

CHARLIE FISHER ... YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

"That's one small step for man ... one giant leap for mankind!" Those words spoken by astronaut Neil Armstrong as he stepped onto the moon's surface in July 1969, could just as easily have been spoken by Charlie Fisher as he walked through the gates of Villanova College for the very first time six months earlier in that very same year. Of course, the great difference between Neil Armstrong and Charlie Fisher is that Charlie has stayed much longer at Villa than Neil Armstrong stayed on the moon! And there are countless Villa old boys who are grateful that he did so.

When Charlie Fisher arrived at Villa in January 1969 to teach Year 4 he was 22 years old and had only recently married Marguerite Verrall in December '68. Fr Kevin Burman OSA was Rector of the College at the time, John Gorton was Prime Minister of Australia and Woodstock was still a figment in the imagination of a generation of young people! Little did Charlie know at the time, that not only was he about to commit his life and vocation to an Augustinian school that he has grown to love ... and that has loved him in return ... but that he was also committing the life of his wife and eventual family to that very same vocation.

Forty-two years have come and gone since that fateful day. Charlie and Marg are now the blessed and proud parents of three wonderful daughters (Nicole, Helen & Andrea), two fine sons-in-law (Warwick & Chris) and five beautiful grand-children (James, Eloise, Sophie, Bridie and Hannah) one of whom is already in Year 6 at Villa ... guess which one; five Augustinians have held the position of Rector at the College; the College's first lay principal has been appointed; the College is about to embark on the single biggest building program since it was first established at Whinstanes in 1948 by a small group of Augustinian priests from Ireland. Charlie Fisher has seen it all, and is on the rim of retirement!

At the end of this year Charlie ceases full-time paid employment at the College, drawing to a close an extraordinary teaching and administrative career and vocation at Villa spanning two-thirds (66%) of the College's history! How does one adequately capture and express the gratitude, appreciation and acknowledgement of four decades of students, old boys, parents, past parents and Augustinians for all that Charlie and his family have given to, and been for, Villanova!

In an earlier edition of Villa Voice this year, a call for Charlie Fisher anecdotes resulted in a surge of responses in this writer's e-mail inbox. All

messages received have been forwarded on to Charlie in their entirety; as well, they have been used as the basis for compiling a picture book supported with appropriate quotes & anecdotes for presentation to Charlie by the Year 12 Class on the occasion of their Graduation.

However, trusting that those who responded are happy for their anecdote to be published, one which captures the theme and sentiment of most is presented below:

Charlie Fisher taught me and coached me in rugby throughout my secondary school years. We all used to love his sayings and at one stage I kept a tally in class of how many times he used to say each of them - until one day when he busted me adding a tally mark to my list!

These were amongst the most popular:

1. *Heck son! (Shouting). You know the rules! (Funnily enough, I don't think they were ever actually explained)*
2. *You keep doing that.... and you & I will fight. (Takes a deep breath) And I think I know who'll win!*
3. *Do that again.... and there'll be skin & hair flying! (This was the hardest one to keep a straight face to)*
4. *If you don't know that by now son... (Takes several exasperated breaths)... then I can't help ya!*
5. *Arrrrrrhhhhh (Scratching the head is optional here)*
6. *You've got to be kidding son. (And usually we were - just to get that response!)*
7. *Stop that or I'll come down on you like a ton a bricks! (Scary! There was always a chance that this one could actually have come true!)*
8. *How many times....How many times do I have to tell you son? (Ahhh ..I can actually tell you ... because I've been keeping a tally!)*

Charlie has always given everything to those prepared to have a go, whether in the classroom, on the sporting field or just in life itself. Well done Chuckles, we owe you a lot! Thank you.

(Name Withheld By Editor)

Perhaps the most fitting tribute and acknowledgement that Charlie & Marg could receive has come from the Augustinians themselves.

During the Augustinians recent Provincial Retreat at Riverglen Conference Centre, Indooroopilly, in the presence of Fr Tony Banks OSA Australian Provincial, Charlie and Marg Fisher were affiliated as full members, with all the rights and entitlements pertaining to such membership, into the Order of the Hermits of St Augustine, Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel. It is a fitting and privileged honour reflecting the place which Charlie and Marg hold within the hearts and minds of all Augustinians throughout the Province.

Congratulations Charlie (& Marg). In Sermon 169, St Augustine writes:

"We are all pilgrims, people on the road, not residents. We should therefore feel unsatisfied with what we are, if we want to arrive at that to which we aspire. If we are today totally happy with what we are, we will stop going forward. If we think we have gone far enough we will not take another step. Let us continue, therefore, going forward and walking towards the goal. Let us not stop half way along the route, or look backwards or stray from the path. The one who stops does not make progress. The one who strays loses hope of arriving. Let it not be this way with you."

As fellow pilgrims, we say thank you for sharing so much of your journey with us Charlie Continue traveling with the best wishes of all who have passed through your classroom ... you will always remain a true ambassador of Villanova College, a loyal friend of the Augustinians who established it and continue to watch over it, and faithful witness to the motto it bears, 'Vincit Veritas!'

Dennis Harvey, Class of '71



Fr Tony Banks OSA with Charlie and Marguerite Fisher

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Contributions to this column can be sent to kdruery@admin.vnc.qld.edu.au

Joe Woodward ('69) has been in contact with Villavoice to register his enjoyment in reading the contributions from Old Boys to the long running (now concluded) origins of the Villanova/Loreto Musicals in 1967. Joe is the artistic Director of "Shadowpits", Canberra's leading experimental theatre. A quick look at the website of Shadowpits revealed that Joe is an independent theatre producer, writer, director and teacher. His first professional theatre appointment was as an Actor / Educational Officer at La Boite Theatre in Brisbane, where he continued training as an actor and as a director. He was subsequently appointed Co-ordinator of the professional theatre-in-education company based at the theatre. Later positions included: Artistic Director of The Jigsaw Theatre Company (Canberra), Co-Owner/Manager (with David Bates) of Pie In The Sky Theatre and Bar (P.I.T.S.), Director / Executive Officer of Stage Coach Theatre School. From 1986 to 1989 he was a member of the ACT Arts Development Board and Co-Chair in 1988/89 of the Performing Arts Committee. With over twenty produced plays to his credit, texts are now being produced in locations around the globe. Go to www.shadowpits.com.au for more on Joe's very impressive achievements. Joe has been added to the list of Old Boys who have had literary work published. The list is growing. **Chris Nyst ('70)**, **Tim Collins ('74)**, **Lance Grimstone ('65)**, **Joe Woodward ('69)**, **Ian Eckersley ('77)**, **James (Jim) Moloney ('72)**, **Greg Rogers ('74)**, and **Vince O'Rourke ('58)** who wrote "I wish I was a Leper", the journey of his wife's journey through Alzhiemers. **Bob Copley ('58)** is another addition to the list. Read more about Bob elsewhere in this edition of Villavoice. Journalists such as regular columnists, **Mike O'Connor ('67)**, **Andrew Slack ('72)**, **Heath Kelly ('90)**, **Greg Davis ('89)** and **Marco Monteverde ('90)** will also go on the list. Keep the names coming please. Villanova library is keen to hear from you.

James McKenzie ('00) is a Chartered Accountant and registered Company Auditor. James married Crystal Bunney (Loreto 2000) in 2008. **Robert McKenzie ('02)** spent 3 years working for APRA in Sydney before

moving back to work in Brisbane and continue his postgraduate studies in finance.

Michael Muthukrishna ('04) recently graduated from UQ with a dual degree in software engineering (first class honours) and psychology. Michael received a fellowship to do his PhD at the University of British Columbia. His PhD is highly interdisciplinary and he is looking at developing complex (as in Complexity Theory) models of culture, including understanding the psychological "rules" that allow for culture to emerge (as an emergent property of the complex system). The models will help determine how culture emerges, as well as how it is transmitted and modified.

Robert Breene ('65) surely was one of the first, if not the first, Villanova student to be diagnosed with Diabetes when he was a student in Fr Crilly's Grade 6 class in 1959. Robert has been awarded a Kellion Victory Medal (Silver Award - 2009) which recognizes Robert as a survivor of Diabetes for Fifty Years. In 1984, Diabetes Australia responded to a proposal by Dr Alan Stocks of Brisbane to recognize and commemorate Australians for having survived with Diabetes for more than 50 years. Further information concerning the Kellion Diabetes Foundation and the Victory Medal Scheme can be followed up via a search on the internet.



Robert Breene ('65) accepting his award from Dr Alan Stocks"

Lachlan Hannah ('99), and his wife, Juliana, welcomed twin boys, James Lachlan Hannah and Nathan William Hannah, on July 21 at the Mater Hospital in Brisbane. Mother and babies are doing well. Hopefully, in a few years they will become Villanovans too.

A few College Old Boys have gained mention in the press of late. **Greg Rogers ('74)** deservedly made an appearance. As well as illustrating a range of children's books, Greg was the first Australian to be awarded the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal in 1994 for his illustration in the picture book "Way Home". In 2006 his first wordless picture book, "The Boy, The Bear, The Baron, The Bard" was selected as one of the Ten Best Illustrated Picture Books by the New York Times. The third book in the series, "The Hero of Little Street" was named among the **2010 Children's Book Council of Australia Winners (CBCA)** - Each year Australia's librarians anoint the books that will find their way into every school library around the country. This was the case for Greg's recent work. Greg has joined the list of Villanova Old Boys who are published authors.

Michael Zullo ('05), who twice represented Australia as a member of the Socceroos, and now lives in Utrecht, Holland managed to score sizable space in the Courier Mail in August. Michael's ups and downs with injury etc since moving overseas were reported by soccer columnist, **Marco Monteverde ('90)**.

Ross Vasta ('84) is back in the House of Representatives, Canberra, after regaining the seat of Bonner in the recent Federal elections.

Matthew Stiles ('04) graduated from the Qld Police Academy in August and is stationed in Southern Brisbane district for the next 12 months, (Coorparoo at present). Matt joins another old boy and classmate, **Mark Mackenroth ('04)** in the force,. Younger brother, **Thomas Stiles ('06)** is a 3rd yr electrical apprentice.

Matt Davies ('02) represented Australia in the recent Commonwealth Games. Matt just missed qualifying for the semi-finals of the 200m sprint.

DONATION TO COLLEGE ARCHIVES

Robert John (Bob) Copley ('58), as recorded in the March 2010 edition of Villavoice, passed away in September 2009. Bob's son also known as Bob, has offered the College his dad's Honour Blazer pocket. Bob (senior) was a day one student at Coorparoo in 1954 and completed his education at Villanova as captain of the College in 1958. The pocket will go on display in the Heritage Room of the College archives. Bob's son wrote for Villavoice

"Bob was born on the 9th of March 1940. He was the eldest of three boys who sadly lost their father when Bob was only 7 years of age. When Bob attended Villanova College he was active in the School Cadets as well as playing tennis and rugby. In his senior year in 1958 he was College Captain.

After leaving school Bob attended the Royal Military College, Duntroon, graduating in December 1962. He announced his engagement to Anita Hulett (a Wynnum girl who had attended All-Hallows school) at the RMC graduation ball.

Bob had a distinguished military career which included service in Vietnam with 4th Field Regiment where he worked as a forward field observer with the 2nd Battalion. Professional, diligent and cool under enemy fire, Captain Copley's personal courage and prompt accurate close fire support with V Company in 1968 earned him a Mentioned in Despatches Bravery Award. The remainder of Bob's military career saw postings to many parts of Australia as well as to both the UK and USA.

In 1985 Bob declined a promotion to Colonel to pursue challenges outside the Army and he spent a decade as an executive with the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries in Canberra during which time he wrote his first book, 'The Urge to Score' about business management.

In Bob's retirement he became an accomplished author writing on leadership and management as well as fiction, short stories and poetry. He also started his own e-book publishing business

which won an Award in 2007. The remainder of his retirement was devoted to sport and his family, in particular his grand-children whom he adored.

Throughout his life Bob maintained a proud allegiance with Villanova College keeping in touch with a number of his classmates and attending many reunions".

Vale Robert John Copley – Villanova old-boy, officer, gentlemen, author, poet, publisher and loving family man.



John Copley,
College Captain
1958

SUPPORT THE BUILDING PROGRAM AND LEAVE YOUR FAMILY NAME AT VILLANOVA FOREVER

Only **eighty spaces remain**: the allotted area at the College (near the Seventh Avenue entry gate), for Villanova families to claim a space and record their names at the College forever. So far approximately 135 families who have been connected with the College from its establishment at Coorparoo in 1954 to those of very recent times, have taken up the opportunity. Once the available spaces have been taken up, such an opportunity may never arise again. The **“Foundation Stone Families Program”** and the **“Take-A-Seat Program”** which coincided with the One Mind One Heart fundraising program in 2005 have allowed families to support the College Building Program and at the same time provide Villanova families with the opportunity to permanently record their names at the College.

The **“Foundation Stone Families Program”** allows families to record their family name and parents’ first names on the top brick of a double brick display while the lower brick records the first names of all Villanova sons and their years of enrolment at the College. Participation in this program comes with a \$500 donation to the College Building Fund (tax deductible).

The **“Take-A-Seat Program”** allows Villanova families to claim a seat in the Hanrahan Theatre. The inscription on the tag which is attached to a plaque on the wall of the theatre is of families’ own

choosing. Many have recorded their family names and son’s/sons’ name while others have taken the opportunity to remember deceased parents, grandparents and past students. Participation in this program comes with a \$200 donation to the College Building Fund (tax deductible).

Participation in both programs can be secured by a \$600 donation to the College Building Fund (tax deductible) – see tear-off slip on back page of this edition of Villavoice.

At a time when Villanova is moving forward on many fronts through the implementation of the College Master Plan, a rewarding way for parents, past parents, old boys and friends of the College to support the current construction and refurbishment projects at the College would be to take up the opportunity offered in the programs above and in so doing leave their family name at the College forever.

The two programs also offer parents of graduating students of 2010 the opportunity to recognize their family’s journey as members of the College community.

For further information contact Keith Druery at the College - email: kdruey@admin.vnc.qld.edu.au



Recent additions to the Foundation Stone Family Program



Recent additions to the Take-A-Seat program

ANDREW SLACK ('72) JOINS WALLABY HALL OF FAME

On July 19th 2010 The Australian Rugby Union website recorded the following story.

“Australia’s Grand Slam winning captain Andrew Slack has today become the latest member into one of the games most exclusive clubs. One of Queensland Rugby’s favourite sons, Slack is the 18th player to join the Wallaby Hall of Fame. He was also one of the original seven former Australian captains appointed as ARU Classic Wallabies Statesmen in 2008. Slack is still remembered as the man who held the captaincy reins when the Wallabies embarked on their first modern-day Golden Era. He was at the

helm when the Wallabies made an unbeaten march through their four Tests in the UK and Ireland in 1984, winning a Grand Slam for the first time with their victories over England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

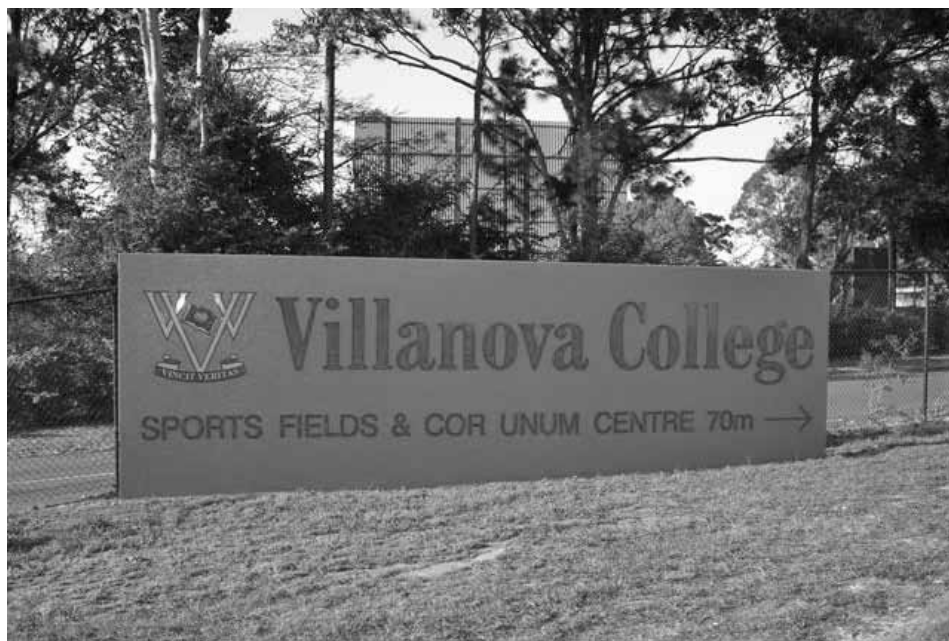
Slack was also the skipper when the Wallabies won the Bledisloe Cup in New Zealand two years later – the first Australian side to lift the trophy on All Blacks soil since Trevor Allan’s team in 1949. The reliable midfield general had come out of retirement to lead the Wallabies in 1986. He had initially retired after the Grand Slam triumph, sitting out the 1985 season, before returning to secure another Bledisloe Cup

series win and lead Australia into the first World Cup in 1987.

Slack made his Queensland debut in 1975 at the age of 19 and three years later was on debut for Australia against Wales, in a series the Wallabies won 2-nil. The following year he was part of the landmark victory over the All Blacks at the SCG in a one off Test which delivered Australia the Bledisloe Cup for the first time in 30 years.

Slack still considers beating the All Blacks in 1986, in New Zealand in a three-Test series, as his greatest achievement in an Australian jersey.”

Congratulations Andrew on behalf of the entire Villanova community..... Editor



New Entrance sign at Villanova Park, Tingalpa. In the background is the sight screen on the Andrew Slack oval

IT WAS WELL WORTH THE WAIT!

As a consequence of the First XV Rugby Team's dominance throughout the 2010 season, three Year 12 students, Emmanuel Bell, Aiden Kelly and James Klaassen were selected in the Queensland Schools Rugby Team (2). Emmanuel captained the side and led it to victory in the Australian Schools Rugby Union Championship. James Klaassen was subsequently selected in the Australian Schools' Rugby A Team. The College Yearbook for 1997 records that Ashley Riley and David Lewis of the 1997 senior class were the last Villanovans to achieve the same national honour. Trent Pridmore also from the class of 1997 won selection in the Queensland Schoolboys Rugby Team (2). Also

Back Row L to R: Zach Hillas, Patrick Serisier, Ryan Johnson, Samuel Rech, Aiden Kelly, Jake Bell, Samuel Yip, Scott Mains, Christian Welch, Jac Thong, Nathan McIntyre

Middle Row L to R: Matthew Beeston, Matthew Wicks, Jack Weibler, Lachlan Russ,

Front Row L to R: Benjamin Smith, Aaron Sorridimi, Phillip Maltby, Ryan Ward, Emmanuel Bell (Capt), Joshua George, James Klaassen, Edward Carter, Joshua Sorridimi.

Absent: Sam Reddel, Robert Dreves, Lucas Schouten.

in the list of sporting achievements in 1997 was Bradley Meyers who was chosen for the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League Team. Brad went on to play State of Origin for Queensland and Test matches for the Kangaroos just a few years after leaving school. Brad is now contracted to the Gold Coast Titans.

In September James Klaassen (Yr 12), played on the wing for the Australian Schoolboys A Team against Fiji in Sydney.

For those who like statistics, the First Fifteen's results were as follows:

Round 1 vs Marist College Ashgrove	19-15
Round 2 vs St Patrick's College	45-5
Round 3 vs St Laurence's College	29-24
Round 4 vs St Edmund's College	32-27
Round 5 vs Padua College	16-3
Round 6 vs Iona College	71-0
Round 7 vs St Peter's College	81-0



TERRY HAYDOCK RETIRES - BOTH STUDENT AND TEACHER SPANNING 50 YEARS!

Terry Haydock ('62) enjoyed his recent long service leave so much he decided to make the situation permanent by choosing retirement as from 13th August this year which was his sixty-fifth birthday.

Terry, who has been a fixture on the Junior School staff at the College for more than 30 years, started his Villanova journey as a student in Fr Seary's Year 6 class in 1956, just two years after the College opened its doors at Coorparoo. From those early days Terry remembers:

- Watching Fr Seary writing the College war cry one Friday afternoon in 1956. He would scribble lines on paper then rewrite his efforts on the blackboard when he was happier with the rhythm and rhyme. The end result was our unique College war cry in the Hausa language of Africa.
- A tram trip to the city for his class of seventy-two students who made the journey to see the film, "Ben Hur" at the Regent Theatre in Queen Street.
- Being taught by no fewer than 12 Augustinians during his time at a College and seeing the first ever "Lay Teachers" to the staff of the College, taking classes in 1959.
- Playing marbles in the dust of what was and still is the school quadrangle,
- Going down to Langlands Park at lunchtime to check on a classmate's horse which the lad would ride to school on occasions.
- Boys sorting out their differences in the boxing ring under the watchful eyes of Fr Dempsey or Fr Rod Cameron.
- Being a part of the College Age Tennis

Championships, directed with great enthusiasm by Fr Mahoney. Two of these titles (the finals were played on the bitumen courts at St James's church), Terry managed to win.

- Training for Athletics at Langlands Park with Fr Dempsey shouting directions on occasions from the top of Seventh Avenue – Now that's voice projection!
- Those were the 1950's and the early 1960's. Terry returned to the College in 1977 as a teacher in the Primary School and the life of students and staff had changed somewhat in the intervening years. Terry's recollections continue:

- A "Lay Teacher" had been appointed as Head of the Primary School in that year.
- Annual Speech Nights at the end of the year had been replaced by Senior Graduation Ceremonies which were held on the now levelled and bitumined College quadrangle which presented some problems on rainy evenings.
- Working on staff under Fr Dave Austin as Acting Rector and Fr Peter Weineke as Rector, both of whom had been in Terry's class when he was a student at the College.
- Feeling tremendous support and friendship from the Villanova staff and parents and being inspired by and learning from his pupils.
- And finally, in Terry's own words, "realizing that I had the tremendous privilege of knowing every Rector/Principal of the College over a period of fifty-four years."

Continuing in Terry's own words, he concluded: "Some things you will always see in any era,

(past, present and future), blended in amongst the mundane, every day challenges of life at Villanova are:

- Free people acting under the influence of Grace.
- A love of life, learning and laughing.
- The celebration of Diversity.
- Community Spirit.
- And perhaps most of all, a constant questing for the truth in the spirit of St Augustine on the way to God together.



A very young Terry Haydock proudly holding his Villanova athletics trophy in 1956.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

"I have attached a photo from 1966 showing an image from a theatre production directed by the late Fr Dempsey. It was called A Fourth For Bridge and was produced at Saint James Hall. From left to right are James Carter, Joe Woodward, Peter Hempel, not sure of the name of the guy with his back to cam, and Robert Cronin is standing. I thought it significant to point out how Villanova had a bit of history in the theatre area. Between Fr Hanrahan, Fr Dempsey and Kevin Ryan, there was a lot of theatre experience. It wasn't uncommon for Fr Dempsey to organize trips to the theatre for groups of students in the evening."

Joe Woodward ('69)



"A Fourth for Bridge" Villanova Production 1966.

Joe,

Thanks for the photo and the recognition of Frs Hanrahan and Dempsey along with Mr Kevin Ryan for laying down the foundations of Villanova Drama.....Ed.

Dear Editor,

"The 2010 July edition of Villavoiced (page 4) showed representatives of the College 1974 First Fifteen Premiership Rugby Team who presented jerseys to the 2010 Premiership Team. The article explaining the historic event contained a few flaws which cry out for correction. In the midst of the photo was supposedly Anthony Hillas ('76) – This should have read older brother Peter Hillas. The article went on to mention Andrew Slack as captain of the College 1972 First Fifteen. While Andrew did in fact captain a few rugby teams e.g. Queensland and Australia, he never scaled the great heights to captaincy of the 1972 Villa side. The captain was in fact Greg Lee."

Name of writer ('72) withheld.

Withheld,

Thanks for the corrections of errors made in the July edition of "The Voice". Your keen attention to important detail is a sign Villavoiced has an attentive and enthusiastic reader base.....Ed.

Dear Editor,

With respect to your request for names of Villanovans who scored a century (In non 1st XI games), Murray Bird ('80), hit 102 not out at Camp Hill State School when he was in Grade 6 in 1974. The game was scheduled to finish at 12.00 midday but Birdie's Dad, Garnie, was umpiring so a little "injury time" was added on to allow Murray to achieve the ton! Over the years, Murray has had to endure exaggerated estimates of how long past midday the game went. Latest I heard, when the boys were last together, car headlights on the boundary had to be turned on so the ball could be seen! But hey, a ton's a ton! Well done Birdie!

Chris McMahon. ('80)

Chris,

Murray is probably the youngest Villanovan ever to crack a hundred (other than 1st XI players). The list as it stands appears below. I wonder if Murray's dad, Garnett, borrowed the watch he was using that day from Fr Tom Mescall OSA. Many jokes (all unproven) used to be made about Fr Tom's "elastic timepiece" which he used when he was timekeeper for the College First XV in the 1970's. If Villa was in front on the scoreboard, the final bell always seemed to ring earlier than the crowd was expecting. If the Villa boys were behind it often seemed they had a little more time available to catch up.

Recent communication to Villavoiced indicates that Robert McKenzie (see list below) also claimed a hat trick against Padua with match figures of 5/21 in the same year. Robert was a member of the undefeated First XI Premiers in 2002.

The century-makers by Villanova's non-1st XI Cricketers now looks like this.

Murray Bird	Grade 6 1974	(102 not out)
Bryce Mulcahy	U 14 A 2010	(127)
Julian Chin	U14 A 2010	(102 not out)
Robert McKenzie	U 13 B 1998	(106 not out)
Tim Franklin	U 14B 1997	(100 not out)

Come on Villavoiced readers. Drop me an email to recognise these great achievements which may have passed by with little attention paid to them at the time. There are more names to come in. My memory says one of the Cronin boys may have achieved this feat in the 1970's... Can any reader confirm or deny this memory?....Ed.

Editor was flicking through the pages of the 1991 Villanovan recently and found that Steven Conwell ('91) scored 107 for the College First XI against Iona. Steve will have his name added to the First XI list of century makers, increasing the number on that list to six.

Dear Editor,

Tim Franklin ('00) scored 100 N.O. Vs St Edmunds on 8/2/1997 - playing in the 14B's. He was presented with a mini cricket bat with an engraved plaque to reward this achievement.

Roslyn Franklin

Roslyn,

How good it is to have Villa mums who still look after their sons' interests. Maybe Villanova Old Boys still retain that humility that was a part of their education. You will notice that Tim has been added to the list of champions above. Thanks and keep reading Villavoiced!.....Ed.

Dear Editor

As always I enjoyed the latest edition of the Villa Voice, but I have a couple of questions and comments:-

1. The short story on Father Joe Walsh covers his time on staff from 1965 to 1975. Can you tell me what he has been doing with himself from 1976 to his retirement?
2. What pray tell has happened to the standard of football at Iona College? I ask the same

question for St Peter's. Is rugby union moribund at these schools? Terrible shame if it is.

3. Could you possibly publish a better photo of the winning first 15 rugby team, than the one that appeared in this issue (it is a poor photo and it is taken after the Iona game, rather than the St Peter's Game).

4. In the photo of the 1973 old boys, Peter Hillas was wrongly named as Anthony Hillas.

Thanks again for the great job you do putting this magazine together.

Tim McKee (Class of '76)

Tim,

Great to hear from you from the far north. The answers to your query re Fr Joe Walsh's journey after 1976 are as follows. Dates may not be accurate but from memory of a discussion with Fr Joe, it seems in 1976 he was appointed to Mareeba, then south to Victoria, serving at Rochester, Kyabram and Euchuca and back to Mareeba in 1982 till 1987. In 1988 he was back in Kyabram and from 1989 to 2006 he finished his active ministry in Euchuca.

Believe me Rugby is still in very good shape at the schools you mention. Keep in mind it is thirty-six years since Villa has taken out a First Fifteen Premiership. Other schools could have been having the same thoughts about rugby at Villa. Also keep in mind the 2010 team was a remarkable collection of very talented players.

Your wish for a better photo of the 2010 team has been met in this issue of "The Voice".

The Hillas mix up in the 1972 Old Boys in the last edition has been dealt with also in this edition (see Withheld's letter above)..... Ed.

Dear Editor,

In the 1990's a Drama teacher Debra LeBhers had us perform a play written by a German philosophy professor. His name escapes me as has the name of the Play. I think it was entitled, "The Numbered". The play wasn't popular, but had an element that seemed to touch on Greek Philosophy; Stanislaki and Brechtian Theatre in a roughly composed script. Can a Villavoiced reader from that era help me with this? Sadly the internet is no use for this one. All I need is the author's name. It's for something I'm putting together for a friend of mine who is also an old boy from '94.

Adam Johnsen ('94)

Adam,

Surely there is a 1994 Old Boy out there who can help with this enquiry. Email me: kduery@admin.vnc.qld.edu.auEd.

Dear Editor

I would like to alert the Villanova community of the untimely passing of distinguished old boy Damien Mullins. Most of what appears here was extracted from "The Australian" at the time of Damien's death in September.

Damien was in his 20th year as a director of Queensland Cricket and his 10th as chairman. He was the youngest director appointed to the

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Australian Cricket Board in 1993 and served on the ACB and Cricket Australia Board for 14 years until he stood down in February 2007. He also served on the International Cricket Council's finance and marketing committee in his time as a national director.

Born in Toowoomba and raised in Brisbane, Damien captained the First XI in Year 12 at Villanova in 1977, before undertaking a Bachelor of Arts-Laws at the University of Queensland in 1978. An elegant right-handed batsman, he captained Queensland club side Easts to a second grade premiership, sat as a teenager on the club committee and served as the club delegate to the then QCA, before switching to University in 1982. He graduated from university and was admitted as a barrister in December 1984.

Damien was appointed a senior counsel in 2002. He was awarded life membership of Queensland Cricket in 2006. The overall champion team in the first grade premiership receives the Damien Mullins Cup, which was introduced last year.

Damien is survived by his wife Michelle and children Grace and Jack. Damien's brother Jamie an old boy of the College from 1979 has a son Joshua in the Junior School.

An anonymous admirer of Damien's career.

Anonymous,

Thank you for alerting the wider College community of the short but rather extraordinary life and career of Damien. To achieve what he did at such a young age was rare if not unique. As a cricket player and administrator and in his professional legal career he made a powerful contribution to the community.Ed.



Damien Mullins in the 1976 First XI with Jim Watson, Brendan Devine and David Watson

VILLANOVA PLAYS KEY LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR MUSIC IN QUEENSLAND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Sunday, August 15 saw Villanova involved in a signature event for music in Catholic Schools throughout the State. The event held at QPAC saw dignitaries from Church and State witness performances from two 80 piece Symphony Orchestras, a 55 piece concert band a 20 piece Big Band and two 100 voice choirs drawn from 50 schools and Colleges across the State. Playing with 500 assembled students and in their own right were trumpeter James Morrison and vocalist Emma Pask. The event was to mark the twentieth Queensland Catholic Schools' and Colleges' Music Festival, an initiative of parents and staff at Villanova two decades ago. It seems trite to try to do justice to the contributions of so many (students, old boys, parents, staff, and friends) throughout the past twenty years - effort selflessly given to the youth of Queensland in Catholic Schools. The precision of planning, the warmth of welcome, the efficiency of delivery and the ever growing standard of performance has been remarkably successful and has helped develop music in Catholic Schools in Queensland to a new level.

The difficulties of planning and delivering such an enormous event were overcome through the expertise and goodwill of the Villanova community led by the Director of Music, Dr Peter Morris and his loyal, energetic and brilliant music staff and parent committee. The four days of the Festival in August

culminating in the QPAC event were remarkably successful. The community of Villanova can only say thank you to all those who have been a part of this remarkable journey through the past twenty years.

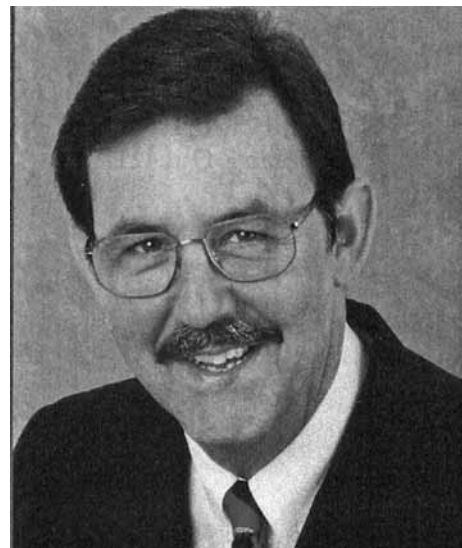


The cover of the program for the celebratory 20th year celebrations of QCMF.

GARY BAILDON ('57) AWARDED AN "AM"

A College Old Boy, Gary Baidon ('57) whom many would know as the Mayor of the Gold Coast from the mid-1990's until 2004 has been awarded an Order of Australia in 2010. The citation for the Award reads "For service to local government, and to the community of the Gold Coast region, through a range of educational, sporting, health and charitable institutions."

Gary has previously been the recipient of an Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and a Centenary Medal in 2001 and as a Doctor of the University of Griffith in 2005.



Gary Baidon AM('57)

STUDENT SUCCESSES – STATE AND NATIONAL

Sixty Five Year 5, 6 and 7 students won their way to nomination for the State Title of champion Wakakirri school. For those new to Wakakirri, it is a competition open to students of these year levels who can use music and movement to tell a story which aims to make the world we live in a better place. The young men of Villanova moved through regional competition to Brisbane Finals which they won and thus won nomination for State Champions which will be decided by Video taking into account winners from other areas of Queensland. Villanova was the only "all boys" school to enter the competition which was contested by more than 100

schools. Congratulations are certainly due to drama teacher Ms Judy Gordon and a band of dedicated and willing parent and teacher helpers.

Villanova teams had a great day at the annual Tournament of Minds on Saturday August 28th. College teams in the following categories, Primary Mathematics (Engineering), Primary Language (Literature), Primary Applied Technology, Secondary Applied Technology, picked up first place awards. These teams moved on to the State Finals,

Two Middle School Future Problem Solving Teams were invited to attend the National Finals in

Melbourne in October.

Villanova's Primary Technology team was placed first in its discipline at the annual Tournament of Minds competition. The boys were invited to attend the National Finals to be held in Darwin in October. Late News reports that this team gained second place in the National competition. Congratulations to Angus Gosper, Lachlan Eisey, Connor Stafford all of Year 7 and the following Year six students Gianni Lenarduzzi, Jack Powell, Jayden Woolaston and Zac Perry.

THREE HUNDRED ATTEND OLD BOYS DINNER

The 2010 Old Boys Dinner had a mixture of great humour & a little sadness. Three hundred Old Boys returned once more to Goold Hall to celebrate the friendships they had made whilst at Villanova. A good turn out of first year graduates from 2009 (approx thirty) were met by five men celebrating their 50th Old Boys Dinner. Frs Dave Austin ('62) and John McGlone were in attendance along with Dennis Harvey ('71 and now College Principal), 1st XV coaches, Pat Atkinson (Staff), and Sean Hourigan ('79). Jimmy Watson ('76) was in fine form once more as MC, conducting his own version of "Where are they Now", which broke up the audience into fits of laughter. The sad spot in the evening occurred when Charlie Fisher rose to announce that this would be his final Roll Call. President of the Old Boys Association, John Walsh ('76) informed the audience that The Old Boys' Executive Committee had invoked a sub clause of the Constitution and that Charlie Fisher would be invited to call the Roll at all future Old Boys Dinners. John then invited the assembly to rise and toast our appreciation for Charlie Fisher as our teacher and our friend. The standing ovation lasted for well over 5 minutes!

Thanks go to Mrs Helen Price (Villa Parent) who catered for the dinner and to Greg Cooley ('78) of Cooley Wines South Australia. Greg generously provided a wide variety of his famous wines for the Old Boys to enjoy. Once again, Peter Simpson ('80, College staff) and his crew of teachers and friends gave freely of their time to tend the Bar. Overall the Dinner was a great success and delivered a much needed injection of funds into the Terry Hendle Bursary Fund.

The Deceased Old Boys Mass was held on Sunday, September 12 in the Hanrahan Theatre, Fr Dave Austin ('62) was celebrant and assisting him were Fr Joe Walsh & our newest Augustinian Fr Tan.

Kath Neehouse (College staff) & the Student Leadership Team of the class of 2010 are thanked sincerely for giving up their time whilst in the middle of an Examination Block. Around 65 Friends & Family attended this years Mass, a slight increase on last years numbers. Mass was followed by morning tea in the Chapter Room.

Mr John Walsh ('75) President VOBAI



L to R: John Walsh, President VOBA, ('76), Peter Mullins ('86) and Fr Dave Austin ('62).

FRIENDS OF VILLANOVA MUSIC DATABASE

Any Old Boys, past parents or friends of the College are warmly invited to add their names to this growing database. This will ensure you stay up to date with performances that occur throughout the year in the Hanrahan Theatre. Just email or ring to add your name to the list. This will ensure you receive two communications a year.

Contact kdruey@admin.vnc.qld.edu.au or aschrauf@vnc.qld.edu.au or ring the Music Department 339

HELP US KEEP OUR DATABASE UP TO DATE!

Have you changed your contact or address details recently – keeping us up to date with any changes to your contact details can be done by either emailing us at admin@vnc.qld.edu.edu.au or giving us a call at the College on 3394 5690

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After numerous requests over a number of years, the College Uniform Shop will now stock a limited selection of Villanova memorabilia. Support from the wider community of the College will ensure that this experiment continues into the future. Solid support will also result in the limited range of products being expanded in the future. Feedback from Villavoice readers (which can be done by email or by speaking directly with Clothing Shop staff) would help in making choices for stock into the future. (Call the College office 3394 5690 and ask for the Uniform Shop. If the shop is unattended you may leave a message with your contact details.)



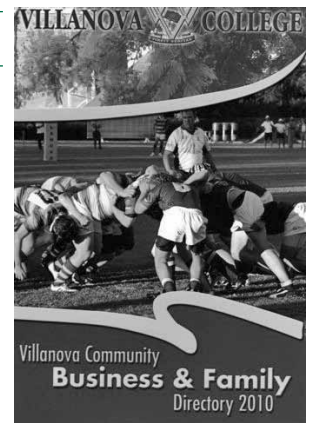
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YOU CAN SUPPORT THE COLLEGE THROUGH ON-GOING PROGRAMS

In this sixty-third 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 will be as rewarding, exciting and fruitful as the road already traveled.

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