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33rd Annual Reunion Luncheon plus AGM held in Sydney

This year's Lunch was held on Saturday 10 March 2019 at the Castlereagh Hotel. Acting Principal of Dubbo College Senior Campus, Marisha Blanco, Girl Captain, Grace Gower and Vice-Captain, David Woods were guests of the Club. Vicki Budden, ex-student and member of staff, also attended. As usual, the students gave us an update on College activities in the last 12 months, the highlight of which was undoubtedly the visit to the Senior Campus of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

It was good to see many members of the Class of 1957 attend the lunch, some for the first time.

It was also good to see a few people who have been to almost every lunch – Leone Daley (Dwyer) Class of 65 has missed only one, when a member of her husband's family chose the date for his wedding. Ken Murray HLM (Class of 53, and also a teacher from the 60s) has also only missed one and Margaret Todd, (Class of 53) has missed only two.

Also present this year for the first time in a few years were former President, Jenny Gleeson and former Treasurer, Darb Gardner, both Honorary Life Members.

The guest speaker was Claire Phillips (Class of 2004). On the following page, you will find an excerpt from her interesting message.

The Annual General Meeting of the Bindyi Club was held at 10.30am, before the lunch. The committee regretfully accepted the resignations of John Peacock and Barbara Fewings. Other members of the committee were re elected, and Patrick Bourke was later confirmed as the new Vice-President.

At the lunch, John Peacock and Pam Bell were awarded Honorary Life Memberships.

Members of the Class of 1957



*Vic Chapman and Decima Pickles (Wheeler),
School Captains 1949, with classmate George Bennett*



Excerpts from Claire Phillips' address to the Bindi Club:

“... One of my favourite teachers that decided to move on was my English Teacher, Ray Woodward. Mr Woodward was not only passionate about English, he's also the first teacher I remember who really believed in me. At the time, my parents had separated, and home life was a bit chaotic. We were very poor then and I was receiving a Smith Family Scholarship.

To have someone you respect think that you had talent was one of the most important things that happened to me around at that age. He liked the way I wrote things; encouraged me to experiment with words and sentences and structure. He taught me essays and that some rules in English were made to be broken.

I was so lucky at the senior campus to have teachers who went above and beyond too. Teachers like Mrs Varathan, who taught me HSC maths. I wasn't a particularly good maths student but she gave up her school holidays to tutor us - for free...

... I believe when Lars Newman gave this speech last year he talked about the difference in outcomes for students in public and private schools – and that often students from private schools struggle at university because of the self-directed nature of tertiary education. That was certainly my experience and my education at a public school gave me grit and tenacity and that was an important part of my degree – and also later my experience in the film and television industry...

... I've been working as a professional screenwriter for several years now and I can honestly say I love what I do. But it's a passion that started in Dubbo, at school and without Mr Woodward forcing me to believe in myself as much as he did and without Mrs Varathan sacrificing her free time to ensure I could achieve the best UAI I could and Ms Kerin for steering me toward my degree, I wouldn't be where am I today.”



The largest year group at the 2019 lunch was the Class of 1965

Citations:

PAM BELL

to honour her contribution to “Milestones and Memories – Celebrating the past 100 years of Public Secondary Education in Dubbo 1917-2017”. Pam's scholarship and leadership of fellow dedicated volunteers in compiling the school centenary book was a significant component to the success of Dubbo High School and Dubbo College's centenary celebrations in 2017. This impressive publication is an ongoing source of interest and pleasure for ex-students.”

JOHN PEACOCK

to honour his contribution to the Bindi Club over 24 years. Originally involved with the DHS Library Foundation in 1995, John joined the Bindi Club committee in 1997, and has been a committee member since then, holding the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and Newsletter editor. Amongst his contributions was the computerisation of the database in 2004 and responsibility for its maintenance for most of the years since then. John led the incorporation of the Bindi Club in 2007 and the gaining of registration of the Esse Quam Videri Foundation as a charity in 2017. John's unstinting commitment and dedication has been pivotal in the development and continuing success of the Bindi Club.



Pam Bell, Jill McCann and John Peacock



The Esse Quam Videri Foundation

The Chairman of the Esse Quam Videri Foundation, Wally Howe, spoke briefly at the lunch about the progress of the Foundation.

The committee is meeting monthly and working on having a functional website very soon. They are also committed to having a strategy in place for donations, bequests and sponsorships, with a view to increasing the value of the existing scholarships (Rawdon Middleton, Frank Heather and Ruby Riach scholarships).

Committee members are Wally Howe, Sheri Carolan, Neil Wykes, Dennis Wilson, and John Peacock.

From the Bindyite:

1949 ~ 70 years ago

- The Headmaster was G C Shaw B.A.
- School Captains were Victor Chapman and Decima Wheeler
- Vice Captains were Keith Gordon and Wandella Treverrow
- The Governor of NSW, Lieut-General Sir John Northcott, and the Deputy Premier, Mr J Cahill were present with a host of other dignitaries for the unveiling of the Honour Roll and the picture of Rawdon Middleton's plane as envisaged by the artist
- Ten days of Centenary celebrations for the township of Dubbo were held in November. A School Sports Carnival and a Schools Concert were part of the festivities

1969 ~ 50 years ago

- The Principal was N J Gleeson M.A
- School Captains were Rodney Brooks and Janet Leach
- Vice Captains were Peter Hill and Kathy Ying Sing
- The School said farewell to Harry Treverrow, who had been Captain and Dux in 1925, then returned to teach in 1939. Both a family social, and a last day assembly were held
- The Bindyite contained obituaries for the first Headmaster, Charles Christmas, (1917 -24) former teacher "Nip" Ward (1945-51) and recent ex-student Peter Cubis (1957-62) who died from a football injury in Canada
- There was great celebration when we won the Astley Cup for the first time since 1961



Vale: Esse Quam Videri

Heferen, Kevin
Died 17 January 2019
DHS staff 1958 -61

Kevin met Val Jenkins, a fellow Mathematics teacher and ex-student, while at DHS. They married in 1962 and taught at Leeton, Young, Bourke (where he was Deputy Principal), Barham (Principal) and Mudgee (Principal). Val was a regular at the Annual Lunch until Kevin became ill in 2016.

Lyons, Eunice
Died June 2018 aged 81

Clark, Essie
Died September 2018
DHS 1938 +

Team Hines - Cycling Sensation

Dubbo College will have two new state representatives after Mitchell Hines and Trent Hines were selected in the NSW Junior Track Cycling team to compete at the Australian Track National Championships at the Anna Meares Velodrome in Brisbane from March 28 - 31. Mitchell was selected in the under-17 men's team while Trent was selected in the under-15 men's team.

Their selection came after strong performances at the NSW Junior Track Championships held recently. Mitchell won silver medals in the sprint and flying 200m, bronze in the points race and was fourth in the scratch race.

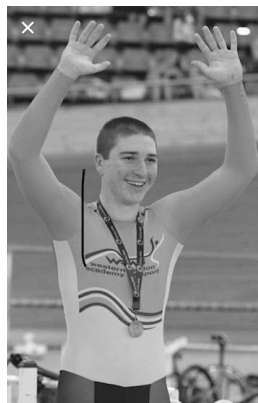
Trent gained bronze medals in the 500m time trial and points race, while he also was fourth in the scratch race and sixth in the two kilometre pursuit.

Well done boys and good luck at the Nationals!!!

Craig May,
Dubbo College Sports Coordinator



Trent Hines



Mitchell Hines

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