

### 2019 AWARDS CEREMONY

On Friday 25 October, we had the privilege of acknowledging the outstanding work of our students at our annual Awards Ceremony. I am proud of all of our students. It is great to reflect on the outstanding achievements of these students who meet pre-determined criteria on these occasions.

We awarded Academic Awards for consistently strong performance as well as prizes for the top student in each subject. Cultural and Service Awards were made alongside Sporting Awards. Special Awards were presented for music, special subject prizes, citizenship, leadership, sport, best academic achievement and excellent effort and behaviour. We have students engaged in a wide range of endeavours here, so we like to see balanced recognition.

We celebrated all students who were recognised for their achievements and congratulate the following students who were presented with a 2019 Special Award.

*Wade Haynes*

**BSHS** Executive Principal

The Masters of Ceremonies were 2018 School Captains **Maeve Moroney** and **Luke Waldie**. The BSHS Past Students Association *Spirit of State High Award* was presented by PSA President **Brad Thomas**. **Paul Dean** presented cultural awards and **State High Legends**, **Hayley Lewis** and **Duncan Armstrong** presented sporting awards. Awards presented that have a past student connection included the **Eames Family** Music Awards, the **Liam McBride-Kelly** Technical Crew Award, the **Peter and Julie Bellas** Art Bursary, the **Cassandra June Carter** Bursary, presented by **Jane Malcolm (Brooks)**, the **Junior Dickson** Sportsmanship Award presented by **Peter Dickson**, the **Andrew Elek** International Affairs Award presented by **Philip McCorkell** and the ADF Long Tan Award presented by **Dr Hugh Bartholomeusz**..... *Editor*

### 2019 GRADUATION CEREMONY

On Friday 15 November, our school community farewelled our 2019 Year 12 students at a spectacular ceremony in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. We enjoyed the company of **Mr Archer Hamilton**, Class of 2008, editor of *The Betoota Advocate*, as our special guest speaker.

We were treated to the incredible talents of our students with some amazing music from our Symphony Orchestra and The Extension Chords. We sang our Australian National Anthem and School Song with pride, led by our Senior Girls Vocal Ensemble. 'Pavlovic and Pearce' performed a moving rendition of 'Danny Boy' and our Senior Dance Troupe entertained us with their outstanding dance performance. Our students showcased their incredible dance and musical talents.

*Wade Haynes*

**BSHS** Executive Principal

The Masters of Ceremonies were 2009 School Captains **Olivia MacGinley** and **Dr Gopi Ravindran**, The graduation certificates were presented by past School Captains and Prefects, **Barbara Baker (Sladen)**, 1959, **Peter Trehearn**, 1969, **Maya McColm (Ilievski)** and **Chris Robson**, 1979, **Senator Murray Watt**, 1989, **Dr Evan Bursle**, 1999 and the Masters of Ceremony, 2009. The George Lockie Memorial Cup awarded to the Dux of the School was presented by **Dr Peter Jorgensen**, Class of 1985..... *Editor*

## BSHS PSA ANNUAL REPORT

Another year and 2019 proved **State High**, your school, to be proud of its achievements and progress in the areas of academia, sports, arts and performance, and to have the **Spirit of State High** reflected so emotionally and energetically throughout our membership. The **State High** community is something to be treasured.

Reunions were again successful for the Classes of 1953, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009 and we thank the volunteer coordinators for putting in the effort to enable so many past students to catch up with old class and year mates.

We look forward to planning for a master reunion in the school's centenary year, 2021. We are all working towards a successful celebration of **State High's** 100 years in 2021, and for this Centenary, the **Past Students' Association (PSA)** has invited all interested parties to join the President in planning events for members, ensuring that some terrific activities will provide memories for all for years to come.

Also of significance in 2019 was the involvement of seven past students who played in the 2019 Rugby World Cup, including Australian representatives **Samu Kerevi**, Class of 2011, **Jordan Pe-taia**, Class 2017 and **Matt To'omua**, Class of 2007. **Sam Johnson**, 2006-2007, **Paul Alo-Emile**, Class of 2009, **James Moore**, Class of 2010 and **Will Tupou**, Class of 2007, represented Scotland, Samoa and Japan respectively.

This year, your **PSA** made a significant financial contribution to the new Innovation Studio. The **PSA** continues to be an integral part of the **State High** community, with a representative on the **State High** Foundation Board and attendance at School Council meetings as an observer. The **PSA** also annually presents the **Spirit of State High** Award. Those past students who have contributed significantly to **State High** and the broader community and have the power to inspire current students were inducted as **Legends of State High** in 2007 and 2014. The **PSA** is currently considering nominations for **Legends of State High** to be inducted in our centenary year.

Our thanks are extended to curators of the **State High Museum Mrs Glenise** and **Mr Ian Scotney**, who in conjunction with the **PSA** Registrar **Mr Barry Irwin** have re-established the museum in its new location in the Sports Complex. Thanks to generous contributions by members and families of past students, a significant collection of school-era memorabilia is maintained. It is certainly worthy of a visit on **State High Day**, held annually in Term 3, when the museum is open to the public.

We also thank the tireless efforts of our Registrar. Barry assists with reunions by arranging and undertaking school tours and he outlines school progress to attendees of reunions. Barry maintains the **PSA** database and edits our journal, **AMICUS**, which is sent to members quarterly and remains a vital link for **PSA** members to keep updated. We thank all who contributed to the journal during the year.

The **PSA** extended condolences to the families and friends on the passing of **Norma Croker Fleming**, Class of 1952, Olympic gold medallist and **State High Legend**; **Kev Kehoe**, Class of 1948, member of the 1948 victorious Head of the River crew and **Don Michael**, School Captain 1948. All were strong supporters of their alma mater.

The **PSA** congratulates the 2019 graduating classes of Year 12 and accordingly, affords membership of the **PSA** for the ensuing year, hoping many will see the benefits of maintaining future membership by voluntary subscription. Your President has proposed that all past students be automatically joined into the **PSA** to make this association truly representative of the total population of all past students.

The aim of the **PSA** is to promote and keep the good fellowship between all past students of the school, to keep alive their interest in the school and to support the school. The executive team of the **PSA** is interested in creating a young members' group to ensure the activities of the **PSA** remain relevant to our newer members and to ensure an active, thriving youthful presence is maintained.

*Brad Thomas*, Class of 1977  
**BSHS PSA** President

**THE STATE HIGH INNOVATION STUDIO**

The Innovation Studio is a place for design, innovation and thinking, enterprise start-up and pitching, entrepreneurial education, collaboration and maker spaces within a student-leader managed environment. This list promotes a range of 21st century ‘enterprise skills’ required by our future workforce and is built into the syllabuses with the space designed to foster these skills in a technologically supported environment. Commencing next year, **State High** students will have classes in this space and it will also be made available for students before school and during lunch breaks. **State High** Foundation members **Ross Perrett**, Class of 1974, **Barry Irwin**, Class of 1961, and **Warwick Marler** attended the official opening of the Innovation Studio.

**STATE HIGH’S FIRST TV NEWS PRESENTERS**

In 1969, **Jacqueline Ffrench** and **Hugh Bartholomeusz** played the lead roles in the school’s operetta *Orpheus in the Underworld*. They also presented a “Junior News Report” on Channel 7 which was a five minute segment prior to the regular 6.00 pm News program.

A few past students who became TV presenters include **Heather Foord**, Class of 1982, **Sylvia Jeffreys**, School Captain 2003, **Sandra Sully**, Class of 1978, **Chris Bombolas**, Class of 1978, **Neil Breen**, Class of 1985, **Nick Etchells**, Class of 1991, and **Matt Wordsworth**, Class of 1991.

**Jackie French AM**, Class of 1970, was awarded the [2015 Senior Australian of the Year](#). In 2016 Jackie was appointed a [Member of the Order of Australia](#) for significant service to literature as an author of children's books, and as an advocate for improved youth literacy. **Air Vice Marshal Dr Hugh Bartholomeusz OAM RFD MBBS FRACS**, Class of 1970, delivered an energetic and inspirational address at the 2019 **State High ANZAC DAY** commemoration and in 2010 was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the General Division for services to medicine in reconstructive surgery and medical administration.

**SPORTING AWARDS – 2019**

Congratulations to **Troy Fidler**, Class of 1985, who received a “**Legend of the Sport**” award at [Triathlon Australia](#) Celebrations of Champions. This award recognises athletes who have distinguished themselves at the highest level of sporting performance and who have made a greater impact on the sport of triathlon in Australia and around the world by inspiration or example to others. Other 2019 sporting Awards include:

- Australian “**Super Rugby Player of the Year**”.....**Samu Kerevi**, Class of 2011
- Rugby Australia’s “**Rookie of the Year**”.....**Jordan Petaia**, Class of 2017
- Australian women’s sevens “**Player of the Year**”.....**Charlotte Caslick**, Class of 2012
- “**Queensland Sport Coach of the Year - Swimming** ”.....**Dean Boxall**, Class of 1994

**RUGBY AUSTRALIA REVIEW**

**Bo Hanson**, Class of 1990, is a four time Australian Olympian rower, three-time Olympic medallist, specialist coaching consultant, corporate trainer and presenter. Bo has been appointed by Rugby Australia to a three man panel to review “all elements of the Wallabies program and the World Cup 2019 campaign”.

**VALE**

The **BSHS PSA** records with regret the passing of the following past students and extends condolences to their families and friends.

- Ronald Beech**..... Class of 1949
- Kevin Kehoe**.....Class of 1948
- Velencia Loblay (Soutter)**..... Class of 1967
- Allan Morton**.....Class of 1951
- Joan Venz (Bettens)**.....Class of 1951
- Callun Winter**..... Class of 2001



**Scott Draper**, Class of 1991, is a facilitator and coach specialising in leadership development and performance enhancement. A successful professional sportsman in two iconic, global sports and now a transformative leader of individuals and teams. Scott's passion is helping others to realise their potential and to increase the probability of success. He became a tennis professional in 1993, attaining a career-high singles ranking of World No. 42 in October 1998. Scott's mother, **Bronwyn Thomas** also attended **State High** in 1960 - 1961.

Scott reached a high of No. 5 in the junior world doubles rankings in 1992, after winning the Wimbledon Boys' Doubles title. In 1995 and 1996, he reached the round of 16 at the French Open and achieved the same success at the 1997 US Open. His most significant achievement in singles was winning the 1998 Queen's Club Championships.

Scott played in three Davis Cup ties for Australia. He also played doubles with his brother, **Mark Draper**, Class of 1987, and they received a wildcard entry into the Australian Open in 2000. In 2005, Scott won the Australian Open Mixed Doubles title with fellow Australian Samantha Stosur and then embarked on a professional golfing career.

Scott was Lleyton Hewitt's coach during the 2007 Australian Open and re-tuned to tennis coaching in 2009. He became Head Coach of Tennis at Australia's National Academies in 2010 and coached the Australian men's tennis team that competed in the 2010 Commonwealth games in India.

Scott will be joining the State High Masters Inaugural Golf Day in March 2020. Refer next page for more details. An opportunity to play with Scott will be communicated in the near future. In the meantime, book a place for one, or book for a team of four.

## Scott Draper - Class of 1991



THE INAUGURAL BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF DAY

# THE STATE HIGH MASTERS

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020

Indooroopilly Golf Club  
Meiers Road, Indooroopilly

\$150 per player

Inclusions:

- Lunch
- Valet Bag Drop
- Motorised Cart
- Green Fees
- Post Game Canapes

Registration and lunch 11:15am

Shot gun start 12:15pm

Fantastic prizes from our sponsors.  
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AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY WITH SPECIAL GUEST

## SCOTT DRAPER



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Bookings at:  
[StateHighConnect.com.au/Golf2020](http://StateHighConnect.com.au/Golf2020)

The following reports have been received from reunion coordinators.....Thank you, *Editor*

### **CLASS of 1969 50 YEAR REUNION**

120 people from the cohort of the Class of 1969 got together at the **State High** Kurilpa Roof Top function area on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of November. Special guests present included current Executive Principal, Mr Wade Haynes, teachers from 1969, Mr Jim Lucey, his wife Marg who was Miss Davis in 1969, Mr Doug Townsend, Mr John Saunders and Mr Marty Sullivan.

After arrival drinks and some canapes, MC for the evening **Mr Bruce Bevan** (12/11) welcomed everyone, and after a toast to absent friends, treated everyone to a presentation of life in 1969, complete with pictures which covered political leaders, sporting events, transportation, fashion, music, movies, TV shows (still black & white), and Class of 69 achievements.

Following the presentation, Mr Wade Haynes addressed the group and gave us a very interesting and informative run down on the school as it is now, and future directions. Next to the stage were **Peter Trehearn**, 1969 School Captain and **Beryl Campbell Inness** (nee **Ham**) 1969 prefect, who treated us to amusing recollections of life at school in the 60's. Beryl even came to the stage in her school uniform complete with gloves!!

We then heard from two current students, Angela Chen and Alex Merkel, prefect elects for 2020, who spoke to us about life at school in 2019. These young people really inspired everyone present. In a sign of the changing times, Peter & Beryl had their notes on paper, whereas Alex and Angela had theirs on an Ipad!!

The formal part of the evening concluded with a rousing performance of the school song, led by vocalists Julia Zhu and Rory Donovan from the current music program at school. Looking out at the crowd, there was hardly a dry eye in the house

Then it was on to reading name tags and catching up with friends and filling in the 50 year gap in their lives. A raffle was conducted on the evening to raise money for the Fursden Rd Sporting fields upgrade project which raised \$1670. The evening was such a success that it was decided to meet again in 5 years time.

### **12-12 CLASS 1969 YEAR REUNION**

Class 12-12 (1969) had a wonderful class reunion over the weekend of the 15-17 November, this being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of our Senior. We have met regularly over the last few years, and enjoyed the contact, but the 50<sup>th</sup> was special.

12-12 was a pretty close-knit class, and lasting friendships were made and have lasted the test of 50 years. The desire to get together as a class was very strong. We celebrated 4 open scholars in the class, our teachers, and especially our camaraderie. A number of us also enjoyed the year-wide reunion, reported elsewhere, but our own event was particularly meaningful. We had a cohort of class and spouses numbering 34 attendees, with one other sadly unable because of the bushfires. Our spouses seemed to enjoy the contact as much as the class itself, and this mirrored recent years also.

We had a formal dinner at St Lucia Golf Club, on Friday 15 November, with cake, and a photo from that occasion is included. We remembered five who have now passed on. **Chris Andrews** provided an entertaining speech with reminiscences of our past times together supported with words from **Len Wade** and our MC **Richard Hunter**. On Saturday, we enjoyed a very informative tour of the school hosted by **Barry Irwin** and marvelled at the changes since 1969 – especially on “The Farm” which is etched in our memories! Several attended the year-wide event on Saturday night. On Sunday an informal BBQ was held, and was a great relaxation and enjoyment for all.

Strong interest was shown in continuing our yearly get-togethers, and this will keep occurring. All of those present hope to be present for the 60<sup>th</sup>!!

### **CLASS OF 1989 30 YEAR REUNION**

The reunion was fantastic. There were a lot of people sorry to have missed it. Some have even asked if we can have a 35 year reunion...

To quote one of the attendees, **Lorelle Kinzett**: *I just wanted to say how much I loved catching up with you all again! It always amazes me how easy it is to pick up where you left off with school*

*friends, even when you haven't seen them forever! It reminded me how lucky I am to have so many special memories with so many beautiful people.*

We had over 70 people in attendance. Surprisingly, we had too much food and an open bar tab that lasted for over 4hrs. The event began at 7pm and concluded at 2am (when the last 22 people were escorted from the premises). We all wished that it could have gone for longer.

Many thanks to **Barry Irwin** for conducting the school tour. Those who attended were able to discuss the visit with those who couldn't make it.

### **CLASS of 1999 20 YEAR REUNION**

The **State High** Class of 99 formed an online group at the beginning of the year and it quickly grew to 159 members. Not bad from a cohort of 400! We started the discussions early with an online poll to work out a date and time that would suit the majority to celebrate our 20 year reunion and locked in Saturday October 12, making sure it did not interfere with any major sporting finals or any other important national events. We then started planning the big event.

First, confirming the **State High** Roof Top terrace which was gracefully made available from the Class of 89 that was also planning an event on the same night at the same venue. We then started researching the catering options, entertainment, decorations, the list goes on....This was quite difficult to organise due to busy schedules, lack of time for those volunteering and lack of commitment and firm numbers for the event due to the season of life we were mostly living in, 'crazy family busyness'...Out of the blue, a wonderful idea was presented to 'piggyback' the P&C's main event coinciding with Riverfire with all the catering, entertainment and decorations organised. It was an amazing plan and the excitement was brewing.

Then we got the bad news. Two weeks before the new date of September 28 we were informed that the Riverfire event was cancelled due to low numbers. Quickly, we switched to the backup reunion that was organised for those who couldn't make the September event which now became the main event. Now, this very casual, relaxed and fun event at the Pineapple Hotel was exactly what we needed and what a great representation from our grade. We all had a blast and one of the comments that came out after the event was "None of us have really changed AT ALL". We all look forward to the 30 year reunion.

### **2020 REUNIONS**

The Classes of **1950, 1960, 1990, 2000** and **2010** are requested to contact the Registrar via: [bshspsa@gmail.com](mailto:bshspsa@gmail.com) with information regarding your reunion. The **PSA** has prepared a checklist that is useful in planning your reunion and arranging publicity. The checklist is readily available from the Registrar.

### **CLASS of 1953 – 67 YEAR REUNION**

**Date:** Friday 4 September      **Venue:** "Sofitel Brisbane Central"  
**Contact:** Alan Skyring      **Email:** [alan.g.s@bigpond.com](mailto:alan.g.s@bigpond.com)

### **CLASS of 1970 50 YEAR REUNION**

**Date:** Friday 16 October      **Venue:** "The Ship Inn"  
**Contact:** Cecily Blake (Welsh)      **Email:** [bshs1970reunion@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bshs1970reunion@yahoo.com.au)

### **CLASS of 1980 40 YEAR REUNION**

**Date:** Saturday 2 May      **Venue:** To be advised  
**Contact:** Jackie Witham      **Email:** [jacquie.witham@gmail.com](mailto:jacquie.witham@gmail.com)

### **Brisbane State High School Past Students' Association AGM**

The **Annual General Meeting** for 2020 will be held at 9.00am on **Saturday 8 February 2020** in the school museum in the Assembly / Sports Hall, Block "F", on the Vulture Campus.

All past students are invited to attend this important meeting to provide input to their association.

### A CRICKET JOURNEY

Interesting extracts from the **State High** school magazine about **Marnus Labuschagne**, Class of 2011.

**2009** - *The dedication and enthusiasm of talented young player Marnus Labuschagne is very encouraging for the future of **State High** cricket.*

**2010** - *A consistent opener, selected in the Metropolitan East Under 19 team, and the Honorary Australian 5 Highs team.*

**2011** - *One of the highlights of the season was Marnus Labuschagne's fine all-round performance. Selected in the Honorary Australian 5 Highs team.*

Marnus played for Queensland Under age teams from Under 12 to Under 19 level. He plays for Redlands in the local competition, the Brisbane Heat in the BBL and has played for Plymouth and Sandwich in UK Club cricket and Glamorgan in UK County cricket.

His cricket journey includes;

**2014** – Sheffield Shield debut for the Queensland Bulls vs South Australia.

**2015** – Substitute fielder for Australia vs India at the Gabba, taking a spectacular catch.

**2018** – Test debut vs Pakistan in the UAE.

**2019** – A concussion substitute for Steve Smith in the second test vs England. Marnus went on to consolidate his place in the Australian team.

**2019** – Consecutive centuries in tests vs Pakistan at the Gabba and Adelaide. His journey continues.....



### SCHOOL MAGAZINES

To consolidate our collection, the school museum would be pleased to receive the following copies of the annual school magazine. **July 1921, 1942, 1943, 1954, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1974, 1978** and **1994**. If you are able to donate any of these publications to the school museum please contact **Barry Irwin** via email [bshspsa@gmail.com](mailto:bshspsa@gmail.com) or post to **BSHS PSA** Cnr Cordelia and Glenelg Street South Brisbane QLD 4101

### AMICUS via EMAIL

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### STATE HIGH ENROLMENT POLICY

The **PSA** has published a considered proposal for an Enrolment Management Policy for **State High** in recent issues of **AMICUS**. Following discussions with the **PSA**, the Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, has advised that, “...the *Queensland Government is committed to ensuring a long-term, sustainable solution for the enrolment demands at **BSHS**.*” and “*I firmly believe that if you are a family who genuinely lives in a local area high school catchment you should have the right to go to your local high school.*”