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WELCOME

Welcome to the new look Villa Voice for 2016. The Villavoices team will continue to bring to our readers all the news and information that has always been an integral part of this publication. This edition is packed full of the happenings at the College during the past five months. You will also find information about Old Boys from across the world who love to keep in touch with what is happening at their alma mater.

The 2016 Academic Year has commenced well with strong enrolments across all year levels. The newest students, our Year 5 classes have enjoyed all the opportunities on offer and have thrown themselves enthusiastically into life at the College. At the other end of the school journey, our Year 12 students have returned wearing the white shirt of their leadership position and have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into school life for their final year. With the senior students energetically leading the cheering at the sporting events, the spirit of our supporters has certainly risen this year. We look forward to some excellent results across all our sporting endeavours in 2016.

The sporting program in Term One saw Villanova College win the Aggregate for Cricket placing the College first among the eight AIC schools. The Volleyball teams finished a commendable fourth and our Swim team placed fifth at the AIC Carnival held in Term One.

Over the Christmas break the exterior of the College received a fresh coat of paint with new colours adding a fresh appearance to all areas. The new workshop classrooms for Technology and Design have recently been completed and this new facility will allow many more students to experience the subject as they move through the grades. Villa Park continues to be a spectacular facility for hosting our sporting events and we are looking forward to large crowds enjoying the Rugby and Football competitions over the winter months.

I hope you enjoy the new look Villavoices and I thank our editorial team, Mrs Nicole Weldon and Mr Charlie Fisher for their work to produce an informative and entertaining edition.

Mr Mark Stower
College Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2015



Following the release of the 2015 academic results the College is pleased to announce the Year 12 students of 2015 have achieved excellent results. This achievement by our students is due in no small measure to the work of our teaching staff in providing the extra assistance beyond the normal classroom work. Many thanks to all parents who provide the support, encouragement and home environment that goes towards this success. It is certainly a team effort with students, teachers and parents working together!

Congratulations to Alex Perlinski, Dux of the College in 2015 who achieved an OP 1 rank. Alex is an outstanding student who will study a Bachelor of International Relations at the University of Queensland in 2016. Alex achieved a Very High Achievement in every one of the seven subjects he studied throughout Year 12.

Achieving an OP 2 rank were the following Year 12 students; Andrew Causer, Luke Heatley, Sean Keating, Jonah Luton, Nicholas Madden, Zac Mroczek, Jonah Rhodes and Thomas Scholtes. A further eleven students; Angus Armstrong, Douglas Caltabiano,

Jonathon Chia, Ravin De S Wijeyeratne, Sam Dennis, Keelan Dunnett, Timothy Jarrett, Elliot McBride, Matthew Pertnikovs, Tyler Williams and Adam Rankin achieved an OP 3 rank. Achieving an OP rank of 1, 2 or 3 places the student in the top 10 % of the State. We congratulate these young men on their academic achievement.

OP	NUMBER	PERCENT
1-5	41	28.47%
1-10	89	61.80%
1-15	129	89.58%

In addition to the OP results we had seventeen (17) students complete Certificate I and II VET qualifications and four (4) students completed a VET Diploma or an Advanced Diploma in 2015. Beyond the VET courses one senior student completed a University subject while at school.



VILLANOVAN OF THE YEAR
CHRIS MARTIN

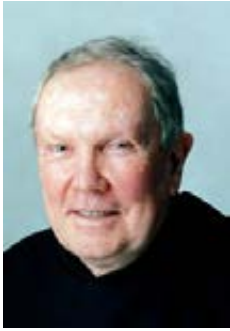


DUX OF THE YEAR
ALEX PERLINSKI



SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR
HARRY STOKES

FR PATRICK FAHEY OSA



Fr Patrick Fahey was born in Yeppoon, Queensland in May 1933, and died at an aged-care facility at Brookvale, Sydney on 11 December 2015 at the age of eighty-two years. An Augustinian since 1950, he was ordained in the United States on 8 February 1958, and taught at both Australian schools – at St Augustine's College Sydney from 1959 to 1971 and at Villanova College for the 1977 school year, teaching Senior Modern History and Religious Education. Before arriving at Villanova he obtained a Doctorate in Liturgical Theology in Rome, and after his

time at Villanova moved into tertiary education successively at Banyo, Rome and finally at the Australian Catholic University in Sydney until 1998. He was elected Prior Provincial for two successive terms from 1998 – 2006. During his time in office the Australian Province's involvement in the Asia-Pacific region broadened. He was instrumental in the first Vietnamese-born Australian joining the Province and welcomed both Augustinian friars and sisters to study in Australia and undertake Augustinian ministry while here.

A talented and personable Australian Augustinian, Fr Pat taught at Villanova in 1977. However, as Augustinian Provincial for two terms he did influence the College.

A talented musician holding a Doctorate in Liturgy, Pat served the Brisbane church as Musical Director and Master of the Choristers of St Stephen's Cathedral. In late 1977 he was appointed the first director of the Brisbane Pastoral Liturgical Institute. In addition he held the positions of Archdiocesan Co-ordinator of Liturgy and Music and was a lecturer at Banyo Seminary.

St Augustine's College Sydney was the place of Pat's early ministry, where he taught for 13 years. He formed the choir of St Augustine's College which won the NSW Boys Choral Championship in 1966 and 1967 with the highest marks ever awarded in this section of the Sydney Eisteddfod.

An Ex-pupil's Tribute to Pat Fahey

Tim Collins, solo vocalist, choir member and cantor, graduated from Villanova in 1984. Fr Pat saw Tim's potential and he soon became a member of St Stephen's Cathedral Choir and went on to study music and singing at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music (The Con). He attributes much of this to Fr Pat. Tim's full tribute to Fr Pat appeared in the Lenten edition of the Augustinian Newsletter. An excerpt from this tribute appears below:

"It is my honour to say: Thank you God for sending Patrick Fahey across my path.... I believe it was no accident. He provided me a doorway that led to my reason for being here today. What a great act of kindness it was for him to share the gift of music, one that has seen me through many highs and lows."



PAT FAHEY (PROVINCIAL) AND FR PREVOST
(PRIOR GENERAL)

FR PATRICK BOURKE OSA



Fr Patrick Bourke was born in Kanturk, County Cork, Ireland and died in Melbourne on 13th December 2015 in his eightieth year after a long struggle with dementia. He joined the Augustinians in Ireland in 1955, was ordained at Rome in February 1962 and began ministry in Australia eight months later as an associate pastor at St Kieran's, Manly Vale. He taught at Villanova College from 1965-1974, and by the end of that time he was Vice-Rector of the Primary School and

Sports Master of the College. While at Villanova he coached rugby, cricket and athletics. He then essentially moved to parish ministry at most of the Augustinian parishes on the east coast, for the rest of his ministerial life. His love of golf and his ardent support of the Melbourne Demons demonstrated further his love of sport. His final appointment was as full-time chaplain at Calvary Health Care, Bethlehem in Melbourne from 2005 to 2010. After that time his health steadily declined and he passed to meet his eternal God on 14th December 2015.

Fr Pat Bourke OSA: A Reflection by Fr Laurie Mooney OSA

"Pete Wieneke and I would repair to the Gold Coast before Christmas exhausted at the end of each school year, Pat along with Joe Walsh from Tipperary would come and stay with us. Pat was warm, down to earth, had a great sense of fun, loved sports, was dedicated, concerned for his brother Augustinians, had deep faith, was intolerant of religious humbug, open to change, forward looking, devoted to the priesthood, a loyal lover of people. He and I never once had words. To me, he was a great friend."

FR DENIS QUIRKE OSA



"QUIRKEY" AND JOHN PERCEY ('66)

Fr Denis Brendan Quirke died at Ballyboden, Ireland on 27th February 2016. This Irish-born Augustinian was ordained to the priesthood in 1958, and within a year began what turned out to be just over forty-seven years of ministry in Australia from 1959 to 2007.

Fr Quirke was born in Ireland and attended school at St Augustine's in Dungarvan. He was accepted into the Order on the 13th September 1952 at Orlagh and twelve months later made his Simple Profession and was sent to St Clare Priory in England. Fr Quirke was ordained in Rome. He worked for three months in Ballyboden

and then transferred to Melbourne, Australia where he teamed up with Fr Pat Codd (now in New Ross) at Rochester. He then went onto Cairns where he spent two years, before transferring to Villanova College in 1961 staying there until the end of 1967. He taught a range of subjects in the secondary school and was Disciplinarian. He was ideally suited for his role as Sports Master; his love of sport, coupled with his great ability as an athlete, enabled him not only to enjoy the role, but to raise the standard of competitive sport at the College. In a farewell reflection when departing Australia in 2007, he admitted that his time at Villanova gave him the best years of his life.

A Tribute to Fr Denis Quirke – Fr Brendan to his parishioners and "Quirkey" to his Villa students: John Walsh (President VOBAl)

"I knew Fr Quirke at the College and later at St James as our Parish Moderator he had many loving ways about him, everyone loved him and would do anything he asked of them without question. We loved the soft Irish Brogue in the tone in his voice, and like all Irish, when he got excited Gaelic and Australian would blend together and it was hard to decipher one sentence from the next, but we did.

He was very good with the Old Boys Association welcoming us home to the Parish for many Deceased Old Boys Masses, and chatting to the families of boys he had taught.

Peter Geraghty and myself saw him in Limerick only six years ago when we were overseas on a holiday. I remember with embarrassment at the time. It was at Sunday morning 9am Mass. Fr Quirke halted proceedings just before the Consecration and invited me to stand in front of the congregation and informed them that I was one of two men that year who travelled all the way from Australia to visit him and to attend his Mass, he told them to all be on their best behaviour and make me welcome.

I am certain there were many Old Boys who travelled to Ireland and within Australia to visit him over the years and all have fond memories of the man."

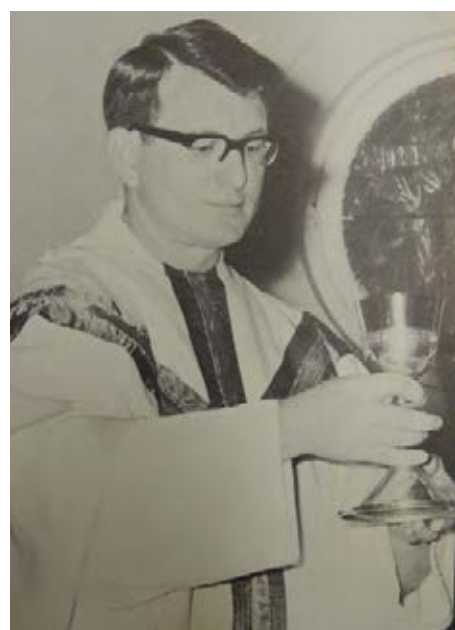
FR KEVIN BURMAN OSA

ON HIS 60TH ANNIVERSY - 4TH FEBRUARY 2016

Fr Kevin Burman OSA was Rector of Villanova from 1965-1970. The years fly by and this year Kevin celebrated the sixtieth year of his priesthood having been ordained in Washington in 1956. This jubilee is a very significant milestone for Fr Kevin and we give thanks for him, for his priesthood and for the many ways in which he has served the Province, the Order and the wider Church, especially in Catholic education and Province leadership. He was the Vicar of Education in the Archdiocese of Brisbane for a number of years.

Living in retirement at the Villanova Priory on the College campus, Fr Kevin is still an avid reader of the Villanova newsletter and all College publications. Some may recall that it was during his time as Rector that the subject Film and Television was introduced to the curriculum, the swimming pool was constructed and the Good Counsel building was completed housing the College's first library area. In retirement Fr Kevin is still catching up on movies he may have missed over the last 60 years.

After hearing that Fr Kevin was an avid reader, College Principal Mr Mark Stower, on behalf of Villanova, presented him with a gift of last year's Pulitzer Prize winning novel *'The Secret Chord'* by Geraldine Brooks.



FR KEVIN CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST AT ST JAMES' CHURCH IN 1969

IN THE NEWS

IF YOU HAVE NEWS FOR THIS COLUMN,
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Elliot Lisignoli ('06), is currently living and working in Brooklyn USA and will be there for two years. He was recently visited after Christmas by his parents, John and Paula, who experienced first-hand the blizzards reported in the media at that time. In John's words, "It was an experience we'll never forget." Elliot's brother **Oliver ('07)** is a plumber and works for his father, while **Ethan** is currently a Year 10 student,

The Channel 9 connection! **Andrew Slack ('72)** was Head of Sport (retired on March 19); **Tom Volmer ('77)** is a Producer and **Kieran O'Sullivan ('77)** is a Director. Both Tom and Kieran were camera operators previously. **Stephen Carsley ('83)** is an Assistant Presentation Manager.

Thomas Kaplan ('91) and wife Jane are expecting their fourth child in the coming months. Already the parents of three sons, Sebastian, Valentin and Julian, Thomas works for the ATO as a team leader. **Robert ('88)**, Thomas' brother, left Villa in Year 10 and is a builder.

Greg Rebetske ('81) Senior Principal Research Geneticist at CSIRO is based in Perth WA and is a panel member for the Western region of the Grains Research and Development Corporation. This institution looks into grain sowing techniques such as early and dry sowing of canola.

Adam Parnell ('93) is an Analyst Architect and works for Enterprise Architects in Melbourne. His background for this work is a Bachelor of IT and a Master of Enterprise Architecture.

Anthony Ferro ('83) is a former member of the Queensland Police Force and lives in Toowoomba. He now runs a marketing and business consulting firm, specialising in writing (including resumés) and blogs for websites.

COORPAROO

Colleges share stage

JOINT EFFORT HITS THEATRE

WHAT happens when a highrolling gambler meets a beautiful showgirl in hurly-burly Manhattan?

Find out when Loreto and Villanova colleges present *Guys and Dolls* this week.

The two high schools have joined forces to recreate the Broadway classic, which took out five Tony Awards after premiering in 1950.

The musical romantic comedy follows a pair who prove opposites attract.

Producer, Lissa Gyte said the all-singing, all-dancing performance had pushed students beyond their expectations.

"(This demonstrates) what is possible when we set high standards and actively pursue them as a team," Mrs Gyte said. "Working with



Loreto College and Villanova College have joined forces for a production of *Guys and Dolls*.

our young performers, dancers, musicians, artists and crew has been a delight.

"These students represent girls and boys with a

genuine commitment to the performing arts and excellence."

Catch the performances, tonight until Saturday, at

Villanova College's Hanrahan Theatre at 24 Sixth Ave, Coorparoo. Cost is \$35. For tickets, visit trybooking.com/2TG

Bernard Canavan ('78), a graduate of QUT, is a Director of two companies, Portfolio Creative Services Group and Principalis Multi-Disciplinary Strategic Consulting. He lives here in Brisbane.

Michael Gannon ('81) is now a Director and Portfolio Manager for Middle Market Property at Westpac Institutional Bank.

Darren Cummins ('92), a graduate of ACU, is the UK and Ireland Sales and Marketing Manager for the Cara Hotel Group.

Chris Volk ('03), a graduate of QUT, is an Analyst and is currently the Investment Manager at Citimark Properties.



Haesley Cush ('95) is a real estate agent and auctioneer and is Brisbane based. He also writes a column in the Sunday Mail – "Hammer Time" and consults for the Ray White group nationally. *(pictured left)*

Brett Sargeant ('96) is the Help Supply Chain Services Manager based at Eagle Farm. There is already one son, Ethan, in the family and a second son is due to arrive in April. We wish the family well!

Joe Griffin ('84) has been promoted to Food and Beverage Outlet Manager at Daydream Island Resort and Spa. Fellow 84ers, be sure to look him up if going there!



Dr Liam Wagner ('95) is a Lecturer in Economics at Griffith University. He has secured more than \$1.9 million in competitive research funding to examine energy markets and their impact on the community. He has previously worked on the trading desk of large electricity generation business as a Trader/Analyst. He holds undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Mathematics and a Doctorate in Mathematical Physics. Liam has also had extensive experience in research and consultancy environments with

a range of clients.

In a recent study, he and his co-researcher presented a study on global warming suggesting that dangerous global warming will happen sooner than thought. See link for further information: www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/mar/dangerous-global-warming-will-happen-sooner-than-thought-study/.

Adam Fritz ('94) is a Mining Engineer with 19 years' experience, mainly in open-cut mining. He is currently the Production/Contract Superintendent/Supervisor at BHP Billiton.

Congratulations to **Mrs Jocelyn Reick**, grandmother of **Harrison (Year 11)** and twins **Thomas and Mitchell (Year 5)** who received an OAM in the Australia Day Honours for service to the Community, Aged Persons and Uniting Church in Australia.

Congratulations to **Isaac Dunmall ('10)** who won the recent Stawell Gift, Australia's richest footrace held over the Easter long weekend. Isaac is the first Villanovan to do so and collected \$40,000 prize money.

Well done to **Callum Davies (Year 12)** on his recent success in the Queensland Junior State Athletics Championships. Callum competed and won gold in the U18, 3000m with an 11 second personal best to run 8min 55sec, his first sub-9 minute 3km race. Callum, in very hot and trying conditions, came second in the U18 1500m with another Personal Best 4:01:16 minutes. Callum is having a great Track and Field season, across both the School and QA State Championship events. Callum is State Champion for 800m and 3000m and a second place winner in the 1500m.

St Augustine's College, Sydney recently celebrated their 60th year with a special Mass and celebration at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. A number of staff and Board Chair, Mr Peter Geraghty

accompanied the Principal Mr Mark Stower to the celebrations and Villanova College congratulates the community of St Augustine's College on reaching this significant milestone.

At the end of Term One, we received the news that **Villanova College** was placed first in the AIC Cricket season on aggregates. This is an outstanding achievement and congratulations are offered to all teams, coaches and managers for their hard work during the season. Many teams were undefeated during the season and the dedication of our students is to be applauded.

The Volleyball teams finished fourth in the AIC Competition and all players, coaches and managers are thanked for their efforts.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to **Justin ('01) and Felicity Feuerriegel** who were married during the Christmas holidays! Justin is currently on staff and is the coach of the First VI Volleyball team.

Congratulations to **Amanda (Staff) and Matt McKay** on the birth of Frederick Campbell McKay at 19:13 on 3 March, weight- 3.65kg and 53cm long. Mother and baby are doing well.

Congratulations to **Anthony and Kaitlyn Kemp** on the birth of their daughter Poppy, a baby sister for Archie.

Congratulations to **Sheridan Carey (Junior Drama Teacher 2015)** and her husband Niall on the recent birth of their baby girl, Maeve Josephine. Both doing well.

Staff member John Harkin has resigned after 39 years of service at Villanova. We wish him well in the coming years (article to follow in July's edition of Villavoices).

Congratulations to **Shannon and Ben Lynam** on the birth of their first daughter, Madison Kate born on 16th March!

Congratulations to **Michael Lubans and his wife Noni** on the birth of their daughter, Polly Sue on Easter Saturday.

We congratulate **Emma Dron (Music Staff)** on her successful application for the position of Dean of Music at Ormiston College, Thornlands. Emma commenced her duties in the new role in Term Two 2016. We wish her every success in the new position. We sincerely thank Emma for her work with the students across many years at Villanova College and her significant contribution to the Music program at the College.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

N.B. Quite often there is a need to curtail the length of some of the letters written to the Editor. When this occurs, extracts from the letters appear in this column.

Dear Editor

I commenced at Villanova in 1957 and graduated in 1961. My brother Robert [Bob] was in the opening class at Coorparoo.1954 I think!

With some of the mementos I have from school I have the original reference Fr Hanrahan wrote for me before the end of my last year. A copy appears at right.

I am retired and unemployable and at this stage even those kind words Fr Hanrahan wrote about me would not influence a future employer. Therefore I would be quite happy to donate the original to the school if it is of interest.

The letter to you by Tony Fisher in the November edition was of interest as we lived at Manly at the time and travelled with him and his brother John by train to school.

Kevin Copley ('61)

Kevin

You are correct – Bob was in the first class at Coorparoo in 1954! We would like you very much to donate the original to the College. We would appreciate it as we are doing much work re-organising and updating our Archives. Your original reference would be included in the memorabilia of the early 60's era. Please ring me on 0408 121 005 to arrange its collection. Once again, thanks for your generosity!...Ed



Dear Editor

Just a quick update on the **Exelby boys!**

Christopher Exelby ('03) is a Chartered Accountant currently working as an Auditor for Deloitte and is on secondment in Toronto Canada until April. He is engaged to Ali McIntosh and will be married later this year.

Steven Exelby ('05) recently changed careers and is now working and studying in the surveying industry. Last December Steven married Laura Villalba, Mt Alvernia Secondary College ('08). The wedding ceremony was held in Our Lady of Victories Church, Bowen Hills and a number of Villanova Old Boys were in attendance including **Fr Ron Mollison ('55)** who officiated. Fr Ron is Laura's Parish Priest at Albany Creek.

Judy and Frank Exelby (Past Parents)

Judy and Frank

Thanks for your email giving us the up-to-date information on the boys! Our congratulations go to Steven and Christopher and their partners on their marriage and engagement respectively. It was great to see Fr Ron as an Old Boy connection officiating at Steven and Laura's wedding. I'm sure Christopher will be enjoying Canada – it is a beautiful place. We wish him and Ali all the best for their marriage later in the year. Please send us a photograph

so that we can publish it in the Villavoce that will be published in July. ...Ed



STEVEN AND LAURA
EXELBY

Dear Editor

Thought you might like to know that **AJ (Anthony) Bremner ('01)** and Claire Champion whom he married in 2013 were delighted with the arrival of baby Jack a little early on 27 July 2015 in Canberra where AJ is working as a civilian in the Department of

Defence. Just prior to the birth, he graduated top of his class in a Master in Public Policy from ANU.

Mick ('96) is a proud and caring uncle as he continues as an Associate Professor and Future Fellow at the Centre for Quantum Computation and Intelligent Systems at the University of Technology in Sydney. I gave up permanent work in June so have had lots of trips to visit them and Cath and Mick in Sydney. Just as a by the way, when Mick graduated from his PhD his supervisor said it was amazing that one school produced so many who achieved so highly in Physics. I noticed you had done a series on authors and men in the defence forces. It would be interesting to know how many past students have achieved their PhD in physics. Of course they would have had publications in their names as well but not widely read by the general public.

Joan Bremner (Past Parent)

Joan

Thanks so much for this information on the boys! It was great renewing our association when I spoke to you over the phone. Photos will appear in the next issue of Villavoce. I know Michael and AJ's fellow classmates will enjoy seeing them.

...Ed

VILLANOVA OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (VOBAI)

Old Boys who are Members of Leadership Teams in Queensland Schools

Over the years of our history there have been many Old Boys who have graduated from University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Australian Catholic University and other tertiary institutions as Educators. Similarly, many have been promoted to positions of leadership in the Catholic Schools and Colleges, Independent Schools and Colleges and Education Queensland. The Editor has listed below the names of many who are in such positions currently and thanks **Chris Thomas ('93)** for his great assistance with this. If you, or somebody whom you know, can be added to this list or, please email cfisher@vnc.qld.edu.au.

Kerry Swann ('70) – Principal, Xavier College, Hervey Bay
Niall Colburn ('68) – Principal, St Peter Claver, Riverview
John Hinton ('97) – Principal, St Joseph's, Childers
Chris Thomas ('93) – Principal, St Clare's, Yarrabilba
Terry Forster ('81) – Principal, Mackenzie Special School
Greg Cran ('90) – Principal, St Joseph's, Murgon
Paul Leeson ('86) – Principal, St Catherine's, Wishart
Steve Montgomery ('75) – Principal, Guardian Angels', Ashmore
Stephen Chapman ('67) – Head of School, Unity College, Caloundra
Ray Celegato ('78) – Deputy Principal, St Edmund's College, Ipswich
Trevor Goodwin ('89) – Deputy Principal, Marist College, Ashgrove
Brendan O'Sullivan ('77) – Deputy Principal, Nerang SHS
Matt Mackinlay ('91) – APRE, St Stephen's, Algester
Damien Sullivan ('86) – APA, Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba
Luke Ralph ('96) – Head of Secondary School, Christian Outreach College, Toowoomba
Greg O'Neill ('95) – Head of Middle School, Villanova College
Mark Zietsch ('89) – Head of Middle School, John Paul College
Glen Cronan ('79) – Deputy Director of Boarding, Ipswich Grammar School
John O'Dwyer ('73) – Senior Manager Professional Services, Brisbane Catholic Education

2 0 1 6 ANNUAL OLD BOYS D I N N E R FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

Proudly supporting the Terry Hendle Bursary

Pre-dinner drinks and canapes from 5:00pm in Cassiacum Gardens
Tours of the College commencing at 5:30pm.
Formal proceedings begin at 6:00pm in Goolld Hall.
Entry to the College will be via the main gate (Sixth Ave.) only!
MC will be the effervescent **Jimmy Watson ('76)**
Ticket sales to commence on Tuesday, 14 June and close on Friday, 29 July.

All tickets can be purchased online through **Trybooking**. Ticket prices for the two course dinner is \$90.00 for all years except First and Second Years whose ticket price is \$80.00

Any questions, particularly regarding contact persons for the anniversary years please contact Mr John Walsh (walsh-59@hotmail.com) or Mrs Nicole Weldon at the College during school hours.

The Dinner is back again this year, with a fresh and rejuvenated approach. As always, the main focus of the night is celebrating our great College and all that it stands for. The event is once again being held in support of the Terry Hendle Bursary, allowing a new generation of fortunate young men the opportunity to be a part of the Villanova community. For the first time, we are excited to share your pre-dinner drinks in the Cassiacum Gardens, and look forward to offering you a tour of the College. A selection of fantastic raffle prizes and very tempting auction lots will be up for grabs throughout the formal part of the evening also. We are pleased to have the support of Greg Cooley ('78), of SA winery Greg Cooley Wines who will be our official wine partner for the evening.

Join us in what is sure to be the first of a new era of VOBAI Dinners.

VOBAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Monday evening, 14th of March the Old Boys' Association held their Annual General Meeting and the following were elected to positions:

President:	John Walsh
Vice-Presidents:	John Godwin Luke Moloney
Treasurer:	Peter Geraghty
Secretary:	Harrison Adams
Committee:	Peter Bergin, Peter Ferguson Tony Chadwick, Dylan Pitt Peter Mullins, Jamie Parker Simon Healy and Adam Hajdu

GREGORY ROGERS

('74)



As the year draws to its end and the time for giving approaches, why not consider a small donation to the Gregory Rogers In Memoriam fund.

Personal donations, institutional donations, donations from associations; any would be appreciated to honour the invaluable contribution Greg made to children's literature.

Donations are going to the CBCA Awards Foundation which provides the prize money for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards.

The donation form can be found at <http://www.cbcaqld.org/uploads/2/6/2/2/26224528/rogers.pdf>

GREGORY ROGERS, 1957-2013 **Book illustrator**

Greg Rogers was one of Australia's most acclaimed and best loved children's book illustrators. He won international and national awards for a wide variety of works, including his trilogy of superlative wordless picture books, ending with *The Hero of Little Street*, which set the seal on his international reputation.

Yet, with all this, after being diagnosed with cancer three years ago, he became even more creative than before, producing some of his finest work and leaving several yet-to-be-published manuscripts that demonstrate his talent with words, images and story. He was also a gifted musician who played a range of early music instruments, and was a fine portrait artist.

Erica Wagner, a publisher at Allen & Unwin, said: "He always had a thousand ideas, any of which could have grown into a book ... We honour him for his creative spirit, his immense contribution to the world of children's books, his love of life, and will miss him terribly."

Gregory John Rogers was born in Brisbane on June 19, 1957, the youngest in a large family, and grew up in Coorparoo. After training at the Queensland College of Art, he worked for 13 years as a graphic designer before becoming a freelance artist in 1987. His cover art and design for UQP (University of Queensland Press), and later other publishers, and his

signature style of photo realism, distinguished many books for adults and children.

Rogers' home was also his studio and as he was an avid collector, it was full of the things he loved. They sat in comfortable proximity to his drawing board and computer – teddy bears jostling for space with prized pieces of antique pottery and art deco furniture treasures fighting for the attention of his many visitors.

In 1995, Rogers was the first Australian winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal (Britain), for Libby Hathorn's *Way Home*. His support for his peers showed when he established the Brisbane Book Illustrators Group in the 1990s and played a founding part in musical ensembles such as Diapason and his work for the Early Music Society of Queensland, roles that were not well known to his publishing friends.

He was the best of friends, a loving son and brother, a kind and devoted partner, excellent company, a brilliant artist, a talented musician, a witty and stylish raconteur and storyteller, and a creative man who respected the wisdom of children, and did his utmost to afford them the same respect in his art and words.

Reflections by friend Robyn Sheahan-Bright

MEMORIAL

STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO DIED WHILST AT VILLANOVA

Back in 2009 a proposal was made to create a memorial for staff and students who had died while still at the College. It had, for various reasons, not been actioned; but now the time has come!

The proposal is for a living memorial to be created at Villa Park with each deceased person having a tree planted in their memory. In front of each tree would be a sandstone memorial block with a plaque displaying the College Crest, their name, whether they were staff or student, their date of death and R.I.P.

The twenty listed are: [Students] Thomas Barry, John Carter, Alan Chapman, Thomas Gregan, Rodney Hammond, Peter Miller, Andrew Milne, Craig O'Neill, Sean Prentice, Michael Purcell, Michael Ruffin, Robbie Sellars, Ray Snooks, Nicholas Spelman, Ronald Van Der Drift and, [Staff] Kate Finey, Paul Finnimore, John Murphy and Gerry Smith.

The cost of the entire project is about \$5,000. All those who would like to contribute to the memorial should contact Mr Fisher at the College on 33945500. Contributions can be made through the form on the last page of June's Villavoice.

I know many students who had connections with the deceased as well as those who simply realise the value of such a memorial to our Villanova College community will be generous in their giving. Thank you for your consideration of this project and continued support.

I will keep you posted on our progress through the Villavoice.

Mr Adrian Hellwig
College Counsellor

REST IN PEACE

Fr Pat Bourke OSA

Fr Pat Fahey OSA

Fr Denis Brendan Quirke OSA

Thomas (Tom) Gimson ('54)

Glenn Gibbons ('88)

Anthony (Tony) Johnston ('61), father of **Ben ('88)** and **Ramon ('94)**

Marcus Kunkel ('84)

Ken Levy ('67)

Barry Masterton ('63), father of **Alex Masterton-Dickson ('15)**

Michael McLean ('75)

Errol O'Neil ('62)

Hugh Tighe ('52)

Scott Melville ('86)

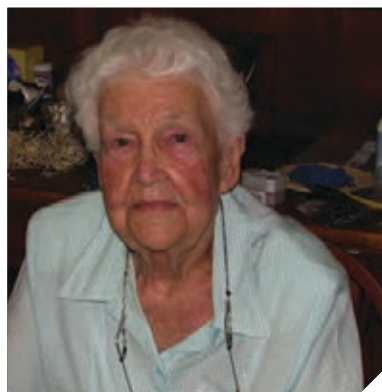
Rocco Di Stasi, father of **Nick ('83)** and **Michael ('84)** and grandfather of **Daniel (Year 10)** and **Dominic (Year 6)**

Vivienne Scott, mother of **Brett ('75)** and **Alan ('81)**

Marie Jones passed away after a short illness (23.8.18 – 19.7.15), mother of **Greg ('66)**, **Ken ('69)**, and **Geoff ('75)** and grandmother of **Brendan ('99)**, **Damian ('00)**, **Stuart ('01)**, **Alexander ('07)** and **Hamilton ('12)**. Marie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and mother in-law and is now together with her husband Jack.



VIVIENNE SCOTT LOVED A CUPPA!



MARIE JONES

2016: AROUND VILLA

DAYS ONE AND TWO: 2016

Term One began for Years 5, 7 and 12 on Wednesday, 27th January. The Year 5 students, with their Dads and/or Mums, Junior School teachers and other staff enjoyed a welcome BBQ breakfast prior to the official beginning of the school day. Seniors were appointed as mentors to the Year 5 students and assisted with their orientation to the College.

Upon arrival at the BBQ, the boys, full of enthusiasm, awe and anticipation, discovered which Year 5 class they would be members of and who their teacher would be. Many of the boys already had a connection to the College being brothers of current students in higher year levels and/or being the sons or grandsons of Old Boys.

All College students attended on Day 2 which began with the Rite of Beginning in Goold Hall when all new students to the College were welcomed by the students and staff. At the conclusion of the welcoming assembly all students went off to begin their academic life for the year.

INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL

Wonderful food and entertainment was enjoyed by all at the International Carnival held on Saturday, 5th March. The buzz of excitement and joviality was quite electric! It was a real community effort with parents, friends and students supporting on the night itself by being stall convenors and workers, entertainers and customers. A big thank you goes to the P&F, Cameron Cleland (Carnival Convenor) and his committee for their work over many months preparing for this wonderful event.

WORKS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Over the Christmas holidays the Maintenance team continued their work to have the facilities and grounds ready for the return of students and staff in late January. Painting contractors completed the last stages of the external paint of the College in the first couple of weeks of Term One which they achieved with minimum disruption to classes and pedestrian flow.

VERITAS BUILDING RECTIFICATION

The rectification work on the Veritas Building recommenced this month with Hutchinson Builders returning to the College from Monday, 21st March. This stage of the rectification works will focus on the treatment of the steel beams and the window placement. The majority of the demolition work was carried out during the Easter break to reduce the impact of dust and noise on classes.

NEW WORKSHOP

This facility has been completed and refitted so that it will meet the College's needs well into the future. By making it into a flexible learning space it will accommodate more students and VET courses may well be offered "down the track". It certainly has the capability of doing so! It is a wonderful facility which commenced for student classes on the first day of Term Two.

SOCIAL MEDIA SITES (IT)

Communication re the College is able to be accessed via the College website, Facebook (@VillaCoorparoo), Twitter. This is available to all.

Parent Lounge (access is restricted to parents of current students at the College) and a logon is required. An account has been set up for all current parents/guardians and an email has been sent with username, password and instructions to access Villanova College Parent Lounge. If you have not received an email please contact Mrs Kathryn Hackett, khackett@vnc.qld.edu.au

Villanova College is excited to launch the "Parent Lounge". Access to Parent Lounge enables parents to:

- Update parent details, emergency contacts, medical details,
- Share your contact information with other parents at Villanova College through the Parent Directory,
- Access newsletters and information sheets,
- Access your son/s academic reports,
- Teachers email addresses,
- Curricular activities, and
- Access to your son/s timetable.



TOP: Year 5 Sons of Old Boys:

FR: Ned Thomas, Sebastian Gutierrez, William Hughes, Daniel Taylor, Will Trevethan, Sam Twaddell, Callum McMahon

BR: Rowan Sullivan, Rory Bower, Harley Wheaton, Michael Gallagher, Jayden Fung, Cruise McCaul, Joshua Moffett, Logan Roles

LEFT: Year 5 Grandsons of Old Boys: Ned Thomas, Jack Richards

BELOW: International Carnival and Inside the New Workshop

BELOW LEFT: Rectification of Veritas Building





Top: Pictures from Villanova and Loreto production of Guys and Dolls in March;
Bottom: QCMF Festival



FROM THE PODIUM: VILLA MUSIC NEWS

Welcome and happy new year to you all! It feels strange to be using that salutation in June; however, I feel this is the first time we've come up for air to make contact with you all since 2015 – it's been a fantastically active Term One here in music-land!

Before delving into the current year's activities, I'd like to reflect a little upon my experiences arriving here last year, and the impact the 2015 Senior Students have had on my life. At the Senior Musician's dinner last year, I thanked the men for the manner in which they welcomed my family and I into their community at Villanova. Their willingness to work within a team and with me in a period of change is a testament to them and their families. I look forward to witnessing their futures unfold as I believe the ties that bind students to College remain quite firm as the years move on.

For some of your brethren, their music journeys have continued immediately upon leaving school. **Jared Berriman** has been successful in gaining a position at the JMC Academy, and both **Ryan Humphrey** and **Lincoln James** were successful in gaining positions at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. We have a number of students that have continued their musical journey in various forms beyond school and I commend them for their dedication and wish them all the best on this life-forming experience.

2016 commenced as always with our annual Music Camp, combined with Loreto College. Our seniors, ably led by 2016 Music Captain Paddy Wallis and his Vice Captain Lachlan Fisher, demonstrated the best qualities of servant leadership. Their enthusiasm and vitality led the way for our students to enjoy camp and gain a much needed kick-start to the year. Our concert in Hanrahan Theatre for camp student families was very well attended – according to the audience; one of the highlights was the camp choir.

The combined Loreto/Villa musical this year was a production of *Guys and Dolls*. The cast, musicians and crew did a fantastic job to polish a highly professional production, presented to families towards the beginning of March. The season ran over four nights, each night a sell-out! For those of you that were able to make the show I'm sure you will agree the students excelled themselves. A list of cast, musicians and crew are below – each and every one of them deserves a standing ovation:

As Loreto College were organising this musical, Ben Langford (former Music Teacher at Villa, current Director of Music at Loreto) ably led the orchestra through the show. Current Villanova College staff member Patrick Zietsch (1987) was heavily involved in the production aspect of the show, with Stewart Williams (2014) assisting in the videoing of the production.

Jump Start Day is an important annual event in our musical calendar. All of our Year 5 students spend a day in the Augustine Centre where they learn some of the important aspects of ensemble etiquette and beginner ensemble performance. Our team of instrumental Music staff were assisted by an enthusiastic group of pre-service Music teachers from the University of Queensland. One of these students, David Campbell (2011), was a past student of Villa himself! It certainly was great to see him return and complete the 'circle of life' of his musical education! The concert was fantastically attended with numerous standing ovations offered by the gathered crowd – many, many very pleased young musicians left the building that evening.

Our first meeting in preparation for QCMF 2016 was held on Monday, 16th May. QCMF has grown in its 25 year history to become the largest event of its kind in the Asia-Pacific Region where we host over 20,000 spectators who come to view over 13,000 student performances across a three and a half day period. This event has grown due to the wonderful support we are fortunate enough to receive from past, current, and future families and students of Villanova College.

Our large stages would not run effectively or efficiently without the vision and leadership of **Vinny Scuderi ('01)** and **Michael Molloy ('06)**. Events at St James' school and church would fall into disarray without **Chris Larter's ('09)** steady hand at the helm. **Pat Zietsch ('87)** and **Stewart Williams ('14)** work tirelessly through the entire festival leading our production 'trouble-shooting' gang. **Peter Tarbit ('14)** fearlessly took over from **Mark** (past parent) and **Aaron Stitz ('07)** as our warm-up central coordinator, moving students from warm-up to stage without a hitch across the Villanova campus. Of course the list continues and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of our fantastic volunteers and Old Boys that return to form our QCMF family every year. We will be sending further information regarding volunteering and supporting this important event in the life of our College – I strongly encourage you to come and join the family!

Mr Michael Jones
Director of Music

FROM THE FIELDS: VILLA SPORTS NEWS

AIC CRICKET AND VOLLEYBALL

Villanova topped off an outstanding term of sport by winning the AIC Cricket Aggregate. Furthermore, our Volleyballers gained a credible fourth position in the AIC Volleyball aggregate moving two spots up the ladder from the 2015 rankings. Overall, Villanova managed to secure five AIC Cricket aggregate premierships, one non-aggregate premiership and we had a further ten undefeated teams. A more in depth report for both cricket and volleyball is listed below. Congratulations go to all players on a sensational season, particularly those players who gained a premiership or were undefeated. All coaches, managers and players who produced their best week in, week out for themselves and the College in order for Villa to have had such a successful season are thanked and congratulated. Please find below a list of premiership coaches – well done to all!

AIC CRICKET PREMIERSHIPS AND UNDEFEATED YEAR 5 AND 6 TEAMS/COACHES

10B – Bruce Stuart and Ravin De Wijeyeratne
9A – David Short and Will Stokes
9B – Jamie Mullins
7A – John Godwin
7B – Ben Lynam
7C – Neville Jeffs
7 Green – Matthew Conlan
6B – Matthew Keller
6C – Adam Fry
6 Green – Tim Jarrett and Liam Edgerton
6 Blue – Georgia Mills-Geer
5A – Stewart Rieck
5 White – Noel Delaney
5 Green – Justin Poole
5 Blue – Ben Honan and Damon Mulcahy
5 Black – Zac Genrich and Lachlan McIntosh

AIC VOLLEYBALL

As I begin to write this final report for 2016 I cannot help but wonder - 'What could have been?' for many of the teams that represented the College during the volleyball season. The season began way back in November last year with a large contingent of boys vying for selection. Seventeen teams needed to be chosen.

For the selection process to occur in a manner to accommodate skill levels of each player, coaches attended a Level One Coaching Course to gain a better understanding of the level of skills required for a game plan that would enhance their team's progress throughout the season. The hard decisions had to be made and eventually nine players were considered for most teams. With this empowerment of new skills and strategies coaches set about their task to raise the level of skills in their players.

"A good coach will make his/her players see what they can be, rather than what they are." Ara Parasheghain
I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all coaches for their time and patience in sharing their knowledge of the game with the players. As it is my first time in the role of Co-ordinator, I was impressed with the standard of volleyball that was on display this year. This is very encouraging and volleyball will grow for the better. It would be rather negligible of me if I did not say thanks to all players and to their parents especially, who sit at all games supporting and encouraging them. I finish with a comparative, real-life quote.

"Life is like VOLLEYBALL....we SERVE ourselves, we PASS things along, we SET things up, and we FINISH things off. Sometimes we have to recover, but eventually we ROTATE and the cycle continues." C. Tracey

Contributed by Ms Barbara Dewis

AIC SWIMMING

The entire AIC Swim squad is to be commended on its great performance at the annual AIC Swim Championships held in Chandler Pool. The team performed to its best and were able to gain fifth position overall in the Year 7-12 Championship as well as an incredible second position in the Year 5 and 6 Championship only six points behind first place. Our aim in 2016 was to improve on the standings of last year and managed to achieve this by going three positions higher in the Year 5 and 6 and one position higher in the Year 7-12 aggregates. We believe the standard training, overall commitment and dedication shown by the entire team (including all swimmers, coaches and managers) over many months has been outstanding. A special thank you to the parents of the swimmers for their unerring support and commitment. Well done boys, coaches and managers – you did our College proud!

**Mr Craig Stariha
Director of Sport**

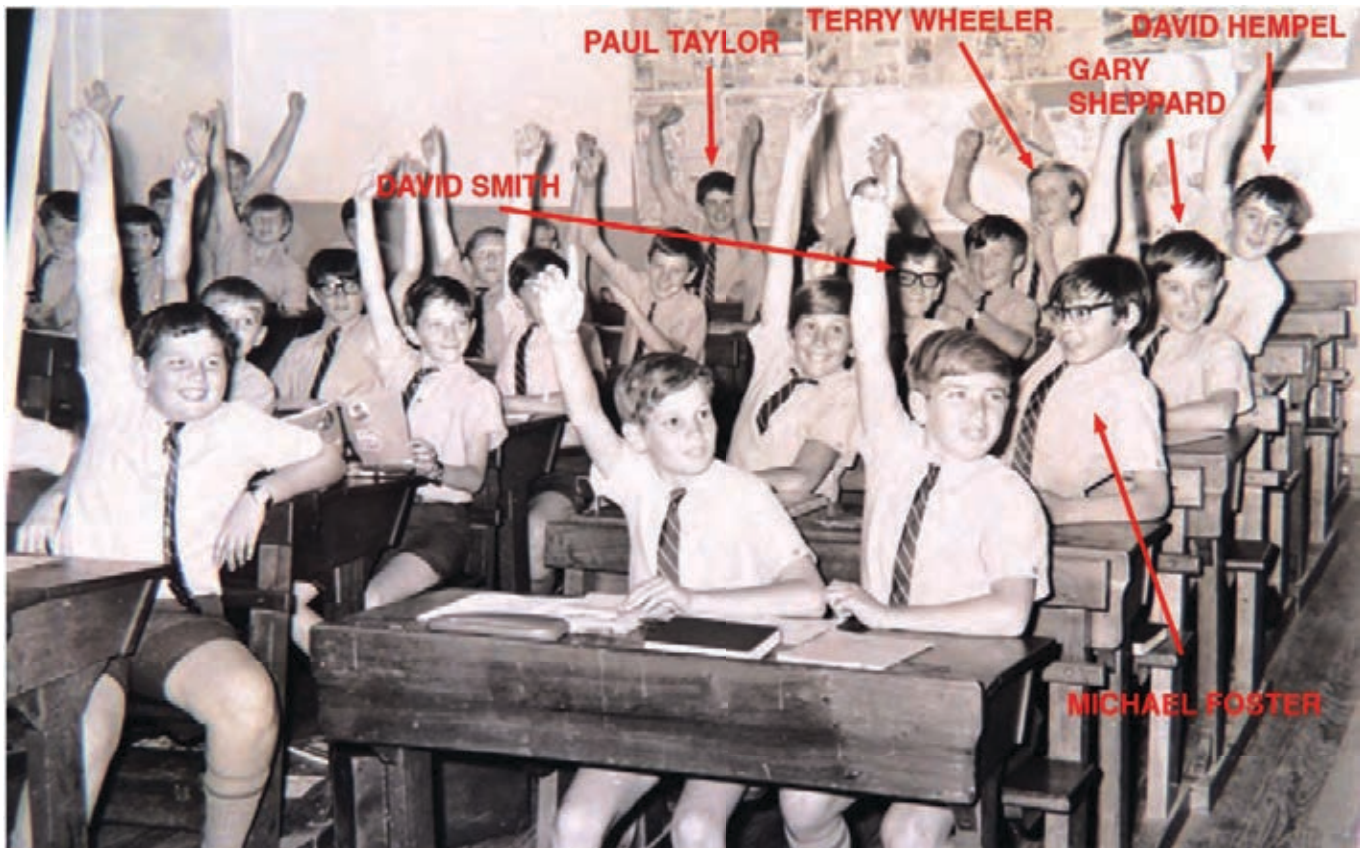


TOP: Villanova Cricket vs Ashgrove
 LEFT: AIC Swimming Championships
 BELOW: Volleyball vs St Patrick's College and
 BELOW RIGHT: Senior School Inter House Swimming Carnival
 BELOW LEFT: The mighty 3rd XI Cricket Team



WHO ARE THEY?

FEEDBACK FROM ROUND FOUR (Volume 29 No. 1 March 2015)



Dear Editor

FYI - here (belatedly) are some more names to faces for the picture from the March edition. These come from my brother **Gary** (note his disclaimer below!). Gary believes it's probably from Grade 8 (1970).

Gary is uncle to my son, **Peter Rowland (Year 9)**. After studying science, he ended up becoming a commercial photographer and lives in Sydney. We lost our mum this year and she loved reading Villavoice. It's a shame she never saw this one of Gary. Keep up the great work.

Sue Sheppard (Parent)

From: Gary Sheppard ('74)

All names are provisional only as this relies on my memory from 45 years ago.

And you know I can't remember stuff even from last week!!

Sue

Thanks for the update on the March 2015 photo. It will assist us in completing all the names of the boys appearing in the photo. I love Gary's comment! ...Ed

THE EARLY DAYS: 1948-1954



WHINSTANES

You may have seen these photos before but they are presented again as we are attempting to make our archival records as complete as possible. It's a huge task which will take much time. Currently, student records are being checked and the student database sorted.

If you were a student or a parent on that first day, I implore for your assistance on obtaining the names of the students in these photographs! To assist you with this the Roll Call for first Term 1948 appears on the next page. Please contact Charlie Fisher via email cfisher@vnc.qld.edu.au with any information you can supply.

HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE AUGUSTINIANS, IONA COLLEGE AND THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA – PART ONE

The Augustinians and Fatima Statue

In 1948, an Order of Catholic priests, the Order of St Augustine, purchased the land at the top of Mt Ommaney from the Archdiocese, and two adjoining properties including a large dairy farm owned formerly by Alan Marr and, before that, by Fred Maurer. This meant that the Order then owned the land at the summit and all of the southern and western slopes of Mt Ommaney as well as adjacent farmland extending into present day Middle Park and Westlake. It was worked as a dairy farm by a resident farm manager during the 1950s.

Norm Bremner, who managed the farm for the Augustinians for about a year, says that the area on the river bank on the west side of Mt Ommaney Creek was cultivated for crops. The flat area beside the dam built on Mt Ommaney Creek (by earlier owner Alan Marr) was also cultivated and planted with lucerne for making hay. Cattle were grazed on the higher slopes.

Archbishop James Duhig proposed that the Augustinians undertake the building of a Monastery and an Agricultural College at Mt Ommaney, to be named Iona College. Meanwhile, the property was to be maintained as a dairy farm. A major fundraising effort ensued. A shrine with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima was installed on the proposed site for the college in September 1951 near the summit of Mt Ommaney. Fundraising efforts included 'pilgrimage'-oriented excursions to Mt Ommaney. Local oral history indicates that there were at least two trips by boat upriver to Mt Ommaney. Passengers arriving by river disembarked and walked up a track to the shrine. This presumably was additional to the bus trip from King George Square that was first advertised in the Courier Mail in May 1952. Rev Father Thomas Hunt of the Order of St Augustine advised a local historian, Gladys Bailey, in 1967 that the pilgrimages by bus continued until 1953.

Further episodes of this account will appear in later editions of Villavoice this year.

Are you able to assist? Please contact Charlie fisher via email cfisher@vnc.qld.edu.au. We are looking for anyone of that era who knows something (even a little!) about the proposed College, trips to the Fatima shrine, etc. Some names that appear in the records are Mrs. John Lynch, Mrs. Emil O'Sullivan, Mrs. A. T. Carter, Julie Moynihan, Marcia Robinson and Jean Tynan.

COLLEGE SNAPSHOTS



SUPPORT THE COLLEGE

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLLEGE BUILDING FUND

Tax-deductible donations to the College Building fund can be made at any time.

Many donors to the College Building Fund choose to direct their donations to "The Family Foundation Stone Programme" (\$500 donation). Those supporting this programme will have an engraved double paving brick recording their support placed in the ground near the front entrance to the College. The choice also exists for donors to participate in the "Take-A-Seat Program". Participation in this programme (\$200 donation) will result in a seat in the Hanrahan Theatre being claimed in your name and a plaque placed on the wall of the Hanrahan Theatre to record the donation. A \$600 donation to the Building Fund will secure participation in both the above programmes.

Contact Charlie Fisher at the College Ph: 0407 141 082 or email cfisher@vnc.qld.edu.au for further information.

THE TERRY HENDLE BURSARY FUND

Administered by the Villanova Old Boys Association, this bursary named in honour of the first Villanova Old Boy to be killed during the Vietnam conflict, ensures that a student, who meets all entry criteria and whose parents desire to have their son educated at the College but cannot afford to do so, will be appropriately supported during his College years.

Contact Mr John Walsh President of VOBAL Ph: 0437 048 207 for further information.

THE PAUL FINNIMORE TRUST

Tax deductible donations to this fund, named in honour of Villanova past student and staff member Paul Finnimore who died while employed as a teacher at the College, are used to provide support for students at Villanova as well as students in neighbouring schools who have specific and urgent social, emotional or educational needs which require financial support.

Contact Charlie Fisher at the College Ph: 0407 141 082 or email cfisher@vnc.qld.edu.au for further information.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE COLLEGE

PLEASE SELECT THE PROGRAM YOU WISH TO SUPPORT:

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Take-A-Seat Program	
Both - The Foundation Stone Families and the Take-A-Seat Program	
The Terry Hendle Bursary	
The Paul Finnimore Trust	

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