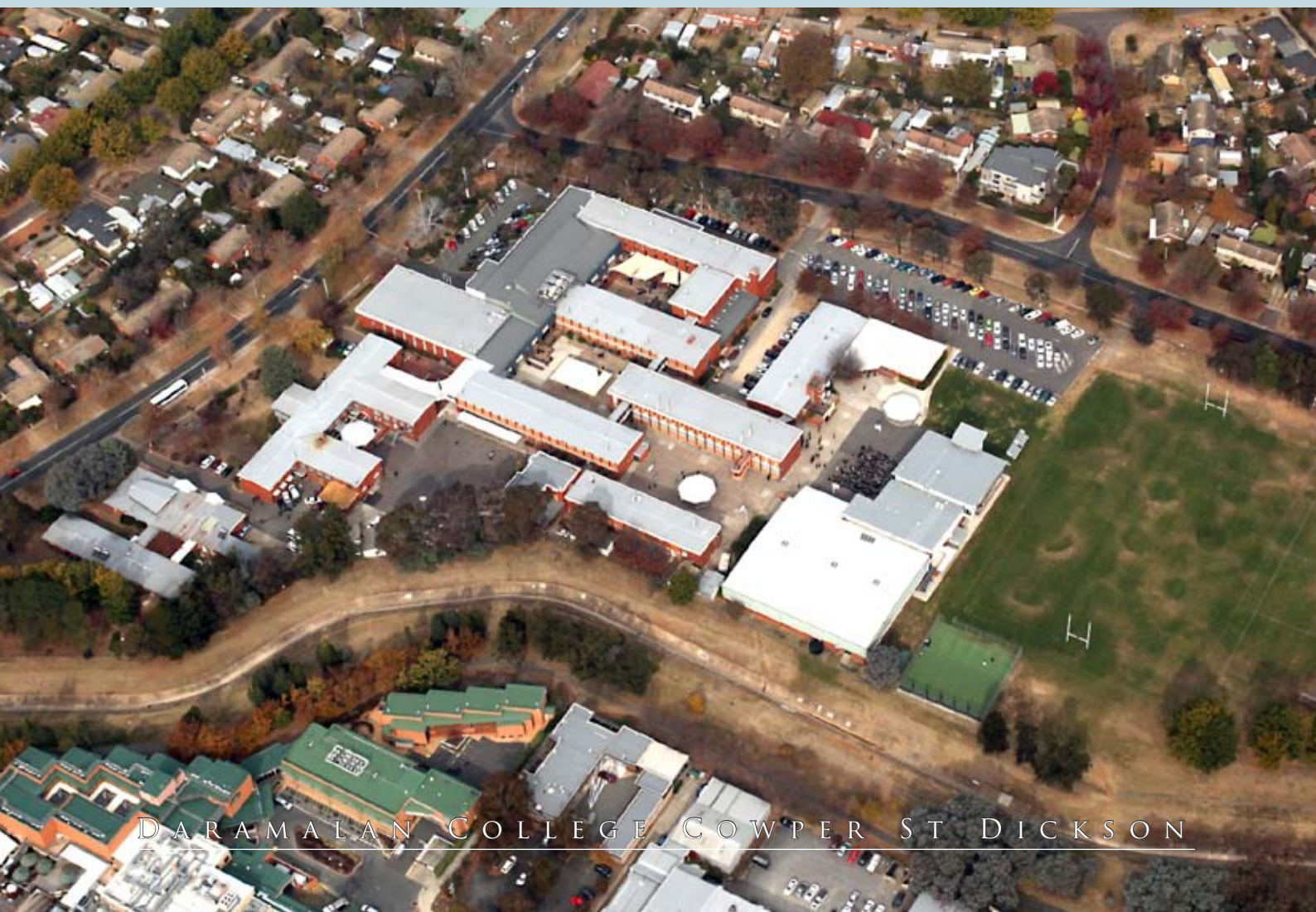


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DARAMALAN COLLEGE COWPER ST DICKSON



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Ms Rita Daniels
2009 - present

Daramalan



Bernard Kane

From the editor...

Welcome to the 2011 edition of the Alumni magazine.

It's often said that the older we get the more we try to reconnect with our youth. This was nowhere more apparent than in the 2010 Alumni Reunions.

Students from the years of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1990 and 2000 got together in a variety of locations to celebrate the milestones that have passed since they left Daramalan all those years ago.

The most noticeable aspect of these "get-togethers" was the numbers who came along. The longer that students have been away, it seems the higher the commitment to attend.

The Six Form class of 1970 Reunion saw almost half of that year group of 120 boys descend on Yowani Country Club on a Saturday night last October to reconnect with names and faces not seen since they walked out the gates of the College when Dickson was still a growing suburb on the outskirts of Canberra.

After a tour of the College – with memories still vivid even after forty years – the party reminisced well into the early hours of Sunday morning. The highlight of this night was a wonderful speech given by the 1970 School Captain **Bill Rogers**. His speech has been reproduced in full on [Page 10](#) of this newsletter and is a great read, even for students who weren't at the College over those years. It gives us an insight into the sort of things that makes an ex-Dara student a Dara boy or girl for life.

The Alumni web site is growing all the time and now offers nearly 2700 former students (and teachers) whose details are registered and contactable via email. With our 50th anniversary year in 2012 fast approaching, now is the time to encourage any of your family or friends not registered on the site to sign on, so they are aware of all the celebrations planned for next year. It's totally free and very private. Many students are on Facebook and have ex-Daramalan friends on their friends list, so this is another avenue that will help grow our own association.

There are class Reunions planned again in 2011 with events planned for the classes of 1981, 1991 and 2001. Details are on [Page 4](#).

Past Daramalan students were once again figured prominently in the news during 2010 with some noteworthy appearances in fields as varied from sport to politics. Many of these stories are featured starting on [Page 18](#).

However, the truth be known, rather than just the "big names" boosting Daramalan's image and reputation in our community, it's the mums, the dads, the brothers and the sisters, the "ordinary" ex-students like myself who are proud to be part of the Daramalan family. Both my children – as well as many other alumni's children – have now gone through our College providing another generation that stands testament to the unique Daramalan MSC ethos that continues to grow and prosper.

In the Jubilee story on [Page 3](#) there are details on the Daramalan book being prepared for the 50 year celebrations. I have made a request for life stories and photos about your experiences at the school. If you can help can you please send them to me at the College on <bernard.kane@daramalan.act.edu.au>. Full details are in the story.

Enjoy the 2011 Edition of the Alumni Magazine.



DARAMALAN COLLEGE
A School with Heart

A message from the Principal, Rita Daniels

Dear Alumni,

As Daramalan College approaches its fiftieth anniversary in 2012, planning is underway for a number of events to mark this significant occasion. Over the coming months we will be advertising these events and opportunities through the Alumni newsletter as well as in other ways. We would very much like to see many of our former students during what we hope will be a wonderful year of celebrations.

The College remains a very popular choice of school for many families across Canberra. Yet again, our applications for Year 7, 2012 well exceeded the number of places available which provides strong affirmation for the reputation of the College. I have been very pleased to see so many former students at Open and Information Evenings and we will be offering places to 158 students next year who are classified as "Family" in a Year 7 group of 250 students. The family connection to the College gives students first priority in terms of our enrolment categories.

While the number of MSC who still work in the College is very small, we were fortunate to have five MSC priests as well as one parish priest celebrate Mass at the College to mark the Feast of the Sacred Heart recently. Fr Bob Irwin came from Sydney to be the main celebrant and he was assisted by Fr Jim Littleton, Fr Michael Fallon, Fr John Bosman and Fr Paul Brown. Frs Bosman and Brown have been working in Kippax Parish. This was a special day for the students of the College who were treated to a singing performance led by Fr Bob at the end of the Mass.

Several long-serving staff who would be well known to many former students are leaving us soon. These people include Gai Hawes who has managed the canteen for around fifteen years; Penelope St Clair who has taught English and History for over twenty three years; and Christine Twomey who has been a staff member in various roles since 1985. We wish them well as they move towards a more leisurely way of life.

I extend my best wishes to all former students of the College and I look forward to catching up with many of you both during this year and throughout 2012.

Rita Daniels
Principal

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50th Anniversary



Daramalan Jubilee Year 2012

For some of us, it seems like just yesterday that the first cohort of boys were walking into a brand new, albeit sparse, school in the new suburb of Dickson. Boasting just three buildings and a combined admin and library block, this new Catholic school was both exciting and scary for the first 248 students.

However, within a very few years the numbers started to grow and the building program accelerated under the guidance of **Fr McCowage**. Marbles were still being played in the dirt car park (a practice stopped by the Burser **Fr Power** after one too many holes were dug and a parent's car wheels started to disappear on wet days) and touch football was played on the grass where McCowage Hall now stands.

Girls came on board (slowly) in 1977 at which point the College started to mature into the institution it is today with over 1480 students, some of the most state-of-the-art teaching facilities available and boasting over 150 dedicated and skilled teaching and support staff.

However, some things don't change.

Father Littleton is still with us and an integral part of the College's MSC life and **Father Fallon** is also back at the Residence along with **Fr Harold Baker**.

Ms Rita Daniels is now Principal and long term staff such as **Michael Smith**, **Garry Knight** and **Mick Flynn** are still passing on their years of experience to all the new students that are just as equally excited and apprehensive on Day One as the original intake 50 years ago.

Event Calendar

To celebrate this 50th milestone, there is a series of events planned for this 2012 our Jubilee Year.

- A book is being written about our first 50 years and we are now seeking input from past students for their memories and anecdotes relating to their times here. We are specifically looking for 300 words from a student from each year on what Daramalan has meant to them in their later life. These can take the form of general observation or a specific example of an event that defined their Dara experience. I will send further details out in the next few months.

- There are also two **celebration events** planned for 2012.

The first will be on the last day of Term

One 2012 (13 April) and will be for past and present teachers and staff. Venue and time is still to be confirmed but we are in the process

of trying to find as many past

teachers as possible through

ex-student contacts. So if

you know of a teacher

who taught at Daramalan

College at any time in

the last 50 years, point

them to the Daramalan

website Alumni Page

and get them to register

via the link on the top

right-hand side of

the page. There is a

dedicated section on the

site for teachers only.

- **The second event will**

be our Jubilee Dinner on Saturday

20 October 2012. This dinner will be a celebration of our 50 years and tickets will be priced below \$100 ea.

This will be followed by a Mass and Family Day at the College on the Sunday, including the opening of the new Technology Wing replacing the current Lysaught building.

This is just the beginning of the celebrations. As plans are finalised you will be notified via our Alumni website so could I please ask that your contact details are up-to-date. I am currently experiencing a lot of email "bounce-backs" as members change jobs and/or email addresses.

And finally, if you have any ex-student friends or acquaintances who HAVEN'T registered on the Alumni website, can I ask you to encourage them to do it now so they are in touch with us throughout our 50th celebrations.

2012 will be an exciting year!



Can you help with finding old photos?

As part of our 50th celebrations, the College will be publishing a book next year, detailing the history of Daramalan from 1962 until today. The book will be illustrated with images but we are particularly interested in any photos that students may have of their years here at the school.

These may include just general shots taken as part of a class project, or unpublished official shots of school events. Often these would have been taken by the (proud) parents of little Johnnie's or Mary's first or last day at school, their graduation photos or just the day it snowed and mum or dad were thoughtful enough to get a shot of the kids tramping off to school in a white blizzard. It doesn't really matter what the subject is, so long as it pertains to Daramalan and the quality is good.

All submissions will be returned and all formats submitted will be acceptable. Colour slides (transparencies) are best but prints are also fine as long as the quality is still acceptable. If you have them in digital format they will need to be over 1 Mb in size.

Contributions can be dropped off at the College (clearly marked with your name and contact details, registered post or by email to <bernard.kane@daramalan.act.edu.au>).

Any assistance will be gratefully received and if your contribution is published, acknowledgment of your help and assistance will be made in the book.



50th Anniversary Rugby Games

For those ex-students that are still playing rugby, or even think they can, now is the time to start jogging. In the 2012 season, we would like to see some old combinations coming together to show the young guns how Rugby is really played.

Anyone interested in pulling on the boots, seeing if that jersey still fits, or just want an excuse to talk yourselves up at the after game function, drop <Andrew.digan@daramalan.act.edu.au> a line to say you're keen to be part of the Current v Ex-students Rugby matches as part of the celebrations for our 50th.



Alumni Reunions & News

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Fr John McCowage
1964 - 1970
1980 - 1982

Daramalan

2011 Class Reunions.

The details for the 2011 Class Reunions are as follows.

■ The Year 12 Class of 2001 - 10-year Reunion. Saturday 29 October 2011.

Venue: Dickson "Tradies" from 7.00pm.

Come along anytime from 7.00pm. This is an informal night with no cover charge and drinks will be at bar prices. Register on the Alumni website now so others know you will be attending.

■ Year 12 Class of 1991 - 20-year Reunion Saturday 22 October 2011.

Venue: Yowani Country Club at 7.00pm.

Drinks available at club prices.

Tours through the College hosted by current students will be offered from 6.00pm, leaving from front doors at the Cowper St carpark. The last group will go through at 6.30 so please be punctual.

Cost is \$50 for three course buffet meal in their private room. If you have any pictures, videos or memorabilia please bring them along and we will display on the night.

■ Year 12 Class of 1981 - 30-year Reunion. Saturday 29 October 2011

Yowani Country Club at 7.00pm.

Drinks available at club prices.

Tours through the College hosted by current students will be offered from 6.00pm, leaving from front doors at the Cowper St carpark. The last group will go through at 6.30 so please be punctual.

Cost is \$50 for three course buffet meal in their private room. If you have any pictures, videos or memorabilia please bring them along and we will display on the night.

Bookings, payments and lists of attendees are all available on the Alumni website. Click on <Reunions> and then choose your event. All your classmates are listed there (including those who have not yet registered on the website) which will assist in contacting as many people as possible.

Assistance sought for School Tour

The Daramalan Rugby Club is looking for assistance from the Alumni in helping the Club to raise funds students to attend the Total Rugby Camp in Christchurch as part of the pre-season development of our senior players.

To this end any ex-students who may have ideas, contacts or want to help at the committee level could they please email <Andrew.digan@daramalan.act.edu.au>

We need things to auction, possible people to speak at gala nights, raffle prizes and experiences. Your help will make a difference.

It's an Honour

Peter Maher Class of 1974 was awarded an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) in the 2011 Australia Day Honours List. The Award was for his service to the community through the St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland, where he is the Chief Executive Officer.

After graduating from Daramalan in 1974, Peter starting out stocking shelves at Woolworths. Peter is now responsible for the overall management of Vinnies in Queensland.



"Organisations like St Vincent's are essential because it comes back to the fundamental issues of assisting people in need, and we assist anyone in need regardless of race, creed or religion," Peter said. "We don't just give a hand out, we give a hand up. It's important to remember that we're not about giving people money, we want to identify what caused their situation and try to change it in the long term."

Peter graduated from the Australian Catholic University's (ACU) predecessor colleges, Signadou Teachers College. He later returned to complete both a Bachelor's degree and Master of Education.

He said it was the volunteers at Vinnies, and the people they helped that were the driving force of his motivation.

"When I first started at St Vincent's, I went to a centre distributing Christmas goods, where I met a woman and her 16-year old daughter giving out hampers," Peter said. "She told me that 10 years ago her marriage had broken down, and she had four young children to care for, and her entire life was packed into two suitcases. "Vinnies had been able to help her then, and made sure her children had Christmas presents, so now she comes back every single year as a volunteer to give something back."

Peter finished by saying there was no such thing as an average day at Vinnies.



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2010 Year 12 Dara students' achievements recognised by Board of Senior School Studies

Year 12 2010 student **Boban Gorgoski** achieved the highest ATAR at Daramalan in 2010. Boban's excellent academic performance earned him an ATAR of 99.85 which is the third highest possible.

Boban was one of four students from Daramalan who achieved an ATAR over 99. Twenty three students were awarded an ATAR over 90.

There were 222 ACT Year 12 Certificates awarded to Daramalan College students with 107 students also receiving Vocational Certificates with Daramalan as the Registered Training Organisation.

On Tuesday 14 December 2010, Boban was awarded his top honour at the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies Recognition of Excellence Ceremony at the National Library along with Erin Gilliland, Morgan Tozer and Lucy Matthews who were also recognized for their outstanding achievements in Community Service, Vocational Studies and Performing Arts.

The following is the information that was delivered at that Award ceremony:



Boban Gorgoski - BSSS Award for Top ATAR at Daramalan College: 99.85

Boban is gifted in a wide range of disciplines and has particular strengths in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. He is an outstanding role model who demonstrates exceptional personal qualities. An accomplished musician, sportsman and actor, Boban has made an enormous contribution to the Daramalan College community and has fulfilled

the role of College Vice-Captain with sensitivity, enthusiasm and good humour.



Erin Gilliland - BSSS Community Service Award

Erin is an outstanding ambassador for Community Service in her role as Community Service Captain. She has inspired, befriended and motivated younger students within the school to engage in a wide range of activities which have made the lives of others more comfortable and meaningful. In her college community she has initiated and engaged in projects in areas of community work and has worked very closely with the Community Service Coordinator and her team.



Morgan Tozer - BSSS Vocational Studies Award

Morgan has demonstrated outstanding skills and a high level of achievement in three areas of Vocational Education; Business Administration, Applied Fashion & Design Technology and Hospitality. She demonstrates excellent employability skills, uses her initiative to complete tasks and is able to provide guidance to complete tasks and is able to provide guidance to others in simulated workplace situations. Morgan won the 2010 VET School

Student of the Year at the ACT VET Excellence Awards.



Lucy Matthews - BSSS Performing Arts Award

Lucy Matthews has been an inspirational leader in co-curricula Music and the Daramalan Theatre Company. She has written and directed theatre pieces containing her own musical compositions. Lucy currently performs in and manages her own theatre company.



Gold medal winners (from left) Michael Norris (electrotechnology Year 12, Canberra College), Anita Kell (business services Year 12, Daramalan College) and Trent Kirkham (Electrotechnology Year 11, St Francis Xavier).

Trade talent rewarded

THE winners of the recent Worldskills 2010 ACT VET in Schools competition were announced in a ceremony for all participants at the Abbey Function Centre in Gold Creek on November 23.

About 40 vocational students from across Canberra took part in the competition this year in six categories, in industries ranging from automotive and electrotechnology to hospitality, construction and business services.

Every participant was awarded a certificate, and because Worldskills is regarded as the 'Olympics of trade training', winners received gold, silver and bronze medallions.

Worldskills ACT manager Tim McNevin said the program celebrated and acknowledged the achievements of young people. "It is a chance for them to benchmark themselves against their peers and against industry standards, and demonstrate their talents and skills excellence," he said.

This year's gold, silver and bronze medal winners were:

Hospitality Year 12 Kitchen Operations Cookery: Brett Waslin, (St Edmunds College), Daniel Hoitink, (Hawker College), Kaylea Brewer (Daramalan College).

General construction Year 11: Nikolas Kratzel (Orana School) Nick Penders (Erindale College), Beau Palmer (Marist College).

Business Services Year 11: Samantha Watson (Lake Ginninderra College) Rebecca Hallam (Erindale College) Bianca Jagarinec (Daramalan College).

Business Services Year 12: Anita Kell, gold (Daramalan College) and Melanie Ryan, silver (Daramalan College).

Automotive Year 11: Max Clarke, gold (Daramalan College) and Richard Theodorakis, silver (Daramalan College).

Electrotechnology Year 11: Trent Kirkham (St Francis Xavier College).

Daramalan College, Year 12 National Convention Centre, December 2



Canberra soccer player, 15, left behind by team in UK

By Bianca Hall

The ACT Academy of Sport will launch an investigation into how a 15-year-old Canberra soccer player was left behind in London without his teammates and club officials to sort out his passport problems.

Michael Taurasi had been travelling with the annual ACTAS soccer tour through England when his passport was damaged after a

match in London on December 10. The passport's photograph and serial numbers were damaged, and officials refused to let him leave for Holland with his team.

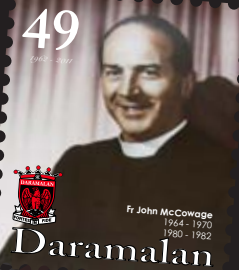
Rather than wait with him, ACTAS coaches and managers left him in the care of a tour agent, who was travelling with the contingent.

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Fr. John McCowage
1964 - 1970
1980 - 1982
Daramalan

Paul Collins believes global warming is a threat to Christianity, as **GRAHAM DOWNIE** writes

Finding God in all the good places

I have to say increasingly much, much more now in the bush, in the natural world, than I do in lots of ways, even through the church's liturgy," says former Catholic priest Paul Collins.

"My religion is where I can discover the transcendent. Where I can discover, in my terms, God. Where I can encounter the living presence of the God." A paid-up member of the Greens, he hopes to encourage a way of viewing the world differently to of which dominates today's culture.

hood. "I think I also went because I wanted a ride on a Vickers Viscount." He accepts the young seminarians did not develop in a particularly mature way "but it gave us this incredible education". The seminary had about 55 students and 10 teachers who were all excellent. "Nothing was too good for that education. You can make up for that education. You can do personal growth in adulthood." He did not feel pressured to join the priesthood. Indeed, so many people then in the early 1960s were applying for the priesthood that they could be easily rejected.

"You got thrown out for smoking. And if anything sexual occurred you were a shut-out. But in the end, it was a great life for three years."



Rev. Bro. P. M. Collins, M.S.C.

(Left) Paul Collins as he appeared in the "Canberra Times" in April and as he was during his time at Daramalan in the mid-60s.

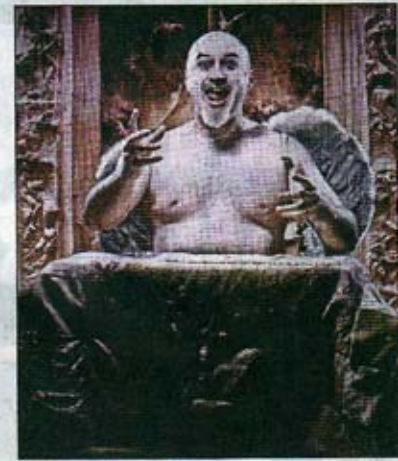
(Below) Fr Michael Fallon raises issues around the Mass in the "Canberra Times". Fr Fallon (1964-1968) is still actively engaged in Gospel and Biblical Studies and lives at the College Residence. It is the 50th anniversary of his ordination in July 2011

Dramas at Daramalan

DARAMALAN College students just might recognise the bloke below – it's their teacher, **Joe Woodward**. The creative arts department head and drama teacher has been producing theatre in Canberra for more than 40 years, but many know him better as a veteran of teaching. Woodward's theatre company ShadowHouse PITS is presenting a production at the Canberra Theatre Centre called *Geese*, opening on Tuesday. The photo below, by **Cole Bennetts**, shows Woodward in all his manic glory with his shirt off – not something his students ordinarily see. The production, influenced by the writings of French playwright **Antonin Artaud**, could well attract a contingent of pupils who will show up just to cheer on their teacher. *Geese* is on from April 26-30 at the Canberra Theatre Centre's Courtyard Studio.



Drama teacher **Joe Woodward** (left) is passionate about his craft and has been responsible for some of Daramalan's most memorable theatre productions over the years such as "King Lear" (2010), "Twelfth Night" (2008) and "Midsummer Nights Dream" (2006). He is also the creator and driving force of the Daramalan Theatre Company.



STARRING ROLE: Drama teacher Joe Woodward in costume for *Geese*.

Fred Wensing (1969) (below) was asked to suggest his utopian vision for Gungahlin back in 1973. Fortunately his vision of no cars or colour TVs, never came to pass. *Pity about the lack of free health care though.*



WENSING
Fredrick

Church in war of words over new translation

By **Graham Downie**
Religion Reporter

The controversial new English missal being progressively introduced by the Catholic Church is said by supporters to be more faithful to the original Latin but detractors believe it will drive even more people from the Church.

Canberra priest, translator and teacher **Paul Michael Fallon** takes issue of the middle course.

"To say it is terrible is a total exaggeration," he said.

Father Fallon said the Church's liturgy has died for all, but the new wording – that he said for many – translated literally from the original Latin required of the priest another job.

"He has to explain to people we are dealing with an Aramaic idiom. This was not a shift in focus but it could be misinterpreted. The Church still taught that he died for all. The translators of the new missal, he said, had sought to stay close to the Latin.

"But there is a major problem there," Father Fallon said. "The New Testament was written in Greek."

He said the importance of the new missal had been overstated. The Church had to be constantly reformed.

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MIDDLE COURSE: Father Michael Fallon, of Daramalan College, says one problem is the New Testament was written in Greek.

He has denied there was a lack of consultation over the new translation. He said the source of most misunderstandings lay elsewhere. Archbishop Coleridge has been criticised by **Ann Crummen**, of **McKillop**.

He said a given in Catholic liturgy was that Archbishop Coleridge had asserted the translation of the new missal was faithful to the translation of Vatican II.

"I believe you have what the mission is, but not the mission itself."

From little things: the forgotten blueprint for Gungahlin

By **Sally Pryor**

Ninety-six, shorter working weeks, a ban on colour television and free health care for everybody – young Canberra in the 1970s had it all worked out when it came to planning a new town.

But Gungahlin, the town they had in mind, has turned out rather differently.

A 30-page report, compiled by a group of young students in Canberra in 1973 at the request of the National Capital Planning Authority, has come to the attention of The Canberra Times as a sadly overlooked relic of a bygone era.

The 30-page report, entitled *Blue to Build a Gungahlin – or Not Build-Our Blue to Build*, is the result of a workshop, held in May 1973 at a lodge in Gungahlin, at which 25 people aged between 16 and 25 were asked to discuss what they most wanted in what would be Canberra's fourth town.

It was thought at the time that young people would best be able to anticipate what was needed for a new suburb, free from family and community values to environmentally sound policies that would last into the future.

Canberra was growing rapidly by the early 1970s, and the then NCDC (now the National Capital Authority) planned to have people moving into Gungahlin by 1978.

But in the interim, the Victorian government lost power, Canberra's population growth subsequently plummeted, and the need for a new town became less urgent.

The 1973 report was not made public until 2008, and when Gungahlin came back on the agenda a decade later, an entirely new plan was devised.

Much of the report's spirit seems quaint and dated to today's readers, but the ideas of young people



FORMATIVE YEARS: Ed Wensing was 29 when he studied for a 1973 plan for Gungahlin, where he now lives. He was so inspired by the experience that he became an urban planner. Photo by Sally Pryor



In the News



MARCO GALEOTTI
MONARCH BUILDING SOLUTIONS
MASTER BUILDERS GROUP
TRAINING APPRENTICE 1992 -
1994

Marco is another former Master Builders apprentice to have won the 'National Young Builder of the Year,' his award was in 2010 amongst a host of other residential & commercial building ACT awards and the prestigious 'National Display Home of the Year' award. In 2001 he completed his Associate Diploma in Building to add to his C class building licence.

AWARDS

2011
Commercial Best use of Material
Commercial Interior Finish
Commercial & Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or
Alteration 500k - 1m
2010
Display Homes More than \$300,000

Custom Built Home \$600,000 - 1m
House of the Year
Commercial & Retail Fitout, Refurb
1m - 3m
Commercial & Retail Fitout, Refurb
\$300,000 - 1m
Commercial - Interior Finish
National Young Builder of the Year
National Display Home

2009
Commercial & Retail Fitout, Refurb
1m - 3m
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less than \$300,000

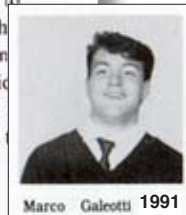
2006
New Commercial Builder of the Year

2011 MBA Housing Awards

Held in the last week of June, the annual MBA

Award Night in 2011, was this year a testament to the skills and talents of many Daramalan students.

Pictured are some of our winners and their companies who featured on the night. (Bottom)



Marco Galeotti 1991



David Howarth 1967



Matthew Howarth 1991



Geoffrey Howarth 85



Matthew Hall 1992



MATTHEW HALL
BUILD PROFESSIONAL
MASTER BUILDERS GROUP TRAINING
APPRENTICE
1994 - 1997

After completing his apprenticeship Matthew took some time off from building to play rugby in Japan, during this time he successfully completed his C class building licence by correspondence. His final exam was supervised by the staff at the Australian Embassy in Japan. Matthew is running his business 'Build Professional', and is helping with the next generation of builders with three apprentices in his business. They are, of course trained under the Master Builder Group Training banner.

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DISPLAY HOME LESS THAN \$300,000

Blackett Homes (Australia)

Suburb Casey



MASTER BUILDERS GROUP TRAINING APPRENTICES - SETTING THE BENCHMARK FOR SUCCESS IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY.



Matthew Kennedy



MATTHEW KENNEDY
MATKEN CONSTRUCTIONS
MASTER BUILDERS GROUP
TRAINING APPRENTICE 1995 -
1998

Matt is an exceptional builder and in 2009, amongst a string of ACT building awards, was also named the 'National Young Builder of the Year'. Apart from completing his apprenticeship with Master Builders we are proud to have been able to train matt for both his C class & B class building licenses.

AWARDS

2009
Chief Minister's Affordable Housing award
Display Home less than \$300,000
Remodelling 200k - \$300,000
Residential Builder of the Year
National Young Builder of the Year
2006
New Residential Builder of the Year

WINNER COMMERCIAL BUILDING LESS THAN \$5 MILLION

Procon Building Services

Project Brindabella Christian College, Library & Senior School

Procon Building Services have done an outstanding job on this well planned and executed project. The building is planned with practicality at the forefront, and offers a well-built and highly functional resource to the students of Brindabella Christian College. Demonstrating extremely high quality workmanship throughout, this building will serve as an aesthetically pleasing and hardwearing resource to the school for years to come.



Vince Ciardullo





We Remember...



Mrs Veronica Poole



Mrs Veronica Poole

Many students from the 80s, 90s and 2000s will remember **Mrs Poole** who taught here since the late seventies. However, her first two years here were in 1971 and '72 after graduating from Teacher's College. Veronica then resigned to start her own family before returning full time in 1979.

Veronica taught at Daramalan in many capacities including many years as a PCA. She passed away on 1 April after suffering a stroke. She had been unwell since an earlier stroke in late 2008.

Her funeral was held here at the College in McCowage Hall on Friday 8 April 2011 where the school formed a Guard of Honour as the funeral procession left the school grounds.

There were many tributes from ex-students and the following is typical of the memories held by those she taught:

"I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Veronicas family. Veronica was my first teacher when I entered Daramalan in 5th class at Daramalan junior school 1970. It was a big change from primary school after being taught by the nuns from St Mary's Braddon

At the start of the year Veronica was known as Miss Crennan and she married in that year. Her brother Nick was in the same year as I but in a different class

The funeral procession and Guard of Honour formed by the students and staff of Daramalan in respect of Mrs Veronica Poole who passed away in April this year.

At that time Miss Crennan/Mrs Poole would keep us up to date with the movements of her brother who was serving in Vietnam at the time Looking back this must have been a special moment in her life

Yes I was a kid that would upset the apple cart quite often and Mrs Poole along with Mr Hore, would make me front the strap of quite often. I think that her doing this has made me a better man in the long run

Your work has not gone unnoticed. You are in the minds and heart of a lot of students past and present in Daramalan College.

Rest in peace Veronica."

Although not strictly an ex-Daramalan student, the well known patriarch of the Cataldo family died last December. A deeply religious man, **Guisepppe Cataldo** who came to Australia in the 50s from Italy to work on the Snowy Mountains scheme, naturally sent his three boys to Daramalan when the family moved down to Canberra in the 60s.

Emilio, ('72), **Angelo** ('74) and **Aldo** ('81) continued this education tradition, with their own children either still at the College or members of the Daramalan Alumni.

Mr Cataldo opened his first salon in Hobart Place where Emilio and Angelo worked after school sweeping the floors and learning their trade. This experience gave them the foundations to become two of Canberra's most talented and awarded hairdressers.

The family now have two salons in Northbourne Ave and Woden run by Emilio and Angelo with Aldo looking after the financial side of the business. Vale Mr Cataldo.

Laurence Smith (1972)



Ex-student **Laurence Smith** from the Class of 1972, a doctor in Leeton NSW, died after a long illness on Sunday 9 January 2011.

Laurie was a good friend and well respected by his

classmates and teachers alike. His academic record was outstanding with First Level HSC passes in English, Science, Ancient History and Latin. Plus a 2F pass in Maths. Our sympathies go out to his wife, children and eight brothers and sisters.



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We Remember...



Mrs Adele Chapman



Earlier this year Mrs **Adele Chapman**, died at her home down on the South Coast.

Adele worked at Daramalan for over 20 years in a variety of roles, with most of our older alumni remembering her as their 5 Red teacher. She was also a Year 7 Coordinator.

She remained in touch with many ex-students and teachers like Mrs **Jean Reid** who also lives down the Coast.

The following are some of the tributes we received from some she taught:

Ray Maher (1982)

Mrs Chapman and Mrs Reid were two of my teachers in Dara when I was in Year 8 & 9 (1978 & 1979). I remember the multiplication tests Mrs Chapman used to give the students at the start of the maths class. I was telling my wife last night about the multiplication test I had at school, as she was giving me a bit of test at home and could not believe how quick I was with the answers. Thank you Mrs Chapman.

John Barrett (1975)

Mrs Chapman was my first teacher at Daramalan and was an inspiration. Thanks for everything.

Mark Dempsey (1976)

Mrs Chapman was my teacher and I have very many fond memories of her. Very sad.

Fr Arthur Braithwaite MSC

Fr Braithwaite, a well remembered and passionate priest from Daramalan's early years, passed away in Sydney early May. He was 78. He succumbed to cancer and had only just moved to the Sacred Heart Hospice in Darlinghurst



Fr Arthur Braithwaite, MSC

Fr Braithwaite, who taught a variety of subjects at the College from 1969 until 1981, would be best remembered for his passion and energy

when it came to all forms of media.

He started the Daramalan Film Society in 1970 and many a student discovered their love of the flickering screen after witnessing his eclectic choice of shorts, documentaries and feature films. This passion extended to the making of many a 8mm "classic" using school friends and parents back yards.

Fr Braithwaite was from Melbourne and was professed in February 1953, and ordained in July 1959. In more recent years, he became involved in Lifeline and with marriage counselling and wedding celebrations. His funeral was held in Sydney on 20 May.



Paul McVey (1985)

Paul McVey (Macca's) from 1985 passed away last year. He was involved in an accident on Parkes Way in the city where he was hit by a car.

Paul Culnane (1971)

Paul Culnane, another ex-Dara student from the early 70s passed away on Monday February 14 this year. The cause of death has not been disclosed, but a moving eulogy to Paul has been posted by his friend and musician, Steve Kilby, of "The Church" fame. (Who incidentally, went to Lyneham High).

Steve and Paul had been friends since 1972 and were even in a band together playing at the O'Donnell Youth Centre. The Church's biggest hits were "Unguarded Moment" and "under the Milky Way". Steve's webpage <<http://thetimebeing.com/2011/02/paul-culnane-rip/>> is an interesting and insightful summary of Paul's life.

Some of his friends and classmates had this to say about Paul:

Greg Carmody (1970)

So sorry to hear Paul has passed away; he was very well regarded by all.

Brendan O'Leary (1971)

How sad to hear this news as Paul and I were good friends in the late '60s and early '70 as we moved through our secondary years at Dara. I haven't heard from or seen Paul since those days but we never forget, do we? The memories just came flooding back.

Garry Collet (1972)

I certainly remember Paul very fondly and his music enriched our lives at school.



John C. Calvert

John Calvert (1983)

It is with much sadness to announce the death of **John Calvert** who was at the College in 1982 and '83. He suffered a heart attack in the middle of July last year. At a very moving funeral, it was mentioned that John's two years at Daramalan were the happiest years of his life.

Paul Sculthorpe (1969)

Paul was just 60 when he died in the second week of October last year from cancer. He had been unwell for over two years.

Paul had a private cremation and his ashes were buried in the garden of his Spence home as well as being scattered over the ocean off Rosedale.



Thank you

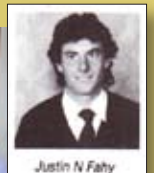
For the second year running, a request was put out to Daramalan Alumni members to volunteer to participate in simulated job interviews for our Year 12 Accredited English students. And again the positive response to this request was overwhelming. Over the course of three days, with your help, we interviewed 63 students. The response from the students was very positive. They were most grateful for your time and for the constructive feedback that was given at the conclusion of each interview. We have also received positive feedback from parents too.

Our sincere thanks to the many Alumni members who volunteered to assist and those who were available to help but couldn't be at the school on that particular day. This program continues to be a great success so we will be asking for your help again next year. Some of the ex-students who gladly offered their services include:

Peter Upston (1974)



Justin Fahy (1988)



Craig Sheehan (1980)



Graeme Finney (1986)





Memories of Dara - 60s

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Fr John McCowage
1964 - 1970
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1970 school captain Bill Rogers' 40 year Reunion speech



Good Evening and welcome. I have broken my speech tonight into easily digestible sections for your consideration and delight

General

Daramalan in 2010 is almost unrecognisable after forty years – like us, perhaps!

We have lost a few – **Anthony Morris, John Wood, Peter Carse, Ian McGuinness, Peter Newham, Paul** and '**Donald**' **McCaskill** [remember him always saying he wanted to be a male model?].

And who travelled furthest to join us tonight? **Peter Mikula** [Kalgoorlie]; **Graeme Pickerd** [Mackay]; **Jim Monaghan** [currently parish priest in Whyalla]; **Paul McDermott** [Brisbane]; **Rob Monahan** [Gold Coast].

We had apologies from near and far including **Phil Charlesworth** [Jakarta – working there after two years in Afghanistan], **Michael Alcock** [Hobart], **Paul van Haalen** [Adelaide], **Phil Herick** [Moruya], **Chris Meaney** [hospital]

We've gone on to all kinds of careers, mostly successful, some highly successful. Check out the profiles on the alumni website and add a brief bio of yourself if you haven't done so already.

Many of us were actually at Daramalan in 1962, its first year of operation. 4th Class was at the Braddon and Lyneham convent schools. There we were, wearing our Daramalan uniforms and never actually setting foot at the 'real' Daramalan. 1962 was our first year on the rugby union field, playing in the Dara U/9, U/10 or U/11 teams.

Right from the start, we were a multicultural lot.

Check out the names in our class from the school magazines, particularly up to Form 4: **Gambale, Catanzariti, Tantala, Van Haalen, Van Rooy, Spulak, Hawrylczyk, Harasymiw, Budzinauskas, Hyblewski, Pietrzak, Ribiero, Exposito**, etc. **Dan Coffey** [5-6th Forms] was the Irish connection; **Chris Souillac** [6th Class] was the French connection [his father was the French Cultural Attache]; **Zoran Markezic** [3rd Form] – the Croatian connection [he arrived with scars said to be from knife wounds 'back home']

We were joined by many others along the way including, in Form 3, **Richard 'Rick' Volpato** and **Mike Gebicki**. Having been to international schools overseas, they came with American accents and seemingly a lot more life experience – they could actually talk to girls and were certainly much more successful with them than most of us; we were insanely jealous!

We had plenty of 'characters': who could forget **Anthony Morris, Donald McCaskill, 'Barry' Jones, Mick Csoke**. We had Big Wal right up to 6th Form. There was also **Big Kenny Redmond** and **Big Garry Thompson** [he was already shaving in Form 1!].

The 'repeats' **Mick O'Brien** [who was on good terms with the publican at the Dicko], the ever-cynical **Chris Meaney, David Rofe** and **David Hunt** all added to the 'character' of our 1970 6th Form class

Nicknames were popular and included Poddy, Keggs, (**Michael Kelly**) Scotch, Stork, Rice, Donald, Barry, Card, Butts, Stiffy, Horse, ...

A few went to the 'dark side' after Form 4: **Tony Wein** to Canberra HS [we still didn't know how to pronounce his name!], **Eric Peterson-Walsh, Mike Gallway** and Scotch to Campbell HS. Others were 'sent away to school': **Phil Charlesworth, Rick Burns** and **Tony Gallagher** to Joeys; **Phil Herrick** to Chevalier. **Steve Anderson** went to NZ with his family and got a year's jump start on the rest of us [driver's licence and HSC at 16 years old and then Uni at 17]

Many others left school at the end of Form 4 to join the workforce, generally as apprentices – very different to these days when everyone stays on.

In fact, it was a different world in the 1960s: TV didn't come to Canberra until we were in 5th Class and there was no colour TV until well after we left school; the lake only began filling when we were in 6th Class; the moon landing was when we were in 5th Form [we watched it on the old b/w TV set in the library]

Even when we finished school [the actual date was October 16 1970]; there were no home computers, no internet, no remotes, no iPods, no mobile phones.

There were no credit cards, ATMs or EFTPOS. There were no CDs, no video games, no DVDs ... but there was a Starlight Drive-In! There was no McDonalds; Kentucky Fried Chicken had got to Sydney in 1969 but no further

Jim Morrison, Elvis, Mama Cass and John Lennon were all still alive, but Jimi Hendrix had died on September 18 and Janis Joplin on October 4 – a big year, 1970!

Canberra was still being run by the NCDC, UC was the CCAE, there was no AIS, there were no Raiders, no Brumbies. John Grey Gorton was PM, Gough Whitlam was Leader of Opposition

Australia was still in Vietnam, and being 17-18 year old, our birth dates were heading for the infamous 'conscription barrel'

We regularly made a major contribution to Speech Nights which were held at Lyneham HS and twice at Dickson HS. In 5th Class a group of us in army uniform sang wartime songs [Pack up your troubles, etc]. In 6th Class, a group sang folk songs [Blowin in the Wind, etc] and **Steve Anderson, Michael Callaghan** and **Paul Rochford** put on a small play *Androcles and the Lion* [Scotch made a great lion!]. In Form 1, we put on the play *A Change for a Donkey* [there were 16 of us involved – **Mike Callaghan** was the donkey!]. In Form 2, we put on *The Doubtful Misfortune of Li Sing* [**Michael Crotty** was the impoverished farmer in a cast of 12]. In Form 3, six of us were in the inter-house debating final, with the topic being that Captain Cook Went Too Far. By Form 4 [1968], the school was so big and there were so many prizes that there was no longer any entertainment [but if there had been, we would have been involved]

We did our scholarship, SC and HSC exams at Dickson HS. The school hall wasn't finished until very late in 6th Form. In fact, the first official function was our farewell assembly

School excursions were very rare – I went on three in my entire time at Dara, to Smiggins Hole in 5th Class and in Form 6, to the South Coast





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[Biology] and Wollongong [with Geog class even though I didn't do Geog, but there was room on the bus]. Were there any others?

Staff

We only had two principals – **Fr McMahon** and **Fr 'Jock' McCowage**

The one and only **Fr Tony Prentice** ['Prent'] was Form Master in Forms 5-6. He was very 'quotable' and some of us [including me] wasted our class time by keeping a record of such gems as "Ah, gentlemen, time to get serious!"; "I hope we understand one another"; "righto, gentlemen"; "The arrogance, self-sufficiency and exaggerated idea of one's ability in the present sixth form [is cause for concern]"; "For your information I've jotted down a few figures ... 'I'll give you a reference'; and the classic [and others in a similar vein] "You'll probably be interested, as I am, in boron trifluoride". [We probably weren't!]

Class sizes of 40+ [even in senior years e.g. Maths 2F with **Fr Ross**] There were plenty of 'characters' on staff over the years. Remember **Bob Foote**, **Fr Sharpe** [Sharpie], **Fr Brian Hingerty** [he of the risqué jokes], **Zita Denholm** [I still see her in Wagga], **Bro Wasson**, ...

Fr Kev Bowden was a real 'one off'. He played in the centres in the Daramalan Third Grade RU side – blind without his glasses, his tackling style was just to run into his opposite number [it worked!]; his centre partner had to virtually put the ball in his hand [but he was a devastating runner]. Did anyone understand anything he said to us in Form 6 e.g. "intellectual imperialism"; "contours of consciousness"; "self-validating orthodoxy"; "critical dishonesty"; "moral relativism"; "intellectual fatigue"; "omega point"; "poetic angels"; "final causality"? [we kept a record of 'Bowdenisms' as well!]

Fr Mick Fallon (below) was at one stage the school's 'discipline master' – we thought he was too kind-hearted for that! **Fr F** taught us French, History and Religion in various years. At one stage he was teaching, in French, a Vietnamese Embassy official to speak English!

Fr Ross taught many of us Maths from Form 1 to Form 6. 'Fred' was extremely well-organised [revision questions every day, homework every night] and tough on

'offenders' and slackers. When I came back five years after school for a Friday night Old Boys meeting, we all thought he was going to give us Maths homework [and we would have done it too!]. Maurice reminded me that following an outburst from Fred [in Form 3 or 4] there was an 'insurrection' involving

a deputation to the Head Master.

Three of the MSCs [**Hingerty**, **Fallon** and **Hanrahan** – I think] got themselves into strife over the birth control pill issue, writing to the paper expressing views contrary to those of the Vatican.

Fr Fulton later left the priesthood, married and returned to Dara in the 1990s as **Frank Fulton**, the lay Principal!

Many of our language teachers seemed to be 'characters' – can

you remember **Mr Voigt** [German; the class dubbed themselves Voigt's Whingeing Verb Writers – it sounds better when you say it with a fake German accent!]; **Mr Kellett** [Latin – I found out when I went to Wagga High that he moved there after Daramalan and lived in a caravan at the school's farm, showering in the PE change rooms]; **Mr Jaeger** [Latin – we sang Latin songs preceded not by one-two-three but eins-zwei-drei]; **Dr Eric North** [French]

Fr 'Jack' Dempsey taught many of us Science from Forms 1 to 4. At one stage in 4th Form we had tests every Monday [it was an ingenious strategy to get us through the very crowded SC syllabus]. If there was a disturbance in class, he's say Right, Chapter 15 by next Monday, which meant we had to work through the chapter on our own and then sit for

the multiple-choice test. If we whinged, we did Chapter 16 the following week, and so on. It was either **Paul McDermott** or **John Wood** who held the whingeing record – we had tests for 4-5 weeks in a row, but we did finish the course before the SC exams!

Corporal punishment involved the strap. There were two types: the narrow two sided leather strap with big stitching [favoured by **Fr Dempsey** and **Fr Ross**] and the wide vinyl strap [favoured by **Fr Northey**]

Fr Northey lined everyone up in the corridor to get belted before going back into room after a noisy start to a Form 2 History lesson. The infamous **Mr O'Dwyer** / **Brian McGahey** noise complaint incident: **Mr O'D** was teaching Form 3 in the room below us when **Fr N** got us to do some star jumps at the beginning of the lesson to 'get

our minds and bodies working'. **Mr O'D** sent student **Brian McGahey** up to complain about the noise. **Fr N** gave him "six" and said, "Tell that to **Mr O'Dwyer**"!

Long hair became an issue. Even in 6th Form we had to have it above our collar. There were ways around that e.g. **Crotty** had his tied with a

rubber band and tucked it in under his collar; he always looked decidedly uncomfortable! **Prent** eventually had enough and sent him home to get a haircut. **Bob Monahan** tucked his hair inside his collar and kept it there with a bit of elastic. I think he might have been sent home to have it cut as well.

Bits 'n' Pieces

The school did away with prefects when we entered Form 6 – was there a connection? Perhaps it was because the previous 6th Form prefects got a bit 'heavy' at times – do you remember when they made not just littering a 'crime', but also 'loitering with intent to litter'.

Anyway, we had our own senior school in Form 6 – we were the first to move in so we certainly felt 'special'. We had our own Canteen. Can you remember those big cream buns? What about the 'Dara burger', a **Paul McDermott** invention? It was a sausage roll in a bread roll, very tasty! I went on to do the same [except I updated it a salad roll] at the many schools I worked at. One of my staff at Wagga High also went to Dara [five years after us] and he also did the same – when he first ordered it, the canteen ladies said "Oh, Bill does that, too"! **Kegs** says it still occurs to this day – you should have patented it, Paul!

Lockers. Did we ever clean them out?

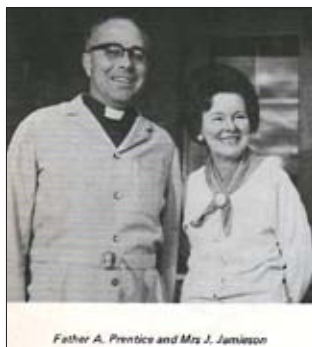
Courtyard and a fountain with no water [who remembers Rice's Give me an F cheer?]

Common room – Remember the 500 card schools? We had a big record player [thanks to **Rick V**, **Paul McD** and the committee] which got plenty of use. We even had a social in the common room with girls from what were called [very non-PC] 'Scraggs' Braddon and Griffith

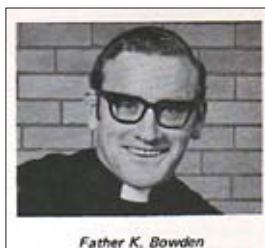
The small smoking room – true! – to his eternal shame [given his career path as a doctor, hospital administrator and DDG of Dept Health], **Tim Smyth** in his SRC role was one of the leading voices in agitating for this

Many of our desks were quite large with lots of storage room and had been made over the holidays by **Fr Power** [he says he learnt his carpentry from his bridge-building father]

We had our share of parties [e.g. **Gal's** place after the SC exams], but seemingly very few compared to kids these days.



Father A. Prentice and Mrs J. Jamison



Father K. Bowden





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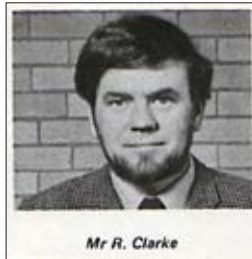
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Fr John McCowage
1964 - 1970
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Music was a big deal fostered by the enthusiastic music lover and teacher **Ross Clarke**. We went to dances at the O'Donnell Youth Centre, the Metho, the Albert Hall and Blackfriars Watson. The popular local groups included PP Pineapple [with ex-Dara student **Leigh Taafe**], **Nunz's** band and **Csoke's** group.



Mr R. Clarke

When we left school on Oct 16 1970, the number one single in Australia was In the Summertime by Mungo Jerry with the charts including songs by Creedence Clearwater Revival; Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young; Eric Burdon; Simon & Garfunkel; the soon-to-be disbanded Beatles [with Let it be]; Chicago; The Kinks [with Lola]

Fortunately there was no rap or hip-hop music; however, it wasn't all good - the number 3 song on the Oct 16 chart was Close to you by The Carpenters and the number 5 song was Old Man Emu by John Williamson!

There were no iPods back then, but Crotty did have the 1969 version, a small [ish] battery operated reel to reel tape player with big headphones that we passed around on the train one holidays - we listened to the Grateful Dead all the way to Sydney [and that was probably just the one guitar solo from Jerry Garcia!]

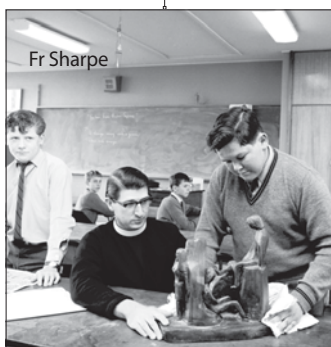
Sport/Playground

RU, hockey, cricket, swimming, athletics and tennis were 'it' and in later years we had people in basketball and rowing [including a big 1969 when the First Four consisting of **Richard Volpato**, **Mike Gebicki**, **Greg Jones** and **Graeme Pickerd** won the Head of the Lake]

Golf also got a run in 1970 with **Steve Brennan**, **Peter Bugden** and **Trevor McNally** ¾ of our victorious school team.

John Leonard won the high jump every year [probably with the same height!]; **Poddy** was the gun swimmer; **Kegs** was a pre-Warne spin whiz, **Chokie** was also a good bowler and **Carsie** modelled himself on the swashbuckling Keith Miller; **Phil Senior** was a regular ACT hockey rep.

Rugby Union was big right to the end. Lyneham, Goulburn and St Edmund's were our arch rivals - as long as we beat St Edmund's, we were right! We were well-represented in the 1970 First XV [Dave Walsh, Peter Carse, Poddy [c], Kegs, Mike Callaghan, Tony McCormick, Paul Cardiff, Peter Newham and Tony Roberts] and we managed to beat Form 5 in a rugged match that was intended to become an annual fixture. I wonder if it did?



Fr Sharpe

In the early days [1963-65?], we celebrated the end of the RU season with a 'pie night', which involved us getting free pies and drinks from the canteen - life's little pleasures were obviously simpler then!

In Forms 1-3, handball and hand tennis were popular in the main quadrangle. Hand tennis [both singles and doubles] was 'full on', complete with overhead serves. The tennis players like **Peter Carse** were the 'guns'.

Touch footy on back courtyard was popular in Forms 4, 5. **Mark Henshaw** was a lot faster than you would have thought! It wasn't exactly 'touch' all the time, however. Sometimes a touch inadvertently became a push! I remember once landing in the cotoneaster garden [thanks for the infected hand, **Steve Brennan**!]

Footy kicking and marking was a regular pastime on oval in Forms 5-6 [when we weren't playing cards in the common room or being led astray by 'second timers' **Mick O'Brien** and **Chris Meaney**]. The Australian Football players like **John Leonard**, **Mick Kennedy**, **Russell Morgan** and the like always seemed to be able to either out-manoeuvre us or 'hip' us out of the way we were going for a mark. John tells a great story about deciding to give rugby away [he was a very handy player] and having to pluck up the courage to tell **Fr Jack Dempsey**. It seems that after telling him, he never scored more than 49% in Science tests! John reckons that if he'd still been playing rugby, he would have got 51%!

Vehicles

The Headmaster **Fr McCowage** said in his 1970 Report, "I am afraid that I have to comment that the use of cars and bikes in a school context too frequently affects studies adversely and introduces opportunity for further behavioural problems. Many can cope. Too many cannot. The exhilaration and convenience of rapid personal mobility make too heavy inroads in the interests and time of these boys." What did he mean by all that? We weren't that bad, were we?

Mike Callaghan had not one but two Austin Cambridges - his father was determined that he learn some mechanics. **Michael Dupe** had a great little 1950s Austin A30, with those indicators that popped out the side of the car. **Kegs** had a Torana, then a VW Beetle that eventually knew its way home from both the Rex and the Dicko. **Phil Senior** seemed to have permanent use of his mother's Morris 1100.

Quick getaways during breaks or class time were difficult with the reverse cone megaphones on **Tony Dyson's** Honda CB72; he kept trying, though!

Terry Wilson and **Michael Crotty** had a race to see who had the fastest scooter; Crotty's Vespa won, so Terry then bought a motorbike but his BSA 441 was possibly still the slowest two wheeler at school! Crotty went on to own, along with **Russell Morgan**, what they claimed were the fastest Honda 90s in existence, until a large dog put a stop to Morgan's riding.

John Cahill had a very fast Suzuki Hustler. Unfortunately his parents didn't know about it - he kept it at his sister's place. A comment from Prent on Johns' half-yearly report about him spending too much time with his bike blew the lid on the secret! They weren't happy!

The 'coolest' bike was **John Wood's** Triumph 650, complete with ape hangers. **John Leonard** had to ride it back into town from Kambah Pool on our last day of school, given that **Woody** was a bit 'tired and emotional'. Actually JL got his licence on that Triumph. He said he rode to the Motor Registry with JW on the back and was practising figure of eights in the car park. The examiner had obviously seen him because he only asked him two questions, both about the rules involving pillions! He got the licence, however!

Thanks + reminders

we had some great times and some great teachers. Dara might not have been co-ed, but we're all right now! We should all be proud to say we went to Dara in the 1960s. We did more than just survive, we thrived - and if we didn't, we should have! From what I hear about our post-school careers, we seem to have done pretty well.

Don't forget Daramalan's 50 YEARS CELEBRATIONS in 2012 - be there!

Bill Rogers

(From the Editor. I had many responses to this speech when it was first published earlier this year. One email was especially enlightening from **Father George** who was at Daramalan in the early 60s. He is now on the Alumni website - and would look forward to hearing from any ex-students - and his response to this email follows, with his own memories of those days.



Fr J. George

"I remember Fr Northey [aka "thunder guts"] strapping 50,000 kids coming noisily up the stairs in the (now) Reid Wing. Unfortunately things came unstuck when he accidentally grabbed Miss McGuiness' (pictured right) hand ready to give her a "six"!]





Memories of Dara - 70s

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1918 - 2007



Speech made by Chris Ray and Greg Foster at the class of 1980's 25th Reunion



Christopher J. Ray



Gregory T. Foster

1973

It all started way back in 1973. Gough was in his first (and third last) year as Prime Minister, and we listened to Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon on Radio 2CA, sipping on a can of RC Cola or Passiona and a group of 150 or so of north Canberra's finest young sons from the local Catholic primary schools gathered in their long grey shorts and long socks to commence 5th grade at Daramalan College.

In 5th grade (and yes, it was 5th grade, not Year 5) everything was new and exciting and even the teachers seemed nice. In those heady days, when no-one had peanut allergies, we didn't have to have girls hanging around, and childhood obesity were just two words that you might find in a dictionary – that was kind of lucky in a way, because in 5th and 6th grade, going to the tuck-shop was a special event, but only if you chose the right day – it was quite important to go on a day when Chris Parker was 'helping' Brother Wasson.

Of course healthy activities were encouraged at Dara – early in the school year, we'd all bring our 'treadlies' to school for the blessing of the bikes, in gym we were climbing ropes and doing burpees with dear **Mr Foot**, lunchtimes were spent playing hand tennis, touch football, Pigeon-toe brandings and Cocky-Laura. Then, at seemingly random times of the year, it was suddenly yo-yo season or marble season – you couldn't walk five yards (and yes, yards was still acceptable), without hearing the familiar call of 'tommy up!' And can anyone remember the game of 'land'? To the best of my knowledge it was a game invented at, and only played at Dara – I've got a stick in my car – so if anyone is up for a game in the carpark later, let me know.

But of course, education was a serious business, so there came a time where frivolous and unruly behaviour had to be stomped on – consequently many of us were on the receiving end of a lecture from **Father Naughton**, finishing with those famous words 'The ball's in your court tiger.'

Dear old **Mr McGurgan** spent his lunchtimes teaching us the complicated cords to mid 70s classics such as Yellow River, Billy Don't be a Hero and The Night Chicago Died.

Perhaps were you in **Mrs Jones** class, the day that **Michael Johns** set fire to her desk?

Or maybe you remember when **Mr McGurgan's** wife was working as a relief teacher for an unwell Father Anderson – when the young lads in her class locked her in and made her cry, at which point Mr McGurgan, inspired by the Kung Fu cult of the time, smashed open the window with his bare hands to calm the storm – Ah the golden age of chivalry!

But before we knew it, we had graduated from primary school.

1975

It was 1975 and we were in first form NOT Year 7.

We had embarked on that mythical journey towards manhood, or as **Father Naughton** described it 'moving from being big fish in a small pond to small fish, in a big pond'.

Whatever ... it was a transitional year in so many ways.

Gough got the flick and Big Mal was elected Prime Minister for the first time. Depending on your taste, Skyhooks and Sherbert were HUGE and Abba bored us to tears as Fernando stayed at number one on Countdown for what seemed like the entire year.

We were allowed to wear long pants and desert boots. At the tuck shop we ordered twistie rolls and a sausage roll in a bun for lunch.

Father Braithwaite set up a quickly-abused question box for those personal sex questions you were too embarrassed to ask in public and, as we matured, group dynamics and peer pressure began to change the social make-up of the year.

For the first time we saw clear social distinctions emerging in the class.

We saw the formation of the feared Hairy Goats lead by **King Phil**, with **Jacko** and **Beak** as his leading henchmen, and even some Hairy Goat wanna-bes (people like **Mark 'Frog' Menzies** and **David 'Ken' Moore** come to mind).

We also saw the simultaneous formation, or

classification, of the Pythags, which I think included just about anybody who wasn't a Hairy Goat, but definitely included the so called smarter blokes such as **Steven Quinn** and **David Cossetto**, sporting heroes such as **Dave Garrity** and **Dave Wilden** and the quiet achievers like **Bernie Williams** and **Tony Falzarano**.

As members of the junior high school, we were involved in the school enrichment program – Enrichment consisted of a range of extra-curricular activities designed to enhance our understanding and appreciation of things we might not otherwise encounter. There were courses in riveting activities such as stamp collecting, chess club, horse riding, golf, orienteering, wine appreciation and rifle club – yes, 12 year old boys were offered alcohol and rifles, but not at the same time!

1976

In 1976, the school system had changed, and we became Year 8. But we did learn something in science class ... of course.

Black is a good absorber, was our response to almost any question, and **Leon Hribar**, **Steve Hodgkin** and **Paul Newton** were proven to be decades ahead of their time as they perfected their bomb making skills and proceeded to blow up every garbage bin on the school campus.

In Year 9 1977, easy listening reached its pinnacle as we listened to Fleetwood Mac, Billy Joel, the Electric Light Orchestra and Boz Scaggs.

Big Mal got re-elected and Gough finally called it quits, and the world's most famous peanut farmer, Jimmy Carter, was elected US President.

Meanwhile at school, we experienced great leaps in schooling technology – some of us were learning how to program punch-card computers, and others were using the foreign language 'parlezphone' machine – this device probably cost the school a fortune at the time, it had 25 sets of headphones with microphones attached, an audio tape was played, and students would mimic various foreign phrases.

In Year 9, the sports program was expanded to include things like tennis lessons. On alternating weeks, half the class would go swimming at Dicko pool, the other half went to the Charlie Hollis tennis school.

The tennis courts were not far from the pool, and we soon realised that a well placed lob could land a tennis ball inside the pool fence. Someone there would transport the balls back to school for us – this worked well for a while, until we realised that it was probably easier to just stuff the tennis balls in our bags and walk out of the tennis club.

1978

And so we moved to Year 10.

It was 1978. Bobby Simpson came out of retirement to captain the crappiest Australian Test Cricket Team ever. Depending on your preference, disco and punk were at their height, and we were wondering why the hell we couldn't have girls in our school.

In fact for most of us, not much else was on our minds. Even if we had to think about schooling matters, it was about how to look as cool as



SECONDARY COLLEGE COMMITTEE

Back row:
Jane M. Broomhead, Paul A. Arnott, Bede A. Webster, Judith M. Johnson
Front row:
Kylie A. Scroope, Brian J. Allen (Chairman), Margaret R. Power, David J. Wilden



Memories of Dara - 70s



possible in the courtyard at that very vulnerable age. We had our golden breed t-shirts, Adidas sneakers (courtesy of the generosity of the sports store at the Dickson squash courts), western shirts and Levi Californians ... none of which were permitted as part of the school uniform.

But one essential fashion item that was permissible under the school rules was to carry your books in an army surplus haversack or a 'SACHEL' as they became known.

For some inexplicable reason these bags were considered extra cool, and they became an easy way to define your personality (or lack of it), by writing the names of your favourite bands and pastimes on your bag.

If you had KISS, Zeppelin or AC/DC, the rock-apes would leave you alone.

If you had Hendrix, Bowie or Bob Dylan you were too cool to be concerned about being beaten up by the tough guys.

If you had Abba, Air Supply, Boney-M and Bay City Rollers on your bag, you'd be in serious strife.

1978 also saw the passing of Pope Paul the Sixth.

This was an important event because we got a day off school as all the non-lay staff were required to attend commemoration services. And ... just to prove Father Irwin was right ... that God really did LOVE us, the replacement Pope parked it 33 days later and we got another day off!

Still on the subject of religion, can anyone remember Fridays in lent, when the tuck shop would only sell apple pies and apple turnovers instead of meat pies and sausage rolls? I don't know why, I doubt there was ever any meat in those pies anyway.

Quite possibly though, my most enduring memory of years 9 and 10, was the ease with which we could distract **Dr North** from language lessons - with a few simple queries, and I use that word advisedly, we could convince **Dr North** to tell stories about his personal life - he would happily drift off into another world where he would regale us with tall tales of dubious validity.

1979

And so we reached Year 11 in 1979. A truly unremarkable year for music, politics and sport.

Margaret Thatcher was the first woman elected Prime Minister of Britain.

We grooved away in the common room to Aussie Rock legends such as Chisel, the Angels, Icehouse and Australian Crawl.

We got to wear white shirts, we had free periods where we could hang around the beautiful Dickson shops, and we were even allowed to smoke, outside the common room, and finally we had girls in our class.

Some of us were shy (like me and Greg), some of us were possibly a bit too confident. But I can only imagine how terrifying it would've been for these poor young women. Twenty-five girls amongst 100 or so pimply, socially maladjusted boys. Apart from the pimples not a lot seems to have changed.

But despite the imbalance in numbers, romance flourished in the courtyard and sometimes so discreetly and so sweetly in the corners of the common room.

Indeed, who could forget some of the famous schoolyard romances that blossomed that year?

Dave Garrity and **Maree Sullivan**?

Margaret Power and **Paul Arnott**?

Brian Allen and **Jane Broomhead**?

Judy Johnson and **Ian Fowler**?

Moiria Smith and **Alan Hoppe**?

Barry Jolley and **Zrinka Podrovac**?

Johnny Green and his famous harem, harmonising on the steps of the courtyard.

Of course a major highlight of Year 11 was our introduction to **Fr Baker's** ballroom dancing class.

In Year 11, hosting a party ensured credibility with your peers - a couple of the more memorable ones were hosted by **Bruce Palmer** and **Peter Hurley** then of course, came THE party at **Ian Bland's** house - perhaps the less said about that one, the better - Ian, have your parents ever forgiven you?

1980

1980 rolls around, it's our final year, and schooling is paying dividends. The teachers must be so proud of us as they observe us using our logic and our problem solving skills to make well informed decisions about what courses to choose for our final year - we aren't interested in getting a high tertiary entrance score, we're just making sure that we get 4 free periods in a row early on Tuesday and Friday mornings. The exceptions of course are those students who chose to do pure maths A and B, they have to start at 8.00am - and they reckon they were smarter than the rest of us? Yeah, right!!

1980 wasn't going to be all fun and games. Early in the school year, a year 12 religious retreat is held at Camp Sturt where a number of students, including our school captain were expelled for smoking dope. The story made the front page of the "Canberra Times" but more tragically, later in the year, one of our mates, **Paul Newton**, drowned while swimming in the lower Molonglo river.

But times got better in so many ways in our last year.

Some of our class mates earned accolades for representing the ACT at various sporting endeavours such as cricket, rugby, hockey, basketball and baseball - some went further still, **Ian Fowler** and **Steve Conroy** represented Australia at Volleyball, and **Dave Garrity** earns himself a trip to New Zealand with the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union team.

But the sporting highlight in the senior school must surely go to an outstanding performance at the Associated Southern Colleges athletics carnival at Bruce stadium.

To the best of my knowledge, a record set by two of our students remains unbroken to this day - belongs to **Jan** and **Dianne**, who competed in the 1500m walk, they set the slowest time ever recorded. By the time the other competitors were starting

their 4th and final lap, Jan and Dianne were just completing their first, as they casually observed birds flying by, waved to their adoring classmates in the stands, and had a lovely stroll around the track.

Meanwhile, back at school we had danceathons, spaghetti nights, and talent nights.

Jim Faulkner and **James Keith** brought their band into the senior courtyard to entertain us, and we had bigger and better parties, and of course, even when there were no parties happening, we still had ballroom dancing to liven up our social life.

Outside of school many of us have jobs at places like McDonalds, Woolies, Coles, and Clark Rubber and hordes of us seemed to be milkmen, and one by one we get our driver's licenses - we have money, and when mum and dad let us, we have transport - we feel independent and free.

Of course not all the driving experiences were good - **Andrew 'Maggot' Westbury's** foot slips off the clutch in the carpark and unfortunately some of the rubber from his tyres leaves some marks on the ground. **Peter Hurley** borrows **Steve Collet's** motorbike, and leaves a trail of destruction through the streets of Ainslie. **Dave Wilden** finally convinces his mum to let him take her car to school - just for one day - and the car is damaged courtesy of **Greg Foster** and **Jan Hogan** who were mucking around on Greg's motorbike in the student's car park.

Our last year at Dara just demonstrates how we were schooled in a different era.

Nobody would sue a teacher for giving their kid the strap - in fact if your parents found out that you got that strap at school, you'd be punished at home as well.

And while it didn't appeal to all tastes, teaching kids how to use guns safely didn't raise an eyebrow.

Teachers and students smoking at school? It would happen today. There was no need to be politically correct, nor alert, nor alarmed.

Guns, alcohol, motorbikes, cars, cigarettes in school, loutish behaviour, homemade bombs, - yes, we probably got a bit out of order on occasions, but I think we've turned out OK - I don't know about you, but looking back there's not a lot I would change about our years at Dara.





Sport

Can you help?



by **Tim Davis** (1989)
President - Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Club

The Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Union Club is embarking on a bold initiative in 2011, to reach

the milestone of three hundred members in three years, and they need your help!

The Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Club was born out of the Daramalan Rugby Club which was formed in 1967 as a means to extend the community developed through the students of Daramalan College and to provide a focus for sport as well as community activity in the North Canberra region.

From 1978 to 1990 the centre of club social activities was the Daramalan Rugby and Social Club in Dickson which included other sports such as baseball, cricket, touch, netball and golf. Daramalan Rugby Club quickly developed into one of the most successful and prominent rugby clubs in the ACT culminating in two first grade premierships in 1984 and 1986.

However, in 1992 due to a range of circumstances the Daramalan Rugby and Social Club ceased operation.

The closure of the licensed club in Dickson coupled with the sale of the home ground in Ainslie by the ACT Government signalled the commencement of a nomadic existence which saw the club operating out of various licensed premises and locations throughout North Canberra.

In 1999 the club held a series of crisis meetings which resolved that the only future for our once great club was to relocate to Gungahlin and rename the club The Gungahlin Eagles. This decision was overwhelmingly supported by the general Rugby community in Canberra as well as the ACTRU committee.

The Gungahlin Eagles Rugby Club immediately set upon developing and growing the game in the region and through the united support of a highly motivated committee, club sponsors, playing and coaching group the Gungahlin Eagles tasted Grand Final success in 2003, and also contested the 2004, 2006 & 2007 ACTRU Grand Finals.

Support the Gungahlin Eagles and organise a table for their
"Red and Black Ball and Gala Night".

17 September 2011

Lock it in!

For more information go to
<<http://eaglesrugby.com.au>>

The Gungahlin Eagles are committed to developing the game and growing the Eagles brand within the Gungahlin region by establishing links into the local community as well as other sporting, social and community groups. At the end of the 2010 season the club adopted a number of key objectives to cement its position as a major player in ACT rugby, in both the short and longer term. The examples of which include:

- Financially provide for the proper development of Rugby in the Gungahlin Community.
- Provide ongoing financial support and requirements associated with fielding senior rugby teams in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Colts, Under 18 and Women's competitions.
- Provide financial support associated with fielding Gungahlin Eagles Junior Teams (U/7's though to U/16's)
- Provide financial support for the development of rugby within Daramalan College
- The financial ability to provide adequate training and playing facilities

With the 2011 season already upon us, the ACTRU competition looks like being the most exciting in years. The recent announcement that many of the Brumbies contracted players will play in the local competition has lead to increased media exposure and crowd numbers.

In addition, the Gungahlin Eagles have secured the services of World Cup winning Wallaby and former Brumby, Owen Finegan as our Senior Coach. Owen's appointment is an enormous boost to the club and will substantially increase our ability to attract new players and markedly lift our profile in the Gungahlin Community and beyond.

So show your support for Eagles Rugby by becoming a financial member today!

AFL 2010 national football tipping competition winners.

In another strong year, ex-Daramalan students once again were up there with the best of other Australian schools in the field of football tipping. Especially AFL.

The top scorer from Daramalan was **CHRIS PALMER** from 1983 with 119 points only five points behind the national winners from Trinity Grammar and Scotch College in the strong Aussie Rules state of Victoria.



Cricketer Matthew Hayden visited Daramalan last December whilst visiting Canberra to promote his new book. He took the opportunity while here to show our students some of the finer points of the game as well as sign a few autographs.

Brendan Matthews (2010) has been a finalist in the Stawell Gift three years running. (Pun intended.)



In life, as in cricket, strong partnerships are the key

Matthews in the run



2010 NRL Footy tipping results

In First Place was **MICHAEL KELLY** (1970) with 115 points.

Second was **PHILIP JAMES** (1969) with 114 points.

Third was **STEPHEN FARRELLY** (2000) with 113 points.

Fourth and Fifth were **MICHAEL TAYLOR** (1979) with 110 and **PETER GREGORY** (1977) on 102.

Thank you to all who entered and it's still not too late to join this years's Comp, with average points allocated to new tipsters which covers past Rounds. Go to the Alumni Home Page and click on the NRL logo.



Rugby 1962-2002



Over the years ACT has earned a reputation for being difficult opponents for visiting international sides. Players from the fledgling Daramalan Rugby Club made their contribution immediately after being elevated to the senior level in 1973 and have played against some elite international sides.

There have been around 40 Daramalan Rugby Club players that have represented the ACT. Some of the Daramalan players that have made a significant contribution to ACT rugby are **Jon Hardy**, **Peter McGrath**, **Michael Jamieson**, **Dominic O'Connell**, **Peter O'Neill**, **Leigh Donnellan**, **Craig Morton**, **Adam Friend**, **Mark Sinderberry** and **Marco Caputo**.

Three Daramalan players have represented Australia at the senior level - **Craig Morton** (1986), **Leigh Donnellan** (1989) and **Marco Caputo** (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997).

Initially **Jon Hardy** (1973 to 1976) and **Peter McGrath** (1974 to 1977 and 1983) led the ACT representative duties from Daramalan and played against sides such as the All Blacks, Fiji, Tonga and Argentina (defeated by ACT). **Peter McGrath** also played in a Wallaby trial match. **Michael Jamieson** (1976, 1978 and 1979) was soon in the fray and played against Fiji, Wales (defeated by ACT) and Ireland with **Dominic O'Connell** in 1978 (defeating Wales) and 1980 (the All Blacks).

Two of Daramalan's stalwarts, **Peter O'Neill** and **Leigh Donnellan**, commenced their representative duties in 1977 and 1979 respectively. **Peter O'Neill** represented the ACT for the 10 years to 1987. **Leigh Donnellan** represented the ACT even longer, to 1991. Games by the ACT side over this period were against the likes of the All Blacks, France, Italy, Scotland, Argentina, Fiji, Japan, Korea, British Lions and more. **Leigh Donnellan** captained the ACT side on several occasions and represented Australia in 1989.

Another stalwart of the club, **Craig Morton**, commenced his representative duties in 1982 (against Scotland) and played for the ACT for every year up to 1989 (against the British Lions). He represented Australia in 1986.

Adam Friend represented the ACT over the years 1988 (played All Blacks), 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994 and 1995 (Argentina) and **Mark Sinderberry** donned the ACT jumper for the two years 1998 and 1989 (British Lions).

The most capped Australian player from the club's ranks is **Marco Caputo** who represented Australia from 1993 through to 1997. His ACT representative duties were from 1992 to 1997 and entailed games against Ireland, Western Samoa, Argentina and France.

List of Daramalan players which represented ACT by year -

- 1973 - **Jon Hardy**, **Michael Dainer**.
- 1974 - **Jon Hardy**, **Peter McGrath**.
- 1975 - **Jon Hardy**, **Peter McGrath**.
- 1976 - **Brian Beasley**, **Jon Hardy**, **Michael Jamieson**, **Paul Kennedy**, **Peter McGrath**.
- 1977 - **Tim Haig**, **Paul Kennedy**, **Peter McGrath**, **Dominic O'Connell**, **Peter O'Neill**.
- 1978 - **Dominic O'Connell**, **Michael Jamieson**, **Peter O'Neill**.
- 1979 - **Leigh Donnellan**, **John Henry**, **Michael Jamieson**.
- 1980 - **Leigh Donnellan**, **Mark Hegerty**, **Anthony Nott**, **Dominic O'Connell**, **Peter O'Neill**.
- 1981 - **Leigh Donnellan**, **Mark Hegerty**, **Anthony Nott**, **Peter O'Neill**, **Richard Pembroke**.
- 1982 - **Leigh Donnellan**, **Craig Morton**, **Peter O'Neill**.
- 1983 - **Mark Barrett**, **Leigh Donnellan**, **Paul Foster**, **Terry Fox**, **Peter McGrath**, **Peter McGuinness**, **Craig Morton**, **Peter O'Neill**, **Tim Hutchison**.
- 1984 - **Brian Connell**, **Leigh Donnellan**, **Ian Freebody**, **Craig Morton**, **Peter O'Neill**, **Tim Hutchison**.
- 1985 - **Leigh Donnellan**, **Craig Morton**, **Peter O'Neill**, **Tim Hutchison**. **Matthew Hutchinson** selected in Australian Under-21s.
- 1986 - **Leigh Donnellan**, **Craig Morton**, **Peter O'Neill**. **Craig Morton** was called upon to join the Wallabies in New Zealand after playing in the Australian seven-a-side team in Cardiff.
- 1987 - **Greg Potts**, **Craig Morton**, **Peter O'Neill**, **Leigh Donnellan**. **Craig Tozer** and **Craig Harley** selected in the Australian Under-21 team to tour NZ.
- 1988 - **Leigh Donnellan**, **Albert Fulavai**, **Craig Harley**, **Craig Morton**, **Adam Friend**, **Mark Sinderberry**.
- 1989 - Name of representative side changed from ACT to Canberra Kookaburras. **Adam Friend**, **Mark Sinderberry**, **Leigh Donnellan**. **Leigh Donnellan** was selected in the Wallabies. **Albert Fulavai**, **Peter Hickey** and **Craig Harley** selected in Australian Under-21s (Craig could not tour because of injury).
- 1990 - **Adam Friend**.
- 1991 - **Adam Friend**, **Albert Fulavai**, **Mark Sinderberry**, **Leigh Donnellan**.
- 1992 - **Marco Caputo**.
- 1993 - **Adam Harley**, **Marco Caputo**. **Marco Caputo** gained Wallaby selection.
- 1994 - **Marco Caputo**, **Glenn Davis**, **Marco Caputo** selected in Wallabies.
- 1995 - Canberra Kookaburras commenced playing in the NSW AAMI Cup competition this year - i.e. the ACT team played each weekend in the Sydney competition. **Marco Caputo**, **Adam Friend**, **Adam Harley**. **Marco Caputo** selected in Wallabies.
- 1996 - ACT Brumbies were established to compete in the Super 12 competition. Canberra Kookaburras continued to represent the ACT in the weekly Sydney competition. A Presidents XV played as the ACT representative side against visiting international sides (actually it was the ACT Brumbies playing under a different name). **Marco Caputo** represented ACT and Australia.
- 1997 - **Andy Obad**, **Marco Caputo**. **Marco Caputo** selected in Wallabies.
- 1998 - Canberra Kookaburras transferred to Tuggeranong Vikings RUC and renamed Canberra Vikings.
- 1999 - ACT Griffins played the NSW Country Week Championships - representatives were **Tim Davis**, **Gerard McFadden**, **Steve Saint**.
- 2000 - **Aaron Hardcastle** (Brumby Runners).
- 2001 - **Aaron Hardcastle** and **Tim Aistrope** (Brumby Runners); **Vaughan Bonney**, **Tim Aistrope**, **Aaron Hardcastle** and **Ben Faulks** (Canberra Griffins).
- 2002 - **Tim Aistrope** (ACT Brumbies); **Tim Aistrope** and **Ben Faulks** (Brumby Runners); **Vaughan Bonney** and **Ben Faulks** (ACT Academy).

Player milestones

The details on players commence in 1973 so do not include the games played in the sub-district competition.

Eagles First Grade - 100 Games

The legends of the club appear in the roll call of players which have achieved the milestone of having played 100 first grade games.

Brendan McGee was the first to achieve this goal in 1979. Overall, there have been 17 players which have achieved 100 first grade games for the club. Eight players have gone on to achieve 150 first grade games with only four of these pushing on to 200 games. **Leigh Donnellan** is the last man standing, having achieved 250 first grade games for the club.

250 Games - **Leigh Donnellan**

200 Games - **Peter O'Neill**, **Terry Fox**, **Craig Morton**

150 Games - **Michael Jamison**, **Phil Johnstone**, **Craig Tozer**, **Tim Davis**

100 Games - **Brendan McGee**, **Anthony Nott**, **Brian Beasley**, **Mark Barrett**, **Mark Hegerty**,



Rugby 1962-2002 cont...

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1962-2002



Ms Rita Daniels
2009 - present

Tim Hutchison, Adam Friend, Tony Whittaker, Jeremy Fooks

Eagles Any Grade - 100 Games

There have been 79 players which have reached the milestone of having played 100 Games for the club (any grade).

Brian Beasley was the first to achieve this in 1978. **Terry Fox** has achieved the most games played and is the only one with 300 games accumulated. The roll call of players with at least 100 games for the club is -

300 Games - **Terry Fox**

250 Games - **Leigh Donnellan, Phil Johnstone, Greg Ward, John Cullen, Peter O'Neill**

200 Games - **Craig Tozer, Mark Driscoll, Michael Jamieson, Paul Kiley, Ian Freebody, Craig Morton, Chris Dainer, Phil Griffin, Andrew Wiley, Adam Gresham, Mark Hegerty, Michael Kenna**

150 Games - **Brendan Cleary, Bernard Williams, Tim Davis, Paul Sims, Anthony Nott, Tim Hutchison, Jeremy Fooks, Gary Hibberson, Anthony Salvage, Glenn Davis, Mark Barrett, Matt Murphy, Leigh Hancock, Glenn Carey, John Baker**

100 Games - **Steve Hunt, Robert Keogh, Leo Stinson, Mark Robertson, Brian Beasley, Pat McKeough, Tony Whittaker, Brendan McGee, George Wason, Charlie Giles, Chris Fearon, Peter Morton, Dave Ketley, John Barrett, Steve Bryant, John Henry, Gavin Malouf, Damian O'Halloran, Dean Oakman, Nick Hutchison, Adam Libbis, Gary Walsh, John Larkin, John Sargent, John O'Shea, Adam Friend, John Hunt, Martin Spencer, Vincent Malouf, Shane Scott, Duncan Cole, Peter Cullen, Peter Martin, Gerard McFadden, Peter Johnstone, Dennis Basso, Peter Hyland, John Kiley, Dominic O'Connell, Bernie Carnevale, John Howarth, Phil McKeough, Joe Baker, Andrew Craddock, Matt Craft, Gregory Thornton.**



Former Wallaby and Brumby, Owen Finegan at the College in May coaching the school's coaches.

R U an ex-Water Polo player?

Daramalan has been entering teams in the local water polo schools competition for the last three years. This summer 2011/12 Daramalan wants to enter a club team in the local summer competition. I know there is plenty of old players still doing a few laps and would enjoy the chance to throw a ball around again. It would be a combination of ex and current students looking to fly the flag for Dara again and have some fun.

The season runs from November to March with a Christmas break. So start swimming, remember that egg beater and what cap number you want. #9 is mine.

If your interested please email me Andrew Digan (1986) at <Andrew.digan@daramalan.act.edu.au>

3rd Grade 1980 GRAND FINAL WINNERS

Daramalan 15 Tries: Michael McGrath, Peter Maher
Exits 9 Goals: Bennett 2 Pen: Bennett 1

30 years on...



L-R Graham Johnson (Capt/coach), Peter Maher, Adrian Robertson, John Howarth, Steve Nicholls, James Johnson, Michael McGrath, Mark Robertson, Greg Bayliss, Robert Keogh, Leo Stinson. Gavin Bennett (in photo held by Graham)

Missing from the photo - John Barrett, David Ketley, Charlie Giles, Rod Blayden, Michael Ferrier, Mark Howarth, Greg Tanzer (in Spain),

Current Daramalan students still populate the Brumby's junior training ranks.

There are currently 21 Daramalan students playing across the junior representative grades for the ACT Brumbies. Congratulations to all these boys and I am sure you will see these names again in a few years time representing the ACT and even Australia.

U/12s

- Ben Love
- Tully Keegan
- Lachlan Holton

U/13s

- Mack Hansen
- Daniel Keir
- Jacob Patmore
- Tom Ross

U/14s

- Jessie Smith-Shields
- Ben Wilson
- Aaron Dutton
- Levi Shaw

• Tim Reeves

• U/15

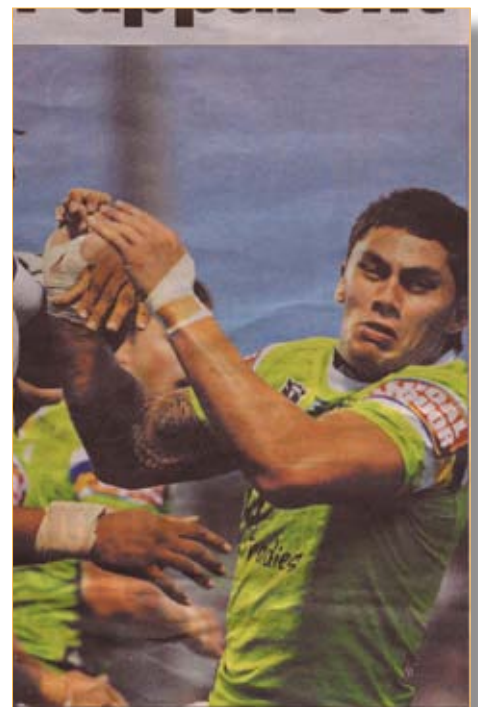
• Bryce Lee

U/16s

- Andrew Durham
- Kieran Norcott
- Jackson Williams

U/17s

- Christian Baseler
- Jake Helgersen
- Pat Lee
- Keenan Troth
- Luke Morrison



argues into Raiders winger Daniel Vidot at Temworth. Picture: Peter Leinster

exchanges against the Raiders' Origin star Dave Shillingham and Tim Lenevay-Labrie. Canterbury took full advantage of the forward dominance to grab two tries in the opening 10 minutes. The Bulldogs winger hanged

Dara students haven't escaped the attention of the League selectors with many ex-student having played in the Raiders ranks. The latest is **Daniel Vidot (2009)** seen here earlier this year





Where are they now?

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Fr Dennis Uhr
1989 - 1997
Daramalan

Courtney (right) and Brittany Menegon (2010)

Local musical group PhuZion are making an impression around town.

Consisting of ex-Daramalan teenage twin sisters **Courtney** (vocals/keyboard) and **Brittany Menegon** (vocals/guitar), the girls have already had a "Canberra Weekly" cover as well as a live performance in front of more than 16,000 people at a Canberra Raiders home game.



time out

Talented 16-year-old twins Coe and Brii are the heart and soul of rising Canberra music act, PhuZion.



DOUBLE turn

BY ALLISON REDMAN

Comparison with The Veronicas is inevitable for rising Canberra act PhuZion but as far as the talented twins are concerned, they are hoping to better their predecessors.

Short film fever strikes

And this year four Canberrans have made the cut, AARON RIDDWAY writes



Joanne Howard 90



KYBURZ Stephen



Philpot Michael

Ex-student teachers

Ex-Daramalan students are well represented amongst the ranks of teachers with **Jo Howard** (1991) back at Daramalan

teaching media and art; **Steve Kyburz** (1967) was past Principal at Narrabundah College; and **Michael Philpot** (1973) (below) is the Acting Principal at McAuley Catholic Central School in Tumut

Tim Beare (Teacher)

Design and Technology Coordinator at Daramalan for many years. Tim is in Melbourne after setting up a Trade Training Centre in a disadvantaged area of that city. His father Hedley Beare was instrumental in the establishment of the ACT Schools Authority in the mid 1970s as well as an accomplished writer and speaker. He died last year and Tim was at the ceremony and mentioned his time at Daramalan in his speech.

The Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling ACT has now been renamed the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in honour of Tim's father.

Liam Newton (2005)

Ex-student **Liam Newton** was one of five Canberra film hopefuls named finalists in last year's national short film contest "Tropfest". After studying at the University of Canberra, Liam Newton scored a nomination for his 3D animated film "Awakening", which he estimated cost \$20 to make.

Brendan Howe (2000)

Has married **Jenny Phillips**, who was a Canadian pre-service teacher at Daramalan in 2006 and then on staff from 2007-8. The wedding was in Canada in July.



Howe Brendan 95

Aaron Hardcastle (1996)



Aaron Hardcastle 97

Joined the AFP and featured prominently as a Team Leader in the Channel 9 (WIN) series of the same name.

Mark Simpson (1980)

Also in the AFP and just celebrated 31 years. 20 years in ACT Police and last 10 in national and international policing, mostly spent working in South East Asia in counter terrorism and capacity building.



Mark Simpson

The talented duo finished Year 10 last year and this year are set to focus entirely on their music. They have the full support of their parents David and Katherine, who does a lot of vocal training with the girls