

STATE HIGH CEREMONIES

Date: Friday 25 October 2019 - **Awards Ceremony**
Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane

Date: Friday 15 November 2019 - **Graduation Ceremony**
Time: 12:00pm – 2:30pm
Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane

2019 REUNIONS**Class of 1953 - 66 Year Reunion**

An annual event since 2013 orchestrated by **Alan Skyring** held on 6 September 2019.

Gaye Fitzpatrick's (Lumby) comment said it all; "*cannot believe the camaraderie that school engendered in us!*"

The 67th year reunion in 2020 has been initiated for Friday 4th September 2020.

Class of 1959 - 60 Year Reunion

If anyone had told us in 1959 that we'd be celebrating a reunion in 2019, we'd probably have shrugged with indifference and disbelief – 60 years is tantamount to infinity when you are a teenager. Yet here we were, 43 of us including spouses, lunching at the United Services Club on 9th July. Colleagues came from interstate and New Zealand and emails came from overseas. As usual, warmth and camaraderie prevailed. We've held regular reunions – at 20 years ('What do you do?'), 30 years ('What do your children do?'), 40 and 45 years ('You're thinking of retiring?'), and at 50 years ('Any travel plans?') and though we are saddened by our dwindling numbers, the optimists among us are already talking about marking 70 years since Senior!

Cheers, *Barbara Baker (Sladen)*

Class of 1969 - 50 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 16th November
Venue: Kurilpa Building Rooftop, State High
Format: Reunion Dinner
Contact: **Bruce Bevan** **Email:** lbevan@aapt.net.au

Date: Saturday 16th November
Venue: Upper Quad, State High, Vulture Street
Format: School Tour in conjunction with Class 12.12
Contact: **Chris Andrews** **Email:** chris.a@pobox.com

1969 Class 12.12 – 50 Year Reunion

Date: Friday 15th November
Venue: 100 Acre Bar St Lucia Golf Course
Format: Reunion Dinner
Contact: **Chris Andrews** **Email:** chris.a@pobox.com

Date: Saturday 16th November
Venue: Upper Quad, State High, Vulture Street
Format: School Tour in conjunction with the Class of 1969
Contact: **Chris Andrews** **Email:** chris.a@pobox.com

Date: Sunday 17th November
Venue: TBA
Format: BBQ Lunch
Contact: **Chris Andrews** **Email:** chris.a@pobox.com

Class of 1979 - 40 Year Reunion

Date: **7.00 pm** Saturday 2nd November
Venue: Port Office Hotel
Contact: **Libby Mooney Maria Koukides** **Email:** bshs79@outlook.com
Facebook: "BSHS 'Class of 1979' 40 Year Reunion"

Class of 1989 - 30 Year Reunion

Date: **4.00 pm** Saturday 19th October
Venue: BSHS Upper Quad
Format: School Tour
Contact: **Jodie Wragg** **Email:** johannawragg@gmail.com

Date: **7.00 pm** Saturday 19th October
Venue: BSHS Kurilpa Rooftop
Format: Reunion Dinner
Contact: **Jodie Wragg** **Email:** johannawragg@gmail.com
Facebook: "Brisbane State High School Reunion 1989"

Class of 1999 - 20 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 12 October 2019
Venue: The Pineapple Hotel
Contact: **Alvin Landicho** **Email:** alvin@landichomarketing.net
Facebook: "BSHS Class of 1999 20 Year Reunion"

Class of 2009 - 10 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday 19th October
Venue: The Osbourne Hotel
Format: Reunion dinner
Contact: **Gopi Ravindran** **Email:** brisbanestatehigh2009@gmail.com

2020 REUNIONS

The Class of **1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000** and **2010** are requested to contact the Registrar via: 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 CRICKET STORY

In the May 2019 **AMICUS** I inadvertently noted that **Gordon Kingston** who was the captain of the premiership winning 1949 1st XI was also school captain. **Gordon Jones**, who was also in the 1949 1st XI was school captain. My apologies to **Robert Miles** who crafted the article.

Barry Irwin **AMICUS** Editor

David Applegarth, whose enthusiasm for his alma mater never diminishes, in conjunction with fellow 1949'ers **Robert Miles** and **John Macklin** were special guests at the **State High** Foundation Day Assembly on 29 July.

BSHS PSA MEETINGS

The final General Meeting for 2019 will be held at 9.00am on Saturday **2 November 2019** 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.

VALE

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

- Geoffrey Arnott** Class of 1956
- Terrence Ball** Class of 1968
- Norma Fleming (Croker)** Class of 1952
- Joe Gilbert *** Class of 1947
- Paul Hopewell** Class of 1961
- Sue (Jacqueline Ruth) Leveritt (Gredden)** Class of 1968
- Don Michael** School Captain 1948
- Peter Morgan** Sub-senior Class of 1960
- Ed Rutledge **** Class of 1966

* Joe was a member of the first 1st XV to win the GPS premiership in 1947.

** Ed was a member of the 1966 1st XV and the GPS Open sprint champion in 1965 and 1966.



Norma with her Olympic Gold medal at the 2017 Foundation Day Ceremony.



Don at the first **State High** Graduation Ceremony in 1998.

Norma and Don were strong supporters of the school and the **PSA**.

Cassandra June Carter Bursary

This is the fifth year of a perpetual award which is presented to students who demonstrate academic potential. The bursary is funded from the proceeds of a bequest made to the **State High Foundation** by the Carter family, in honour of **Cassandra (Sandra) Carter** who graduated from **State High** in 1962. Cassandra completed a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, was a Fulbright Scholar and a winner of The University of Queensland Poetry Prize.

STATE HIGH WEBSITE — www.statehigh.com.au

All past students are encouraged to regularly view www.statehigh.com.au to keep up to date with the wide ranging and diverse activities, events and achievements at **State High** published in the **State High Newsletter**. Follow link “Calendar and News” to “Newsletter”

Past copies of **AMICUS** are also accessible via “Our community” to “Past Students” and scroll down to “**AMICUS** Newsletters”.

Reunion information is also accessible via “Our community” to “Past Students” to “Reunions”.

AN ARTISTIC LIFE

Barrett (Barrie) George Reid, Class of 1943, was a poet, librarian, editor, and arts critic. Reid was an editor in his final year of the high school magazine *Senior Tabloid*, which from its fifth number in August was renamed *Barjai: A Meeting Place for Youth*. With a fellow **State High** student, **Laurence Collinson**, an aspiring poet, playwright and artist, Reid was the precocious co-editor of this radical arts journal, which acquired a readership beyond **State High**. A bohemian Barjai Group of young people, including **State High** Legend **Barbara Blackman (Patterson)**, Class of 1945, up-and-coming writers and artists, met regularly at the Lyceum Club, and established links with other literary journals.

Among many public roles, he was a member (1965–78) of the Australian UNESCO Committee on Museums and Libraries, a founding member (1973) of the National Book Council, and a member (1974–78) of the literature board of the Australian Council for the Arts. A network of municipal libraries across Victoria was his greatest achievement in the public sphere. When he retired in 1982 due to ill-health, 207 of Victoria's 211 local councils provided a library service. He was appointed AM in 1983. His collection of books, papers, correspondence, and artistic works is held by the State Library of Victoria (SLV) and the Heide Museum of Modern Art. He is commemorated by the SLV's biennial Barrett Reid scholarship for library professionals, established in 2001.

COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

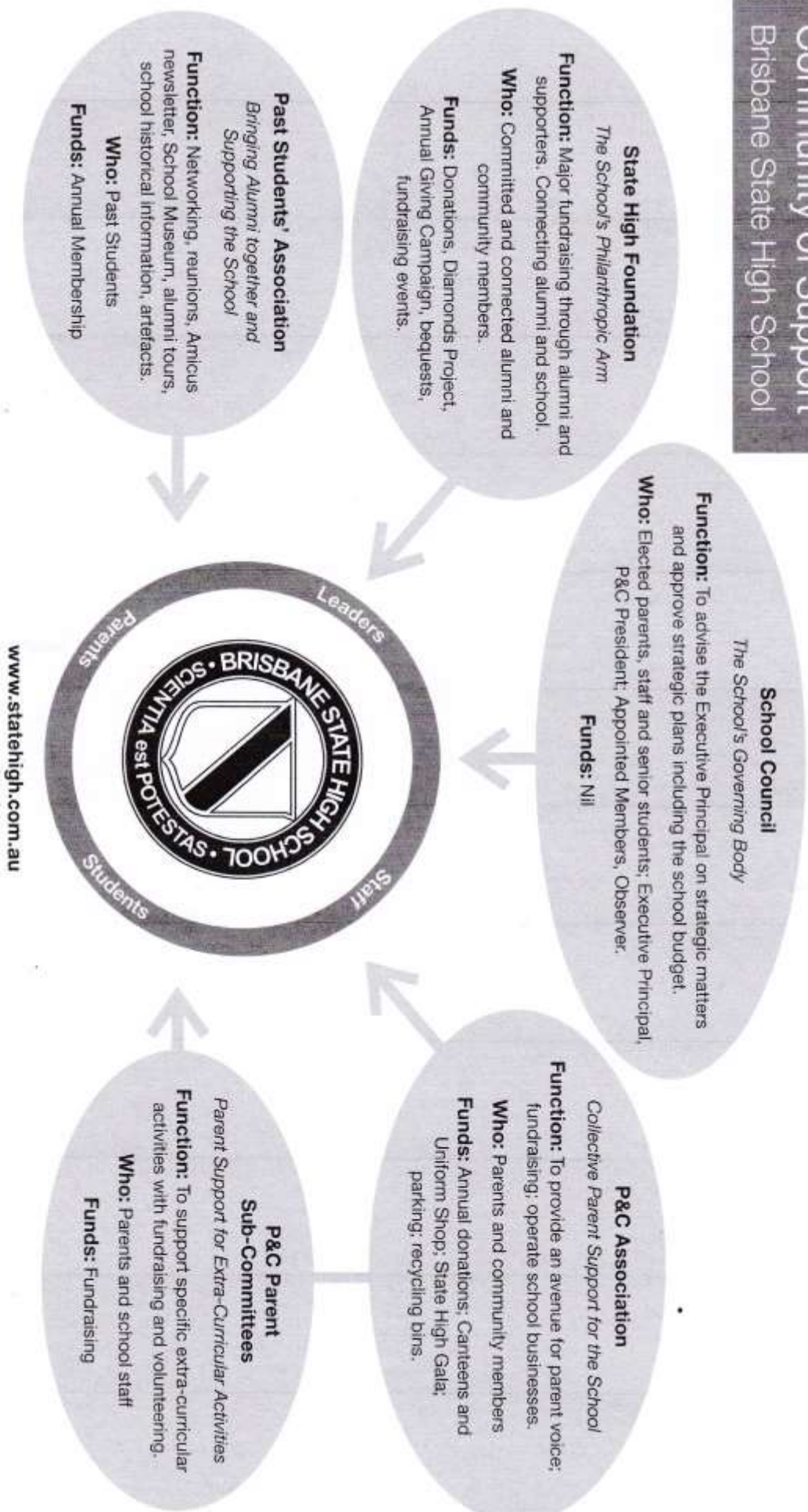
The **Community of Support** diagram, on page 5, is the result of a **BSHS PSA** initiative to clarify the roles etc. of the various organisations that support **State High**. It includes the major functions of each group, membership and funding. The role of **State High Connect** which is an online forum to connect our communities is also included.

The following is an expansion and overview of the **BSHS PSA's** role.

- Function:** * To support the school and provide fellowship.
- Membership:** * Financial members and potentially all past students.
- Funding:** * Annual membership fees and subscription to **AMICUS**.
- Operations:** * Coordinate **PSA** input to the **State High Foundation, School Council** and **State High Connect**
 - * Maintain the **PSA** database and support the Alumni database.
 - * Publish and distribute **AMICUS** via post, email, www.statehigh.com.au and **State High Connect**.
 - * Manage the school museum including funding.
 - * Advocate on behalf of members on a range of issues that effect the school, Including in recent times, the proposed Coorparoo merger, the new Inner City South State Secondary College and the enrolment management policy.
 - * Provide advice and information to the school re major events, requests from past students and other GPS schools on a range of issues.
 - * Provide initial funding, contacts, information, advice and publicity for reunions.
 - * Recent projects include the initiation and funding for the Olympic, Legends and

Premiership Honour boards, the restoration of the Foundation Stone, the re-establishment and fitout of the relocated school museum, the **BSHS PSA** “Spirit of State High Award” and financial contribution to the Innovation Studio.

Community of Support Brisbane State High School



State High Connect www.statehighconnect.com.au
An online forum to connect our communities.

Function: Alumni and community information; registration and ticketing for events; mentor registration
Funds: State High Foundation

AN ATHLETICS RECORD

Kerry McCarthy (Bowers) was School Captain in 1983. To this day, Kerry's athletics career is an inspiration. To win the individual GPS 100, 200 and 400 metres titles for 5 consecutive years in the Under 13, 13, 14, 15 and 16 year age groups will never be surpassed. Kerry was also in the winning corresponding **State High** 4 x 100 metre relay teams from 1979 to 1983.

At the State Secondaries titles in 1980 Kerry won the under 13 years 100m and walked back to the starting line and won the open 100m. Victory also came in the 200 and 400 metres. **State High** won its 13th consecutive GPS athletics in 1983. This incredible run of premierships came to an end in 1990 after 19 consecutive years.

FOUNDATION DAY - 2019

The Foundation Day Assemblies celebrated **State High's** 98th year on 29 July. This year's theme was 'Celebrating The Arts'. ABC TV presenter **Matt Wordsworth**, Class of 1991, hosted a panel discussion with CEO of QPAC and former **State High** teacher **John Kotzas**, renowned music educator and former **State High** teacher **Mark Sullivan** and 2015 School Captain, **Sean McCarthy**, who is now pursuing an acting career in film, television and theatre. **Romy Vuksan**, Class of 2012, joined the assemblies via a special video presentation to share her journey as an aspiring dancer, singer and actor.

Following the Foundation Assembly, three members of the school's 1949 GPS First XI Cricket Team, **John Macklin**, **Robert Miles** and **David Applegarth**, presented the school with a framed photograph of their team which won the GPS Cricket Premiership for **State High** in 1949 for the first time.



David Applegarth presenting the team photograph to executive Principal. **Wade Haynes**.

The framed photograph is on display in the school museum.

David has also donated his collection of cricket books to the school. Looking through the titles, I am sure the names of 'Thommo', 'Miller', and 'Border' would leave some of our youngest cricketers scratching their heads with curiosity.

Received with thanks. Editor

MEDIA DEVELOPMENT

STXinternational has appointed **Rachel Okine**, Class of 1995, Vice President of Acquisitions to lead all UK and European acquisitions. She will focus on identifying and delivering new content for international distribution.

STXinternational is a division of STX Entertainment, a global next-generation media company whose mission is to unlock the value of the direct connection stars have with their fans through the development, financing, production, marketing and distribution of film, television, VR, digital video, music and live entertainment content.

Prestigious Queensland History Award

At the State Library of Queensland's 2019 Memory Awards Ceremony, the John Oxley Library Community History Award was awarded to **Caylie Jeffery (Fernandes)**, Class of 1987, in recognition of the project *Under the Lino* for its innovating engagement in the documenting and sharing of Queensland's cultural heritage. Caylie's popular book about the project, *Under the Lino: The Mystery The History The Community*, was published in 2018 to widespread interest and praised as a model for other community historians.

Caylie gratefully accepted the Certificate, and the responsibility it entailed to further explore the rich and diverse stories in her community. She dedicated this award to her Under the Lino community, acknowledging their wonderful contributions towards the preservation of Queensland's stories.

To watch the presentation, or for more information about the award, and the project, visit: <http://www.underthelino.com.au/the-john-oxley-library-community-history-award-2019/>

A recent article was also published in the National papers.

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/queensland/the-true-tale-of-three-bank-books-four-5-notes-a-biscuit-brand-and-a-murder-20190607-p51v1w.html>

ELIXIR OF LIGHT

William Robinson, Class of 1953 and **State High** Legend who has won the Archibald Prize twice is revered as our greatest living artist. His work is celebrated in the William Robinson Gallery at Old Government House. To mark the gallery's 10th anniversary, a new exhibition Elixir of Light will be on display until June 2020.

EMERGING TALENT

Jamie Dodd, Class of 2018, began studying bassoon at the Eastman School of Music (Rochester, New York) in August 2019, where he will learn from Professor George Sakakeeny.

Some of the highlights of Jamie's performance career include performing with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra as a casual musician on a number of occasions, being the soloist for the Hummel Bassoon Concerto with the Queensland Youth Symphony in 2019, being a member of various Australian Youth Orchestra ensembles from 2016-2018, and performing as Principal Bassoon of the Queensland Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra.

INTERNATIONAL SPORT

The following **State High** past students join a long list of athletes to compete in numerous international sporting events.

- **FIBA Basketball World Cup, Beijing 2019**

The Australian Boomers finished in 4th place in this showcase event. 2016 Rio Olympian **Chris Goulding**, Class of 2005, continued to impress with his scoring potential and enthusiasm.

- **2019 Ashes Series Australian vs England**

Marnus Labuschagne, Class of 2011, made his debut for Queensland during the 2014–15 Sheffield Shield season. He made his Test debut for the Australian national team in October 2018. In August 2019, he was the first cricketer to become a concussion substitute in a Test match replacing Steve Smith in the second Ashes Test. Marnus scored four fifties in his first four innings in Ashes Tests to consolidate his place in the Australian test team.

- **Rugby World Cup, Japan 2019**

Samu Kerevi, Class of 2011, playing in his first World Cup has been elevated to vice-captain of the Wallabies.

Matt Toomua, Class of 2007, playing in his second World Cup

Jordan Petaia, Class of 2017, making his debut on the international stage.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

If you receive **AMICUS** via post your expiry date for financial membership of the **BSHS PSA** and subscription to **AMICUS** is indicated by the first four numbers on the address label, e.g. **2018** 1990 1994.

If you receive **AMICUS** via email you will be advised when your fees are due.

Fees are due in February of the expiry year.

1 YEAR - **\$15**

5 YEARS - **\$50**

Membership rates are:

10 YEARS - **\$90**

Life membership - **\$250**

(1) Please post your cheque for renewal to;

OR - (2) Pay via electronic transfer to the following account;


**Brisbane State High School Past Students Association
Cnr Cordelia and Glenelg Streets
South Brisbane
QLD 4101**

**Brisbane State High School Past Students Association
National Australia Bank
BSB - 084 004
Account Number - 47 870 7793**

For identification purposes please ensure that your **FULL NAME** and final year at **State High** are included with cheque.


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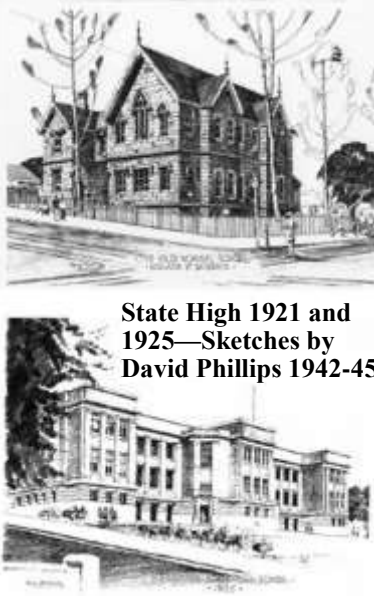
**Jim Joyce and Ash
at Wimbledon 2019**



**Kerry Bowers and
Leanne Richters at
GPS 1982**



William Robinson



**State High 1921 and
1925—Sketches by
David Phillips 1942-45**

TENNIS COACH

Ashleigh Barty started her career at the West Brisbane Tennis Centre run by **James (Jim) Joyce**, Jnr Class of 1974. She went through Jim's junior coaching program and is now a professional player and ranked number 1 in the world after recently winning her first Grand Slam, the 2019 French Open and the Birmingham Classic.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES and AMICUS

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.**

Also **pre-1998** copies of **AMICUS**, the **BSHS PSA** newsletter would also be most welcome.

If you are able to donate any of these publications to the school museum please contact **Barry Irwin** via email bshspsa@gmail.com or post to the school.

AMICUS via EMAIL

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