

# THE GRAMMARIAN

Townsville Grammar School

Vol 21. 2017



TOPIC 1  
AND SOME  
ADDED INFO  
ABOUT IT ALL

TOPIC 1  
AND SOME  
ADDED INFO  
ABOUT IT ALL

TOPIC 1  
AND SOME  
ADDED INFO  
ABOUT IT ALL

TOPIC 1  
AND SOME  
ADDED INFO  
ABOUT IT ALL



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This year marks the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Annandale Campus in 1997 and I have been fortunate to oversee most of its development since that time.

A chronological narrative of the 'bricks and mortar' development at Annandale provides a fascinating insight into the growth and history of the Campus over the last 20 years. At Founders Day in 2000, the newly completed Junior School Resource Building (S.C. Paul Building) was named after former Principal, Steven Paul OAM (1993-1997). Mr Paul had been instrumental in establishing the second campus at Annandale. The Preschool Building (W.R. Marsh Building) was named after long serving Trustee (1981-2006) and Deputy Chairman of the Board, Mr Ross Marsh and the first of the GLA buildings (N.P. Kerley Building) was named after the inaugural Head of the Annandale Campus, Mr Norm Kerley (1997-2006). A second GLA building (A.F. Bloxham Building) was named after long serving Trustee (1981-1996) and former chair of the Building Committee, Mr Arthur Bloxham. The most recently completed GLA building at that time (E.F. Upward Building) was named after the first Headmaster of the School, Acting Headmaster Edward Upward (1888-1889).

A number of major building projects were progressively rolled out at Annandale over the next 15 years, including the Junior School Resource Building in 1999, a third classroom block in 2001, quickly followed by a multi - purpose building that allowed for 2 classrooms, a PA space, OSHC and music rehearsal areas. In 2003, the last unnamed Annandale classroom building at that time (E.A.N. Wenck Building) was named in honor of former Chairman of the Board, Mr Errol Wenck. Mr Wenck was Chairman at the time the momentous decision was made to establish a second campus at Annandale. It was also in 2003, that the Junior School Oval (Greg Norman Oval) was named after Past Grammarian and world golfing icon, Greg Norman AO (1967-1969).

In 2007, the School strategically built a stand-alone Pre-Prep Centre with two rooms. Demand was such that the following year, we needed to duplicate this building with an additional two room extension. In July 2008, the Pre-Prep Centre (Robyn Murray Building) was named in honor of Mrs Robyn Murray (nee MacGregor), a former School Captain (1967) and Past Grammarian (1964-67) and long serving Trustee of the School (1990-2004).

In 2008, the Junior School undercover area was added to the Campus and in 2009 an Upper Primary Building (T.P. Willmetts Building) was built. In April, 2010 the building was named after Mr Thankful Percy Willmetts. Mr Willmetts was the foundation Chairman of the Board from 1884-1892 and we were honored to host sixteen Willmetts family members, at the opening ceremony.

In 2009, the Arts Cottage was also put in place and has become the hub for classroom music lessons and ensemble rehearsals, ever since.

In 2010, as a result of some Rudd Government *Building the Educational Revolution* (BER) funding, the School took the opportunity to build a new Classroom and Library Building (Alan Tait Building). In April, 2011, this new building was named after former Chairman of the Board, Mr Alan Houston Tait. Mr Tait had been Chairman of the Board (1941-1945) during the darkest years of WWII, when the School had to temporarily relocate to Rosslea. At the official opening ceremony, the School was honored by the presence of Mr Tait's son, Mr Ian Tait, daughter Mrs Elaine Jobbins and their spouses and granddaughter, Caroline Jobbins. Ms Alison Dean, Mr Tait's niece, also witnessed the event.

In 2013, two additional Prep rooms were added to the existing Prep Centre (W.R. Marsh Building), completing a 4 stream capacity campus and signalling the end of major project development at Annandale, for some time.



# FROM THE CAPTAINS

This year, as always, has begun with many activities, events and ceremonial occasions for our captains to proudly represent our School! However, between Interhouse Carnivals, Open Night, extracurricular and School events, everyone can agree that the most humbling occasion so far is when they led our School during the ANZAC day march in recognition of those who served and died for our country!

**Junior School:** This year is an extra special year for the Junior School as we celebrate the twentieth birthday of the Annandale Campus! During our 20th anniversary Founders Day Assembly, we sang the birthday song and shared a birthday cake! Mrs Jenny Svane, a foundation staff member, reminded everyone of the times when Annandale only had 100 students and two buildings, and had School camps on the oval in the rain. Foundation staff still at TGS were Mrs Cheryl Kybus and Mrs Karyn Pool, who were also able to attend and share in the Founders Day Assembly!

Freya Boggild, Junior School Girls Captain says, "I hope I fulfil my role to the best of my ability and I hope to be an excellent role model for the School!"

Brian Hayes, Junior School Boys Captain says, "One of my most important roles is to feedback information from my peers to the staff and act as a voice for my classmates."

**Middle School:** Middle School Boys Captain, Lachlan Carey, says "The Year 9 cohort have a busy and challenging timetable, however we all encourage each other to achieve our best and we all have a great support network!"

Emily Price, Middle School Girls Captain couldn't agree more, adding, "I am also excited to continue my involvement in sport and music at Grammar as I can see great things are going to happen in the future!"

The Middle School captains advice to younger students is inspired by the character strength of Gratitude, "Make sure you are grateful for all the opportunities within the School, study hard and be involved!"

**Senior School:** School Girls Captain, Lauren Jones, says, "Being busy certainly makes the year fly by."

Fellow School Captain, Luke Moran adds, "Organisation is key in this situation."

Reflecting on the honour of leadership Luke says, "I would look up in awe at the School Captains when I was younger. Captains of Grammar always carry themselves so well and are respected by all, and that person is now me". Lauren adds, "It is a pleasure to have been chosen as School Captain, especially in Mr Fairley's final year as Principal."

## Boarding School:



Kelsey Hesp, Boys Boarding Captain says, "Boarding at Grammar has improved me as a person. It has given me the opportunity to meet and befriend students from diverse backgrounds. Living with International students, has given me a better understanding of different cultures; it is an amazing experience. The change in structure of the dorms this year has been outstanding. We now have leaders sharing dorms with mixed ages. I think this change has been great for everyone. The younger boarders are supported by older boarders, and it gives older boarders an opportunity to lead and embrace the buddy system we have in place."



Fellow Boarding Captain, Lexie Patel says, "Boarding at Grammar has been a life changing experience for me. It sounds clichéd but it really is my home away from home. Everyone is like family! The support I have felt and the connections I have made, have been far greater than I could have imagined. I have also really enjoyed being a friend and a leader to the younger boarders. Something I had not expected when I started boarding was the access to expert help. This goes far beyond the help we get with our homework; our emotional wellbeing is also really looked after."





# INTERNATIONAL BACCALEAREATE



**Chris Wilson**  
(Head of IB)

*"Nihillup tatur,  
quam ero  
quis consenita  
doluptata sam  
audae inciat  
ommos repudit  
emporum nonet  
atemporiost,  
serovid ucipsa  
debit laborit  
dioneturia"*

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

**STILL WORKING ON  
THIS - PHOTOSHOP  
TOO DODGY? :)**

Congratulations  
Jenny Svane,  
Kristell Scott,  
Cheryl Kybus  
and  
Karin Poole  
on 20 years of  
service!

## On a mission in Mission Beach.

Each year the combined Year 11 and 12 IB cohorts head north to Mission Beach for a retreat which focuses on the three core elements of the IB curriculum as well as developing cohesion within each year group and between the two cohorts.

*The retreat also gave us new obstacles to prepare us for the exciting two years to come. The trip to mission beach has brought us closer together as an IB cohort and it has introduced us to the new and different program that will prepare us for life. Overall the retreat was a fun and exciting introduction to the course. (Diya Patel 11/2017)*

**The ToK mission**, allows for our Yr 12 cohort to practice and refine their Theory of Knowledge presentations. At the same time the Yr 11 cohort is provided with the opportunity to both contribute to the development of the final Yr 12 presentations through constructive feedback and, just as importantly, be provided with practical stimuli for the standard and content of the presentations that they will produce, in their final year of their IB Diploma Programme.

**The CAS mission**, (Creativity, Action & Service) is quite simple. Students need to be active and understand the importance of their community participation. While in Mission Beach, both cohorts embraced this experiential learning opportunity and challenged themselves during the activities on offer. Our relationship with the C4 organisation (Community for Coastal and Cassowary Conservation) is growing by the year. The synergy of what we offer them and what they do for us certainly enhances our service links.



The Year 11 cohort, were challenged physically (and mentally) being guided through White Water Rescue exercises while the The Yr 12 group tackled the mighty Tully River in inflatable rafts. Both cohorts discovered the power and value of leadership, collaboration and teamwork that will stand them in good stead during and beyond their IB experience.

*Don't give to get. Give to be the change you want to see in the world. The IB puts emphases on this, engaging young students to carry out compassion daily, not only in their academics but in their lifestyle choices alike. The implemented opportunity, CAS, that can no lesser be described as a personal journey of self-discovery, endeavours to enrich an adolescents' world view. Hiteshin Lopata (12/2017)*

The IB Retreat was an undoubted success and achieved the goals set on all levels.

## Mission accomplished....





# PRODUCTION



**Fiona Perry**  
(Head of Performing Arts)

*"For many students involved, Beach will remain an indelible experience, from their time at Grammar, as it has been for so many of our Past Grammarians."*

In late May, Townsville Grammar School students performed Tim's Daly Theatrical Fantasia of *Beach* at the Civic Theatre for this year's School Production.

Australians have a special affinity with the ocean. Our major cities hug the coastline and our beaches are the site of the most engrossing natural views, some of our best childhood memories, and also our greatest fears. *Beach* by Timothy Daly is a theatrical love letter to the coastline of Australia - a poetic celebration of our deep connection to the sea as documented over the past 200 years.

Directed by the Head of Performing Arts, Ms Fiona Perry, taking a group of interested students right through hours of rehearsals right through to a finished polished performance on opening night is no easy feat - yet accomplished with such AWESOMENESS.

The Poet, the play's narrator, acted by Finn Newsway, weaves together his observations of a single day at the beach as he struggles to produce a poem that is an ode to the

beach, a lyrical and contemplative interpretation of Australia's coastal history. During the play, the poet engages with a cross section of people from surf lifesavers on Bondi Beach to fishermen, refugees from Germany, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq, ANZAC soldiers, lovers, families, a business man, an old world beach inspector, a council worker, grieving parents, a film crew, a drama excursion re-enacting the disappearance of Harold Holt, a resuscitation class, a deep sea diver, an indigenous pearl diver and his boss in Broome, a race walker, a long distance swimmer, a surfer, a doctor, all the lonely people, a parson, tourists, a Victorian couple from the 1890's and ghosts of the drowned.

The Production would not have been such a huge success if it wasn't for the dedicated parents who not only drove to and from rehearsals, but also supported the production through sewing, painting, and sponsoring, (among other jobs), the hard working staff, and last but by no means the least, the students involved.

Congratulations to every single one of you!





# ANNANDALE TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 1997



**Norm Kerley**  
(Foundation Head of  
Junior School)

1997-2006



While students commencing school for the first time are undoubtedly anxious for the first day to arrive, there were also a number of countdowns as we approached a historic moment. The commencement of the Junior School, or more formally, Townsville Grammar School – Annandale Campus, was the culmination of much planning and preparatory work from a number of people. We were firstly counting down the enrolments to a 'full house', 100 new students on day one. Since the roll opened in June of 1996, the target was gradually realised as we made the four classes available to students from Preschool to Year 6. The numbers soon swelled as interest grew and by mid-1997, a second Preschool class was created.

Given that many of the first enrolments were actually moving schools, some from within the Townsville district, the countdown for them was also about a new chapter in their schooling life. It involved making new friends, meeting new teachers, wearing a new uniform and learning new procedures. I am delighted to say that all students, both 'first timers' and newcomers entered the school and quickly made it their own.

The teaching staff too were counting down the days to meet their classes, open up their classrooms, unpack the

new resources and welcome the newest Grammar families on January 28th, 1997.

Our bus from North Ward Campus even ran on the first day, carrying just one student, Remy Hii, who had the honour of ringing the school bell for the first time. The bell resides as a reminder of the first years, and will have engraved on it the names of Heads of Junior School.

A short assembly to welcome the classes was held under the intersection of the veranda's of the two buildings, and a whole of school photo taken at the gate. With a backdrop of Mt Stuart, we felt the link with our North Ward campus, located at the foot of Castle Hill.

For the first week, staff were encouraged to join the students at lunchtime to assist in starting games and conversations to assist in breaking the ice and promoting friendly interactions. Little did we know that many of these earliest connections would result in long term friendships. Each child received a commemorative medallion to recognise the significance of the day, and each teacher planned activities to have students reflect on their experience. What had been proposed years before had come to fruition, and we could not have been prouder as we flew the Grammar flag at Annandale for the first time.

Norm Kerley



**Noel Nethery**  
(Current Head of  
Junior School)

2006-





# NEW NORTH SHORE CAMPUS



Whilst our North Shore Early Education Centre (EEC) has been operating for two years, this year marks the beginning of Primary education at that campus, with our foundation cohort of students who commenced classes this year under the guidance of the Head of Campus, Mr Giles Derrett.

Mr Derrett commenced his teaching career at the Oratory Preparatory School in the UK in 2002 and has been a teacher at Townsville Grammar School's Annandale Campus since 2009.

"I have been drawn to teaching my whole life," reveals Giles, who as well as teaching his Year Six classes, has been Director of Rugby for the entire Townsville Grammar School. "Those who know me would probably describe me as energetic about teaching, family-focused and a little too passionate about Rugby – is that even possible?" he queries.

We are delighted with our EEC numbers and we have our very first waiting list for entry into Prep at North Shore.

"Education is an incredibly dynamic industry and is changing constantly," Giles offers. "One of the many great things about Townsville Grammar is it's been around for 128 years, and doesn't feel the need to jump on board with short-lived trends. Our consistent ranking among the best schools in Queensland is proof this approach works.

"We ground our students in the key learning areas such as literacy and numeracy and then can create dynamic learning opportunities from that springboard," he explains. "Strong foundations provide the best platform on which we can then build."

Part of the inaugural Prep class at the North Shore Campus come 2017 will be Giles' eldest son Felix – Giles



Giles Derrett  
(Head of North Shore Campus)

*"The campus has a 'boutique' feeling with small class sizes that provide your child unique learning opportunities."*



has three children with wife Samantha, Felix (4), Matilda (2) and Harvey (10 months).

"Our new North Shore Campus offers a safe and engaging learning environment, with high tech IT infrastructure, modern buildings and facilities," explains Giles. "The campus will have a 'boutique' feeling with small class sizes; then from 2018 we'll grow Prep to Year 6."

North Shore, is now taking enrolments for Prep to Year 3 for 2018. Please contact our Director of Enrolments Mrs Kristell Scott on 4722 4973 for more information.





# Townsville Grammar Junior School - Annandale





1997 to 2017  
Celebrating 20 Years



# FROM THE ARCHIVES - JUNIOR SCHOOL



**Bill Muller**  
(School Archivist  
and Deputy  
Principal ( - ))



**Steve Paul**  
School Principal  
(1993-1997)

School Principal Mr Stephen Paul (1993-1997) and the Trustees sought to establish a separate primary school campus on 4.8 hectares in the Annandale Estate. The main considerations in this decision were the lack of space at the original North Ward Campus and the desire for the primary school to be sited in a part of town where housing development was occurring.

Provision was made for shaded areas, gardens, walkways and grassed areas for the students. There was also the construction of a covered play area, an oval for soccer and rugby, and courts for basketball and netball. At the time when all the buildings and facilities were being completed, Mr Paul commented that in future years he and the Trustees may be criticized for not buying more land in the area.

The Annandale campus opened its doors to students at the start of the 1997 School Year. One hundred and three students were enrolled and they were joined by the first Principal, Mr Norm Kerley, four teaching staff, three aides, one clerical assistant and two outside care staff. The School was officially opened, in an impressive ceremony by Mr Ross Marsh, Chairman of the School's Building Committee, on Founders Day April 16, 1997. Two of the inaugural teaching staff, Ms Jenny Svane and Ms Cheryl Kybus are still teaching at the School, twenty years

on.

In recognition of their contribution to the establishment of the Junior School on the Annandale Campus the Trustees have named various buildings after them. Trustees involved were Mr Ross Marsh, Mr Arthur Bloxham, Mr Errol Wenck and Mrs Robyn Murray. Mr Alan Tait, a Queensland cricketer, a past student chairman of the Board of Trustees during the difficult war years of 1941-45 also had a building named after him. Mr Steve Paul has also been recognized as being the driving force behind the establishment of the School and Mr Norm Kerley for the role he played as the first Principal. Mr Edward Upward, Headmaster from April to December 1888, has also been recognized as has Mr Thankfull Willmet, chairman of the Board of Trustees in the 1880's and instrumental in the establishment of the School in 1888. The oval at the Junior School has been named after Mr Greg Norman, a student at School in the early 1970's.

There are now just under five hundred students enrolled on the Annandale Campus, a long way from the one hundred and three there two decades ago. The establishment of a second campus on the North Shore perhaps reflects Mr Paul's comment that not enough land was purchased when the Annandale Campus was in its planning stage.

## GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY ANNANDALE CAMPUS



Grandparents and Special Friends returned to school once again. This time for a classroom visit, morning tea and variety concert on the Annandale Campus.

From the little Pre-Prep students singing their original song "Down by Ross Creek", to the Year 6 students who sang expertly, every student at the Annandale campus took to the stage to perform for their special guests.

Nothing could stop our Special Guests from coming to this monumental occasion. The roll call of attendees this year included Grandparents from other cities, interstate and even some from Spain, England, Fiji and India were all in attendance, ready to make the most of this special day with their grandchildren.



# STEM IN JUNIOR SCHOOL

STEM: The Acronym STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. Within the Junior School programme we look to provide students in Years 3-6 with the opportunity to engage in hands-on, problem based learning to integrate and extend upon what they are learning in the classroom. Students are involved in STEM for most of their project based learning tasks. Enriching this, we also provide a designated STEM lesson weekly with a specialist STEM teacher.

Students are introduced to the cyclic process of problem solving and developing the skills to Define, Discover, Dream, Design, Deliver & Debrief with regard to the project-based tasks they undertake.

During the Semester, Year 3 students focused on Insects. Many different types of insect traps were constructed, using their problem solving skills. Our Year 5 STEM students conducted an engineering design challenge that allowed them to apply the concept of how structural and behavioural adaptations contribute to the survival of an animal species.

Students have had numerous guest speakers as experts in these areas. Dave and Alan from the Townsville District Bee Association and Isabel from Biosecurity Queensland brought in a hive that the students could observe. Year 5's welcomed Jelle Wiersma from the Department of Geosciences at James Cook University. Students were lucky enough to be the first to see photos of a newly discovered dinosaur which will be published later this year by Jelle.

At Grammar, STEM subjects and a STEM attitude are a built-in component displaying the breadth and depth of our whole School curriculum. In 2016, 83% of graduating Year 12 students confidently chose STEM related career paths.



## PAST GRAMMARIAN EMILY HARVEY



Students at our North Shore Campus were treated to a trip back in time with the help of a special visitor to their classroom, Past Grammarian and dinosaur expert – Emily Harvey 12/2009.

Emily had her audience of year 1 and year 2 students "totally captivated", taking them back 66 to 100million years ago, to discover the spectacular world of dinosaurs.

Some dinosaur bones (one of which was 98million years old) were viewed with lots of interest, including some interesting items in her tool bag!

Emily spent the past year working as a tour guide and lab technician at the Australian age of Dinosaurs in Winton, and is now back in Townsville to finish her geology degree.





# SPORT @ GRAMMAR



## SWIMMING

**Junior School**  
**1st** Hodges  
**2nd** Miller  
**3rd** Rowland  
**4th** Whight

**Middle School**  
**1st** Miller  
**2nd** Whight  
**3rd** Hodges  
**4th** Rowland

**Senior School**  
**1st** Hodges  
**2nd** Rowland  
**3rd** Miller  
**4th** Whight

Junior		Middle			Senior		
Place	Overall	Place	Girls	Boys	Place	Girls	Boys
1st	Hodges	1st	Miller	Miller	1st	Hodges	Miller
2nd	Miller	2nd	Whight	Hodges	2nd	Rowland	Rowland
3rd	Rowland	3rd	Hodges	Whight	3rd	Miler	Hodges
4th	Whight	4th	Rowland	Rowland	4th	Whight	Whight
Age Champions			Age Champions			Age Champions	
Girls:I.Morris, S.Marshman, M.Gundorova, C.Courtney, E.Baker Boys: O. Valentine, S.Ahuja, J.Lawty, W.Pascoe, B.Hayes			K.Clements, A.Smith, B.Courtney	R.Latouf, R.Flute, M.McCormick		S.Hinchy, C.Dowling, S.Russell	L.Vowell, C.Briggs, K.Senior
					King and Queen of the Pool		
							B.Courtney

**Record Breakers:** A. Courtney - 8yrs Girls 50m Butterfly 51.49 and 50m Freestyle 39.90; B. Hayes - 12 yrs Boys 50m Butterfly 36.75; B. Courtney - 14yrs Girls 50m Freestyle - 28.37; B. Courtney, S. Hultgren, L. Lukacs, C. Meade, Miller House - 14yrs Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay - 2:13.53, previous record 2:17.05

## CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

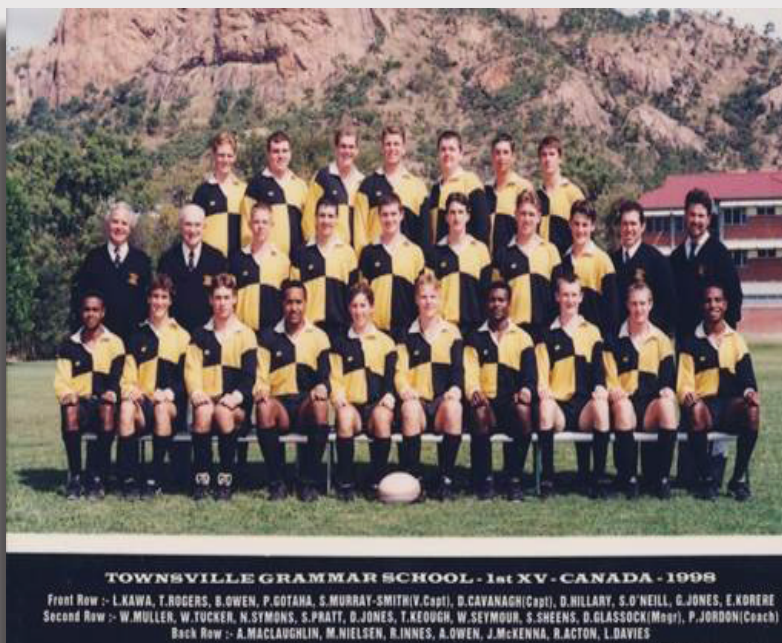
**Junior School**  
**3rd** Rowland  
**4th** Whight  
**1st** Hodges  
**2nd** Miller

**Middle & Senior School**  
**1st** Miller  
**2nd** Whight  
**3rd** Hodges  
**4th** Rowland

Junior		Middle & Senior			
Place	Overall	Place	Girls	Boys	Overall
1st	Rowland	1st	Whight	Miller	Miller
2nd	Whight	2nd	Miller	Hodges	Whight
3rd	Hodges	3rd	Rowland	Whight	Hodges
4th	Miller	4th	Hodges	Rowland	Rowland
Age Champions		Age Champions			
Girls: E. English, S. Marshman, C. Courtney, E. Baker Boys: L. Jeffs, J. Lawty, J. Greenwood, B. Hayes,		M. Mathews, N. English, S. de Jersey, A. Binder, S. Alcock, D. Potgieter		R. Latouf, T. Severati, L. Fairley, D. Marchioni, R. Wingham, J. Bertucci	



# FROM THE ARCHIVES - JUNIOR SCHOOL



As a part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations for the TDRU (Townsville and District Rugby Union), calls were put out for the nominations for Club Legends.

Although Bill Muller was acknowledged by the school for his contribution to the school and especially to Rugby in 1998 with the naming of the School Rugby Oval in his honour, the club saw fit to name him Club Legend for his outstanding contribution towards Rugby at the school and his significant role in the establishing of both the Grammar Junior Club and the Old Grammarians Rugby Club, now known as North Ward Rugby Club. Many generations of Grammar rugby players have felt the influence of Bill's passion for the game and he remains a firm supporter of the programme, still regularly seen supporting our proud Grammarians.

Unfortunately, Bill was unable to attend the 50th Anniversary function but Old Boy Scott O'Neil was proud to collect the award on Bill's behalf. Both Bill and Scott are pictured below in the formal photograph taken of the Canada touring party in 1998.

Every few months, 14 to 18 of the informal "Grammar Fifties" group meet up in Townsville over lunch. Our "patrons" are Dr Ern Hoolihan OAM (1952), and Glennys (Brown) Perry (1954) who taught English and Drama at Grammar for over 21 years (to 2010). Dr Gwen Morris (1954) was a physics and chemistry teacher in Africa. Betty (Blackstone) Barr (1954) has lived in Fiji and Carol (Griffith) Whetton (1956) has lived in the US. Edna Higgins (1957) and Diana (Bell) MacGregor (1957) met up again and married 50 years after they did Senior together – Bill Muller had "played cupid"! At the 25th May lunch they spoke of their friend Dave Whebell (1954) well-known Townsville Pharmacist, who had died in April and is much missed. If any Past Students from the 50s are in town, phone Di 47716685 for an impromptu get-together.

## NOT YET COMPLETE

At 18, Berenice Sybil Vanda Wormald ("Bernie Wormald") joined the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force, later called the WAAF. "I wanted to do my bit and signed up even though my father forbade it," she says.

She was stationed in Townsville, working in communications on the "dog shift" from midnight to 8am and was one of the first to listen in and pass on reports of the crucial Battle of the Coral Sea.

That bitter fight in the Pacific Theatre took place in May 1942. For several days naval and air forces from the United States and Australia battled the Japanese navy. Both sides suffered heavy losses – of people, aircraft and carriers. But the Japanese had plenty more planned.

In July 1942, in Townsville, Berry watched in fear as a Japanese aircraft flew in and dropped a bomb less than 100 metres from her.

"We saw the searchlights on the plane and knew it meant business – it was terrifying," Berry says.

Townsville was a key air base and port, and yet the military were considered to be unprepared. Luckily, the bomb dropped into the bay.

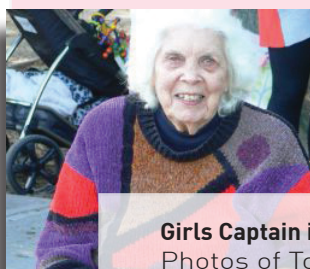
Now 94 and living on Sydney's North Shore, Berry says not many people realise Townsville was bombed during World War II.

Read the full Article here:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/brave-waaf-servicewoman-grateful-for-a-full-life-20170418-gvmzcl.html>

Article supplied by Ann Eyland, (Whight)

[(The second daughter of T B Whight.)]



Girls Captain in 1939, Bernice Sbil Vanda Wormald.

Photos of Townsville Grammar School 1939 'Berry' at Back.



Vale

# NOT YET COMPLETE

## Online Community



<http://ap.ptly.com/qld/tgs/oed.aspx>

For any questions about the reunion or the Past Grammarians Association, please don't hesitate to contact:

rebecca.paterson@tgs.qld.edu.au  
Rebecca Paterson  
47224980

### SHARE YOUR NEWS!!!

Our online Community has had an upgrade! It is a great place to keep in touch with past Townsville Grammar Students, if you haven't already created an account on potentiality, you can do so, using the web link below. Save the link to your favourites and visit the site regularly to stay up to date with old class mates from all cohorts, as well as update your details and share your news and photos!





Congratulations to the following past students on additions to their families:

To KIM STEELE (nee Lambert 1998) and her husband David on the birth of their second daughter, Mathilda. (pictured left - #1)

# NOT YET COMPLETE

Reunion



**TGS REUNION**

**10AM RUGBY + BREAKFAST ROLLS + SCHOOL TOUR**

**6PM 3 COURSE DINNER**

**@ THE BREWERY BANQUET CENTRE**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW** [WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/263211](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/263211)

**10:00am** - Morning Rugby and Complimentary Rolls followed by school tour will be held at North Ward Campus

**6:00pm** - Evening Three Course Dinner with complementary drink on arrival, held at the Townsville Banquet centre

Past Grammarians Tickets for the 2017 REUNION are on sale now! This year we have extended the invite to ALL past students during Richard Fairley's tenure.

[www.trybooking.com/263211](http://www.trybooking.com/263211)





## North Ward Campus

45 Paxton Street      North  
Ward, QLD 4810      P. 07  
47224900

## Annandale Campus

1 Brazier Drive  
Annandale, QLD 4814  
P. 07 4412 4800

## North Shore Campus

Erskine Place      North  
Shore, QLD 4818      P. 07 4412  
6600