

TGS



The GRAMMARIAN

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Each and every student of this great school, past and present, are beneficiaries of a wonderful educational foundation. Townsville Grammar School aims to be a community where people from a range of different backgrounds come together to learn together and support one another. This support for one another is a critical outcome: that's how we want our students to behave and be recognised when they leave school and move into the world as contributing citizens.

The outcomes we want extend beyond academic achievement. We are concerned to maintain our standing as a community where what we might call 'humane' values are recognised and realised. These humane values centre round the notions of personal dignity, personal integrity, and respect for self and others.

Schools are communities of action, achievement and mutual support, but they are also communities based on the recognition of the dignity and diversity of gifts of each of its members.

Townsville Grammar School aspires to be a community where independence of thought and action are respected, and a broad, liberal education is offered. A liberal education is an education conducted in a spirit of free inquiry undertaken without concern for topical relevance or vocational utility. It heightens students' awareness of the human and natural worlds they inhabit. It makes them more reflective about their beliefs and choices, more self-conscious and critical of their presuppositions and motivations, more creative in their problem-solving, more perceptive of the world around them, and more able to inform themselves about the issues that arise in their lives, personally, professionally, and socially.

A liberal education as offered by TGS is a preparation for the rest of life. The subjects that our students study and, as importantly, the skills and habits of mind that they acquire in the process, shape the lives they lead after they leave School.

One of the questions we continue to grapple with is 'how do we provide the highest quality of education for each of our students, particularly when there is so much change and an endless push to include more in a day?'

Education is changing rapidly: new theories, new technologies, new practices are all transforming the way we teach and the way we learn, just as the world of employment and the face and structure of society are being reshaped in new and emerging ways.

So how do we ensure that we're responding appropriately in what we offer, in the way in which we provide and consume education?

Resources and facilities are certainly one way of responding. At Townsville Grammar School we are seeking to develop our facilities to ensure that we provide access to the best environment for learning by students and teaching by staff.

But innovation is only one part of the model for success. Equally important is the effective

maintenance of what we already have; and one of the very valuable things that we already have, and that we aspire to keep in the best possible condition, is a culture of all-round, liberal education.

2022 IN REVIEW

2022 saw another disrupted start due to further COVID lockdowns, but once the School year got underway, we were able to operate in a mostly normal fashion. We commenced the year with the news that our 2021 Year 12 students had performed very strongly. This cohort of students performed very well in both the QCE (ATAR) system and the IB Diploma Programme. Our female School Captain, Sarah Jacob (12/2021), achieved the highest ATAR score in the school of 99.45 and was Dux of the School. Our male Boarding Captain, Hyeonggeun Yun (12/2021), achieved the highest IB score of 42. Other notable academic achievements include:

- 25.8% of students achieved the equivalent of 95.00 and above
- 44.2% of students achieved the equivalent of 90.00 and above
- Median ATAR was 88.85
- Median IB Score was 35
- Six of our students received QCAA Academic Commendations for receiving straight A results in six General subjects.

HOUSE COLOURS AND HOUSE COMPETITION

To further strengthen the School's House system, an expanded House Competition commenced this year with students competing for their House in a broader range of activities on a more regular basis. Throughout the year, we have seen some spirited competition with students providing strong support for their House during the various competitions.

In Term 2, we launched our House Colours program. This program is based on consistent student involvement and endeavour in House and School activities including academic, leadership, cultural, service and sport. Through this program, every student has the opportunity to earn points to achieve their Colours - starting with Half Colours, progressing to Full Colours and ultimately, Honour Colours. These are awarded over a period of up to six years encompassing activities undertaken in Middle and Senior School. Students receive a badge as they achieve each level. Through this program, we will be able to acknowledge and reward students who demonstrate a willingness to commit themselves to a range of activities in line with the philosophy of a Grammar education.

SCHOOL HOUSE

As the year draws to a close, the renovation of School House is nearly complete after a decade of meticulous restoration.

We are thrilled to re-open this historic building and it will soon be available for community groups to use. We want the city of Townsville to know about this iconic building and what it represents in the story and heritage of both our School and the community. We look forward to the development of the Past Grammarians Museum on the top floor, ably co-ordinated by our Archivist, Mr Chris Wilson.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

Our Chair of the Board of Trustees, Judge Stuart Durward, attended a Principal's Assembly in September as an opportunity for the student and teaching community to acknowledge his 25 years of service to the School and to hear from him of his story and journey as a parent, Board Member and Chair of the Board during this time. For many of our younger students, this was one of the first times they have ever met and heard from the Chair and he delivered an inspirational message pitched appropriately for the School community. The School also hosted a celebratory function for the Chairman with many members of the Board, past and present, and community representatives attending to mark this significant occasion. An overview of this event is included within this publication.

2022 has been another significant year in the life of our School, marked most significantly by the re-opening of School House, which I personally hope to see become the vibrant heart of our North Ward Campus, which will connect and reconnect Grammarians, past, present and future.

This year, the Past Grammarians Association has continued to grow and strengthen with the establishment of a constitution and a committed group of people who are driving the future of this important stakeholder group. I am pleased to see this publication reflect a diverse range of stories and news about our Past Grammarians and their increasing reconnection with our School today.

Sincerely

TIMOTHY KELLY
Principal



CHAIRMAN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Friday, 5 August 2022 marked 25 years since Judge Stuart Durward was appointed Chairman of the Townsville Grammar School Board of Trustees, following several years serving on the Board. The School hosted a celebratory event to acknowledge this incredible service. Below is an excerpt from Principal, Timothy Kelly's speech.

"This evening, we celebrate Stuart's tenure as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Townsville Grammar School for the past 25 years. This is a feat that must never be underestimated in terms of ongoing commitment and dedication to the School community. Our students, staff and parents have all benefited from the efforts of this one very humble gentleman.

Being a Board Member of a Grammar School is a significant responsibility, considering the unique independence that we enjoy as a School. Being Chairman of the Board brings with it many meetings, discussions and conferences regarding the School. Often this is out of hours and is extremely time-consuming. Of particular note is that all of this quarter of a century of dedication and service has been entirely voluntary – a salient fact that I particularly wish to acknowledge – for all members of the TGS Board, past and present. Yet, the personal and professional support that Stuart has provided me during my time as Principal has been

unwavering. His considered, measured advice on all matters is always invaluable.

Over the last five years, we have faced our challenges including floods, the pandemic, and, of course, the many personal incidents that occur in a large community. Stuart has been there for me and the School at any time. There is little doubt that the consistency of Stuart as Chair has added significantly to the development of the School over the past 25 years.

Stuart has a deep understanding of the uniqueness and purpose of the Grammar Schools in Queensland, and, in addition, the prominent position Townsville Grammar School holds in the history and traditions of North Queensland. To see Stuart in full flight with the other Grammar School Chairs is a sight to behold – his passion, commitment and enthusiasm for Grammar Schools and Townsville Grammar School in particular, is immediately apparent.



I know that one of his highlights of being Chair of the Board is speaking to the students on Speech Day. He is always crystal clear that the decisions taken by the Board are made with students at the very centre of our thinking.

To be Chair of the Board is a mammoth, unpredictable and often 24 hour a day and holiday job that does not pay respect to the clock or calendar. I wish to express my sincere gratitude and thanks Noela and their family for allowing me and the School to have such access to him at all times of the day and for extended periods.

I wish to thank Stuart for his guidance of the Board of Trustees and on behalf of the broader community, acknowledge his legacy to TGS – the School is a better place because of his leadership.

Stuart took over stewardship of TGS in 1997. At the time Townsville Grammar School was a “good” secondary school, and proudly educated the youth of North Queensland. 25 years later there is no doubt that Stuart has overseen our School becoming a “better” school

which now educates the children of the literally the world. They will be better citizens and adults of the future as a result of the changes that Stuart and the Board have effected in that time. He took what was good and made it better. In doing so, Stuart has lived and actioned our School motto of Bonus Intra Melior Exi.”





HISTORY RESTORED

After several years of meticulous renovation, School House, the original building of Townsville Grammar School, established in 1888, has re-opened.

Restored to its former glory, this iconic heritage-listed building has resumed its place in the heart of the North Ward Campus, and will serve as a wonderful venue for use by the School and the wider community, with function and meeting rooms available and a School Museum in the planning.

School House, a part of the Townsville City Council's Heritage Trail and added to the Queensland Heritage Register in 2002, was built in 1888 as the first classroom and boarding rooms for the School.





The original School House building was partially destroyed in 1903 by Cyclone Leonta and rebuilt to a slightly different design in 1903-1904 by Townsville architects, FDG Stanley Tunbridge and Tunbridge.

The new design was considered a cooler, more suitable building for the tropical environment, with verandahs on both levels used for sleeping in the hotter months. Until 1940, all lessons, with the exception of science, were conducted on the lower level of the building, while the upper level was used as a dormitory for boarders.

The building was used for many purposes throughout the latter decades until it was closed for restoration in 2011, a lengthy process dictated by heritage restoration laws and regulations.

Townsville Grammar School Principal, Mr Timothy Kelly, said the School community has been eagerly awaiting the re-opening of this building.

"We've been watching the restoration of School House for several years and it's fantastic to now be using it and opening it up to the wider Townsville community to use," said Mr Kelly.

"We frequently have Past Grammarians visit the School, and since the news of the development of the TGS Museum has circulated, we have been gratefully receiving some wonderful items of memorabilia which we are using to populate our TGS Museum. Once complete, the Museum will form a central hub for our Past Grammarians Association and a place for our alumni to visit and share in the story of the School.

"Townsville Grammar School has grown alongside the Townsville community, almost mirroring the development of the town which was founded in 1865,"

said Mr Kelly. "School House not only belongs to Townsville Grammar School; it belongs to the city of Townsville and its community.

"The School's 134-year history is a fascinating story, one that captures the spirit of the north - one of endurance, resilience and community. It is my hope that we can use School House as a way of capturing this history for past, present and future Grammarians.

"We hope this lovingly and respectfully restored iconic building will become well-known as a part of our city's heritage and that our community will enjoy visiting and using the space."

BOARDROOM TABLE SCHOOL HOUSE

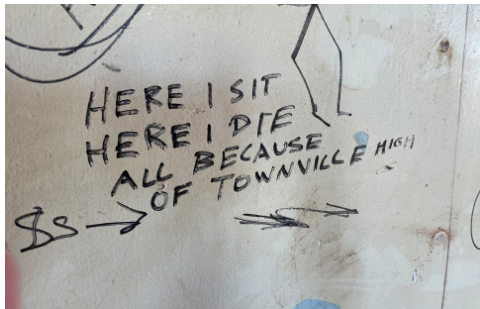
Design & Technology students have crafted this magnificent table for the boardroom in the restored and recently re-opened School House.



SCHOOL HOUSE MEMORIES

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Photographed from the walls of School House during the restoration, from 1988/89.



PAST GRAMMARIANS ASSOCIATION



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PAST GRAMMARIANS

Under a newly formed committee and constitution, the Past Grammarians Association has continued to work toward the engagement of the Past Grammarians' community.

In 2022, the PG Association hosted several events for Past Grammarians including two Townsville based functions and one in Brisbane. The Reunion event was a great success and we now look forward to our 2023 calendar.

The Past Grammarians Association committee supported several of the School's events in 2022, including the North Ward Campus Open Day, the School's significant ANZAC service, the Rugby@Home

day as part of the Reunion weekend, and we will again attend the Year 12 Graduation ceremony and present the senior cohort with a Past Grammarians pin and other memorabilia, in the spirit of welcoming them as the newest group of Past Grammarians.

We welcome Past Grammarians to get involved with your Association. Please don't hesitate to contact us via pastgrammarians@tgs.qld.edu.au

JOHN SHORT

President



Past Grammarians Committee 2022 with Principal, Tim Kelly.



WHO ARE WE?

President	John Short (1986)
Vice President	Courtney Thompson (2012)
Secretary	Bev Price (1986)
Treasurer	Don Booth (1983)
Committee Members	Carolyn Caleo (1983)
	Jim Terry (1974)
	Krystal Kirkman (2004)
	Jack Callcott (1969)

WHAT DO WE DO?

- We have monthly meetings, every second Wednesday of the month (one hour only).
- We organise functions and the annual Reunion.
- We manage the Past Grammarians Facebook Group and Instagram account.
- We look for ways to share Past Grammarian news.
- We plan to develop further engagement and connection within our Past Grammarian community.

HOW DO WE KEEP CONNECTED & COMMUNICATE?

FACEBOOK GROUP

Our Past Grammarians Facebook Group has continued to grow, with more than 2000 followers. It has been fantastic to see members posting memorabilia, photos and memories of their time at TGS.

We encourage all Past Grammarians to join this group and engage by posting photos and sharing memories of your time at TGS.

Search **Townsville Past Grammarians** and join the group to keep up with and share our news

INSTAGRAM

In 2022 we started a Past Grammarians Instagram page: **@TGS_pastgrammarians**

WEBSITE

All information regarding events and publications is available at **www.tgs.qld.edu.au/pastgrammarians**

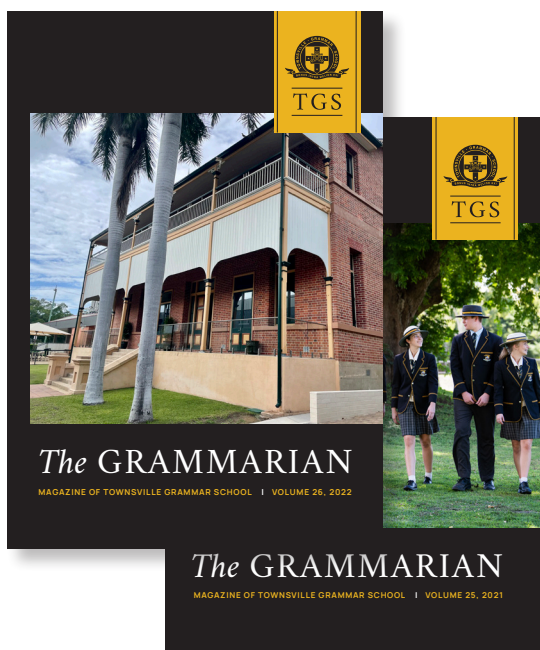
THE GRAMMARIAN MAGAZINE

This publication is now published at the end of each year, following the Reunion event. The magazine is available digitally for viewing or downloading from

www.tgs.qld.edu.au/pastgrammarians

Hard copies are available upon request.

In the past, copies of The Grammarian magazines were mailed to all Past Grammarians on the database. Due to the increasing costs of the mailout, and, particularly, due to the return rate, we have decided to mail copies on request only.



KEEP IN CONTACT WITH PAST GRAMMARIANS

Facebook: Past Grammarians Group
(search Townsville Past Grammarians to join)

Instagram: @TGS_pastgrammarians

Website: tgs.qld.edu.au/pastgrammarians



Following two years of interrupted Reunion events due to COVID-19, the Past Grammarians Association was thrilled to stage a Reunion weekend, with a special focus on the graduating classes of years ending in 2. We welcomed Past Grammarians from 1952, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002 and 2012

SAVE THE DATE – REUNION 2023

SATURDAY, 12 AUGUST with a special focus on the graduating classes of years ending in 3.









Judge Stuart Durward and Noela Durward, together with Julie Muller, Liam and Jonathan Muller and sons, accepting Honorary Life Memberships of the Past Grammarians Association.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

PAST GRAMMARIANS ASSOCIATION

President of the Past Grammarians Association, Mr John Short, presented two Honorary Life Memberships during the Reunion Function, to Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Judge Stuart Durward, and in honour of the late William (Bill) Muller, accepted by his wife, Julie and sons, Liam and Jonathan.

The criteria for this honour, as is listed in the Past Grammarians Association Constitution, states:

"To be considered for Honorary Life Membership, a nominee should have provided a significant service to the School as a member of the Board, teacher, administrator, coach, staff member, volunteer, or in other ways, such that they are considered to have made a significant contribution to the School or the Association".

Both recipients of this inaugural award have well and truly exceeded these criteria, and in doing so, they have lived and actioned the School's motto, Bonus Intra Melior Exi.

WILLIAM (BILL) MULLER

Bill Muller was Deputy Principal of Townsville Grammar School from 1980 until 1998. He and his wife Julie were also parents of the School, with Liam and Jonathan attending and graduating from TGS.

Bill was also the School's inaugural Rugby coach. In fact, Bill was instrumental in both TGS Rugby AND Townsville Rugby - and his contribution to the development of the game in Townsville is legendary.

Bill's commitment to Townsville Grammar School was long-standing, extending well beyond his retirement. Bill then took on the roles of archivist and historian, and we are indebted to him for leaving us an incredible body of writing which captures the history and spirit of the School and will be a central part of our TGS Museum which will be included in School House.

Bill also remained a key figure in our Past Grammarians Association from 2000 through to 2017.

At his memorial service here at the School in 2020, Chairman of the Board, Judge Stuart Durward said this of Bill Muller:

"The success of Bill's long career at the School is demonstrated by many things, but I think the most outstanding feature is the fact that I have never heard a student speak of Mr Muller in anything other than appreciative and enthusiastic terms. This is a remarkable achievement by a remarkable man."

Bill's contribution to the life of the School has been significant. He has had an incredible influence on the lives of thousands of Past Grammarians, hundreds of young rugby players, and many, many colleagues and friends.

His legacy as a key character of the history of this great School will always be remembered.

JUDGE STUART DURWARD AM QC LLB GAICD

Judge Stuart Durward has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Townsville Grammar School for 25 years, and was also a Board Member for several years beforehand. Stuart and his wife, Noela, have also been parents of the school with three children attending TGS – Jeremy, Matthew and Kate.

Under his leadership, Stuart has guided the School through decades of change and growth.

Stuart has worked with three Principals in his time, and has been the constant guiding hand throughout 25 years of highs, lows, challenges and celebrations of this great school – giving generously of his time with passion and commitment.

In recent years, Stuart has championed the School's extension to a third campus at North Shore, and the redevelopment of our historic School House

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PAST GRAMMARIAN VISITS & DONATIONS



In 2021, the School welcomed back retired former Head of Boarding, Mr Chris Wilson, as the School Archivist. Mr Wilson has been working steadily to collate and organise the extensive archive materials, which will be used within the School Museum which will be housed on the top floor of the newly restored School House.

We have been delighted to receive donations of TGS memorabilia, which will be duly acknowledged and housed in the museum. We have also been delighted to welcome several Past Grammarians who have visited the School throughout 2022, with some spending time with students to talk about their work and career.

MEMORABILIA - ED CATTONI (1974)

Thank you to Ed Cattoni for this wonderful donation of TGS memorabilia for our School Museum. Ed is pictured (above) with his wife, Julie, and Principal, Tim Kelly.



THOMAS FOX (1954)

Thomas Fox, a former boarder from Papua New Guinea visited the School along with his partner, Amy and granddaughter, Tegan. Thomas was the first visiting Past Grammarian to see the newly restored and opened School House.



Harshil Pillai (2012) with School Captains, Dylan Rao and Olivia Bowater (2022)

PAST GRAMMARIAN GUEST SPEAKER

CUM LAUDE AWARDS 2022

We welcomed Past Grammarian and former School Captain, Harshil Pillai (2012), as our guest speaker at our annual Cum Laude Assembly who spoke about how he has learned what it means to "give your all" in the attainment of personal goals.

"Those are some of the lessons I've learnt since finishing school. Don't just follow your passion, deserve your dream, by focusing on process over results. Cultivate your friendships. Be nice to your parents. Be nicer to your teachers. Be nicest to yourself."



ALASDAIR CANNON (2011)

Alasdair Cannon met with Principal, Tim Kelly and Year 11 and 12 students prior to the Townsville launch of his first book "Holding Patterns" - a deeply challenging and provocative set of essays on the passive acceptance of the modern human condition; how we came to be here and some ideas about where we go from here.

www.bonfirebooks.org



BRANDON COOK (2015)

Past Grammarian, Brandon Cook, visited our North Ward Campus to meet with our IT and Coding@Grammar Club students. Brandon is a Senior Software Development with SafetyCulture and brought Spot the Robot in to demonstrate the technology.

PAST GRAMMARIANS

CLASS OF 2021

SCHOLARS' ASSEMBLY

We warmly welcomed back members of our 2021 Year 12 cohort for the annual Scholars' Assembly in February 2022, including the announcement of the Year 12 Academic Awards.

A special congratulations to:

Sarah Jacob
Lachlan Taylor

Dux
Proxime Accessit



2021 Dux, Sarah Jacob, and Proxime Accessit, Lachlan Taylor.



2021 Prize recipients who attended the Scholars' Assembly in February, 2022.

2021 ACADEMIC AWARDS
YEARS 6-12

YEAR 12	Sarah Jacob Lachlan Taylor	Mary Foley-Elliott Memorial Prize for Dux Laurence Edward Wilkins Prize for Proxime Accessit
YEAR 11	Dylan Rao Lily Roehr	T.A. Gulliver Memorial Prize for Dux (Joint) T.A. Gulliver Memorial Prize for Dux (Joint)
YEAR 10	Saachi Hira Phillipa Dowling	P.F. Rowland Memorial Prize for Dux Professor Ian Yang Prize for Proxime Accessit
YEAR 9	Naomi Kutash Alyssa Curtis	P.F. Rowland Memorial Prize for Dux Yang Family Prize for Proxime Accessit
YEAR 8	Oscar Caniato Gemma Morris	Past Grammarians' Association Prize for Dux Parents & Friends Association Prize for Proxime Accessit
YEAR 7	Shreeya Ranabhat Sophie Andrews	Past Grammarians' Association Prize for Dux Ladies Auxiliary Association Prize for Proxime Accessit
YEAR 6	Annabelle Brown Tushaar Nalavade	Ladies Auxiliary Association Prize for Dux Parents & Friends Association Prize for Proxime Accessit

ALAN D MORWOOD ACADEMIC AWARDS 2021

Mr Alan D. Morwood was the ninth Headmaster of the School (1976-1992), and during his 17 years as Headmaster, he successfully role modelled the virtues of scholarly leadership and personal humility. Mr Morwood passed away in April 2001.

These Alan D Morwood Academia Awards are presented to '...Year 12 students who have achieved a Cum Laude Award in each of their six years at Grammar since Year 7'. The Awards recognise scholars who have achieved a consistently high standard of academic excellence over the duration of their secondary schooling.

Congratulations to our 2021 Year 12 Alan D Morwood Academic Award recipients:

Vatsal Anand, Millie Andrews, Darcy Arnold, Ella Banks, Joshua Bourquin, Samuel Brooks, Phoebe Evans, Matthew Ferguson, Thomas Gray, Ashani Hazratwala, Sarah Jacob, Ciara Kavanagh, Xanthe Lamari, Sasha Lea-Rowell, Daniel Lee, Savahna Lee, Oliver Livingstone, Daniel Perez Castillo, Ellise Pickering, Aimee Smith, Lachlan Taylor, Neshi Weerasooriya.



YEAR 12 ACADEMIC OUTCOMES 2021

95+

25.8%

90+

44.2%

88.85

MEDIAN ATAR

35

MEDIAN IB
Equivalent to 92.60 ATAR



CLASS OF 2022

Congratulations to our Class of 2022 as they complete their schooling journey and begin their lives as the youngest members of our Past Grammarians community. Academic results will not be finalised until late December, due to the new ATAR system, and therefore, the release of academic prizes and the announcement of the Dux of the School for 2022 will not be available until early 2023. This information will be reported in the 2023 edition of The Grammarian magazine.

Congratulations to the recipients of two of the oldest awards presented annually to Year 12 students. Dylan Rao was presented with the Chelmsford Cup which has been awarded since 1905, and Olivia Bowater with the Mary Agnes Donald Memorial Prize, which has been presented since 1930. Both students received these awards at the Co-Curricular Awards Assembly. This year, the Perry Award was presented to Luke Carroll and Lauren To (12/2022). The Perry Award has been presented since 2002.



ALAN D MORWOOD ACADEMIC AWARDS 2022

Congratulations to our 2022 Year 12 Alan D Morwood Academic Award recipients:

Ella Alessio; Olivia Bowater; Mac Broad; Luke Carroll, Hasindi Gamage, Philippa Jhinku; Claire Jiang; Daniel Kim; Nandan Kumar; Hollie Laffy; Brandon Lindsay; Darcy Locke; Jonathan Ly; Jorja Maidment; Thomas Middleton; Minha Oh, Tejal Pillai; Dylan Rao; Ashmith Sivayoganathan; Ananya Suvarna; Thomas Taylor; Wouter Teunisse

SCHOOL NEWS

TWEDDELL LEADERSHIP DINNER

The School proudly hosted the second annual Tweddell Leadership Dinner in June 2022, named in honour of Past Grammarian, Bill Tweddell (1967), who was the guest speaker at the inaugural event in 2021.

The event is hosted for Year 6 and Year 12 Leaders of Townsville Schools and this year's event was again well attended. The Guest Speaker this year was former Professional Basketballer and Olympic medallist, Cr Suzy Batkovic, who spoke to the students about teamwork and leadership, sharing some inspiring stories from her years as a professional athlete representing Australia.



Principal, Timothy Kelly, with Mr Bill Tweddell (Past Grammarian), Cr Suzy Batkovic, Head of Junior School, Mr Martin Tait, and School Captains – Dylan Rao and Olivia Bowater (Year 12) and Suravi Pandey and Jay Singh (Year 6)

JOSEPH ACTON PERPETUAL SHIELD

Director of Boarding, Jaye Beutel, visited Julia Creek in September for the annual Julia Creek Campdraft. Townsville Grammar School has sponsored the Julia Creek Junior Camp Draft for eleven years, presenting the Joseph Acton Perpetual Shield to the winner of the event, in memory of Past Grammarian, the late Joseph Acton.

Joseph Acton was the third of the Acton boys to board at Townsville Grammar School, following in the footsteps of brothers, Robert and Phillip. The boys hailed from Millungurra Station in the Julia Creek district. Joe was tragically killed in an accident in 2011.

Congratulations to this year's winner of the Junior Camp Draft – our very own Rory Hacon (7/2022) and his horse Bronwyn's Kilt, who won the event with a score of 58.

A special thank you to Mrs Cathy Acton, Joseph's mother, who was present for the Junior Draft and presented the riders with their ribbons and prizes.



Cathy Acton with Director of Boarding, Jaye Beutel and Rory Hacon, the winner of the 2022 Junior Camp Draft

MALCOLM McCONACHY

WAR MEDALS

The School has gratefully and humbly received this precious donation from the family of Past Grammarian, Malcolm McConachy, who was killed in service in Vietnam. Malcolm was a boarder for five years at TGS. He enlisted in the Australian Army in 1968 and was posted to 9RAR. He was deployed to South Vietnam where he was killed in service on 9 February, 1969 at the age of 21. He was the only Past Grammarian to die in service in the Vietnam War. A wing of the Parker-Hall Building (Boarding House) has been named in his honour.



Malcolm's family has donated this beautiful box containing his war medals, which will be housed in the TGS Museum on the top floor of School House. Within the box is Malcolm's school badge. The badge was found within his personal belongings which were returned to the family following his death in Vietnam.

ANZAC SERVICE

As is tradition, the School community once again gathered for the annual ANZAC service to recognise those who served, who currently serve, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice, including sixty Past Grammarians.

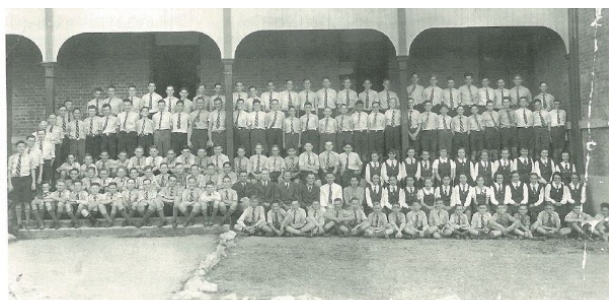
Our senior boarders again visited the grave site of Past Grammarian boarder, Malcolm McConachy, who died in service in the Vietnam War.



Bottom middle: Principal, Timothy Kelly, with School Captains, Dylan Rao and Olivia Bowater (Year 12) and Suravi Pandey and Jai Singh (Year 6)
Bottom right: Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Judge Stuart Durward, with Past Grammarian, JCU Vice Channcellor, Bill Twedell, School Captains, Dylan Rao and Olivia Bowater, and Vice-Captain, Philippa Jhinku.

NATIONAL BOARDING WEEK

To mark National Boarding Week, our boarders gathered on the steps of School House, the original classroom and boarding house, established in 1888. Pictured is a photo of the School in 1940 and in 2022 in the newly restored School House.



The School, 1940.



SCHOOL TRADITIONS

In memory of Past Grammarians



68TH ANNUAL McKIMMIN MILE

This year was the 68th running of the McKimmin Mile at the North Ward Campus, an event that has been held since 1954, in memory of Past Grammarian, Alan McKimmin.

The McKimmin Mile was initiated by Headmaster, Mr Maurie Blank, to commemorate the memory of Alan McKimmin who died in 1945, aged 17. Alan was the seventh member of the family enrolled at Townsville Grammar School - the first McKimmin was enrolled in 1902. Alan's father, EJ McKimmin, was a Trustee from 1944-1951. The family donated funds to the School to establish the McKimmin Memorial in the Quad. For the first 30 years of the race, only boys were permitted to run. In 1985, Headmaster, Alan Morwood, introduced a separate race for girls. Today the race is no longer an actual mile, but the spirit of the event lives on.

Congratulations to our 2022 McKimmin Mile winners:

- Madeline Mathews (12/2022)
- Gabriel Diedrick (12/2022)
- Erica Round (9/2022)
- Solomon Ryan (9/2022)

COLIN BINGHAM MEDALLISTS

The Junior School Writing Competition has been taking place since 2010 for students from Years 3 to Year 6. The winning writers in each year level are awarded the Colin Bingham Medal in acknowledgement of their writing ability, presented at the annual Writing Competition Assembly.

The Medal is named in honour of Past Grammarian, Colin Bingham, who began at Grammar as a boarder in 1913. His love of writing developed into a distinguished career as a journalist and WWII war correspondent.

Our 2022 Medalists will join our Colin Bingham Medalists Honour Roll. Congratulations to:

Year 3 - Tien Yew Chan and Eloise Williams

Year 4 - Henry Pai and Anabel Mathew

Year 5 - Ed Bentley and Tien Ern Chan

Year 6 - Minwoo (Jamie) Kim and Shaarika Senthil

PAST GRAMMARIAN NEWS



DR PAMELA JANE CALEO (2000)

Dr Pamela Jane Caleo is pictured at her 2022 Graduation ceremony in Brisbane - Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (FRACS).

HEATHER FEARBY-ROBERTS (1985)

This year, Heather undertook a fundraising ride from Brisbane to Cairns, raising more than \$31,000 for dementia research at the Queensland Brain Institute. Heather, Matt and crew completed in excess of 1700km, starting at the Storey Bridge in Brisbane, finishing eight days later in Cairns.



VINCENT 'BUSH' PARKER (1930S)

James Green has published a book about Past Grammarian, Vincent Parker, who attended TGS in the 1930s before going off to fight in WW2. The book is available on Amazon.

The Colditz Conjuror: The amazing true story of Vincent 'Bush' Parker, Battle of Britain Pilot and Prisoner of War Magician.



Wade Forster
Ringer turned singer

"It's a whole different league. When I think about some of the jobs I've had - a ringer, a horse farrier - but this job, it's one I want to hang on to."



WADE FORSTER (2015) BOARDER

RINGER TURNED SINGER

Born and raised in Winton, Wade grew up on his family's cattle station. He fell in love with music to the point where he bought a guitar from Facebook Marketplace for \$100 and learnt to play. Wade's passion for old school country music is beyond measure, playing songs of years past at rodeos, surrounded by friends. This year, Wade has released a single, cigarettes.

Available on streaming platforms: @wadeforstermusic

DAN WITHERS (2004)

Recently, at the North Ward Old Boys Rugby Club Presentation night, **Daniel Withers** was recognised for his contribution to the club. Dan was presented as the sixth life-member, joining some illustrious company, including.

His Honour **Stuart Durward** (Chairman of the TGS Board of Trustees and club Patron).

Bill Muller (TGS icon and co-founder of the club (then known as Grammar Old Boys)) and

Scott O'Neill, (class of 1999) outgoing 'A Grade' coach who announced and presented his friend, Dan to the club.

Dan was a boarder at TGS. His first Rugby playing experience was at the Grammar School in the Under 13s. It was in the Black and Gold that he learned the passion for game that carried him through his school years and his career. He played for the TGS 1st XV in 2003 and; 2004, captaining the side in 2004 and toured with the school to England in 2003.

Dan represented Townsville at every age group (under 13 through under 17) and represented the Northern region at under 15 and under 18 (twice) levels as well as being selected in the Queensland combined secondary Schools XV in 2004.

Dan joined Grammar Old Boys on leaving school and has played for GOB and North Ward Old Boys ever since. Daniel Withers has done it all at and for the club. Player, Captain, Coach, Committee Member, Premiership Winner, and Club Player of the Decade. His service to Rugby, however, goes well beyond the club, he is the heart and soul of Townsville Rugby. It has been a big year for Dan who has recently been appointed as the Director of Rugby of the Townsville and District Rugby Union.

Dan continued to excel post-school earning further representative honours, representing Townsville and Queensland Country as an under 19 and Townsville and North Queensland on numerous occasions in Senior Men's teams.

In his humble acceptance, Dan paid tribute to his parents, wife **Rachel** (class of 2004, Pierre du Coubertin recipient in 2004) and expressed his love for the club.

In his own words

"I was (shocked) and incredibly humbled to be awarded a Life Membership of North Ward Rugby Union Club. This club has played such a massive and important role in my life (as rugby has in general).

I thank all the special people who supported me on my

Rugby journey. I honed my skills on the Bill Muller Oval at Townsville Grammar and enjoyed my time immensely playing for the school. I still remember **Lyle Hadwen** and **Harry Ling** my first Rugby coaches. My mum and dad both loved to watch me play. In particular during the early years, **Helen Withers'** voice certainly cut through to me wherever I was on the field playing for the Grammar School or the Old Boys. Sometimes I would be embarrassed, these days, I would give anything to hear her calling out to me again!

Keith Withers, Dad, brainwashed me as a young child when he sat me down and told me what the Bledisloe Cup was and planted a seed in my brain somewhere. Secondly, I would be nowhere without **Rachel Withers** in my life and her support of me in every way on my Rugby journey. Perhaps only she knows how much it means to me, hence why she rolls her eyes when I go on a rant about how Rugby can save the world.

Finally, the leaders of the club in my early days did so much to help and shape me and their selfless efforts and commitment inspired me, **David Bourne**, **Richard Lehmann**, **Scott O'Neill**, **Trent Johnston** just to name a few.

We had some really tough years as a club after I joined and we persevered and seeing the success it has become over the years, the lives it's changed and even created, the good humans it's forged, it has made me incredibly proud to be a part of it all.

Contrary to popular belief I'm not fully retiring just yet. Thanks everyone for the congratulations and well wishes.

Equidecim Unum - 15 for 1."

At the same event, Past Grammarians who received awards included.

A Grade

Best Back & Bill Muller
Memorial Player -
Declan Marchioni
Best & Fairest -
Tom Greenwood

Reserve Grade

Best Back -
Mitchell Macleod
Best & Fairest -
Sean Suk



JACK GROWDEN (2013)

Jack Growden received a JCU Outstanding Alumni Award for his work founding the not-for-profit organisation, LiteHaus International. In the four years since its inception, LiteHaus International has grown from Jack's parents' garage, to the world, providing more than 40,000 people across four countries with digital learning tools and opportunities. Jack is now the full-time Chief Executive Officer of LiteHaus International and aims to empower millions of individuals by 2030.

**TOWNSVILLE PAST GRAMMARIANS SWAP BLACK AND GOLD FOR GREEN AND GOLD!**

"For any athlete, wearing the green and gold is the pinnacle of sport and Australia being the sporting nation that it is, makes it extra special"

Townsville Past Grammarians Steph Kershaw (2012) and Jake Doran (2017) competed at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Steph is a valuable and experienced member of the Hockeyroos, while Jake made his Commonwealth Games debut representing Australia in the Mens' 100m, 200m, and 4 x 100m.

**CORPORAL MARK POWIS (2001)**

An article published in the Townsville Bulletin, 19 February 2022, talks of Past Grammarian, Corporal Mark Powis, who, after two tours of service in Afghanistan, received the Military Cross, presented by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. Mark and his wife now live in South Africa.

LIKELY FAMILY – SIX CHILDREN, 25 YEARS OF ENROLMENT AT TGS

Amelia (Amy) Likely (12/2022) graduates this year as the youngest of six children in the family who have attended Townsville Grammar School. The eldest, Thomas Likely, started at the school in 1997 and graduated in 2010, the same year as Amy began Prep – making it 12 years between the graduation of the eldest and youngest, and 25 years of enrolment of Likely children at Townsville Grammar School.

**TIA-CLAIRE TOOMEY (2010) BOARDER**

Tia-Claire won gold at the International Cross Fit Games in 2022, named the world's fittest (again).

"If you believe in yourself anything can happen".



MARCIA DAVIES (1950s)

Ernie Hoolihan sent me a link to download of a copy of the 2021 Grammarian Magazine.

As a pupil in the '50s, it is a joy to see the School continually going from strength to strength... What a truly wonderful school it is, rating highly with anything around the world I should think... It was a very good school when I was attending and rather different in many ways including numbers of pupils.

I think there were sixteen pupils in the final two years when I was there....I remember Ernie and I did Ancient History together (just the two of us) with a very excellent and wonderfully enthusiastic English teacher called Mr. Pretty... I struggled enormously with Maths and recall Mr. Blank, the then Head, beginning the maths lesson by saying..."And now we will separate the sheep from the goats"....always with a wry smile mind you, but he'd probably get thrown out for saying that these days! But I surely knew in which pen I was stalled - abstract manipulation of numbers was not my forte.

And what he did do, was add Botany to the curriculum, (because it was unlikely I would be passing the Maths Senior Certificate examination) which he taught, and there were only two of us for that as well - Hilary Davis, who excelled and could add another subject to her other subjects no problem, and myself.

His answer to the questions I had about this and that in Botany, I recall, was mostly..."Well, that's the nature of the beast!"...The Ancient History and the Botany have helped to open up doors and continued to give me enjoyment over the years.

So I say thanks to Townsville Grammar and all the teachers and friends I made there at the time and count myself lucky to have attended.

All the best and kind regards,

Marcia Davies - still fairly fit, young at heart and, of course, beautiful (see how well I was taught)!!!

VALE

MARY BLOXHAM passed away 14 July 2022. Mary was wife of former TGS Board member, Arthur Bloxham, mother of Past Grammarians, Craig, Grant and Ruth Bloxham, and grandmother to current Grammarians,

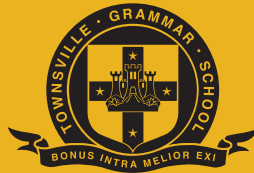
GWEN MORRIS (1954) passed away 28 June 2022. Gwen was Head Girl at TGS in her Senior Year and went on to study Medicine at Qld University. Her medical career included working at Royal North Shore and Preston Hospitals, five years as a missionary doctor in Africa, further studies on Child Guidance and (in U.S.) Drug Rehab, and an extended period as Chief Medical Officer at the Palmerston Street Child Health Centre. When major health problems cut short her medical career, she wrote and illustrated books about children and handicrafts.

PAT TINSLEY was a much loved TGS staff member in the library and Home Economics from 1979 to 2003. Pat passed away 19 March 2022.

DR SPENCER ROUTH OAM (1952) passed away 25 September 2022. Spencer was a respected Australian librarian, demonstrating his academic talent throughout his schooling, becoming one of only four students to win all three of the Lilley, Byrnes and Ryan medals.

He attended The University of Queensland, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1958. Following his graduation, he worked as a lecturer in English, and was appointed UQ's first reference librarian in 1959. He went on to work for the library for 38 years, and was a driving force behind the growth of the library, both in size and prestige. In 1965, Dr Routh attended Columbia University as a Fulbright scholar, completing a Master in Science.

Dr Routh received the Australian Dictionary of Biography medal in 2003 for his contributions to the series over thirty years. In 2005 he was awarded a Doctor of Letters honoris causa from UQ, and in 2011 he received an Order of Australia Medal.



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PAST
GRAMMARIANS

Reunion

2023

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST, 2023

A Reunion event for all Past Grammarians, with a special focus on the graduating classes of years ending in 3.

Saturday afternoon – Rugby@Home afternoon Morwood/Muller
Ovals + Past Grammarians BBQ

Saturday afternoon – Past Grammarians School Tour


Saturday evening – Reunion Cocktail Function


Further information regarding events and tickets will be available early 2023 on our website, Facebook group and Instagram.

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