Keran Lunney** and when farewelled to resume his position on the Provincial Administration Council at the end of 1991, his sentiments were 'I leave with a sense of gratitude to all who are part of this fine College and with enhanced sense of that personal pride that comes from being closely associated with and accepted by genuinely good people.' Brother's father died in 1991, aged 85 years, while his mother passed away in 1966 of a heart condition.

When Bro Buckley finished his time on the Council, he went to Darwin in 1997 where he used his expertise, acquired over many years in positions of responsibility, to assist the mission schools in the Northern Territory. He loves the bush and has also has revelled in the walk through the Grand Canyon in the USA and is no stranger to the Scenic Rim of South east Queensland, or the Jatbula Walk in Katherine National Park in the Northern Territory, as bush walking in his preferred physical activity. Brother has spent periods of personal renewal, time being spent at Wellsprings in Eastern USA, in the Holy Land and at St Bueno's in Wales. In recent years he was again a delegate to General Chapter in Rome and has assisted Colleges in Herberton, New Zealand and Broome by giving them the benefit of his wide experience.



We wish Brother continued good health and we thank God for the considerable gifts he has provided as a Christian Brother for the benefit of students.

Bro Barry Buckley with his sister Joan on receipt of his Papal Blessing



- A \$60 million Retirement Living Complex was blessed and opened by **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** on October 4th. It will be run by Holy Spirit Care Services, a not-for-profit organisation, established by the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters at Carseldine in 1962, as Holy Spirit Home for the Aged. The Complex has been erected on land which formed portion of the Nudgee College site and features 128 retirement apartments, a 10 bed nursing centre, indoor heated pool, cafe, function rooms (seating up to 120 guests) and the Holy Spirit Chapel which will be open to the public. A Community of some 12 Christian Brothers will settle into the facilities before Christmas.
- Old Boy, **Bernie Collins** (1951 – 1959) just returned home in time for the recent Lawn Bowls day after taking an extensive road trip of many thousands of kilometres. He travelled via Rockhampton to Barcardine and then across the Plenty Highway, Stuart Highway and the Tannami Track to the Wool Creek Cater, 170 kilometres south of Halls Creek. Then it was south to Biluna, West Australia, down the Canning Stock Route for 1,800 kilometres to Wiluna, over sand hills and corrugated tracks, where to do a 100 kilometres a day is good going. He then headed to Kalgoorlie, Esperance – where the sight of the ocean was great, and Adelaide where Bernie played in the Masters Squash Championship. He returned to his Maryborough home via Maitland wondering all the while how he would pay the fuel bill which ranged up to \$3.40 a litre for diesel at a road stop on the Canning Stock Route.

‘Year 1955 – 1963 Class Reunion’

- In just over twelve months this well planned Reunion will take place in the TP O’Brien Function Centre on Saturday 16th November 2013. There will be a tour of the College Facilities at 2.00pm and dinner at 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Past students and their partners are welcome to attend both activities. Old Boys from near and far like **Ray Valley**, now retired from the Air Force and living in Taree NSW and **Robert O’Callaghan** from Wannera, WA are planning their trips. **Pat McErlean** is hoping to have recovered from his recent surgery so as to enjoy the event. They would like to contact the following classmates:
- **Errol Ryan** (1952 – 1957) who holds the franchise for a couple of Nando’s Restaurants on the south side of Brisbane, has taken off for a vacation in Scotland. Is it possible he is looking for catering opportunities over there with the Commonwealth Games being held in Scotland in 2014.
- Over the College September break **Paul and Janice Canning** flew to Shanghai and visited a number of historical sites in centres like Chengdu and Nanjing before returning via Beijing.

Barry Coleman	John Crowley	Jim Davidson	Noel Edge
Tony Edge	John Foley	Neville Goodhew	Terry Lunney
John Murphy	Gary Neylan	Ross Remeus	Denis McGuin
Geoffrey Shooter	Bernard (Richard) Shooter		

Darryl Brennan, who has been responsible for the planning of this day has just returned from an overseas trip which included a visit to Russia and with **Merv Paddison** believe the Reunion will be a memorable occasion for the Class Group. Darryl can be contacted at his Gold Coast home on telephone (07- 5577 5578) or by email to d2brennan@yahoo.com.au while Merv’s phone number is (07-5444 6716).

- **Congratulations!** On Saturday 22nd September 2012, Our Brisbane Sub-Branch President **Bryan McSweeney** and his wife, **Julie**, became grandparents for the fourth time with the arrival of Willem **Albert Koeleman** for **Nicole and Ben Koeleman** and his big sister, **Lillie**. He was born at 7.05pm weighting 8lbs 14ozs.
- Enjoying the Reception at the Old Cleveland Court House Restaurant on Saturday 8/9/12, after the Wedding of their nephew **Marc Drew**, son of **Peter and Michelle** of Mansfield, to **Patti (Vogan)** were **Maurice and Barbara Drew** of Kenmore, **John and Annette** Drew of Sunnybank, **Pat and Glenis** Drew of Woodgate and **Tony and Bobbie Drew** of Leeming, WA.
- **Jim and Carmel Stokes** have just returned home to Buderim after an enjoyable trip to Ireland to visit friends and relatives. On the return leg the couple flew into Copenhagen from where they took a Coach Tour taking in the beautiful scenery Denmark, Sweden and Norway has to offer tourists.
- **Margo and Mick Quinlan** have returned from a five month trip overseas to visit their daughter in London. On the way over they had a week on safari in South Africa. After a couple of days in London they spent time in Croatia travelling from Dubrovnik to Pula by bus with stopovers along the way. The coastal scenery was magnificent. Then it was on to Venice – very crowded – for three days before catching a train through the Alps to Zurich then on to Paris. They attended the French Derby at Chantilly, a great setting with the chateau adjacent to the course. They borrowed a flag from the Australian Embassy to cheer Sam Stosur on at the French Open but unfortunately she didn’t make it. Then to London for R&R and then off to Riga, Latvia and Vilnius, Lithuania. Very interesting cities still rebuilding after the Communist era. They were struck by the devotion to their Faith, of the Lithuanians in churches and shrines and particularly at the Hill of Crosses. Back to London to attend Royal Ascot to see Black Caviar run and the Olympics which were almost as good as Sydney.

From London to Alaska to visit the Danali National Park and several day cruises around Prince William Sound and Glacier Bay before flying to Juneau and catching a ferry to Skagway. From Skagway they went on the old train that took the prospectors to the Yukon Goldfields back in the 1890–1900s – incredible feat of engineering – ending up in Whitehorse. From there to Vancouver for three days, next Chicago with its great architecture and then New York for the US Open. Great tennis especially the Murray-Djokovic final. Heading for home they spent a week in the Grand, Bryce and Zion Canyons each one so different from the other.



William John Lunney (27/3/1937 – 22/9/2012)

(Above - L to R):
Jack Fallon, Allan
Roney, Bill Lunney,
Kev Madden



- Bill was the fourth child born to **Michael Leo and Doris (Rohweder)** in Toowoomba in 1937 and the family was to grow to have eight children before long. They lived in Goggs Street and there was plenty of

football and cricket played in the backyard. Footballs were made by stuffing rags into calico flour bags and sewing the corners into a rough oval shape for games the 'Poms' v 'Kangaroos'. For cricket matches the pitch was formed by mowing the tough kikuya grass with an old Qualcast hand mower and the family learning to play the ball along the ground, otherwise it would be confiscated by the next door neighbour, if it went for any sixers.

Sadly Bill's world came crashing down at the age of ten when his father, a Railway Employee, passed away suddenly. Times would have been tough for Bill's mother raising eight children on a Widow's pension; but to their credit, everyone stuck together and made the most of what they had. (Leo, Bill, Justin, Keran, Marie, Monica, Clare and Bernadette).

Bill's early education was at the Holy Name Convent and then he followed his elder brother, Leo, to St Mary's College. He came to prominence in 1950 as captain and half back of the successful five stone seven Rugby League team. It is recorded, 'Bill is a born footballer, and his only drawback is his weight. His handling, side stepping, swerving and football sense are almost perfect'. He was a member of the six stone 'A' football side in 1951 and in the seven sevens (Secondary) football team in 1952 under captain **Terry Ranger**. A keen cricketer too, Bill represented St Mary's College in the Under 15 'A' side.

On leaving the College, Bill worked at Wyeths Hardware Store in Russell Street, Toowoomba. He continued to enjoy his Rugby League Football and Cricket, playing some good football for the All Whites and Souths Clubs and cricket for All Whites and on Sundays for the Australian Hotel.

Bill's childhood and young adulthood was typical of young Australians growing up in the fifties and sixties, games of cricket and football, a few beers with mates and of course socials and dances to meet the girls and the love of his life, Anne (Dwan). He undertook his National Service in the Air Force and later spent almost a decade in the Reserve Forces.

Anne and Bill were married in St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba, by Rev Fr Peter Murphy on 18/4/1960 and a whole new perspective on life developed. They moved to Brisbane and purchased their home in Moorooka. For a short time Bill worked for Greens Hardware before joining the State Works Department for a Public Service career retiring in 1994. He was highly regarded as a very efficient officer in his various roles within the Department by both senior and junior management.

Bill provided well for his wife and their children, **Carmel, Tony, Terry, Mary, Brendan and Damian**; but as the family grew obviously so did the expenses, as they all were able to attend private schools and Bill ever resourceful found a night job to supplement his income, doing two jobs each day for an amazing number of years.

The highlight of the year for the family was their beach holiday and all have fond memories of hanging on to Bill's limbs as a wave passed, giggling with glee as he hung on to them ready for the next wave as Anne watched from the beach. He loved having the family around him especially down at the van at Wooyung or having the eight grand children around at Christmas, Easter and New Year's Eve – big celebrations with lots of laughs.

Some of his jokes were legendary like one favourite 'A man rode down the street; but yeti walked' How was this possible? Yeti of course was the name of his dog! There would be a booming laugh from Bill even before the punch line was delivered. He loved a bet and cringed as the roughies backed by other family members pipped his favourite on the post.

In the later years Bill was an avid lawn bowler and a pretty good one too and enjoyed away trips with his beloved Anne by his side. He helped coordinate the St Mary's Old Boys inter-City Day for the 'Kevin Lee Memorial Trophy' over the past decade and was well respected by his Salisbury Bowls Club peers who elected him President. Bill was a very active member of our Toowoomba St Mary's Old Boys' Association, a very humble and selfless man, who was always prepared to put his hand up when there was a job to be done, whether helping out at school fetes or coaching the local football team, he expected no reward.

He passed to Eternal Life on Saturday 22nd September 2012, surrounded by his Family who had all pitched in to care for Bill since earlier in the year, adding some months to his life when not many were predicted.

On 27/9/2012, Bill was farewelled at a Requiem Mass celebrated by his former Parish Priest, **Rev Fr John Scarrott**, assisted by **Dean McKeaton** (Annerley), **Fr Dan Ryan** (Sunnybank) and **Frs Hal Ranger** and **Jeff Scully** from Toowoomba at St Brendan's Catholic Church Moorooka. Stories of Bill's life were later shared over refreshments at the Salisbury Bowls Club.



- One of our Life Members, **Kerry Carmichael** (1951 – 1958), now Secretary and Treasurer of the Australian Aviation Hall of Fame in Wagga Wagga hosted the organisation's first gala dinner at the Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga on the 15th September.

The organisation was commenced to recognise the outstanding contributions to world aviation made by Australians and during the function a list of flying greats were inducted into the inaugural Australian Aviation Hall of Fame.

Queensland was represented by Bert Hinkler, Sir Charles Kingsford Smith and Loes Bonney, who all made record-breaking flights around the globe in the 1920s and 1930s.

Others were **Lawrence Hargrave, Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith, Reginald and John Duigan** who made the first Australian-powered aeroplane and airline pioneers **Sir Norman Brearley, Don Kendall and Max Hazelton**.

Kerry encourages Old Boys to visit this Hall of Fame if you are travelling via Wagga Wagga.

- Old Boy, **Michael Schneider**, now 50 years, started using guns in the cadets in Year 8 at St Mary's College, Toowoomba, and will represent Australia next year in rimfire benchrest shooting in the Czech Republic. His son Jared, 11 years, has also taken up the sport and recently was part of the junior camp for Queensland Target Sports.
- Old Boy racing trainer, **Tony Gollan**, moved his training base from Toowoomba to Eagle Farm earlier in the year and he now finds himself leading the trainers premiership with 21 wins so far this season. His very promising 2 year old gelding 'Whiskey Allround' has had a successful 3 from 3 record earning \$154,500 in prize money. Another of his horses 'Too Many Reds', in which another Old Boy, **Joe O'Neill**, one of the top Syndicators of Racehorses in Australia, has an interest through his Daymar No. 1 Synd, finished second at Randwick in the City Tattersalls Lightning Handicap on 22/10/2012, after two wins in Brisbane during September. It will run at Flemington over the 1200m straight course on Melbourne Cup Day.
- Old Boy, **Denis Garvey**, was elected one of the Welfare Officers on the Men of League, Rockhampton, Committee when it was established at the inaugural meeting. Men of League assists rugby league players, coaches and officials from all levels of game who have fallen on hard times.

Denis, a lightweight but effective lock forward, represented the Newtown Club, Toowoomba and Central Queensland during his Rugby League career. One of the highlights of his playing career was the match between Toowoomba and the French Touring Side on Sunday 28/6/64. Denis lives near Yeppoon.

- **Johnathan Thurston** who was the Golden Boot winner in 2011 has this year passed 1000 points scored in the NRL. After changing his playing position from 1/2 to 5/8 this year, Johnathan was recently nominated the International team of the year five eight when Rugby League International Federation Awards were announced. Also for the second time in his football career, Johnathan Thurston was presented with the Paul Bowman Medal as Cowboys 2012 Player of the Year in front of 580 guests at the Jupiters Casino, Townsville.



- Pictured below with friendly smiles, before the Toowoomba Rugby League 'A' grade grand final at the Clive Berghofer Stadium on 23/9/12, are Old Boys **Stan McKenzie** (left) and **John Gilbert** (right). They were supporting opposite sides – Stan (Souths) and John (Brothers).

Stan played hooker in the Toowoomba 'A' grade Rugby League competition with the Southern Suburbs Club in the 1950s, while John, son of International Half Back **Fred Gilbert**, represented the All Whites, now Brothers, 'A' Grade Club in the same competition 38 times between 1967 and 1970.

Both Stan and John retain their interest in the code and are their respective Club reps on the Toowoomba Sports Club.



- The Brothers side survived a spirited fight back from Souths to win their first Toowoomba Rugby League 'A' grade premiership in eleven years by 22 points to 18 on Sunday 23/9/2012.

Brothers' Coach, **Tony Loxley** (Year 12 – 1980) was thrilled for his players after they completed a mountain of work in defence on their own try line in the final 30 minutes. Tony was a fine fullback for the Toowoomba Clydesdales in the 1980s.

There were four Old Boys in each of the Club sides, **Liam Cullen, Blake Curran, Luke Fiedler and Matthew Judd** with Brothers and **Justin and Nathan**



Murphy, Louis Reen and Cameron Wuersching represented Souths.

- It is the ambition of every footballer to take the field in a Grand Final; but many great players have never had such an opportunity. Rugby League journeyman prop, **Jaiman Lowe**, Year 12 – 2000 climaxed his football career by being a member of Melbourne Storm's NRL Premiership winning team that defeated the Canterbury Bulldogs (14 v 4) in the 2012 Grand Final.



A member of the St Mary's College Year 2000 'A' grade Rugby League side and a Newtown Lions (Toowoomba) junior product, Jaiman then joined the North Queensland Cowboys making his NRL debut at age 19 years in Round 5 in 2002. After 4 seasons with that Club he joined South Sydney, returning to North Queensland in 2010 to play for the Northern Pride side in the Queensland Intrust Super Cup competition.

Enticed back to South Sydney when that Club was hard hit by injury, his efforts there with the Rabbitohs prompted an approach from the Melbourne Storm. Jaiman was excited and delighted opportunities had opened up to give him a chance to join the Storm, as he felt he still had a bit to offer at the top level.

In 2011 he played in 23 matches for the Storm and in 2012 only 14 playing on other weekends with their affiliate club, Cronulla, in the NSW Cup Competition; but the quality of his output, particularly in the latter part of the season was outstanding and his experience invaluable.

Jaiman announced his retirement just prior to this Finals and after a bruising forwards game in the Grand Final and a total of 142 NRL career games, he plans to return to Queensland to work in the Mines at Moranbah.

- Old Boy, **John Dixon**, coached Redcliffe to the 2012 Grand Final of the Queensland Intrust Super Cup Rugby League Competition only to be beaten in a hard fought match by the Wynnum Manly Seagulls 20 v 10. Fullback for the Seagulls was **Sean Loxley** (Year 12 – 2008) son of **Tony Loxley** (Year 12 – 1980) and the 2012 premiership coach of Brothers (All Whites) Toowoomba. Sean played for Canberra and Melbourne in Under 20s before going to Wynnum Manly this year.
- Other Old Boys rewarded for their efforts in the Intrust Super Cup in 2012 were **Ethan Lowe** (Year 12 – 2008) with 'Northern Pride' and named Carbine Club Rookie of the Year and **Ben** and **Shane Walker** as Men of League Coach of the Year with the Ipswich Club.

Lawn Bowls Day – 7/10/2012

- The second match in our Old Boys Inter-City series for the Kevin Lee Memorial Shield for 2012, was held on Sunday 7 October 2012 at the North Toowoomba Lawn Bowls Club.

Our special thanks go to the organisers of the event held for the past 10 years between Toowoomba and Brisbane Old Boys in a truly College Sporting spirit. Credit must go to **Eric Howe, John Murphy, Laurie Blacka, Terry Gesch, Doug Lee** and the late **Austin Mulhall** and **Bill Lunney** and to the Lawn Bowls Clubs for catering for our events. We thank too our sponsors in Brisbane, Holy Cross Funerals and in Toowoomba, Heritage Funerals and Carlton & United.

On the bell Toowoomba led Brisbane by 32 shots on the day and after being behind 22 shots from the Stafford match won by 10 shots over the series of two matches.

Brisbane Players:

L Blacka	K Blacka	N Blacka	W Blacka
B Collins	B Corcoran	J Davis	F Doherty
M Doherty	T Gesch	D Madden	L Mulhall
G Robertson			

Toowoomba Players:

G Anderson	M Anderson	S Barnes	Steve Barnes
C Barrett	L Blinco	T Collins	T Connolly
P Dilleen	L Dornbusch	C Gray	D Hanrahan
E Howe	R Jones	P Leonard	B Marks
L Mitchell	J Mullen	J Murphy	R Morris
J McErlean	D McGovern	J Nolan	W Nugent
A Ogilvie	J Rowen	D Schultz	A Thomas
K Walker	J Wilson		

- St Mary's College welcomed back a group of proud and loyal Old Boys to the College on Wednesday 29/8/12. The Old Boys enjoyed a tour of the College and a morning tea together. The photo below was taken at the morning tea with College captains Tom Weir and Ben Choice.



Top Row: Tom Weir, Frank Adamson, Lindsay Fox, John Forde, Ben Choice, Michael Newman (Principal)
Bottom Row: Lindsay Reis, Doug Reis, Don Jago and Justin McErlean



- St Mary's Old Boys have a wide variety of interests outside their day jobs and with their country lifestyle and background, we often see them associated with horses. Kevin Walsh who attended the College between 1960 and 1968 is a Life Member of the West Toowoomba Pony Club and is in his third term as one of four State Vice Presidents of the Pony Club Association of Queensland (PCAQ).

The Association has three State Regions – south central and north and each year their sporting and camp-drafting, dressage and show jumping championships are rotated from region to region. This year they were in Warwick / Killarney, Maryborough and Cairns. In 2013 the events will be held in Rockhampton, Ingham and Beaudesert.

Kevin is a school level judge and course builder which means he teaches others to judge and course build and runs these schools in centres between Toowoomba and Charleville. For a time he also judged local shows west of the range out as far as Charleville.

In the September holiday the PCAQ campdraft 4-day championships were at Killarney and the sporting, formal gymkhana and mounted games were in Warwick. There were 300 horses at the events and Kevin's roles were as a judge and course builder for the showjumping phase of the formal gymkhana and as a judge of the sporting events on another day.

Kevin runs a small consulting Mechanical Engineering business in Toowoomba. His wife, Lou, does all the paperwork and his son, Dan, also a qualified Mechanical Engineer, works for the firm. Dan attended St Mary's College from 1992 to 1996.



Kevin makes a presentation to the prize winner at the PCAQ 2012 State Championships in Warwick.

College News

- At the recent TSSSA Athletics Carnival, the St Mary's College Secondary Athletics Team finished a very creditable second to Toowoomba Grammar and for the first time won the Percentage Cup, as the College scored more points per enrolled student than any other school. The College team also won the Relay Trophy, winning 3 of the 5 relays and coming second in the other two.

Ryka Dunemann won the Father Graham Memorial Trophy as he was the best athlete at the Carnival. He set a Carnival record for the High Jump, as well as College records for the 13 years High Jump and Triple Jump. As well Ryka ran the anchor leg of the relay coming in first place. Lawrence Upton set a TSSSA record for the 15 years 400 metre event and won the 100 and 200 metres races. Lawrence then ran the anchor leg of his relay coming in first place. Will O'Grady won the 14 years Shot Put, Corey Frost won the 15 years High Jump and Ben Choice won the Under 19 – 200 metres.



L to R: Corey Frost, Lawrence Upton, Ben Choice and Ryka Dunemann

A number of students completed at the Track and Field State Athletic Championships at the Brisbane QEII Stadium from 25th to 28th October and Special Congratulations go to **Lawrence Upton** (3rd 800m and 1st in 400m – 15 years), **Ryka Dunemann** (2nd in 13 years High Jump and 4th in Pole Vault and Triple Jump), **Rory Adams** (1st in 15 years Pole Vault), **Jacob Edwards** (4th in 13 years 800m) and **Levi Needham** (1st 19 years Pole Vault).

Congratulations also to their Coaches **Mrs Sally Callaghan, Mr David Kleeman and Mr Neil McCoy.**

- Old Boy, **Brian Collins** and his wife **Cathy**, enjoying the TBOBA Ball in the T.P. O'Brien Centre in July.



Merry Christmas one and all....see you again in 2013!

