

FR DEMPSEY DIES IN IRELAND



Fr Dempsey, College Rector 1971-1976

Just as the July edition of Villavoice was on its way to the printer, news was received from Ireland that Fr Dempsey, Rector of the College from 1971-1976, who had been in poor health for some years had died.

Donald Paul Dempsey, known affectionately as "Demps" to the many who knew him and worked with him, was born in Dublin in 1926. He joined the Augustinian Order on leaving school, studied at the Gregorian University in Rome and was ordained in St John Lateran Basilica in 1950. In that same year, "Demps" was Australia bound.

Fr Dempsey spent 52 years of his ministry in Australia. He made his landing in North Queensland and spent three years in the parish of Babinda

before being transferred to St James Coorparoo. Besides his parish commitments, "Demps" acted as chaplain to the Diamantina Hospital, later to become the Princess Alexandra Hospital, and was a part-time teacher at Villanova. In 1955, he was appointed to the full time teaching staff of the College where he taught until 1969. After a short stint of teaching philosophy and theology to students of the Augustinian seminary, which had been established at Clayfield, he was appointed Rector of Villanova College in 1971.

Bringing with him his warm welcoming Augustinian sense of brotherhood and community, "Demps" spread that spirit to the wider school community of students, parents and staff. He also brought to the College his fine singing and speaking voice, his facility for languages and an appreciation of art and drama. But it was not only these personal strengths which received attention in the life of the College. During his Rectorship Fr Dempsey was called upon to embrace the very significant educational move that was happening in Queensland at the time with the abolition of the Senior Public External Examination and the introduction of changes foreshadowed by the Radford Report. These challenges he embraced and led the College forward into a new era in his own distinctively gentle way.

FR O'SHEA'S DEATH MARKS "THE END OF THE BEGINNING"



Fr O'Shea (taken about the time he was on staff at Villanova College Whinstanes)

As Villanova celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, the only one of the five Founding Fathers who made the journey from Ireland to open the College in 1948 and lived to see this milestone, died in Sydney on August 8th (the other founding Fathers were: Frs O'Donnell, Hanrahan, Woods and Mahony). When Fr Dennis Kevin O'Shea OSA (Keiran was his religious name) reached Australia by air in mid-October 1947 to take up his appointment, he was twenty-seven years old. Fr O'Shea was the man who operated the 16 mm movie camera that

captured on film Villanova's opening ceremony at Whinstanes and who also negotiated the gift of the original stained glass windows from the Whinstanes priory before it was demolished. The windows can now be seen in the foyer of the Hanrahan Theatre.

Fr O'Shea spent his entire ministry in Australia. After his time at Villanova College at Whinstanes, he was appointed to Cairns until 1957. He then was moved to St Keiran's at Manly Vale in Sydney and in 1975 was appointed Parish Priest of St James Coorparoo. Fr O'Shea then moved on to be Parish Priest of St Augustine's at Kyabram until 1987. He served as a relieving priest in Victoria until he moved to St Keiran's Priory Manly Vale in retirement.

(Born at Killeenlea, County Kerry, Ireland on 9th May 1921, he attended Masterguihy National School, County Kerry in 1927 - 1934, and the Order's Good Counsel College, New Ross, County Wexford in 1934 - 1940. He joined the Augustinian Order in 1940, undertook his philosophy studies at Augustinian College, Orlagh, County Dublin, and his theology at the Augustinian House of Studies at John's Lane, Dublin.)

VILLANOVA MAPS ITS FUTURE WITH THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN LAUNCH



On Wednesday 8th October, the Chair of the College Council, Mr Pat Mullins ('73) invited the wider community of the College to attend the launch of the new Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012. The Strategic Plan has become an important part of achieving our mission as an Augustinian school for boys. The generation of this new round of the plan has taken place under the close guidance of the College Council and the Rector and has involved staff, parents and past students as well as research into various educational developments. The last round of strategic planning resulted in major advances such as the Schooling Project and its Restorative Practices and the three sub-schools, the development of the Cor Unum Centre, the development of new fields at Villanova Park, the Augustine Centre and its Hanrahan Theatre. Pat Mullins in his invitation wrote, "This present round is equally challenging and exciting. We will continue our efforts to adapt the schooling that boys enjoy at Villanova to their needs at different stages of development and to support their efforts to achieve the best they can, academically, and in their personal and spiritual development. We will continue the work to provide facilities and other resources to support these goals. The new master plan is the backdrop to this. We plan to push forward providing staff with the professional development they need to be the best kind of educators for boys in this challenging time. We seek your support in implementing this exciting new round of strategic planning at the College". For further information on The Strategic Plan visit the College website: www.vnc.qld.edu.au

The March 2009 edition of Villavoice will reveal the Master Plan for College development into the future.

This column seems to be a popular spot in VillaVoice, but it can only be successful if you the readers supply information -

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John MacDonald ('70) On hearing of the death of Fr Paul Dempsey OSA., John approached the Augustinians in Sydney to express his sympathy and to share his memories of being in a primary school choir that Fr Dempsey conducted. John attended Years 5 to 8 at Villanova in 1963-1966, drawn to the school because his mother had previously had an association with the Augustinians in Far North Queensland. John went on to teach for many years at St Laurence's College and at Nudgee in Brisbane, and then with the Jesuits at Riverview in Sydney. He recently was accepted as a candidate for priesthood by the Diocese of Armidale, and is attending the Beda College (residential seminary) in Rome. All being well, he will be academically eligible for the priesthood in 2011. Part of his formation in Rome involves choral singing and in being a liturgical cantor at Mass. He commented that he has "discovered" again his vocal talent that Paul Dempsey first noticed in him at Villanova over forty years ago.

Kieran Sarri ('03) is currently finalising his degree in Construction Management at QUT. Kieran has worked as a Site Engineer on a number of large building projects in SEQ such as the Burleigh Heads Shopping Centre, the Canungra Army Base Redevelopment and the Amberley RAAF Base C-17 Infrastructure Upgrades. Kieran has recently joined Laing O'Rourke Constructions Pty Ltd (Europe's largest privately owned construction company) as a Project Engineer on a \$140 Million Redevelopment of the Mt. Ommaney Shopping Centre.

Frank Rolley ('58) made the following contribution to the request in the July edition of Villavoiced to determine the whereabouts of the 1958 Villanova First XI Cricket Team. *"In response to your headline: 'It's 50 years since these boys took the field for Villanova - Where are they now?' I can report that I am alive, well and happy living in my treescape mountain retreat in a secluded valley on the NSW mid north Coast after retirement from a professional life as a journalist, editor and commercial writer for a succession of radio stations, newspapers and magazines in Australia, The United States, Europe and New Zealand.. I should add that my inclusion in a photograph of such auspicious 'first eleven' company might well have been more than I deserved since I think I recall that as a designated 'all-rounder' my mediocre batting skills and medium-paced bowling often saw me carrying drinks as a twelfth man. Of my other classmates in the photograph, although I have not been in touch with any of them in recent years, you might be interested to know that **Grahame Clinch**, the class captain of that year, is, or until recently was a corporate psychologist, **John O'Dea** I believe is now an internationally recognised aboriginal artist known as **John Weeronga Bartoo** whose public email address is www.johnweerongabartoo.com; **Dennis Wey** is/was a manager with **Raine & Home Real Estate Agents** in Brisbane; and **Frank Crawford** is/was a successful legal solicitor at suburban Northgate".*

Michael Nolan ('70) contacted Villavoiced with the following sad but very important news relating to the attempt the College is making to validate the list of young men who died while still enrolled as students of the College. As reported in the last two editions of Villavoiced, the College intends to erect a memorial to these students in the near future. Michael wrote, *"1970 was a tragic year as there were 2 other students (apart from Sean Prentice, of whom the College is aware.), who lost their lives and who are not on the memorial list. They are **Michael Purcell** and **Alan Chapman**, both Grade 10 students and their deaths were reported in the 1970 'Villanovan' by rector Fr Kevin Burman OSA. Michael Purcell died as a result of cancer and Alan Chapman as the result of a car accident (hit by a car whilst riding his push bike)."* Michael Nolan also sent a few reflections on his journey as a student to attend Villanova each day from Sunnybank. **(See story later in Villavoiced.)**

Robert Kameus ('63) has been in touch with the College to re-establish his name on the Villavoiced database. Robert has attended a few Old Boys dinners over the years but somehow had dropped off the database. This can happen through changes of addresses over the years. Robert recently visited the College with his old friend, **John Murphy ('63)** and had a look around. He was impressed with the College of 2008.

Andrea Readon the sister of **William Rodgers ('56)** also is a Villavoiced reader. Andrea wrote to Villavoiced, "I am a sister of a past pupil, William Albert Rodgers. William attended Villanova College many long years ago. He used to ride his bike from Fortitude Valley to Hamilton. He was dux of the College - the year I am not too certain of. My memories of my brother's years at Villanova include cheering my brother and his Villanova friends on at the rugby games at Southport, the College fetes at Cooparoo, but most of all, the companionship my brother experienced at the College. Villanova started from very humble beginnings, but has always strived to achieve the best." Unsolicited comments such as Andrea's are great reminders of the sense of community that was experienced at the College from its earliest days and is a goal for our present day community to emulate.

Gerard Rooke ('48). Gerard, a first day student of Villanova College Whinstanes, has raised a question concerning the photo of Villanova's first cricket team ever to take the field in College history, captained by **Paddy Heath ('48)**, that appeared in the July edition of Villavoiced. Gerard who was only at Whinstanes for the one year can remember being in a cricket team of which he thought he was captain but it was not the cricket team that was featured in the photo already mentioned. Can anyone help with this matter? Was there another cricket team that represented the College in 1948? Gerard's son **Peter Rooke** was one of the first sons of an Old Boy to attend Villanova College Cooparoo. At this point in time, the year that Peter Rooke attended the College cannot be determined.

Steele Chabau ('03) who secured a scholarship to the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston USA is now after one year of study on the Dean's list for his achievements. Steele was in Brisbane in late August and early September before he returned to Boston for his next semester.

Duane Thompson ('88) is married to Bernadette and they have two children - Ryan, 14 and Khalehla, 12. Duane and family live at Jindalee so Villa really wasn't an option for young Ryan's education who is in Year 9 at St Laurence's. After working with PWC and IBM, Duane now has a national role running a Business and IT consulting practice for Presence of IT in Brisbane. While Duane likes keeping in touch through Villavoiced, another avenue he uses is Facebook. You can put Villanova College in your education profile to allow other Old Boys to find you.

Michael O'Donnell ('86) and wife Lisa have returned to Australia after working in New York for the last 15 years. Michael has a position with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Sydney and lives at Double Bay. Michael and Lisa have two sons, Hugh (nearly 4 years of age) and Flynn (nearly 2 years). Michael is looking forward to having more contact with his fellow 1986ers.

Fr John McGlone OSA earlier in the year was relieving parish priest at the Augustinian parish of Mareeba. While there, he baptised Jack Paul Whiteside, son of **Paul Whiteside ('94)** and his wife Stacey. Paul is a teacher at the State High School at Thursday Island.

Brian Doyle ('62) was spotted around the Junior School during August encouraging young students with their art with an emphasis on cartooning. Brian as a young lad at Villanova in the 1960s was reminded several times by his teacher, Fr Dullard OSA that, "Doyle! You'll never make a living drawing silly pictures." Fortunately for Brian, Fr Dullard's prediction was not to come true and the College is now fortunate to have Brian doing the work he does with the young students of Villanova.

Liam Smith ('04) was spotted on a bus heading towards the city. A short conversation with Liam revealed he has changed track from pursuing a degree in Education to a Nursing Degree at QUT.

Ralph Smith ('48) has contacted Villavoiced to express his delight at seeing himself and all his friends who made up Villanova's first ever cricket team, captained by Paddy Heath, which appeared in the July edition. Ralph left St Columban's College to be a first day student at Villanova College Whinstanes. Ralph recalls Villanova defeated St Columban's in the match, which was the subject of the photo. He remembers that "The Columban's boys couldn't handle our 'shooters' which would skid off our ant-bed pitch, which was made of the same material as the great tennis courts at Villanova College Whinstanes." Ralph left Brisbane in 1972 to accept a managerial position in Melbourne. He was then moved to Sydney. Ralph and his wife have a son and a daughter and three grandchildren. When next in Brisbane, Ralph will be planning a visit to the College to have a look at Villanova today, 60 years after he walked in the gates at Whinstanes as a first day student.

MR GAVIN PASCOE RETIRES FROM COLLEGE STAFF

By the time Gavin Pascoe had put the chalk down for the last time and retired in mid 2008, he had been teaching at the College for twenty-one years. After a staff farewell on the day of his retirement, Gavin was keen to make his way back to the Camp Hill Hotel, where his "professional" association with the College began.

It was a chance meeting at that establishment with Mr Charlie Fisher and Mr Keith Druery on one of their infrequent visits to that venue, way back in

1987, that led to Gavin submitting an application to join the College staff. His application was successful and the Pascoe family began a long and strong association with the Villanova community. Gavin and his wife Angela became good friends of the Augustinian community, choosing to make the pilgrimage, led by Fr Michael Morahan OSA, to Rome and San Gimignano on two occasions.

During his time at the College Gavin was primarily involved in the teaching of Graphics, CAD

and Physical Education while his co-curricular commitment revolved around swimming and cross country. Gavin's commitment to Villanova swimming lasted 16 years.

Both the Pascoe family sons, Brian and Craig, are College Old Boys and Brian is a member of the current teaching staff .

PROFILE - NEW STAFF MEMBER, BEN LYNAM

"The transition from 'Black and Gold' to 'Green and Gold' was a little confounding at first. However, I have realised how fortunate I am to be a part of such a strong community". (Ben Lynam)

Ben Lynam is a first year teacher who began teaching at Villanova College at the beginning of 2008. He is currently working in the ever-growing Middle School, teaching one of the five Year 7 classes.

Ben attended primary school at Our Lady of Fatima, Acacia Ridge and enrolled at St Laurence's College in Year 5 where he spent the rest of his schooling days. In his senior year he was College Prefect and selected as Chairman of the Junior School Committee. This responsibility confirmed his passion for teaching and working with young people. He then attended university and graduated last year from a dual degree program with a Bachelor of Behavioural Studies and Education, Middle Years of Schooling.

In his short time at Villanova, he has become a much-valued member of the Middle School teaching team and has been involved in many facets of College life. In July this year, he was given the opportunity to attend World Youth Day where he took six seniors down to Sydney to represent Villanova College. *"World Youth Day was fantastic!"* said Ben. *"It was great to share the experience with the seniors as we all knew we were a part of something pretty special"*. Ben also attended the Augustinian Youth Encounter held in Collaroy later that week: an unforgettable experience which he summarised as follows, *"It was wonderful to meet so many Augustinians from all over the world; and*



Ben at World Youth Day

as a first year teacher in an Augustinian school, it was a good opportunity to reflect and see what we're all about".

Ben has been very much exposed to the Augustinian way of life, through the College's values, its sense of community, friendship and hospitality. *"Both the staff and the students here at Villanova have shown me the importance of these three values ever since my first week. And I knew these values were genuine, considering I was a Laurie's old boy walking through the gates of a rival school,"* said Ben.

After learning about Villanova's Restorative Practices, Ben has discovered the importance of getting to know his students in a variety of environments. *"I am aware that boys sometimes wear 'masks' in the classroom,"* said Ben. *"I learn a lot about their character by working with them in a number of contexts, whether it's on the sporting field, on camp or on retreats".*

He enjoys working as a part of the Year 7 teaching team and looks forward to continuing to be part of the Villanova Community next year.

MEMORIAL FOR THOSE WHO DIED WHILE STILL STUDENTS OF VILLANOVA

The work to achieve accuracy with the lists of those young men and boys who died while still students and staff who died while still employed at the College goes on. Thanks to a few responses from the call for help in the July edition of Villavoice, two additions and a deletion from the list at that time have been made. This could well be the last call for help on this task. The Memorial will be created in 2009. Please contact Mr Adrian Hellwig at the College if you can assist with any more information for this important task.

Peter Gray's name has been removed from the list. Peter's friend, Old Boy Gregor Kruberg, has informed the College that Peter had been out of the College for some years before he died. Alan

Chapman and Michael Purcell have been added to the list. Their deaths are mentioned in "Who's In The News" column in this edition of Villavoice..

Our information now indicates the following names will be placed on the memorial:

Students

Thomas Barry	John Carter
Alan Chapman	Thomas Gregan
Rodney Hammond	Peter Miller
Andrew Milne	Craig O'Neill
Sean Prentice	Michael Purcell
Michael Ruffin	Robbie Sellars
Raymond Snooks	Nicholas Spelman
Ronald Van Der Drift	

Staff

Kate Finey	Paul Finnimore
Wayne Haines	John Murphy
Gerry Smith	

If any Old Boy or family wishes to assist with the construction of the memorial by making a donation to the project, please contact Mr Hellwig at the College on 3394 5690.

SIXTY YEARS ON - HAPPY BIRTHDAY VILLANOVA!

By Ms Sue Lawson Coordinator of Arts, Years 7 to 12

"On 22nd August the Year 12 drama students presented Villa Boys for their assessment. It was a project that was very dear to the boys as they were the lucky ones who happened to be in Year 12 on this, the 60th anniversary of Villanova. The project began at the start of the year when I approached Brisbane playwright, Brad Jennings to research College history and write a play, which could be staged in 65 minutes, pinpointing the milestones in our heritage. Brad had already written a play Blowout, based on boys' culture with all the research

coming from our 1999 Year 9 and 10 Drama boys. Blowout opened the Hanrahan theatre in 2005. As Brad has been a guest artist in residence at Villa for a number of years he was the perfect person to commission to write our history. We were not disappointed. As Brad would write, he would send scene by scene for us to read. Mr Graeme George would then put on his "dramaturge's hat" and make sure that what had been written was historically correct. By the end of Term 2 we had our play!

There was great excitement in Term 3 when rehearsals began. The Year 12s took to the project enthusiastically while Ms Alethea Beetson took on

the role assisting Graeme George in the archives finding the best photo/footage to match each event that was mentioned in the play. Ms Julianne Macpherson then assisted me with directing the boys. On the night thirty-seven proud young men energetically performed an excellent script highlighting the six decades in the history of Villa. Priests, old boys, teachers, parents and the entire Villa community were delighted with this celebration of our Augustinian heritage and the boys themselves were extremely proud of their efforts, while at the same time being extremely proud that they were the lucky ones who were able to be the birthday performers!"



Recalling the days of the Villanova Cadet Unit!

The cast of Villa Boys was nearly as large as the College Roll in 1948:

Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade "Scholarship"	Sub Junior 1st Year Secondary
Copley, Reginald John	Clothier, Herbert Francis	Brennan, Terence Joseph	Archer, Edward
McDonnell, Raymond John	Damm, Robert M	Delaney, Terence	Bloomer, Cecil
Moore, Alfred Francis	Edgar, John Francis	Hallett, Robert	Cropp, Roy F
Noud, Ronald John	Evans, Francis James	Heath, Bernard Clyde	Davidson, Geoffrey
Page, Patrick Earle	Farrell, William Brian	Heath, Reginald Clive	Fraunfelder, Antony
Simpson, Reginald Patrick	Frazer, Roderick	Ledger, Richard	Hallett, William
	Gebbett, Neil Frederick	Lynch, Roy	Herd, Morris
	Heath, Richard John	McDonnell, James	McDonnell, Peter
	Henderson, Gregory	Murphy, Peter	O'Donoghue, Desmond
	Ives, Barrington	Nelson, Patrick Henry	Rooke, Gerard
	Mattingley, William Victor	Nolan, Paul	Saxby, Richard
	Moloney, Aloysius John	Smith, Ralph	Tighe, Hugh
	O'Donnell, Terence	Tanwan, Edwin	Wildermuth, Gregory
	Vincent,		
	Simpson, Joseph Richard		
	Townsend, Sydney Roy		
	Tracey, Joseph Maxwell		

VILLANOVA OLD BOYS INVOLVEMENT IN QCMF

Every year, several Villanova Old Boys return to the College to volunteer their time for this magnificent event that played a big part in their years as student musicians. There's just something about the Festival that keeps them coming back, and each year we have more Old Boys joining the ranks of helpers.

This year, **Chris Sullivan ('01)** and **Vince Scuderi ('01)** once again efficiently ran the back stage in the Augustine Centre and Gool Hall with military precision. Many conductors from visiting schools commented on the professionalism and friendly assistance they received from Chris and Vince. **Michael de Mauro ('02)** stepped in to help Vince with Gool Hall and **Michael Molloy ('06)** and **Michael Mellor ('02)** again took on the task of warm up coordinators at St James Church, which is a very busy venue with choirs and instrumental ensembles performing throughout the day. **Aaron Stitz** helped his father Mark with the task of readying Villanova ensembles for warm up, **Philip Jack ('01)** always finds time to help out wherever he can and **Lachlan Schrauf ('06)** helped with the sound recording. **Tom Hackett ('06)** and **Dennis Sullivan ('06)** used their love of public speaking as volunteer comperes for the event.

Not only do we have Old Boys working on the weekend of the festival but some are also involved in the planning of the festival and attend many



Villanova's Symphony Orchestra charming the audience with another Gold Level Performance

of the QCMF Planning Meetings in the months leading up to the event. It is fantastic to have their input and we would welcome many more Old Boys joining the group and becoming involved. It's a great way to keep in touch with the College and to give something back to the Festival. Planning meetings begin in May 2009 on one Monday night per month. If you are a College Old Boy and are interested in becoming involved with this great event, please phone the Music Department on 3394-5691 or email us on qcmf@vnc.qld.edu.au.

The 2008 Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival provided an opportunity to celebrate the talent and hard work of approximately

8000 musicians and their music teachers.

The Director of Villanova Music, Dr Peter Morris had this to say in the College Newsletter after the event, "**Villanova provided an enormous service to the Catholic education community, hosting 76 schools, bringing with them 250 ensembles, record numbers of students and audience members to our campus. I am confident that in the eyes of all our guests, Villanova was again seen as a very special place. Mark your diaries to join again together for the 19th Annual Festival to be held on the 14th, 15th and 16th of August 2009!**"

"TRAINING" KEPT THE 1960 AND 1970 VILLA BOYS FIT



Mike Nolan (70) as a young man in his College days

Without the advantage of a dedicated school bus which in recent times has transported Villanova students from the Sunnybank area to Villanova, those families who chose to send their sons across the suburbs to the Coorparoo Augustinian College in the early decades of the school's existence had to accept that the only way for their sons to travel to far-off Coorparoo was by train (That's the old Puffing Billy or Thomas the Tank Engine style trains!).

Mike Nolan ('70) recalls that, "Bruce Chapman ('70) and his younger brother Alan, who died in 1970 while a student at Villanova, caught the train each day from Salisbury station. Joining the Chapmans at Salisbury were the Scully brothers John ('69), Peter ('72) and Shane Brough ('71) who featured in the last Villavoice as having a long jump record that has lasted for forty years. Sometimes Shane caught the train from Nyanda station, which was next on the line after Salisbury, (Nyanda station doesn't exist anymore. The same fate befell Gloucester

Street station where the Lauries boys used to leave the train to get to school via their Stephens Road entrance to St Laurence's)". "The Sunnybank mob who hailed from the Sunnybank Parish (Our Lady of Lourdes) and who sought to be educated the Augustinian way soon joined the train. Over the years this group included David May ('70), Michael May ('70) (not related), Peter Ketter ('70), Greg Stenzel ('71), myself and my two younger brothers: Bernard (Now Fr Bernard Nolan '72) and Gerard ('75). Joining the Salisbury and Sunnybank mob at Moorooka station were Danny Brindle ('70) and his younger brother Laurie ('75). There were others who caught the train at various stations along the Beenleigh line but I cannot remember their names."

"It was a long commute by train in those days and we had to change trains (which is still the case), at Park Road station and wait for a Lota or Wynnum train to take us to Coorparoo station (The trains didn't go to Cleveland in those days). By the time the train arrived at Park Road there would be quite a gathering of Villa boys".

Michael remembers vividly that **"a group of us used to run, on some days, from Villanova to Dutton Park Railway Station. Yep! We ran flat out from Villa down Seventh Ave, thru the back of Langlands Park next to the creek and emerge at Stones Corner at the back of the Library. We would then run up O'Keefe Street, cross Ipswich Road and go thru the back of the PA Hospital to get to Dutton Park station carrying heavy brief cases (no back packs then). The reason being we were able to catch an earlier 'Beenleigh' train so we arrived home from school 25 minutes earlier at 4:20pm. It meant not waiting for a train at Coorparoo then changing at Park Road and then waiting for the next Beenleigh train."**

"Speaking for the Sunnybank mob, from those times, some of our classmates were horrified we lived so far out in the 'sticks'. Whatever the reasons were for our parents sending us past Gloucester St station, where there was another school we could have attended and on to Coorparoo, it was the right decision and we were certainly very fit by the end of our school days."

Michael J Nolan, the author of this story about "Training" by Villa boys in the 1960s and 70s, also recalls that he was joined in his senior class of 1970 by Michael E Nolan (who had decided to seek better results than he had achieved in 1969). The two Michael Nolans came up with a great plan! The plan was to sit beside each other in class so that when a teacher asked for 'Michael Nolan' to answer a question they would have it covered. If Michael E knew the answer, then he would answer and vice versa.

Michael writes, "The plan lasted all of five minutes of the first period of the first day of our Senior year when the first question which was asked of me was quickly answered by Michael E Nolan. Straight away we were split up. So much for thinking we were smarter than the teachers. In fact my memory tells me the teacher who spoiled the fun may have been Sean Quinn (whose retirement was recorded in the July Villavoice). We thought it was very clever at the time. From that day on, we two Michael Nolans were distinguished by the suburb in which we lived. Michael E was known as 'The Ekibin Nolan' and myself as 'The Coopers Plains Nolan'.

THE TERRY HENDLE STORY



Terry Hendle (right) and a friend outside their tent at Nui Dat in Vietnam 1966"

In 1994, the Villanova College Old Boys Association launched the Terry Hendle Bursary. The Bursary has since financially supported an ever-increasing number of families to have their son educated at the College. The bursary continues to do that in 2008. On-going contributions to the Bursary will ensure that this compassionate outreach will continue for many years into the future.

Terry was an Old Boy of the College (class of '64) who like many other young men of the day left school early to take up an apprenticeship. He later joined the regular Army and in 1966 at the age of

twenty found himself posted to Nui Dat in South Vietnam as a member of the 6th Battalion RAR, leaving behind his young wife Michelle who gave birth to a daughter six months after Terry had left for Vietnam. Terry never did see his daughter, Terri-Lynn, as he was killed one month after her birth.

Until recently the College was not aware of any details surrounding Terry's death. By good fortune, Michael Tucker who was with Terry the night he died, contacted the College. Michael, who had known Terry for approximately twelve months, was also a member of the Regular Army with the 6th RAR and a fellow member of the Assault Pioneer Platoon. During a recent visit to the College, Michael told his story to Charlie Fisher, Peter Ferguson (A Vietnam veteran himself also from the class of '64), Peter Geraghty, John Walsh and Keith Druery who represented the College Old Boys Association.

Michael Tucker's story: "In all there were about 130 Australians on that mission which was a few kilometres west of Long Tan. We had settled down for the night in an area of moderate to thick jungle and had secured our perimeter. Later in the night sounds were heard nearby by the Australians on watch. It seemed a Viet Cong squad had stumbled across the Australians in the darkness of the jungle while trying to return to its camp. Michael was asleep in his tent some seven to eight metres from

Terry Hendle's tent where both Terry and a fellow soldier were probably also asleep. Suddenly, the terrifying cracking and flashing of automatic rifle fire shattered the evening. Automatic reaction had soldiers sitting up in shock at the suddenness of the attack. Terry Hendle was hit in the stomach and two other soldiers suffered minor to more serious injuries. The Vietnamese attackers left the area as quickly and noiselessly as they had arrived. A helicopter was called in to evacuate Terry and one other soldier who had suffered a hand injury. This proved to be a problem with the thickness of the jungle. A crewman had to be lowered from 60feet above the trees to prepare the injured for evacuation. Terry was conscious as he was about to be lifted in the stretcher and asked me to be sure to post the letters that he had written that morning. I did this for him. They were the last words we shared as he was taken away. It wasn't till the next morning that I heard that he didn't make it."

Michael also noted that Terry Hendle's death in late October 1966 was the first loss by the Australian forces after the Battle of Long Tan, which occurred on August 18th 1966. Michael also supplied copies of the photo that appear with this article.

SHOULD YOUR NAME BE HERE?

Peter Ferguson from the class of '64, a Vietnam veteran himself, has been trying for a number of years to compile an accurate list of College Old Boys who have served in Vietnam and/or other War or Operational Areas. The Task is a huge one, but as you can see from the lists that appear in this edition of Villavoice, Peter has done a remarkable job. However, he is in need of much assistance. Such a list needs to be complete and accurate. This is where Villavoice readers can be most helpful.

The call now goes out to anyone who can help verify or add to the existing information that is published here for the first time in College history. Particular assistance is needed on the "Other War & Operational Areas" list. The number of these conflicts and the age-groups of Old Boys who have served in these areas make the task of compiling the list a very difficult one indeed.

Peter holds far more information than space allows to be shown here, such as the person's Unit, Corps and dates and places of deployment. Any person who is listed above and wishes to check the details Peter holds or who can add the name of a friend, son, grandson or nephew etc to the list please contact: peterferguson@optusnet.com.au

Note: The only other Villanova Old Boy known to have to died in the Vietnam conflict was Norman Le Bherz (65).



Villanova Old Boys with Michael Tucker.
From Left: Peter Ferguson, Michael Tucker, Peter Geraghty, John Walsh

GYPSY FEVER



If you missed this sell-out concert in October the only thing to do is to ensure that you do not miss the 2009 concert. The Doch Gypsy Orchestra, supported by Villanova's leading ensembles, played up a storm in the Hanrahan Theatre on 30th October. The best recommendation of the quality of the evening is to speak with someone who attended. The concert followed the remarkable successes of the James Morrison concert in 2005, the Idea of North in 2006 and the Three Tenors concert in 2007. Keep an eye on the College website in 2009 to catch up with what the Music Department will offer next year.

Old Boys who served in Vietnam

Name	Class	Name	Class
ALIZZI, Francesco James	1955	HENDLE, Terence Edward	1964
ALLEN, John Alfred	1963	HOLDEN, Peter Damien	1966
APPLEBY, Richard Henry	1965	JAMES, Peter John	1963
ARCHER, Kenneth Louis	1963	KINSELLA, Peter Andrew	1963
ARMSTRONG, Rodney Joseph	1962	KUNDE, Neil Graham	1965
BUCKLE, Vincent James	1965	LE BHERZ, Norman William	1965
BURKE, Philip James	1967	LOTH, Gerard Francis	1964
CONNOR, Victor Paul	1964	MCCARTHY, Michael Vincent	1959
COPLEY, Kerry James	1963	MCLAUGHLIN, Paul John	1965
COPLEY, Robert John	1958	MOLONEY, Michael John	1963
DALY, John Patrick	1965	MORRIS, William Graham	1964
DAVIS, Norman Harold	1960	O'BRIEN, Patrick William	1964
DEEGAN, Ross William	1966	O'DOHERTY, Robert James	1964
DWAN, Edward Terence	1964	OXENHAM, Shane Michael	1960
FARRELLY, Leo Francis	1964	RAYNER, Graeme Patrick	1965
FERGUSON, Duncan Peter	1964	REASON, Terence Shelton	1964
FOLEY, Lawrence John	1956	RIEKEN, Wills Trevor	1962
FORNO, Henry Eric	1964	ROCHE, John Francis	1964
GOENER, Barry Kevin	1961	ROCKETT, Michael Daniel	1966
GOENER, Brian Patrick	1964	SHEAHAN, Michael Denis	1963
GAINER, Damien Robert	1964	SMITH, Glen Donald	1965
GEBBETT, Neil Frederick	1953	STEHN, Peter Herbert	1964
GILLESPIE, Brian Patrick	1964	STOPFORD, James Joseph	1965
GILLESPIE, Michael Joseph	1962	TREGENZA, Graham Francis	1959
GREALY, Michael Vincent	1960	VIDULICH, Raphael Stephen	1966
GRIMSTONE, Lance Ronald	1965	WALKER, Christopher James	1966

Old Boys who served in other War or Operational Areas

Name	Class	Area
MCCARTHY, Michael Vincent	1959	Malaysia – Brunei - Singapore
HAMMOND, Gerard Lawrence	1986	Gulf
WILDIN, Matthew Andrew	1994	Gulf
KUNST, Thomas Peter	1971	East Timor
NEAGLE, David Thomas	1996	East Timor
O'KANE, George Xavier	1980	East Timor - Iraq
RODUKOFF, Philip Anthony	1998	East Timor - Iraq
SCANLAN, Andrew Peter	1990	East Timor
SMITH, Nicholas Andrew	1992	East Timor - Iraq
ZIMMER, Adam Frank	1986	East Timor
MCGILLION, Eamon Gerard Michael	1998	Iraq
NELSON, Mark Andrew	1996	Iraq
TWINE, Brendan Michael	1998	Solomon Islands

A NEW INITIATIVE - THE AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

Augustinians Volunteers is a new initiative of the Augustinian Order. It is an opportunity to give back something of ourselves to those in our community who need support. In Sydney volunteers work in community organizations assisting refugees, homeless people and indigenous Australians. They work on either a casual - a few hours a week - or on a full time basis. Both options are available. Training is provided in Sydney in February and volunteers meet on a regular basis for debriefing and reflecting on the work they are doing.

This is a great opportunity to make a difference. If you are interested please contact Paul Wilson, Augustinian Justice and Peace Office PO Box 679 Brookvale, Sydney (02 99053022) or paul.wilson@augustinians.org.au

OLD BOYS - YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

It is unfortunately a habit of many of us in today's busy world to rely on others to provide leadership and so provide the wider community with facilities and opportunities, which we all want and enjoy. The Villanova College Old Boys Association is no exception. This is a very serious and urgent call to all Old Boys to consider involvement in the Old Boys Association at the committee level. The current leadership is crying (indeed screaming) out for support.

The Association is not one which demands much time of its committee. The Old Boys Dinner (one of the best attended in Brisbane) and the annual Deceased Old Boys Mass are probably the only two regular annual events in the calendar. It could not be the fear of a heavy workload that is preventing Old Boys from stepping forward and giving a little time to provide leadership for the Association.

While there is no age limit on committee members, it is worth noting that the current leadership largely represents the 1960s. What they need is support from Old Boys from the 1970s, 80s, 90s and recent years to step forward, so ensuring the Association is propelled into the future when this loyal band have to step aside. The list of current students who are sons of Old Boys is now quite a lengthy one. Maybe the fathers of these students will respond to the call of the Association for greater support at the committee level. The College needs the Old Boys Association, the Old Boys themselves need the Association, and most certainly the Old Boys Association needs Old Boys.

Another great contributor to the work of the Association has been Deputy Principal of the College, Charlie Fisher. While Charlie is an Old Boy of St Edmunds College Ipswich, he has laboured long and hard for the Villanova Old Boys Association. As an honorary Old Boy of the College, Charlie has been a key figure in the life of the Association. This cannot go on forever, just as the current leadership of the Association "can't go on forever!" Step Forward Villanova Old Boys. Your Association definitely needs you!

SPORT REPORT

The College Under 14A Soccer team won through to the semi-final of the Independent Schools Soccer Association competition. Thirty teams competed in their age group. The boys lost their semi-final in extra time. These are the same boys who have won the U/13 and U/14 AIC premierships over the last two years.

Villanova Chess Players Keep AIC Opponents in "Check" in 2008

Mr Adrian Hellwig, Villanova's Chess Coordinator reports, "In a great season our Opens remained all but undefeated (only losing one match and that only just) and season Premiers. Our Junior Bs also had a great season finishing as runners up. Add to these results top four finishes from our Senior and Junior As and the College reached second place in the overall aggregate. Special congratulations go to Opens - Ben Mabalatan; Senior A - Trevor Jones; Junior A - Daniel Muthukrishna; Junior B - Brenton Martin for their excellent efforts and Player of the Season status! To all the boys a big 'well done' and to Mr Sakellariou a big 'thanks' for helping with the Junior teams."

OLD BOYS DINNER 2008

The Guest Speaker for the 60th Anniversary Dinner was past student Michael Slack from the class of 1968. Michael's closing remarks on the occasion were as follows, "While it is true that education Villanova style wasn't always perfect; and despite everyone's best efforts will not be perfect, tonight we acknowledge that this task of providing an holistic education has nonetheless been done especially well by the many Augustinians and lay staff who have laboured long, hard and well over the last sixty years of the life of Villanova College. There is

definitely a value-added component to the Villanova experience, and while we can say that value-added component is inherently bound up in the Augustinian spirit, it remains hard to define it or to put into words, yet our presence here tonight is testimony to its reality. May all those who today make up the students and staff of Villanova stand proudly on the shoulders of the great men and women who have gone before them and be proud to offer our young men of Brisbane a truly Augustinian education that will make a difference in their lives."



The 1968 "boys," with guest speaker Michael Slack in the middle, at the Old Boys Dinner in Goold Hall

VILLANOVA OLD BOYS OUTSTANDING SPORTSMEN HONOUR BOARD

The Old Boys Association would like to thank the parents, brothers, sisters & other Old Boys, who submitted nine names for consideration for listing on this Honour Board. More information has been requested from one Old Boy, Two submissions didn't fit the criteria & six new names will be added to the Board next year. The

Names of the "New Six" are:-

Chris Simpson,	Cricket (Qld)
Greg Hindmarsh	Modern Pentathlon (Aust)
Ben Mowen,	Rugby (Qld and Aust)
Brad Myers	Rugby League (Qld and Aust)
Kim Jessop	Baseball (Qld & Aust)
Michael Zullo.	Soccer (Qld & Aust)

This is a start, but there are probably more Old Boys out there who qualify to have their names listed. Remember the criteria requires that the person nominated must have been selected for a State or National team at the Open level. Those who may have made under-age teams do not qualify. Even if doubtful about qualification, Old Boys should still submit their names, sport and some proof of selection to the Committee for consideration. All responses or enquiries re this matter should be directed to John Walsh; mobile no: 0434934547 or email: walsh-59@hotmail.com

CHRIS SIMPSON ('99) - NEW QUEENSLAND BULLS CAPTAIN

Queensland Cricket Notes have this to say on their website about Villanova Old Boy Chris Simpson ('99).

"Chris Simpson displayed sound leadership skills by taking his own game to a new level while captaining the XXXX GOLD Bulls in the absence of Jimmy Maher at times during 2007-08. So impressive was Simpson in the way he handled the side in Ford Ranger Cup wins over WA and Victoria in particular that he was appointed skipper for 2008-09 in May. Simpson, 29 next January, began to realize the potential he had always shown with the bat by registering two centuries and compiling 497 runs at 31.06 for the Shield season. He was a shrewd and composed tactician when deputizing for Maher."

Chris was a member of the Villanova 1st XI for four years from Year 9 to Year 12. He captained the side in his senior year. Villavoice (June 2003) hailed

Chris's selection to the State side and is pleased and proud to congratulate him on behalf of the wider Villanova Community on this recent very high honour. Chris is the son of Old Boy and past staff member Nick ('74) and Marie. Nick was a member of the first Villanova cricket team ever to win the TAS First Eleven premiership in 1974.



Chris Simpson ('99)
- Queensland Bulls
Captain 2009.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



The Villanova College 1st XV Rugby team from 1958. Where are they now?

Front Row (Left to Right): G Clinch, J Doolan, M McCarthy, P Crough, L Mooney

Second Row (Left to Right): G Hewitt, N Palm, V O'Rourke, D Scodellaro, M Lalor, M Greally, P Gordon

Back Row (Left to Right): J Perrier, A Gell, J Bromage, J Loth, P Robinson, P Cranley.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE COLLEGE THROUGH ON-GOING PROGRAMMES

In this sixtieth year of Villanova's existence, there are a number of opportunities available for Old Boys, parents, past parents, friends and supporters of the College to help ensure that the road into the future for Villanova will be as rewarding, exciting and fruitful as the road already travelled from humble beginnings in 1948.

- **Contributions to the College Building Fund** - Tax-deductible donations to the College Building fund can be made at any time.
- Many donors to the College Building Fund choose to direct their donations to "**The Family Foundation Stone Programme**" (\$500-00 donation). Those supporting this programme will have an engraved double paving brick recording their support placed in the ground near the front entrance to the College.
- The choice also exists for donors to participate in the "**Take-A-Seat Program**". Participation in this programme (\$200-00 donation) will result in a seat in the Hanrahan theatre being claimed in your name and a plaque placed on the wall of the Hanrahan Theatre to record the donation. A \$600-00 donation to the Building Fund will secure participation in both the "Family Foundation Stone and Take-A-Seat" programs. Contact Keith Druery at the College Ph: 0407 141 082 or e-mail kdruery@admin.vnc.qld.edu.au for more information on the above or refer to the return slip with this edition of Villavoice.
- **The Terry Hendle Bursary Fund** - Administered by the Villanova Old Boys Association, this bursary named in honour of the first Villanova Old Boy to be killed during the Vietnam conflict, ensures that a student, who meets all entry criteria and whose parents desire to have their son educated at the College but cannot afford to do so, will be appropriately supported during his College years.. Contact Mr John Walsh President of VOBAl Ph: 0437048207 for further information on the above fund.
- The Paul Finimore Trust **Tax deductible donations to this fund**, named in honour of Villanova past student and staff member Paul Finimore who died while employed as a teacher at the College, are used to provide support to targeted students of Villanova as well as students in neighbouring schools who have specific and urgent social, emotional or educational needs which require financial support. Contact Mr Charlie Fisher at the College for any further information on this fund.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT

(Tick the program you wish to support)

- (a) Foundation Stone Families Program
- (b) Take- A- Seat Program
- (c) Both the Foundation Stone Families and Take A Seat Programs
- (d) The Terry Hendle Bursary
- (e) The Paul Finimore Fund

Name: _____ Enclosed is my cheque for \$: _____

Payment (Please tick) Cheque Visa Mastercard

Card No.: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Signature: _____

Contact Details for receipt: _____

VILLANOVA BUSINESS AND FAMILY DIRECTORY TO TAKE ON A NEW LOOK IN 2009

The Villanova Business Directory, which has been supplied to all Villavoice readers free of charge since 2001, will be discontinued in 2009. The Directory has been popular document throughout its eight year history. However, the increasing gap between income and costs associated with producing the Directory has meant the decision to terminate the Directory was unavoidable.

The good news for current parents of the College is that the Family Directory which was an innovation introduced just two years ago will appear again in

2009. This publication carries a lot of information, which parents need to know about College life. One of the most popular and most used sections of the Family Directory is the listings of family contact details. In 2008, almost nine hundred and fifty students had their family contact details listed in the Directory. In recent years there has been increasing need for families to be in closer contact with one another for the safety and well being of their children. The Family Directory makes such contact very easy.

The front pages of the 2009 Family Directory will dedicate prime space for listings of Businesses which would like to support this very popular and much used publication. Such support would then ensure these Businesses will be under constant gaze of Villanova's nine hundred families.

Any person wanting to place their Business listing in the 2009 Family Directory, should e-mail Keith Druery at the College. Entries will cost \$200.00 per Business entry: kdruery@admin.vnc.qld.edu.au