



St Mary's Old Boys' Newsletter

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Following news that the lease of the “Deck on Edward” Café will cease on the 30th June 2018 to allow for building works to progress on the premises, a new venue had to be sort for our popular luncheon meetings. These will now be held in the “Harlequin Jacks” Bistro which is also located in the Central Station complex. Access to Harlequin Jacks is via the escalator from inside the Railway building going up to the Sofitel Hotel situated above the station. Look for the doors directly opposite the front go-card entry gates to the station. At our May meeting Wayne Nuss (1957-1966) gave us an informative address on his career and a summary has been included in this Newsletter. It is hoped that others can contribute in a like manner as Wayne and Terry Gesch have at meetings this year.

Dates for future **Brisbane** meetings for 2018 are **20th July, 21st September, 23rd November**, so please reserve these dates on your calendars as Claimer Dates.

The next meeting for the **Sunshine Coast TBOBA** group will be on the **17th August** at the Headland Golf Club in Buderim.

Our **Sydney Group** are planning a luncheon at the Castlereagh Club on the **24th July** 2018. As Mick Quinlan is overseas **Mick Fitzpatrick** (1952-1961) will coordinate this function, contact details are: **(02) 99775051** or **0407 294 006**.

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.
- Life Member **Patrick William O'Brien**, (1930's) husband of Frances (RIP) and father of Brenda, Tom, Mary, Patrick, Catherine (RIP), Michael, Margaret, and Gerard.
- Life Member **John Francis Heeney** (1947/53), husband of Connie (Wilson), father of Frank (dec) and Clare.
- **Dr Peter Hegarty** (1940's), husband of Janette, father of Sean, Christopher, Paul, Catherine & Andrew. Brother in Law of Dr Kevin Everding (RIP).
- **Barry Owen Mahoney**, (Baz) (1957/65), husband of Liz, father & Father-in-law to Mark and Nikki.
- **Terry Purcell**, Life Member No 13, 1945 Scholarship Class, brother of the late Andrew and Brother Ambrose (Des) Purcell cfc.

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

Tim Coonan, Lyle Dornbusch, Colin Green, Kev Killoran, Trevor Liebke, Philip Long, Tom and Gail (Rosenthal) Mahon, Trevor Muller, Joe Short, Jim Stokes, Bob Sullivan, Philip Stephens, Kevin Garrett, Sandra Garrett (wife of Michael), Ted Gill, Greg Keen and Bevan Zeller.

Bernie Skelly, brother of Kay Liebke and Allan Skelly, celebrated his 90th Birthday on 25th May 2018. He has been living in Tamworth NSW for some years. Family and friends came from far and wide to celebrate this event. Bernie still enjoys playing Lawn Bowls.

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T.B.O.B.A. (Brisbane Sub-Branch) Meeting – 18th May 2018

Present

Apologies

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

20 th July 2018	Brisbane TBOBA Sub Branch Meeting at 12 noon – “Harlequin Jack’s Bistro” Central Railway Station
24 th July 2018	Luncheon at Castlereagh Club, Castlereagh Street, Sydney Contact: Mick Fitzpatrick 0407 294 006
17 th August 2018	TBOBA Sunshine Coast meeting at the Headland Golf Club, Buderim at 12 noon. Please contact Terry Murphy (54564340) or Redmond Byrne (54776705)

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.

Patrick Anthony Long (3/9/1933 – 7/4/2018)



Pat was one of ten children born to **Michael and Mary (Hickey) Long** and the fourth of their five sons. His early education was received at the newly opened convent school at Our Lady of Lourdes, Newtown. He was enrolled at St Mary's College in

Grade 3 in 1943.

Pat was a good student who participated in all sports at the College. He first came to prominence in 1946 when he broke the Under 13 Hop, Step, and Jump College record. He played cricket for the Under 15's and Firsts in the interschool competitions and in the 1945 Under 15's side had the second best batting average to that well known College and later Toowoomba representative cricketer, **Pat Nash**.

In 1949 he was second in the Under 16 High Jump at the Darling Downs Secondary School Sports. However, it was his efforts as a five eighth on the football field in 1947 (6 stone 7 lbs), 1948 (7 stone 7 lbs) and in 1949 in the First XV that are recorded in the College archives. Coached by Brother Barfield in the 1949 side and vice-captain to **Brian Gagen**, Pat was judged the best player of the season.

Pat also formed a life long friendship with a college classmate **Kevin "Doc" Everding** who was to become an A Grade rugby league player with Brisbane Brothers and a successful medical practitioner.

During his final year at St Mary's Pat played five eighth at the junior level for the All Whites Rugby League club as well as for the St Mary's Senior Rugby Union team. When it became known that Pat's father was on transfer to the Woolloongabba Police Station he was approached by **Jack Lee**, (All Whites RL Coach), and former international **Duncan Thompson** requesting Pat be allowed to stay in Toowoomba, as they recognised his potential as a future Toowoomba and representative player. However being just 16 years old, he moved to Brisbane with his parents and took up a position with the Queensland Government in the Lands Tax Office.

Pat joined the Queensland Police Force as a cadet in 1951 and later his elder brother Jim and younger brother Tom followed him into the QPS. As a Police Cadet he worked in the Inspector's Office at

Woolloongabba several days each week whilst training on other weekdays at the Police Depot.

At that time he was playing for Eastern Suburbs Rugby League club whose grounds were in a nearby suburb to his parents Kangaroo Point home. Senior Constable **Eddie Brosnan, Wayne Bennet's** uncle, a well-known rugby league international footballer and a Brothers' stalwart was also stationed at the Gabba Station.

Eddie approached Pat and demanded to know why he was playing for Easts and not Past Christian Brothers Club. Eddie told Pat he was no longer playing with Easts and to get over to Ballymore Oval at Herston for the next training night with Brothers, and that he would sort out any transfer arrangements. From then on Pat played in successful junior teams with Brothers. However as an 18 year old he injured his shoulder severely while playing football. Fearing it would interfere with his being sworn in as a Police Officer he retired from a promising unfulfilled football career.

On the 18th May 1953, he was sworn into the Queensland Police Service and progressed through the ranks to Senior Sergeant in 1981. His service was confined to uniform duties in South East Queensland becoming a highly experienced officer well versed in criminal law and police duties. Being intelligent, articulate and highly efficient in clerical functions he had the skills sort after by officers of higher rank and presiding local magistrates. He served in Police Inspectors offices and the Commissioner's Office (Information Bureau) for some years.

Pat married **Joan Ellie Smollen** in 1954 at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley. Joan had lived with her parents several doors from the Long family home in Wombyra Street, Newtown, Toowoomba and they had met again at a dance in Brisbane in the early 1950's. The couple were blessed with four children: **Gary, Karen, Tracy and Joanne**. Joan was the light of his life and Pat was dealt a devastating blow in 1979 when she passed away at the premature age of 45 and it is fair to say he never seemed to recover from this sadness.

In 1977 Pat was awarded the Police Service & Good Conduct Medal. In 1983 and 1984, to his disappointment, he was unsuccessfully involved in the Police Commissioners Course at the Police College, Chelmer, Brisbane, By retirement in 1988, which came towards the end of the Fitzgerald Inquiry,

he was disillusioned with his career, and in his belief that he had been unfairly treated in his aspirations to Commissioned rank in the Police service. Being such a forthright, honest and straight man, as we might well now know, he would not have been favoured under the then corrupt police administration.

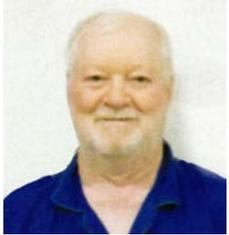
Following Joan's death, Pat moved several times in Brisbane, relocated to Kilcoy, and finally to Wurtulla on the Sunshine Coast. He enjoyed Club and District Lawn Bowls competitions, and playing in our Old Boys' Inter-City Lawn Bowls matches. He became a Level 1 Accredited Coach and had involvement in various club committees.

In retirement, Pat retained his interest in legal matters. Some of his proudest moments were when son Gary became a successful and well respected Brisbane Barrister, a QC, one of the Fitzgerald Commission of Inquiry's Counsel & Legal team and then his appointment as His Honour Judge Gary Long S C to the District Court, Queensland on the 13th May 2011.

Pat died on 7/4/2018 in the Sunshine Coast Hospital, loved and respected by the many people in his large and extended family.

John Francis Michael Heeney

(10/2/1938 – 23/5/2018)



John's Eulogy provided by his Brother-in-Law, John Wilson.

A Life Member of the TBOBA, "Heenso" as we fondly call him was born John Francis Michael Heeney on the 10th February

1938. He was the first child of **Jack and Mabel Heeney**. John, with his three sisters **Catherine, Tricia and Val** lived their early years in the family home at 9 Kenneth St. in North Toowoomba.

He attended Holy Angels primary school run by the Good Samaritan sisters during the years 1943 to 1946. He then attended St. Mary's college Toowoomba where he obtained his junior certificate in 1953.

John started his working life at Pigott's Department Store before commencing as a cadet journalist with the Toowoomba Chronicle on 27th December 1953.

He then left the Chronicle to work at the Sydney Morning Herald in mid 1964 and later went to the Western Star in Roma before joining the ABC News Toowoomba in April 1965 where he remained until medically retired in June 1990.

In John's own words "the year 1974 was momentous and memorable. My life was suddenly changed and came alive when a beautiful Toowoomba girl, **Connie Wilson**, agreed to become my wife"

Their marriage was blessed with two beautiful children, **Francis** in 1976 and **Clare** in 1979.

Tragically Frank died in March 2003 aged 27 years as a result of an epileptic seizure. Frank's death was difficult for each member of the family but particularly for John.

John was a keen sportsman and played in Toowoomba for the Past Grammars club and the 25th Battalion over the years 1957 to 1961. He also played cricket with the Past Brothers club from 1960 to 1973.

John was also a keen fisherman and played squash and golf. I can remember plenty of times he and I battled it out on the Central Service Station squash courts and then enjoy a coldie afterwards most probably at the Tatts Hotel one of his favourite watering holes.

John had many interests among which were military histories, the Australian aborigines, the North American indians, the Irish republican struggle together with Australian and overseas politics.

He had a brilliant mind and could hold a discussion or debate on most subjects. It was just that sometimes he would take a long time to get to the point.

John also participated in National Service training part time at Wacol in Brisbane followed by the 25th Battalion Darling Downs Regiment.

There are so many good memories I have about John. In the 1960's on a Saturday night at 1 Cannon Street, the Wilson family home, we would have what was termed a "cardonite" where six of us would play a card game called 500. In this game you win tricks by trumping an opponent's card. It contains a play called "lay down misere" where you must lose all tricks. Heenso was an expert at misere and was a frustration to us all as he sucked on his rum flavoured, wine dipped, old port cigar and drank Pilsener beer with a cheeky smile of achievement.

John was a remarkable human being. He was a humble, kind and gentle man and honest to the bone.

He was not only my best man when I married but he was my best mate for over 50 years.

Patrick William O'Brien (1/5/1922 – 22/5/2018)



Life Member No 16, Patrick William O'Brien, passed to Eternal Life on the 22nd May 2018. Pat was the eldest son of **Thomas Patrick (TP) and Muriel (nee Wightman) O'Brien.**

He was a grandson of Patrick & Ellen O'Brien, who, with miller George Crisp entered into a partnership to co-found the Defiance Milling Company in 1898. His siblings were Mary, Cele, Bernadette, Bill, Tom, Ted and Fr Tony MSC.

Pat spent his 48 year career in the flour milling industry, starting as an office boy through to succeeding his father as Managing Director on his retirement. By the 1960's with Pat and his brothers Bill and Tom running the Company, it had spread to Rockhampton, Mackay and Townsville.

The business was spectacularly successful under their leadership and in 1976 it was listed as a Public Company as "Defiance Mills". The final decision to sell the business in 1996 was probably the most traumatic event in his life, but one he stuck with because, true to his unwavering commitment to family first, he believed it was ultimately in the best interest of all the extended family.

On leaving St Mary's College in 1939 Pat elected to play Rugby League in the newly formed All Whites Club as a halfback and gained selection in their A Grade team and went on to represent Toowoomba between 1942 and 1944. He was selected to play for Queensland, but World War II intervened.

Although he had a busy work schedule he became President of the Rotary Club, member of the Advisory Board of St Vincent's Hospital and Alpha-CYSS Committee, as well as a Queensland member of the Union Fidelity Trustees Company of Australia.

Pat married Frances McMahon on 7th April 1947 and the couple were blessed with four girls, Brenda, Mary, Catherine (RIP), and Margaret and four boys, Tom, Patrick, Michael, and Gerard. His wife Frances passed away in 2007, and he is survived by the seven remaining children, 25 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

After a Requiem Mass at St Theresa's Catholic Church offered by Bishop Bill Morris, Fr Ray Crowley and Fr Michael McClure assisted by Pat's

nephew, Deacon Andrew O'Brien, Pat was laid to rest in the Garden of Remembrance Cemetery Toowoomba on Tuesday 29th May 2018.

Pat's father (known as TP) was a first day student of St Mary's College in 1899 and served on the initial Old Boys' Committee formed in 1921. Through the generosity of Pat and the O'Brien family their significant donation helped our Association defray costs outstanding on the Multi-Purpose Centre opened in 1983, and which now commemorates Pat's fathers name, Thomas Patrick O'Brien.

Members Stories



Things changed on the 11th June 2018 on the Range end of Bridge Street Toowoomba when, after forty years at No 43 Bridge Street **Eric and Vi Howe** moved to settle in Hervey Bay.

One of six brothers, **John, Darcy, Keith, Tom, Colin and Eric**, to enrol at St Mary's College, Eric was a member of the 1946-1953 Class. Since leaving the College he has impressed one and all with his gentlemanly manner and enthusiasm, something he showed as early as 1951 when Captain of the 7 stone football team.

Always ready to assist Old Boys and the community in general, be it as a volunteer at the Court House or in his many roles for Lawn Bowls clubs. For the past fifteen years Eric has been the Toowoomba contact point for Old Boys playing in the annual Inter City Bowls games for the "**Kevin Lee**" trophy. He was coordinator for the annual T.B.O.B.A. Toowoomba luncheons and arranged the guest speakers.

Eric has always been ably supported by his wife, Vi, and it was fitting that the couple were guests at a Special Morning Tea on Tuesday 5/6/2018 hosted by Doreen & Jim Madden. Others present included Pat Byrne, Merv Henson, Paul & Margaret McNally, Justin & Yvonne McErlean, Vince Rosenthal and Max & Pam Winter.

Eric & Vi, Best wishes for the future! Enjoy the Whale Watching

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Congratulations to **Mary and Henry Wagner** who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 5/5/2018.

Henry attended St Mary's from 1946-1949 and was President of the TBOBA between 1970-1974 during which time the early development of the Sports Fields on Hill Street commenced.

Mary (nee Doyle) was born in Warwick and was educated at the Warwick Convent and then All Hallows in Brisbane. She nursed at the Brisbane Mater Hospital before moving to St Vincent's Toowoomba in 1957. It was there she met Henry as a patient.

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Kevin and Colleen (nee Scott) Killoran have also celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married by **Fr Bernie Kane** in the Holy Name church on the 24/5/1958. Their 60th wedding anniversary celebrations with family and friends were held on the "Kookaburra Queen".

Kevin is a Life Member of our Association and the couple live on a property at Murrays Bridge near Warwick.

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On the 7th June 2018, **Betros Bros** celebrated the 80th birthday of their fresh produce business when **Mayor Paul Antonio** cut the birthday cake and shared a slice with customers and staff.



Kerry Betros, Murray Betros, Mayor Paul Antonio & Bevan Betros

Peter Betros and his brother **George** began the business in 1938. Peter is father of Old Boys Kerry,

Murray, and Bevan. For the past 80 years this family business has established not only a great reputation, but also a great relationship with the community it serves.

Over the years the Betros family members have been particularly generous with their support of the College. Their mother **Gwen** played hostess to many fund raising "Hoy Party Luncheons" and "Bingo" nights in the 1960's while Murray was an active member of the Parents & Friends Association and Kerry served as President of our Old Boy's Association 1975-77 and 1983-88.

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Gordon (John) Leis (1948-49), one of our NSW Life Members, has informed us that he & wife **Ann** are relocating from Randwick to Vincentia near Jervis Bay. The younger brother of the recently deceased **Harold Leis**, John served 12 years in the Navy as a Radio Operator, seeing active service on the HMAS Melbourne. When discharged he joined the Department of Civil Aviation and one of his postings was on Lord Howe Island.

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Old Boys will recall the passing of **Jude Lysaght** recorded in our September 2016 Newsletter. He was a member of the College 1947 Scholarship Class and graduated as a Teacher in 1954.

Word of Jude's death was received through his neighbour, **Annette Flower**, who was one of a number assisting and caring for Jude's welfare as he continued to live in the family home at Indooroopilly.

Out of respect for the care and concern given to Jude, **Barry Ainslie** and **Dan McErlean** visited Annette earlier this year to thank her and the neighbours for their kindness.

Jude had completed an Arts degree and was an avid reader on a multitude of topics; Ancient and War History and many Greek & Hebrew texts to better study the scriptures. He taught at St Edmund's College, Ipswich until 1977 and Barry Ainslie was one of his students there. He later worked in the Australian Taxation Office until his retirement. Jude's only brother, **Professor Thomas Lysaght**, had passed away on 9 April 2010. He was living in Breitenfurt, Lower Austria for many years.

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Saturday 16th June members of the **Class of 1957 -65** met for a long lunch at Rydges Hotel, Southbank. The old boys had come from Brisbane, Toowoomba, Gold Coast and Mission Beach in far North Qld. The attendees were entertained by four old boy speakers who spoke on their colourful adventures since leaving St. Mary's. **John Drew, Trevor McGovern, Jim Fraser and Dennis O'Keefe** shared their personal and professional stories with the assembled group. Many historic stories and nostalgic memories were shared by those in attendance. **Ross Fallon and Wayne Nuss** are to be congratulated for organizing the event. This is now the fourth successive year that the group has met and plan to meet again in Toowoomba over the weekend of the 21/22 September coinciding with the Carnival of Flowers

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The spotlight was turned on **Wayne Nuss** at the May Brisbane Branch meeting to tell the assembled crowd a little about himself since leaving the College.

This is Wayne's story:

The Plain truth was that when I left St Mary's, my career goal was to be a licensed bookmaker fielding at the races. I had been pencilling at the races every Saturday since I was 15, so bookmaking seemed like a normal career progression. However you had to be 21 to get a licence and have a reasonable bank account. So while I was waiting to turn 21, I enrolled in Accountancy at the DDCAE, now Southern Cross University. Unfortunately some of the lectures were interfering with my getting to the mid-week races. I did ask the lecturer could he change his days to accommodate me but he surprisingly declined. Hence after attending a lecture that I actually liked on a Friday in late February I finished up at the Uni at 12 noon.

However, unbeknown to me, my mother who knew my intentions to quit, had put my name down at the local CES and at 2:30 that afternoon I was attending

an interview with about six other guys at the Toowoomba Base Hospital for the position of cadet radiographer of which I knew absolutely nothing about, but I thought I'd go just to appease my mother who was understandably concerned about my career goals. The only reason the position was available was because the guy who accepted the job in early January decided he didn't like radiography and had quit.

Imagine my surprise when I was phoned on Monday and asked could I start on Wednesday. I declined that offer because I had a previous commitment at the Ipswich races on the Wednesday, but again to appease my mother, said I could come in on Thursday. I was thinking to myself I'll do this for six months because I could make more money on Saturdays pencilling than you could earn working for a week at the hospital as a cadet radiographer. You can imagine that I wasn't that motivated to study and barely scraped through my first year subjects. My main interest for a couple of years was the races on Saturday, playing football for All Whites on Sunday and the usual wine, women and song that most young men indulge in at that age.

Well, after four years at the Toowoomba Base Hospital and having my Acromio clavicular joint and Sterno clavicular joint dislocated by a front row forward in a spear tackle, ending my delusional belief that someday I would play for Australia, I left Toowoomba and began work at the Royal Brisbane Hospital where I worked for seven years, 1971 – 1977, where I learnt many advanced medical imaging skills. In early 1978 I accepted a senior position at the Prince Charles Hospital which was a cardio thoracic hospital. Here I learnt new skills as at that time it was the only hospital in Queensland that did complex cardiac procedures on new born babies with heart defects and of course coronary angiograms and angioplasties on, usually older males, with coronary artery disease. After a few years I became the Chief Radiographer and in my total of 19 years introduced many technological innovations. For example we wrote software to introduce the first Computerised Radiology Information System in the Queensland Public Hospital system at the Prince Charles Hospital

In 1997 I took up the position as the Director of Medical Imaging at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane for the last 15 years of my radiographer career.

Thus I really was an Accidental Radiographer. But as it turned out it was quite a fortunate accident. When I began in radiography, you x-rayed people for broken arms and legs, chest x-rays for pneumonia and tuberculosis, barium meals for stomach ulcers and what was called an IVP for kidney stones. In the early seventies there was a technological explosion linked to computer software and hardware improvements. The Cat Scan was invented by Geoffrey Hounsfield in England, interestingly from research monies that were available from the company EMI that he worked for which was also the Beatles original recording company. Then came the Ultrasound machine, the MRI machine, Nuclear Imaging, Digital Imaging, where we could capture the radiology image on computers, archive it and transmit it to the wards and outpatients in the hospital, across town or around the world. Thus we had no more need for processing or producing x-ray films.

That sort of technological development meant I had to upgrade my qualifications a number of times but it provided the opportunity to go to conferences around Australia and overseas and present and publish scientific papers, meet members of your peer group and form lasting professional and personal friendships. When I go to Melbourne or Sydney, as I have recently, I'll have lunch with colleagues that I have met over the past forty years. Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of this fortunate accidental career was the enormous amount of job satisfaction one gained by assisting patients in the diagnosis and treatment of their various conditions.

I shouldn't finish without acknowledging some of the people who assisted me on this journey, the Christian Brothers who provided not only the education in Physics, Maths and English that was needed for the original position, but also the discipline, (which in my case was definitely needed), to achieve our potential, some wonderful mentors and of course my mother who initiated that first interview. It's like that old chestnut about the woman who drove you to drink, but you never had the courtesy to thank her. Speaking of women who drive you to drink, I must acknowledge the support of my wife Sue. I was very active with my professional body for over 40 years, the Australian Institute of Radiography and when I took on extracurricular activities such as Convenor of State and National conferences, and positions such as State Chairman of my Professional Body, Federal President of the same body, Chairman of the

Queensland Registration Board and the Steering Committee for National Registration she was very supportive.

There is one reservation regarding the education. In our Senior year we were taught Logic, a subject I quite enjoyed, used quite often throughout my career usually in debates with my contemporaries, staff and when I served on various state or national Boards or committees. However when I tried to use Logic, evidence or what I thought was rational argument, with my wife, I had little success. It took me about ten years of marriage before I realised it's not what women THINK about an issue, it's how they FEEL about it, and logic and evidence will get you nowhere. Thus once I learnt, the hard way, those two magic words - Yes Dear, I was able to survive the 45 years of marriage. Though I'm still on probation.

As a final note I should mention that I did eventually become a bookmaker fielding on Brisbane racetracks and South East Queensland country tracks in my mid-twenties. I did it for about three years before I ran into liquidity problems. Fortunately I kept my day job!

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College News

On 20/6/2018 St Mary's Rugby League teams played Keebra Park High School sides on the Bro Rodgers Sports fields.

Our First were beaten 24;18 in a hard fought match, the Seconds lost 28:6, while the Under 15's had a fine win 24:0.

These matches for the First and Seconds were a precursor for the forthcoming games at the Confraternity Rugby League Carnival in Charters Towers during the first week of July.

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Racing trainer Old Boy Tony Gollan (Yr 12 – 1996) has won five straight Brisbane Premierships and his two winners, I'm a Ripper and Of the Day, at Ipswich on 16/6/2018 took his tally this year to 78 winners.