

# THE Terracian





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*In the spirit of reconciliation, we, as members of the Terrace Family, acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of our Nation. We acknowledge, respect and give gratitude to the Traditional Owners of the Countries on which our campuses are located.*

*We pay our respects to Ancestors, Elders, and leaders of the future as well as to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our Terrace Family. We value the knowledge of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and recognise and honour their stories, cultures, and achievements as we walk together for mutual liberation and a truth-telling history for all Australians.*

*Inspired by the Touchstones, we are called to be people of knowledge, humility and wisdom who walk in solidarity with the First Peoples of our Nation for reconciliation, justice, equity and healing.*

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear members of the Terrace Family,

Welcome to the final edition of *The Terracian* for 2023. As with previous editions, it is full of wonderful stories, events and achievements from across the Terrace Family. What is apparent this year is that the Terrace Family has risen like a phoenix from the ashes of the COVID-19 years and begun to enjoy the fresh growth and opportunities we normally associate with Spring. This rebirth within our Terrace Family provides the basis for our journey towards the College's 150-year celebrations in 2025.

The breadth of the achievements of Terrace students continues to be a highlight of this year. This edition celebrates our departing Year 12 cohort and introduces our new leaders for 2024. This year has also seen the first full year of Year 9 at Waterford and with it, the full implementation of The Waterford Journey Program and the spectacular experiences of the Year 9 Immersions.

The year has been full of highlights and engagement in so many activities by our Gentlemen of Terrace. The Celebration of Excellence has again provided a platform to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements.

Terrace is proud to be a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition and the growth of the Terrace Advocacy Group and their focus on key issues such as men's mental health and wellbeing has been important in shaping our community throughout the year.

As one cohort departs another is preparing to begin at the College as the next generation of Terracians. The Year 5 Orientation saw a

record number of Terrace students prepare to begin their Terrace journey in 2024.

The College's co-curricular program has been very successful in 2023 and this edition showcases some of the achievements seen this year. Also presented in this edition is a snapshot of our first Tennyson Open Day, held during rugby season with great success.

Terrace is extraordinarily fortunate to have many Support Groups working in the community. The TLG and GTOBA have again been very active throughout the year with this edition highlighting events including the Vintage Terracians' Morning Tea and reunions and recognising outstanding Old Boys, along with Old Boys and parents who received recognition in the recent King's Birthday awards.

2023 has seen the Terrace Family emerge from the slumber of Winter into the excitement and freshness of Spring. GT on the Green epitomised this rebirth with just over 1400 members of the Terrace Family coming together as a community.

As 2023 draws to a close, I wish all within the Terrace Family a safe, Holy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to our journey together in 2024.

God Bless.

*Michael Carroll*

**Dr Michael Carroll**  
College Principal





# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

On Tuesday 14 November, the Terrace Family gathered at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre for the annual Celebration of Excellence. At the conclusion of another school year, there was much to celebrate across the cultural, sporting and academic areas of the College. A showcase of the diversity that exists in the College community, hundreds of Gentlemen of Terrace proudly accepted awards to recognise their efforts throughout the year. The College also thanked Mr Mason Hellyer for his 25 years of service to the Terrace Family. Congratulations to all award winners and to all those who performed, presented and organised a night to recognise those in the Terrace Family who have strived to be the best that they can be. The College Dux and Proxime Accessit will be announced at the Scholars' Assembly in early 2024.









# TERRACE ADVOCACY GROUP

By William Smith and Eoin Dewey (Year 11)

Formed in 2022, The Terrace Advocacy Group (TAG) is a student-led social justice group within the College. TAG has taken responsibility for many of the current initiatives and activities already present such as the Gorilla Nest, Terrace Humility Week, Terrace Stands Together Week, R U OK Day, Thursday morning fundraising barbecues and many other campaigns. In 2023 our focus was on Mental Health, Diversity and Ecology. Visioning forward to 2024, the Terrace Advocacy Group will change its focus to the issues of social justice and community change. This will broaden the scope of our group's initiatives by being able to address and respond to global issues as they arise. It will also enable the group to expand its activities and engagement within the College community and be more responsible for actioning change at Terrace.



their fellow Terracians for the betterment of the College and its community. These will be simple acts and voluntary initiatives where students can get involved and help take care of our community, the College and its facilities.

TAG provides a number of opportunities for its members including:

- ⦿ Fostering connections for like-minded students.
- ⦿ Bringing better awareness and understanding to relevant issues.
- ⦿ Providing a platform for students' voices where we can develop various initiatives and campaign events throughout the year.
- ⦿ Providing leadership opportunities such as speaking at assemblies and representing the College at various social justice forums with other schools.

you have done something great to make even a small difference that motivates us.

Overall, being part of the Terrace Advocacy Group has been an amazing experience for us, and I know the same can be said for many other boys within TAG. I encourage all my fellow peers to join us in making this world a better place, both now, and into the future.

## Social Justice

The new focus of Social Justice is all about reacting to major world issues and crises as they happen. The goal is to spread awareness and keep students informed about what's happening globally. Whether it's discrimination or climate disasters - you name it - the group wants to educate our peers on current events and perspectives. By taking this on, we hope to shine a light on injustice and motivate change right here on campus. We plan to tackle whatever pressing social justice topics are unfolding worldwide and make an impact locally. This flexible approach will allow us to address rapidly developing events and engage students on global topics that matter.

## Community Change

Our second focus is community change. This mission focus allows us to enact change that will better the College now and into the future. TAG members are aspiring to improve the day-to-day actions and attitudes of

If you have ever heard of the shopping cart theory, it essentially states that an individual's capacity to self-govern depends on whether they are the type to return the shopping cart or leave it next to their car. The behaviour is a testament to someone's moral character. No one punishes you if you do not return the trolley, and no one thanks you if you do. In the same way, TAG provides a leadership opportunity for students without a title. We don't serve to be thanked or recognised, but it is the satisfaction of knowing







# R U OK DAY

In a vibrant display of solidarity, the Gentlemen of Terrace came together to raise awareness for R U OK? Day. On Thursday 14 September, Terracians gathered for a barbeque breakfast accompanied by live music, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. Amidst the festivities, the boys embraced the opportunity to ask the crucial question, reinforcing the belief that a simple conversation has the potential to change a life. R U OK? Day at Terrace became not only a celebration of unity but also a poignant reflection on the importance of reaching out and connecting with others.





# THROUGH THE LENS

By Mr Cameron Vellacott

The Immersion experience is a key pillar of each Terracian's journey. A true beauty of the experience is that while each person's time away is unique, every student who has taken part in immersion is forever connected. The connection extends from the most recent Year 9 cohort, right back to past generations of students who undertook the earlier iterations of the program. Whether you partook in a Creative Industries Immersion or ventured nearly 4,000km from home to the Northern Territory, there will forever be a link to one another.

This year, Mr James Kasch and I ventured with 20 students to an extremely small Indigenous community called Watjan. Resting six hours South-West of Darwin, Watjan can only be accessed in the dry season (May to October). Without access to any resources in the wet season, the ten locals living in Watjan have to move nearly 100km further West to Wadeye (formerly Port Keats) for six months of the year.



The initial feeling in camp was a healthy mix of nerves, excitement and youthful exuberance. For many boys across the year, cooking for themselves, setting up a campsite, and being totally responsible for all their own possessions was a new experience. Of course, as staff, we were keeping the boys safe, but a great part of the trip was seeing how they adapt and problem-solve for themselves in new environments.

Each night, the group gathered around to reflect on the day. It was a thrill to be exposed to the minds of teenage boys, great wisdom sometimes, and great simplicity at other times. At the beginning of the week, home comforts and

material objects were a recurring theme when boys were asked what they missed. With 37-degree days, the lack of air conditioning was at the top of the list. As time went on though, answers began to shift.

Students started to share with one another how they missed the feeling of home. They missed their parents and siblings and being able to share their day with these loved ones. It was impressive, heartwarming and endearing to hear young men talk openly with each other about this.

Through our naive lens, Watjan was lacking so many things that we thought they were missing out on. Items such as air conditioning, comfortable couches, Netflix, pools, the list goes on. However, as we immersed in their environment it became clear they weren't missing out. To Joe and Lucy from Watjan, they had all they needed - food, water and family.

Whether in Papua New Guinea, North Queensland, the Northern Territory or Brisbane, each Immersion group is exposed to their own unique set of circumstances and learnings. Whatever the Immersion, all students come back with a much greater sense of gratitude and appreciation for what they have.

A tremendous thank you must go to all of the staff who sacrificed time away from their own loved ones to allow students an unforgettable experience. Hopefully, the Year 9 cohort feels as lucky as I do for being a part of the Immersion experience.





# OF WATJAN







# TAKE A STEP

By Tom Robinson, 2023 College Captain

As 2023 draws to a close, it seems only right that I summarise a few of the moments that have made this year so special. For the Seniors, it has been a year filled with ups and downs as well as challenges that have allowed us to *Take a Step* and build on the foundations laid by the Terracians before us.

As a cohort, we have built deep connections over the past eight years and the care and support shown for the College and each other continues to amaze me. This support was made abundantly clear during the Term 3 holidays when hundreds of Year 12s sacrificed their break to come back to the College and work together to prepare for our external exams. In an individual system, it could be easy to go at it alone but time after time I have witnessed students working to ensure the success of everyone, not just themselves. The camaraderie within the 2023 cohort has made me so proud to wear the white shirt every day and is one of many reasons why it will be so hard to leave Terrace behind.



year's battle of the colours in the annual Terrace vs Nudgee Rugby Match. All week you could sense the support for Saturday's game swelling, with Seniors leading the charge to ensure the occasion was a special one. Come 2.15 pm that Saturday, the red and black army could be seen in all its glory, with hundreds of students flocking to Nudgee to support each other. Although the eventual result was a loss, the support remained, and the power of the Terrace spirit reigned supreme. It's moments like these that make me so proud to call myself a Terracian.



I know I can speak on behalf of the 2023 Senior cohort when I say that we are sad to depart, but so thankful for everything Terrace has given us over our time here. The year has absolutely flown by and if I offer any advice to the Seniors of 2024, it would be to just enjoy it. Terrace is a busy place with so much going on, but I encourage you to savour all the little moments that make coming to Terrace so special.

I am so thankful for the continued support of the Terrace Family in 2023 and I look forward to seeing what the future has in store for our College in the coming years.

Thank you and good luck.

On the cultural front, we have seen so many Terracians stand out this year, but the main highlight would have to be the addition of *Terrace's Got Talent*. Held in late Term 1, *Terrace's Got Talent* allowed students to showcase their passion for the Arts. Students across all year levels participated and it is definitely safe to say that Terrace has got some serious talent.

In the sporting realm, there have been so many fantastic moments across 2023, with our students and teams continuing to perform at the highest level. Personally, one moment that stands out amongst the rest would have to be this









# 2024 COLLEGE CAPTAINS



By Miss Annabelle Locke

It's always a privilege to observe Terracians grow and accomplish so much throughout their years at the College. Although it's difficult to say goodbye to such exceptional Seniors at the end of each year, we are always excited to see what our next generation of leaders will achieve.

Each year, the College faces the difficult challenge of selecting its next College leaders. The task made difficult, thankfully, through an abundance of leadership potential rather than a lack of it. For Terrace, leadership is a gentleman who can encourage every individual to participate and give their best effort towards everything they do, demonstrating our College motto, Servire Deo Sapere or To Serve God is to be Wise.

Tom White, Finlay Casey-Ryan, Jack Curtain, Charlie Gaspar and Max Van Balen are the five Terracians chosen to lead the College in 2024. With a focus on humility, integrity, friendliness, presence, and enthusiasm, we have no doubt these Terracians will lead with pride and put their best foot forward in all they do.

## Tom White 2024 College Captain



Introducing Tom, our 2024 College Captain, a young leader whose journey at Terrace has been deeply influenced by a profound sense of purpose and admiration for those who came before him. As he steps into this leadership role, Tom's commitment to excellence and community shines through. Tom's inspiration to apply for a 2024 College Captain stems from his early days at Terrace. He shares,

*"Since I started in Year 7, the College Captains have always been people I have admired."*

Their kindness and ability to have a positive impact on others fuels Tom's desire to follow in their footsteps. Tom seeks the challenge of this role and the opportunity for personal growth.

*"I would love to be able to do the same myself and give back to Terrace."*

For Tom, being a College Captain is an honour burdened with responsibility, one he eagerly accepts. He views it as a platform to help and influence as many students as possible, particularly our youngest Terracians.

*"I hope to leave having had a positive impact on the College community as a whole, but also as many individuals as possible."*

Looking ahead to his Senior year, Tom is excited about the opportunity to connect with a wide range of members of the Terrace Family and to involve himself and all around him as much as possible.

Tom draws inspiration from the current captains, admiring their role model qualities and hardworking, humble manner. He aims to continue their legacy of fostering a positive atmosphere and a glass-half-full mentality. Their influence, evident in assemblies and interactions, has left an indelible mark on him.

Tom articulates a holistic vision when discussing his leadership qualities and attributes. He emphasises the importance of being a role model, leading by example and humility in being open to feedback and ideas from others. This comes from valuing and nurturing the unique talents and passions of every individual at Terrace.

Undoubtedly, Terrace has made an impeccable decision in assigning Tom his captaincy. Not only is he inspired by the legacy of those before him but he is also committed to shaping a brighter future for the entire community.

His leadership journey promises to be marked by positivity, inclusivity, and a deep sense of responsibility.

*"If we continue to Take A Step together, there's no doubt it'll be in the right direction."*

## Finlay Casey-Ryan 2024 College Vice Captain



### What does it mean to you to be a College Leader and role model for the school community?

For me, being a College Leader means everything. Through the highs and the lows, this College and its staff and students have provided me with a home, and the gift of leadership allows me to give back to the Terrace Family. Serving as a role model and representative of this amazing College is a privilege and responsibility I take very seriously. I aim to exemplify the values of integrity and humility and I will passionately dedicate my time to building a stronger Terrace community.

### Is there anything the 2023 captains have taught you that you wish to carry on in 2024?

In 2023, College Vice Captain Jovid Aveau taught me the importance of presence through simple actions instead of words. Jovid's smile, laughter, and appearance at so many co-curricular activities have deeply resonated with me. Although I do not think he knows it, his simple gift of presence has created such a positive impact within the Terrace community and has allowed students to feel as if they are at home. In 2024, I wish to carry on his legacy by walking the talk, focusing on my actions rather than just words.



**What traits or qualities do you believe are important for a leader to have?**

I believe the three traits that define a leader are selflessness, authenticity, and empathy. Selfless leaders put others' needs above their own interests. They empower by sharing credit and opportunities while sacrificing personal gain to advance the greater good. Authentic leaders build trust and credibility by being transparent, adhering to strong values, and taking accountability for mistakes. They promote open communication and own their actions with integrity. Finally, empathetic leaders connect with and care for their fellow Terracians. They actively listen, validate different perspectives, and help people feel heard and valued.

**Jack Curtain**  
2024 College Vice  
Captain



**What does it mean to you to be a College Leader and role model for the school community?**

Being a College Leader in 2024 is a chance for us to continue the legacy that the past 148 years of Senior leaders have left for us. It is an incredible honour to serve and lead this College, whilst being able to uphold the College ethos and lead by example. I also know how important it is to continue to drive the College culture and to indoctrinate the whole Terrace community with the Terrace spirit.

**Is there anything the 2023 captains have taught you that you wish to carry on in 2024?**

The 2023 College Captains have been excellent role models for all students. I find their friendliness and ability to connect with students of all ages very inspiring and I wish to uphold these traits. Their enthusiasm and love for Terrace is evident. They have been motivated College Captains all year and their passion for our College motivates me to follow their example and continue their spirit and traditions.

**What traits or qualities do you believe are important for a leader to have?**

Two main leadership qualities that define a leader in my eyes are relatability and consistency. Being able to connect with different members of the Terrace community no matter what age, background or interests is an important task

a leader must endure. Secondly, consistency is something I hold in high regard as a leader - being able to consistently show up and work within a team to continue to make Terrace a better place. I can confidently say all the College leaders over my time at Terrace have demonstrated these attributes and I am confident that alongside Tom, Charlie, Max, and Finn, we will continue to prioritise them in 2024.

**Charlie Gaspar**  
2024 College Vice  
Captain



**What inspired you to apply for a 2024 leadership role?**

In my earliest years at the College, I was fortunate enough to be led by the exceptional figures of Jacob Montanna, Sam Dutton, and Oli Seawright; people who have impacted my life in incomprehensible ways. Their humility, strength and passion in the role built the foundations of the culture that many Terracians call home. It was their actions that not only influenced me to apply for the role but paved the way for future generations.

**What are you most looking forward to during your Senior year?**

To be able to connect and form relationships with students across all year levels at Terrace is something that I am excited about in 2024. I want to become more to students than just a face at assembly; a peer and friend in the halls. It is this that I hope continues to build the community that Terracians want to come back to every day.

**Is there anything the current captains have taught you that you wish to carry on in 2024?**

The current captains have demonstrated something profound; they have called every student to accept the challenge. The challenge to reach out to those who are alone, the challenge to celebrate our diversity, the challenge to take a step. It is my hope to become a person who embraces this, and thus a role model who continues to inspire students to do the same.

**Max Van Balen**  
2024 College Vice  
Captain



**What inspired you to apply for a 2024 leadership role?**

I was inspired to apply for a College leadership role to have a platform to inspire fellow Terracians. Terrace has gifted me an opportunity to become the best version of myself in academic and cultural pursuits. However, it's the learnings obtained from the initiation journey into becoming a Gentleman of Terrace that has been the most precious and enriching opportunity. I am determined to encourage students to make the most of this unique opportunity and become men of Knowledge, Humility and Wisdom.

**What are you most looking forward to during your Senior year?**

I am very excited to discover new ways to engage with all year levels at the College. One of my main goals in 2024 is to ensure that Terrace is an inclusive community where all students irrespective of size, age, and personal interests, feel free to be the best that they can be. I am looking forward to achieving this goal through my words and actions as a College leader.

**What traits or qualities do you believe are important for a leader to have?**

I believe the foundational traits of a leader are demonstrating humility and courage. Humility in its simplest form is putting others before yourself and having any positive influence in someone's life without needing recognition and reward. Courage is the ability to be brave, stay true to your morals, and stand up against injustice even if that means you may face criticism and disapproval. These are surely aspirational qualities for a leader at Terrace.







## CLASS OF 2031

On Wednesday 11 October, the Terrace Family welcomed its newest Terracians to the College at our Year 5, 2024 Orientation. Guided by our dedicated teachers and staff, the evening unfolded with introductions to the curriculum, and the range of co-curricular activities that await the Class of 2031.









# THE WATERFORD JOURNEY



By Mrs Mary Brown

In this edition of *The Terracian*, we delve into the heart of The Waterford Journey, a transformative experience that has become a pivotal chapter in the lives of our young Gentlemen of Terrace.

2023 witnessed a significant milestone for the Terrace Family, as we celebrated the first cohort of Year 9 students to experience a full year at Waterford Place. This purpose-designed facility plays a unique and vital role in guiding our young gentlemen through their transition from boys to men, helping them navigate the challenges of adolescence while deepening their understanding of themselves and their relationships with others.

In 2023 we also introduced The Waterford Journey as a key component of our Formation program. Tailored specifically for Terrace and drawing inspiration from Andrew Lines's *The Rite Journey*, The Waterford Journey is a year-long, immersive experience that seamlessly blends spiritual and personal development with academic growth.



Year 9 Program Leader, Mr Patrick Collins, emphasises, *"The Waterford Journey reflects a Catholic Christian worldview that integrates faith, life, and culture. The integrated Religious Education and Formation program is a year-long program delivered in a unique learning environment that promotes growth through understanding key aspects that are important to becoming a responsible, caring, and respectful young adult who can see value in contributing to society. This program allows our boys the opportunity to consider and develop their understanding of the importance of themselves, key relationships and their own spirituality."*

The program is thoughtfully aligned with both the Australian Curriculum and the Brisbane Catholic Education Curriculum, ensuring a comprehensive educational experience for our students.



The Waterford Journey isn't just a program; it's a testament to our commitment to guiding young gentlemen toward a brighter, more responsible future.







# NURTURING EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS: A SPOTLIGHT ON TERRACE'S ENRICHMENT AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS

By Mrs Mary Brown

In the heart of Terrace, lies a program dedicated to unlocking the full potential of every student—Exceptional Learners. Catering to a diverse range of students, the Exceptional Learners program addresses students' unique learning needs, whether they display natural talents, hail from non-English speaking backgrounds, encounter learning difficulties or are living with a disability.

This month, *The Terracian* sat down with two instrumental figures in the Exceptional Learners Faculty – Mrs Cath Griffin and the Head of Faculty Ms Karin Coleshill. Their insights shed light on the program's evolution, success stories, and the profound impact it has had on the lives of Terrace students.

Under the Exceptional Learners umbrella are two distinct initiatives. The Learning Enrichment program is designed to provide targeted support for students who may require additional assistance, ensuring that every learner can thrive academically. On the other hand, the Challenge program extends a helping hand to those students seeking to push the boundaries of their academic capabilities, offering opportunities for extension, particularly in subjects like Maths and English Honours. The Challenge Program also includes the Future Problem Solving (FPS) program and the Terrabots Robotics program.

Over the years, the Exceptional Learners program at Terrace has experienced significant growth and undergone thoughtful refinement, evolving to meet



the ever-changing landscape of educational needs. Mrs Griffin who has been instrumental in the evolution of the Maths Honours program at Terrace, reflects on the program's inception, recalling its modest beginnings. What started as a singular program has since been transformed into one with two levels of Maths Enrichment – Maths Honours and the Individual Challenge Program (ICP).

*"I was here at Terrace initially doing a contract and Julie Quinn who was the previous Dean of Studies, saw the need to facilitate our gifted boys and there had only been a tiny bit done so we created a Maths Honours program and that has morphed into two levels of Maths enrichment here at Terrace,"* says Mrs Griffin.

Ms Coleshill notes that since her tenure at Terrace began, the programs have not only grown in size but have also been fine-tuned and developed.

*"We've grown and developed and refined things over the years including our Individual Challenge Program. The ICP is available for the boys who are strong in Mathematics and*

*require extension beyond Maths Honours,"* Ms Coleshill says.

*Ms Coleshill explains that the bar for entry into the Challenge program is high, with students requiring an A grade to qualify. FPS, which requires evidence-based creative thinking can be student-nominated. However, stronger students are invited to take part.*

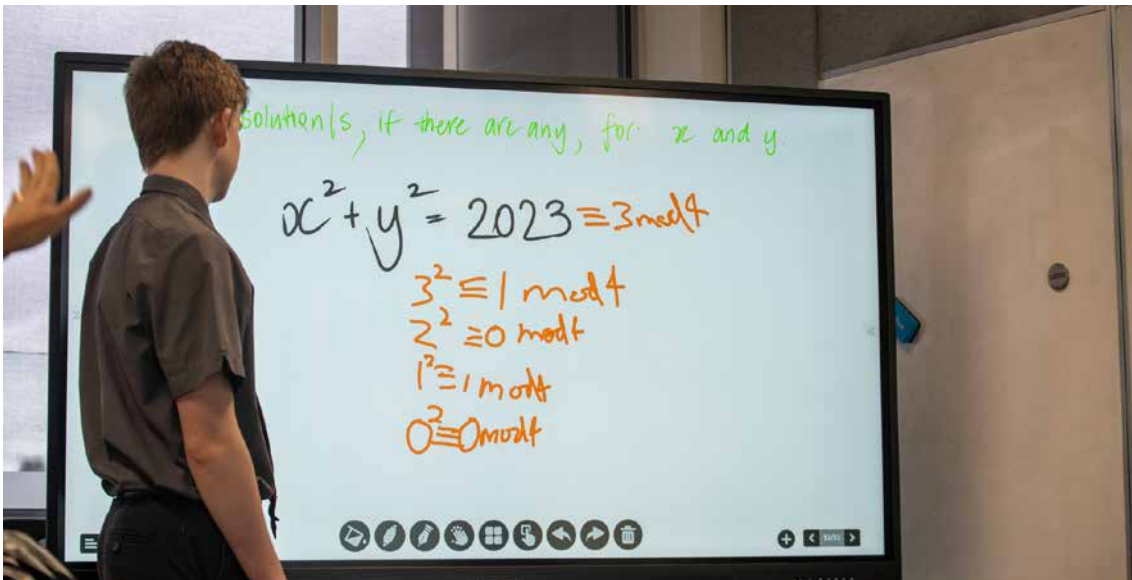
*"In regard to learning support, if a student has a diagnosis and documentation, we will consider their learning requirements and determine what support will be best for them. Data gathered from the placement testing that the boys undertake before commencing at Terrace may also bring up results and we will invite the new students to the programs based on that information,"* says Ms Coleshill.

The commitment to the academic growth of students has allowed the program to flourish and Ms Coleshill affirms that Terrace has become a leader in gifted programs amongst Brisbane schools.

*"We now work with many other schools, many with a burgeoning*







*gifted program. We've done a lot of mentoring with other schools for their enrichment programs – how to start, what to do, and how to train teachers to get programs going."*

Mrs Griffin expresses gratitude for the privileged position of working at Terrace, where academic achievements are highly regarded. She acknowledges the broader challenge in many schools where the resources allocated to Exceptional Learner teams are predominantly solely directed towards support due to the significant number of students requiring assistance, which then limits the availability of academic extension.

*"We do our best to try to meet the learning needs of as many students as possible," says Ms Coleshill.*

Not many students miss out on either learning support or extension at Terrace. We're one of the more inclusive programs for gifted education compared to a lot of schools and that's because we're supported, and we have the resources. A lot of schools would love to do what we do but without the resources, it's just not possible".

The success stories emerging from the Exceptional Learners program are nothing short of inspiring, and there are many. Mrs Griffin shares the story of one standout student who made it to the Australian Maths Olympiad team—an achievement attained by only four individuals each year.

Ms Coleshill highlights the success of various FPS teams over the years, achieving Nationals in most years and Internationals four times. She emphasises the importance

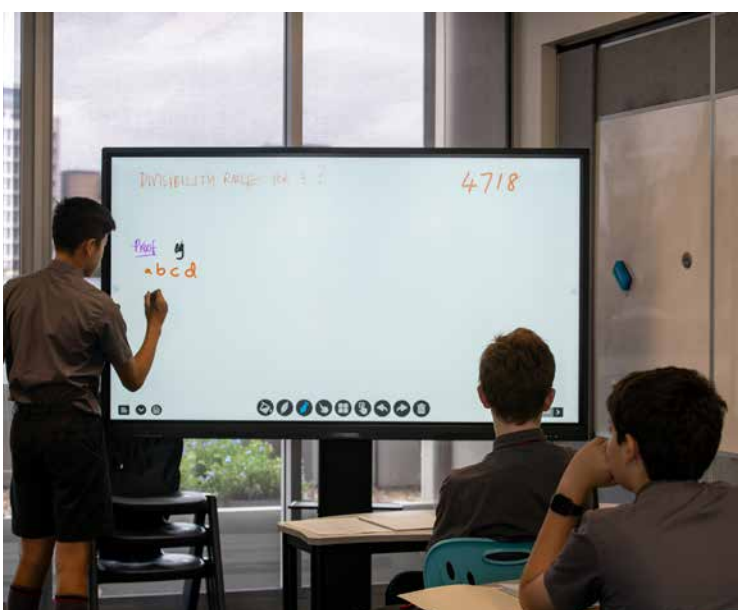
of creative and futuristic thinking, showcasing the program's commitment to nurturing a well-rounded skill set in its students.

Amongst the boys requiring learning support, Ms Coleshill states that the biggest success stories have come from those boys who utilise the resources available to them.

*"Any boy with an identified learning need, if they buy in and are an active part of learning enrichment - they listen to advice and if they use all the resources that are available, will be successful. We've had some really good success stories where boys get into uni, get into courses that they want because they know how to access the resources and use what's available to them."*

Both Mrs Griffin and Ms Coleshill emphasise the supportive culture within the Terrace Family where academic success is celebrated. The care and concern shown by staff, particularly towards students living with a disability, creates a safe and nurturing environment, making Exceptional Learners a haven for every student who needs it.

The Exceptional Learners program at Terrace Stands as a testament to the College's commitment to academic excellence and inclusivity. Through tireless dedication and a focus on both learning support and academic extension, Terrace is shaping the future for a diverse array of students, ensuring that every Gentleman of Terrace is supported to be the best that they can be.







# RARE BY BROOKLYN

By Mr Cameron Vellacott

It's rare for students to own and operate their own business while still at school. However, Year 10 student Brooklyn Chounding has embraced rare.

At the age of 13, Brooklyn was diagnosed with Friedreich Ataxia, a rare genetic condition that causes progressive damage to the nervous system and movement problems. According to Friedrich Ataxia Research Association Australia (fara), the condition affects 1 in 30,000 Australians and symptoms typically appear between the age of 5 -15. While symptoms vary, the first symptom is frequent tripping or unsteady walking.

For Brooklyn, he started noticing balance issues after injuring his foot when he was 10. Years of testing ensued, doctors were initially unable to diagnose the problem. "It was a shock when I found out the diagnosis, I just thought I had flat feet or something," said Brooklyn. Shock would be an understatement. Not only did Brooklyn find out he had a rare genetic condition, but he also found out there is no cure.

A year after being diagnosed, Brooklyn and his mother Lisa hatched the idea of starting something to raise awareness. Despite being a rare condition, it was alarming to them both that 1

in 90 people are silent carriers and most of those are unaware about the condition. Soon after, Rare by Brooklyn clothing was born.

"I started my clothing line with the aim of celebrating the uniqueness of every individual and inspiring them to embrace their differences with confidence. Our brand, Rare by Brooklyn, believes that everyone should feel comfortable and proud in their skin. Additionally, we have partnered with fara Australia, a charitable organisation dedicated to finding a cure for Friedreich Ataxia," said Brooklyn.

When Year 10 Business students were tasked with setting up their own small businesses to sell goods at lunchtime, it was an obvious choice for Brooklyn. While most students chose to sell something with a short-term sugar fix, Brooklyn sold something which would leave a legacy.

Unsure of what reaction he would get to his comparatively more expensive store, Brooklyn was pleasantly surprised. Staff and students flocked to get their Rare hats, t-shirts and

hoodies, eventually purchasing over \$1200 worth of product.

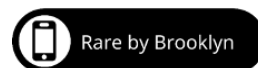
Since launching his own website, Brooklyn has printed shirts and packaged orders to be sent across Australia and internationally.

"It was really cool sending an order to Tasmania and a few to the United States. To know someone in California has my shirt is pretty awesome," he said.

"I've got to thank mum and dad, they have helped me so much with everything. They've been amazing. Mum helps me a lot with orders, driving down to the post office or delivering packages to friends nearby. I couldn't have done it without them."

Brooklyn hopes to continue expanding his range and growing the brand. However, with schoolwork, physiotherapy and helping coach his friend's social basketball team, he can sometimes be a bit busy to be owner, operator and CEO of his own business.

Rare by Brooklyn merchandise can be purchased through the QR code.







## THE GERARD BUTLER SHIELD: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE, FUN, AND TOUCH FOOTBALL

By Mrs Mary Brown

In the corridors of Terrace's history, a tradition stands tall, embodying the spirit of camaraderie, remembrance, and the love for the game - the Gerard Butler Shield. This cherished annual event traces its origins back to 1994, when Gerard Butler, then a Year 7 student, left an indelible mark on our College's legacy.

Back then, primary school life concluded with a rugby game between the two Year 7 classes, marking the end of the rugby season. However, fate dealt a heartbreaking blow when Gerard passed away the week of the anticipated clash. In the face of sorrow, a suggestion arose to cancel the game, but the boys, fuelled by a collective desire to honour their friend, insisted on playing. Thus began the Gerard Butler Shield, an enduring tribute to a life gone too soon.

The initial rugby tradition evolved over time, transforming into a touch football competition. As the school structure changed and Year 7 moved to high school, the Gerard Butler Shield found a new home as a day dedicated to Year 6 students. Today, our Year 6 classes eagerly participate in touch football matches, with the top two classes on wins advancing to the final for the coveted Shield.

Teacher, Mr Darren Brown proudly states that his class has won four times. Currently, the Shield resides in Mr Brown's classroom, a tangible testament to the collective effort and sportsmanship displayed by his class.

Each year, the event draws a crowd, with families joining in to cheer and share in the vibrant atmosphere. This year, Year 12 students from Mr Dwayne Hoy's class contributed to the event's success by assisting in its organisation and even taking on the role of referees.

As the shield passes hands from one victorious class to another, it symbolises more than just a sporting triumph. It encapsulates the resilience of a community that, even in the face of loss, chooses to celebrate life and fun. The Gerard Butler Shield stands not just as a trophy but as a living testament to the enduring spirit of friendship and remembrance that defines Terrace.





# TENNYSON OPEN DAY

Saturday 26 August saw the Tennyson Playing Fields play host to thousands of visitors, as the College threw open the gates for an official Tennyson Open Day. Coinciding with the inaugural Back to Tennyson Old Boys' Day, the Open Day provided prospective families and boys soon starting at Terrace, with the chance to view the College's over 10 hectares of sporting fields. Visitors were able to meet with College Principal Dr Michael Carroll, Director of Sport Mr Tony McGahan along with key staff within the College's sporting program. Student-led tours of the fields and rowing shed were a highlight for visitors. A win for the First XV provided the perfect end to this wonderful community day.



WELCOME TO  
**TENNYSON  
OPEN DAY**









# GT ON THE GREEN

By Ms Zoe Morgan

Sunny, blue skies and a distinct lack of the usual high winds meant near-perfect conditions at Tennyson for this year's annual GT on the Green event on Saturday 14 October. The jacaranda trees bloomed almost right on queue to ensure a stunning backdrop for the 1450 strong crowd event. Celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> year, GT on the Green continues to be a wonderful afternoon celebrating community and fundraising, with this year's funds going towards ParaSTART and the refurbishment of the Br Rodgers Pavilion at Tennyson.

A fabulous line-up of musical talent, led by crowd favourites Franky Smart, again got the crowd up and dancing until lights out. A highlight of the afternoon is the fiercely contested table decorating contest. There were many very impressive displays, including a working pizza oven adorning one table. Eventual winning decorations drew inspiration from the screen with *Yellowstone* popular alongside the very pink Barbie setting.

Golden nugget lotto returned, quickly selling out and adding significant funds to the day's total. A dunk tunk, generously staffed by College Principal Dr Michael Carroll and proud Terrace parent and Old Boy Michael Fallon (GT 1987) provided some afternoon laughs and added more dollars to the fundraising total.

The tremendous community spirit saw the Terrace Family raise an amazing \$135,000. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and made it such a wonderful success through your good spirit and generosity. The College particularly thanks Mr Sam Ingham-Myers and the team from the Rocklea Hotel for their support of the all-important bar. Our thanks also to the tireless organising committee Mrs Kirsten Carroll, Mrs Nili Covacich, Mrs Loren Lockyer, Mrs Tricia Morahan, Mrs Jen Palethorpe, Mrs Maria Patorniti and Mrs Shelly Pearson. Thank you also to College partner Mazda for their support of the event. We also thank the many attendees who gave their time to assist on the day. Save the date now for GT on the Green 2024 - Saturday 12 October.









# TLG UPDATE

By Mrs Anna Wright

The Past Mothers' Mass was held on 10 September 2023 in the Chapel of the Holy Family. Fifty women who have ties to Terrace over many decades came together to celebrate Mass, hear the choir sing and share morning tea as they reminisced and caught up.

Each year, the Mass provides an opportunity to renew ties with friends made during a time when life was busy providing support to our sons. While the activities undertaken as a volunteer during our sons' education are an important part of supporting the College and being a role model in terms of participation and contribution, it was evident that relationships made while parents at Terrace went much more deeply than celebrating the success of an event or raising funds.

Conversations throughout the day revealed deeper friendships, confidences exchanged, and support given when life's journey didn't go the way we anticipated. Participation in Terrace Ladies Group activities allowed these Past Mothers to create a bond that exists to this day.

The TLG is proud to continue these activities that promote inclusion in the College community. It is our Catholic traditions and ties between parents that are the glue that holds us together.

In 2024 the TLG has a range of activities planned to continue these themes and traditions. The year always begins with information evenings for each year level, which provide the perfect opportunity to reconnect after Christmas. A fashion parade and famous after party will be held on Friday 8 June so put it in your calendar now.

Throughout the year the TLG will be asking for volunteers to support the 40 events it runs each year at the main campus and Tennyson. All members of our Terrace Family are encouraged to help, with inclusion not limited to mothers or female caregivers.

The popularity of GT on the Green will once again prove that our parents love Tennyson just as much as our sons. Dancing under the stars surrounded by jacarandas has become a tradition with our community as we raise money for our College.

The TLG welcomes you in 2024 and encourages you to socialise, volunteer and contribute. We guarantee that the benefits will far outweigh the effort.







# INTER-HOUSE TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL

A favourite on the Inter-House calendar, the Inter-House Track and Field Carnival encourages healthy competition between students and their Houses. Students have the opportunity to participate in various track and field events such as sprints, long jump and high jump as well as some fun carnival games including tug-of-war and sack races.

Congratulations to the Reidy Ravens, who were crowned Track and Field Champions for 2023.





# AROUND THE COLLEGE SEMESTER 2, 2023



### ***The Real Inspector Hound***

In Term 4, The Arts faculty presented its very first Guest Director production, with Year 10 student Conor Ryan at the helm. *The Real Inspector Hound* was a tremendous success, with Conor demonstrating exceptional leadership by guiding his cast of 11 students from Years 6-12 through a detailed rehearsal schedule. \$723 raised from ticket sales was donated to Conor's chosen charity, the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

### **Future Problem Solving Champions**

The Year 12 Future Problem Solving team dominated the Seniors division at the National Finals, taking out the Future Problem Solving Australia Award. The boys now have an opportunity to compete in the International event held next June in Indiana, USA.

Congratulations to our winning finalists:

- 🕒 Ryan Barnes
- 🕒 Ruben Beaumont
- 🕒 Tasman Bunkum
- 🕒 Jack Sadler
- 🕒 Zachary Vivian

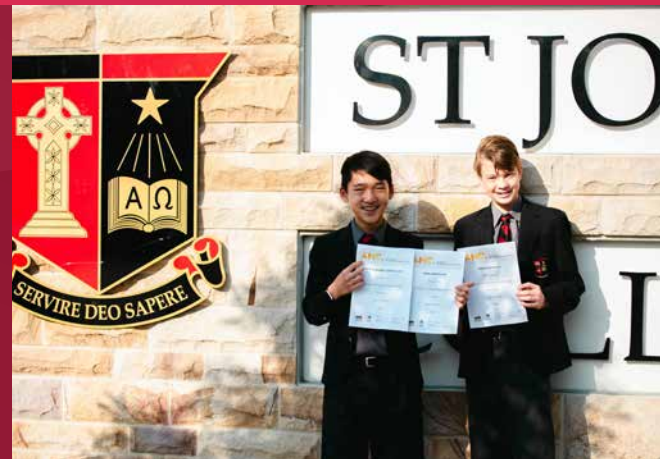


### **2023 Brisbane Portrait Prize**

Portrait artist and Year 11 student, Hayden Pressley won the Next Gen Award in the 2023 Brisbane Portrait Prize for his portrait titled Paul Croker: A Timeless Devotee. The entire Terrace Family is proud to see Hayden's hard work recognised with this prestigious award.

### **Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) Success**

An incredible 181 Gentlemen of Terrace from across Years 5-12 competed against over half a million students in this year's AMC. We congratulate their outstanding results with 14 young men awarded a High Distinction and 56 a Distinction. Congratulations particularly to Vincent Wu (Year 8) and Danon Wagner (Year 7) who were prize recipients.







# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students and Old Boys who have excelled in their chosen sporting fields.

## Cricket

Tom Campbell (GT 2022) was selected for the Queensland U19 Cricket team.

## Rugby

Two of our First XV members, Tom Robinson and PJ Sua were selected for the Queensland Reds U18s squad. Charlie Hollyman, Connor Clifford, and Oliver Nasser were selected for the Queensland Reds U16 team. Congratulations also to 2021 Old Boys Joe Liddy and Campbell King who made the Queensland Reds U19 team. Joe will take on the role of Captain.

## Track and Field

Vincent Faulkner (Year 9) won the Queensland U14 200m and will be heading to nationals. Vincent was also successful in the recent GPS finals winning the 100m, 200m and 400m.

## Volleyball

Congratulations to the following students who achieved great success at the recent National Championships in Bendigo:

- Jack Weeden (Year 11) represented the U17 Queensland Indoor Volleyball Squad and came 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Ben O'Reilly (Year 10) represented the U16 Queensland Indoor Volleyball Squad and came 1<sup>st</sup>
- Alex Gordon (Year 8) and Jasper Layton (Year 7) represented the U14 Queensland Indoor Volleyball Squad and came 6<sup>th</sup>





# SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

By Miss Annabelle Locke



## MR NEIL O'HARE

**Dean of Business Operations**

Westcourt is delighted to announce the addition of Mr Neil O'Hare to our team, who now assumes the role of Dean of Business Operations. Neil's extensive background includes previous experience in the same capacity at St Joseph's Nudgee College, along with serving as the National Director of Finance and Infrastructure for the Edmund Rice Education Australia National Office. With his wealth of industry knowledge and experience, we welcome the contributions he will make to Terrace.

Neil has expressed his enthusiasm for working closely with the Terrace community during this pivotal period of transformation in the College's infrastructure. He envisions playing a crucial role in effecting significant and enduring changes. For Neil, Terrace has been an integral part of his journey, as a past parent and Old Boy. He acknowledges that while the College has evolved in numerous ways over the years, it has also retained its core values, making it an extraordinary place. The sense of community and the cherished grounds are what he finds most appealing.

Beyond the confines of the College, Neil revels in the beauty of the Moreton Bay region's great outdoors. His favourite pastimes include cycling and ski paddling. Welcome back, Neil.



## MR PAT COLLINS

**Program Leader: Year 9 (Waterford Place)**

At the beginning of semester two, Waterford Place welcomed Mr Pat Collins into his new position as Program Leader for Year 9. When asked about what motivated him to apply for this position, Pat reflects on his experience as a classroom teacher in the first semester, where he found immense joy in teaching and witnessing the positive impact the program had on students.

Pat is most excited about the upcoming Year 9 camp at the end of the term. He believes this camp is a unique opportunity for students to face challenges, experience personal growth, and build resilience. Pat discusses how they've been exploring the idea that life presents difficult and stressful situations, and this camp is designed to be a formative experience that students can draw upon with pride and a sense of accomplishment.

Year 9 at Waterford Place is an essential program for our Terracians, and Pat emphasises its significance. It's a pivotal developmental year where academic, sporting, and social commitments expand. To address these challenges, Waterford has introduced the program, The Waterford Journey, to provide a platform for in-depth discussions. Beyond the classroom, students have opportunities for positive experiences like the Immersion program.

Outside of work, Pat stays actively involved with the Terrace Family. He coaches the First XI Cricket team and manages the First V Basketball team. He finds great satisfaction in witnessing students' progress both in sports and personal growth. Pat also has a busy family life with two young boys, which keeps him engaged and fulfilled beyond school duties. Waterford Place is lucky to have Pat as their new Program Leader and the Terrace Family wishes you all the best.



## REMEMBERING CRAIG RONALD ANDREWS:

## A TALE OF RESILIENCE AND DEDICATION



By Miss Annabelle Locke

St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, has seen countless students pass through its halls over the years, each with unique stories and contributions. Among these remarkable individuals, Craig Ronald Andrews stands out as a shining example of resilience and dedication during his time at the College from 1975 to 1979. Despite facing the challenges of a painful medical condition, Craig's unwavering commitment to his studies and active participation in co-curricular activities left an indelible mark on the Terrace community.

Craig's journey at Terrace started in 1975 when he enrolled for Year 8. From the beginning, he embraced the vibrant life and activities of the College, displaying an eagerness to make the most of his secondary school experience. Throughout his years at Terrace, Craig was a true all-rounder, engaging in various sports and co-curricular activities. In his earlier years, he joined the Cricket, Cross Country, Rowing, Rugby and Track and Field programs, demonstrating his athleticism and teamwork skills. His dedication and passion for Rugby led him to qualify as a Rugby referee, where he acted as a touch judge for inter-school games.

rewarded with the First-Place prize in Year 12 Biology, and he qualified for entry into the Faculty of Medicine at The University of Queensland, a testament to his intellect and future potential in the medical field.

Craig's contributions extended beyond the realm of sports and academics. He took on the role of President of the Terrace St Vincent de Paul Society, where he played a pivotal part in organising the *Third World Appeal* week in September of his Senior year. This fundraising initiative aimed to support the needy and showcased Craig's compassion and generosity.

students and staff of the College, reminding them of the profound impact one person can have on a community, even in the face of adversity. Craig's story is one of enduring Terrace spirit and the power of individuals to leave a lasting mark on the world.

Great sadness spread across the community when Craig's health continued to decline, and he sadly passed away on 19 January 1980. The legacy of Craig Ronald Andrews lives on through the College's memorial. A statue of St Joseph the Worker was erected in his memory, and it beautifully reflects the qualities that characterised Craig – dignity, strength, simplicity, and composure. These qualities served as a source of inspiration to his peers and teachers.

In addition to the physical statue, a new plaque has been created this year. This plaque features a QR code that directs visitors to a newly designed memorial page dedicated to Craig. Here, messages from his peers and past teachers offer heartfelt remembrances of a remarkable young man.

As he progressed through the College, Craig's involvement continued to expand. In his Senior year, he earned the honour of becoming a College Prefect, showcasing his leadership qualities and commitment to the Terrace community. He was entrusted with the role of timekeeper for the First XV Rugby games, reflecting his reliability and dedication to the school's sporting endeavours.

In addition to his sporting achievements, Craig's academic prowess shone brightly. His dedication to his studies was

Craig Andrews's story is a testament to the power of resilience, dedication, and selflessness. His legacy continues to inspire the







## KING'S BIRTHDAY 2023 HONOURS LIST

# RICK SIVYER: A REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE

By Miss Annabelle Locke

Terrace has a rich history of producing outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to both their community and the world at large. One such exceptional figure in the Terrace alumni community is Mr Richard John Sivyer, whose tenure at the College from 1965 to 1971 laid the foundation for a lifetime of remarkable achievements in Rowing and community service.

Rick Sivyer's journey as a Gentleman of Terrace began when he attended the school from 1965 to 1971. During his time at Terrace, he demonstrated leadership qualities that would set him on a path to becoming a prominent figure in the world of Rowing. During his Senior year in 1971 and after years of participating in the program, Rick was elected Captain of Boats. This is a position that requires an exceptional level of commitment and dedication. This passion for the sport led to his continuous participation in various roles in the program for many years after graduating including coach, bus driver, Year-Level Coordinator, and Camp Coordinator. Rick has also been a benefactor to the Club Rowing Award since 1971.

Under Rick's leadership, the Terrace Rowing team achieved remarkable success. One of the standout achievements during his tenure was Terrace's victory in the Head of the River regatta, a highly esteemed event in Australian School Rowing. Terrace has only won Head of the River four times in its history, and these victories came in 1982, 1994, 1996, and 2008. Rick's instrumental role in securing these victories solidified his legacy within the Terrace Rowing community.

In recognition of his dedication and contribution to Terrace Rowing, three eight boats have been named after Rick. This tribute stands as a reminder to our current Rowers of the enduring influence Rick has had on Terrace Rowing. One of the defining moments for Terrace Rowing came in 1995 when the Boathouse was moved to Tennyson. Rick played a significant role in making this transition a reality. During this year, Rick also served as the President of Terrow, a position that allowed him to further influence the Rowing program's development.

In the year 2000, Rick's legacy was further immortalised when another eight boat, appropriately named *The Rick Sivyer* was produced and christened by Rick himself. This boat stands as a symbol of his enduring impact. In 2006, he joined the College Advisory Board, continuing to provide support for the school's development.

In recognition of his distinguished and conspicuous service to Rowing and the broader community, Rick Sivyer was listed on the 2023 King's Birthday Honours Order of Australia. Whilst the 920 recipients on this year's list share some common traits – including

selflessness, excellence, and a commitment to service, this prestigious recognition reflects Rick's dedication and meritorious contributions over the years.

Rick Sivyer's journey from a Gentleman of Terrace to a revered figure in the world of Rowing and community service is a testament to his unwavering commitment, leadership, and dedication. His legacy lives on in the successes of Terrace Rowing, the namesake boats, and his numerous contributions to the College. Rick Sivyer's story is a shining example of the positive impact one individual can have on a community and a sport. We are honoured to have an individual like yourself in our community; congratulations, and thank you, Rick.





# FROM THE GTOBA PRESIDENT



As we near the end of another year, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the many GTOBA experiences we have shared. Browsing back through our social media communications alone you can see the many and varied examples of our Old Boys having a positive impact in our community – showcasing how Terrace graduates continue to make a positive impact on the world.

The GTOBA has wrapped up another year of events and milestones – each of which was an opportunity to reconnect and showcase the strength and spirit of Terracians.

The peak of activity for us each year is reunion season in August, spanning two weeks and culminating in the eagerly awaited Back to Tennyson Day which this year saw over 400 Old Boys attending their milestone reunions. In total, the GTOBA hosted 11 reunions this year, including the exceptional 70 Year Reunion of the Class of 1953, coordinated by Robin Cooke and attended by 11 of his classmates.

The Vintage Terracians' Morning Tea was another magical morning, gathering the finest of our Old Boys – the men who went before us – in College Hall. It continues to be inspiring to see men through the ages, right back to Noel Sparksman from 1947 turn up yet again to celebrate the friendships and bonds forged over decades.

One of the most anticipated events on the GTOBA calendar is the Br Barry Buckley AM Breakfast. Held this year in the Ballroom at Victoria Park, the event brought together the entire Terrace Family and friends over a business breakfast. The theme, Navigating financial challenges in the current economic climate: strategies for success, featured a panel led by Noel Wittaker AM CTA. The breakfast was a resounding success, offering insights, innovative ideas, and laughter. It was great to see Br Buckley – one of our greatest Old Boys - sharp as ever, thrilling the audience with his presence.

For the second year, the College very kindly offered the Celebration of Excellence as the platform

for announcing the GTOBA Outstanding Alumni Awards. These annual awards recognise our Old Boys for their exceptional service to industry, sport, and the community. The GTOBA Outstanding Young Alumnus Award Winner for 2023 is Patrick Carrigan (GT 2015, College Captain). Rising to superstar levels in rugby league, Pat has also dedicated himself to his university studies (Hons Physiotherapy) and community service, working with the Royal Flying Doctors and Orange Sky Laundry as an ambassador.

The GTOBA Outstanding Alumnus Award Winner for 2023 is Peter Cook (GT 1994), a performing arts professional who has overcome challenges to bring his finest work to the stage. Notable among his community service is his passion for bringing the arts to neglected regional and Indigenous communities in both Queensland and the Northern Territory. Peter is an inspiration, taking his love of the arts to a whole new level by sharing his message and talent with underprivileged communities.

On a sadder note, I want to note the passing of Mrs Cecily Hesse, one of our two honorary female members of the GTOBA. Serving the College for 28 years as the Registrar, Cecily volunteered endless hours to the GTOBA, providing administrative and event support. Our thoughts are with her son, Damien Hesse (GT 1988), as we pay tribute to a lady who meant so much to generations of Terracians.

Finally, welcome to our newest Old Boys, the Class of 2023. It has been a very good year for our Seniors, and we congratulate them not only for a highly successful academic year but for the time and commitment they have given to the College over the preceding years. I

know our GTOBA is looking forward to welcoming you at the President's Drinks in February next year. We hope you will stay connected with each other and with your Old Boy community. Gentlemen, if you haven't already done so, I would encourage everyone to visit our site at [GTOBA.Terrace.qld.edu.au](http://GTOBA.Terrace.qld.edu.au).

As we conclude this year, I would like to thank the magnificent team in the Foundation Office – Doreen, Erin, Rachel and Anita, as well as the GTOBA Executive Committee for their efforts in maintaining the identity and momentum of our association, and ultimately for keeping Old Boys connected with each other and with Terrace.

I look forward to the New Year and new opportunities to connect with you.

Wishing you all the best for the Christmas Season ahead.

**Mark Christensen (GT 1994)**  
GTOBA President



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# FROM THE GREGORY TERRACE FOUNDATION CHAIR

Recently at a function, one of our directors was asked by a notable alumnus from a counterpart GPS school, "What is the secret recipe to the success of the Gregory Terrace Foundation?" They noted that they are watching our philanthropic program closely, as they aspire to achieve the same support at their school.

In my mind there is one simple truth to tell. At Terrace we have a unique and generous, close-knit community who respects the legacy we have inherited, and we want to continue the honoured tradition of supporting our College for our sons, grandsons, and their children to come.

As a Foundation, we simply couldn't do what we do without you, our Terrace Family and friends.

As I reflect on 2023, I see that despite the demands of a busy calendar and everyday challenges, we have had a significant and positive impact at Terrace. And I thank you for your part.

To round out the year, the Foundation wrapped up our philanthropic fundraising events with two key annual appeals. Firstly, our 2023 Terrace Giving Day, always a highlight in the Terrace calendar, celebrated our multi-generational history reminding us that we are part of a special legacy. During the 24-hour challenge we raised \$371,902 for the building and bursary programs at Terrace. Secondly, with the departure of our Seniors, their families came together to raise \$58,450 to support a class bursary and the Primary Precinct at 28 Quarry Street.

With over 72% of our families supporting the Regular Giving program through a pledge, above and beyond their donations to annual appeals, almost 1,000 donors have come together this year to support our mission to unite and empower the Terrace Family to create an environment that cultivates gentlemen of courage, empathy, and vision.

I want to also note the commitment of our Board of Directors who dedicate their time to careful stewardship of the funds raised. During the last month, Malcolm Cole stepped down from his role as Director. Malcolm brought to the Board expertise in Public Relations and Communications, helping to shape our revitalised strategy. I want to thank Malcolm for his dedicated service and commitment.

On behalf of the Gregory Terrace Foundation, I wish you and every member of your family a Merry Christmas. Our prayers are with you for a safe start to the New Year.

**Anthony Joseph (GT 1993)**  
Gregory Terrace Foundation Chair



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A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE AT 28 QUARRY STREET:

# THE TRANSFORMATION BEGINS

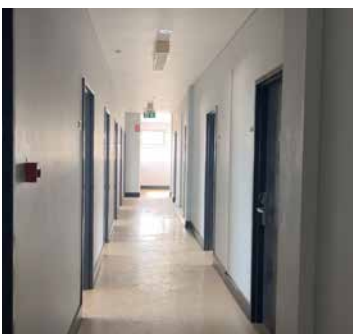


By Miss Doreen Awabdy

In an exclusive 'open house' held on 13 September, supporters of our 28 Quarry Street building program were treated to a rare sneak peek into the future of the development at the site. This was a rare and final opportunity for those who have generously contributed to the Building Fund during Giving Day 2022, allowing them to see first-hand the current state of the building before it undergoes an exciting transformation into a state-of-the-art primary education facility.

Formerly serving as a refuge for disadvantaged men navigating life's toughest challenges, as well as providing shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence, the building at 28 Quarry Street has a long history with the Salvation Army. The tired interiors are now set to undergo a complete overhaul.

Terrace donors were provided with an intimate private tour of the building, offering a snapshot into the tremendous potential that lies within its walls. Despite the current state, there was a unanimous sense of anticipation for the future.



Said to be the only one of its kind in southeast Queensland, the old 'Pindari' will become a six-level primary school accommodating over 450 Terrace students. Spanning over 12-18 months, the construction officially commenced on 4 November. Access to the site has now been restricted to the building team, ensuring a focused and dedicated effort towards bringing this vision to life.

For now, a temporary display decorates the entrance, a tribute to our generous Gregory Terrace Foundation donors who have supported the Building Program through the 'buy a brick' initiative. This display will evolve into a feature donor wall, taking pride of

place in the completed facility. Each commemorative brick on this wall will serve as a lasting testament to the support and commitment of the Terrace Family and friends who have played a crucial role in turning this vision into reality.

Our whole Terrace Family is eagerly awaiting the day when the doors of 28 Quarry Street will open again, not only as an innovation in primary school education but as a symbol of advancement for our College.

As the construction progresses, the echoes of its past will be transformed into the foundation of a brighter future for generations of Terrace students.

We look forward to bringing you updates throughout the project.

*It's not too late to buy a brick - if you would like to support this legacy project by buying a brick or making a special donation, please contact our Development Team at [Foundation@Terrace.qld.edu.au](mailto:Foundation@Terrace.qld.edu.au) or by calling Ms Doreen Awabdy on 0415 982 642.*





# VINTAGE TERRACIANS

Capping off a fantastic year for the GTOBA, the Vintage Terracians' Morning Tea was held on Friday 3 November. This event brought together graduates of 51 years and beyond, the Class of 1972 and earlier years. Hosted in College Hall, the gathering was a reflection of the rich Terrace history shared among these honoured Gentlemen of Terrace. Among them, Noel Sparksman (GT 1947) and Des Morris (GT 1946) held the distinguished title of oldest Old Boys in the room.



Brian Devitt (GT 1962), Joseph Celm (Year 6)



Joseph Petrie-Repar (Year 12), Laurence Petrie (GT 1956), Darcy Gaskin (Year 7)



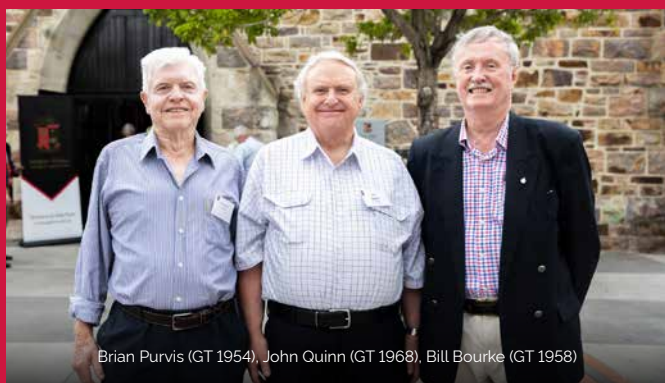
Thomas O'Gorman (Year 6), John O'Gorman (GT 1962)



Kev Carmody (GT 1959), Brian Cox (GT 1960), Jim Crowley (GT 1952)



Paul Sayer (GT 1964), Mark Sayer (GT 1966), John Sayer (GT 1972)



Brian Purvis (GT 1954), John Quinn (GT 1968), Bill Bourke (GT 1958)







Brian Doyle (GT 1967), Brian Purvis (GT 1954)



Brian Cox (GT 1960), Jack Curtain (Year 11)



The Oldest Old Boys in the room - Des Morris (GT 1948), Noel Sparksman (GT 1947)



Anthony Donovan (GT 1968), Richard Palk (GT 1968), Tony Norman (GT 1968), Mike Murphy (GT 1968)



Michael Carroll, Orson Mann (Year 5), Peter Carrol (GT 1965), Oscar Carroll (Year 9)



John Gallagher (GT 1957), Joseph Gallagher (Year 10)



GTOBA President - Mark Christensen (GT 1994)



David Stirling (GT 1964), Fraser Mobsy (Year 7)



Brendan Kehoe (GT 1963), Brian Macpherson (GT 1970), Russ Nelson (GT 1969), Peter McDonald (GT 1969)



William Devine (Year 10), John McCoy (GT 1974), Hugh Devine (Year 8)



Geoffrey Daly (Year 7), James Bolton (Year 7), Ethan Daly (Year 10), Geoff Daly (GT 1964), Joshua Daly (Year 5), Matthew Bolton (Year 5)



Peter Butler (GT 1959), Pat Birgan (GT 1959), Anthony Joseph (GT 1993)





Noel Whittaker AM CTA



# BR BARRY BUCKLEY AM BREAKFAST

One of the most anticipated events on the Terrace calendar is our breakfast honouring Br Barry Buckley AM (GT 1952 and ex-Headmaster). Supported by Yabbr and Cathro and Partners, the Terrace Family and friends enjoyed hearing the \$4 million tips from a panel led by our chair Noel Whittaker AM CTA. Panellists John Clifford, Brian Herd (GT 1970) and Dean Milton, added their expertise on the topic, Navigating financial challenges in the current economic climate: strategies for success. We are so grateful to everyone for making this event such a success, and to our guest of honour, Barry – it is always a privilege to celebrate such a passionate and selfless Terracian.



Mark Christensen (GT 1994), Anna Wright, Anthony Joseph (GT 1993), Br Barry Buckley AM (GT 1952) and Dr Michael Carroll



Brian Herd (GT 1970)



Joe Tooma (GT 1973), Bill Manners (GT 1986) and David Toohey (GT 1977)



Jack Stickley (GT 2010), Sam Dutton (GT 2020) and Peter George (GT 1971)





Br Barry Buckley AM (GT 1952) and Brian Herd (GT 1970)



Mark Christensen (GT 1994)



James Herd (GT 2010), Brian Herd (GT 1970), Noel Whittaker AM CTA and Patrick Herd (GT 1978)



Declan Lane (GT 2010)



John Clifford, Dean Milton, Noel Whittaker AM CTA and Brian Herd (GT 1970)



Anna Wright, Nadia Vedelago, Mary-Caroline van Passen, Jude Lunn and Erin Bledsoe



Dean Milton



Ted Stewart (GT 1976), Michael Sexton (GT 1972) and Robert Quin (GT 1980)



Joss Angus-Hellyer, Hugo Smith, Br Barry Buckley AM (GT 1952), Denis Sheahan and Lachlan Hillery



Will Perrins (GT 2007) and James Burton (GT 2008)



John Clifford



Ben George (GT 2001) and Anthony Joseph (GT 1993)





## TERRACE'S OLD BOYS:

# MENTORS OF TOMORROW'S INDUSTRY LEADERS

By Miss Doreen Awabdy

Amidst the crossroads of life decisions, students often grapple with the uncertainty of their career choices and future paths. In a great story of mentorship and opportunity, one of our Year 11 students, Alex Richards, has navigated this maze with the guidance of our Old Boys.

Faced with the tough question of choosing a career, Alex, driven by his enjoyment of information technology, took a bold step. Seeking work experience in the industry, he reached out for mentorship within the GTOBA network.

James Stewart (GT 2000), a successful entrepreneur and managing director of a startup incubator, generously put his hand up to mentor Alex. Among Mr Stewart's ventures is Yabbr, an innovative engagement and communications platform revolutionising business solutions. This platform, equipped with SMS and voice broadcast capabilities, tailors solutions specifically to a business' needs.

During the September holidays, Alex became a Yabbr intern under the guidance of another Old Boy and Full Stack Software Engineer working with James, Ben O'Brien (GT 2014), and Engineering Manager, Logan Leatch. Eager to learn and contribute, Alex quickly became a standout among his new colleagues, showcasing his skills in idea generation and strategy comparable to seasoned graduates.

Impressed by Alex's capabilities, the Yabbr team extended a surprising offer—a part-time role within the company. This move, a significant step up from his casual job at McDonald's, allows Alex to work remotely, balancing his academic commitments with the chance to grow professionally.

Alex's journey represents the endless opportunities available through Terrace's partnership with the GTOBA. Beyond graduation, this network actively supports Old Boys in their personal and professional development. In 2022, the GTOBA launched a comprehensive mentoring network, Mentor Connect. To view this platform, visit [gtoba.terrace.qld.edu.au/#aboutmentoringconnect](http://gtoba.terrace.qld.edu.au/#aboutmentoringconnect)

As Old Boys like James continue to pave the way for the next generation, Alex's story is a testament to the support and inspiration found within the GTOBA, and just what can happen if you are a student who reaches out.



# TERRACE IGNITES 65-YEAR PASSION FOR PAINTING

By Miss Doreen Awabdy

With his passion for all things nautical, his blazer covered tall frame and humility, William Bourke (GT 1958) doesn't really cut the familiar frame of the artistic stereotypes that many painters present.



Bill at work in his Sydney home.



Steam Tug Forceful at QMM Brisbane, 2016.

To his friends and colleagues, he has always been known as Bill. He has been painting Sydney and its regional surrounds for more than 20 years now, capturing landscapes, seascapes and the Sydney Falls district in vivid acrylic brushstrokes.

*"Painting is something I have always enjoyed doing. A retirement passion and something to keep me sharp,"* Bill quips.

Retiring after 38 years of service with Qantas, Bill had worked in one of the pioneering teams with the airline. He joined Qantas in May 1969 as a junior engineer in its Technical Development Department, a small group of professional aeronautical engineers.

When Qantas was the first airline to order the long-range Boeing 747-200B, Bill's task was to manage its introduction, including contract arrangements, specification of interiors and aircraft systems. From the late 1980's through to retirement Bill was the company's authority on aircraft environmental issues of noise and engine emissions.

Finding himself with more time on his hands, Bill took up the brush again, returning to Macquarie Community College to take classes in acrylics.

*"My early memories of painting were of the Sacred Heart in the Terrace art show,"* he shares. *"I won first prize for that piece."*

*"I remember also painting a sailing ship which also won the highly commended prize in the Courier Mail competition."*

*"I had dabbled in watercolours over the years, but very quickly took up acrylic painting."*

Living in Sydney with his late wife, Lizzie since 1969, Sydney and its surrounds have always been the dominant subject of his work. That is outside of his paintings of Terrace.

Returning for his 50 Year Reunion in 2008, Bill was commissioned to produce a special piece to be auctioned for the benefit of the Gregory Terrace Foundation.

*"Terrace circa 1950s is based on a composite of three perspectives of our school."*

Following the reunion in 2008, a classmate of Bill's commissioned him to produce a duplicate piece which now resides in Brisbane with Tom Walpole's extended family.

This year Bill joined his classmates in the College Museum for their 65 Year Reunion, and the story of the infamous 'donated painting' was shared with the Terrace Development Team who had wondered about the artwork adorning the walls of the Treacy building.



Bill Bourke at his 65 Year Reunion in August 2023, with the painting donated and subsequently auctioned to raise funds for the Gregory Terrace Foundation.

Like all of his work, this painting depicts Bill's philosophy to represent the subject in its truest form,

*"I believe the final product should reflect what the eye truly sees."*

Over the years Bill's paintings have been exhibited at the Sydney Royal Easter Show (since 2004), the Royal Queensland Show (2004-2019) and the Toowoomba Grammar School Art Show (2005-2015),



An article published in a Qantas 70th anniversary commemorative edition of The Australian, 19 November 1990.

with substantial sales success and noteworthy accolades.

Losing his wife Lizzie in April 2023, has brought Bill an even stronger drive to paint.

*"Behind a man, there is always an exceptional woman."*

*"Lizzie was my supportive wife for nearly 56 years throughout my aviation career, and a loving wife and dedicated mother to our five children and Nonna to our 11 grandchildren."*

*"It means a lot to me to know that my Terrace painting has a connection to Terrace staff and students today,"* he said.

And those who see and experience Bill's work feel the same.

A Terrace treasure - we are so lucky to call you a Terracian, Bill.



## WIDESPREAD CRITICAL ACCLAIM IN THE ARTS:

# OLD BOY PAUL HODGE



“I believe that when the Lord closes a door, he opens a window”



By Miss Doreen Awabdy

In a celebration of excellence, The University of Queensland (UQ) has announced their Outstanding Alumni Awards with Terrace's Dr Paul Hodge (GT 2004) awarded the Distinguished Young Alumni Award for a remarkable quality of artistic works captivating audiences across the world.

An award-winning writer-composer-producer with works that have appeared Off-Broadway, in London, Edinburgh, at the Sydney Opera House and across Australia, Paul's iconic works have received worldwide critical acclaim from the New York Times Critics' Pick through to Broadway World Awards.

Based between the centre of the music-theatre world in New York and his native Brisbane, Paul travelled back to Brisbane to accept the award as part of the official Courting the Greats ceremony at Customs House on Thursday 26 October.

*"I am deeply honoured to receive this UQ award", Paul shares. "And to be categorised as 'Young', he quips.*

Paul is quick to attribute his success to the incredible people who have come into his life, offering advice, mentoring and support at every stage of his journey — from Terrace, through The University of Queensland, and now in the industry.

Paul emphasises the significant role Terrace played in his pursuit of the Arts, providing incredible support for his extracurricular pursuits. A pivotal point in Paul's formative years at Terrace truly set his career in musical theatre in stone. Following a performance in Terrace's musical, *The Sound of Music*, where he played the role of Uncle Max, Mrs Julie Quinn approached Paul.

*"Mrs Quinn's advice changed the course of my life."*



Off-Broadway run of Paul's show CLINTON THE MUSICAL with Tony Award Nominee Kerry Butler in the centre.





Paul receiving his award at the UQ Courting the Greats ceremony on 26 October.

*"Up until that point I was set on studying Medicine with a full load of STEM subjects at school. She asked me simply, 'Why?'"*

Mrs Quinn had asked the question at a pivotal point in time, recognising just how skilled Paul was, and encouraged him to pursue a career in the Performing Arts. Ultimately, this advice shaped Paul's academic and professional life.

Another teacher that Paul cannot forget is Mrs Yvonne Carr, who was dedicated to supporting Paul, mentoring him through his cultural development. Mrs Carr's guidance and encouragement played an important role in shaping Paul's cultural and artistic sensibilities.

*"I believe that when the Lord closes a door, he opens a window," Paul reflects, ironically quoting a famous line from The Sound of Music.*

After leaving Terrace, Paul went on to study a Bachelor of Music in Classical Voice with Honors (UQ), a Masters of Arts and Musical Theatre Performance (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland), and completed a PhD in Music Composition (UQ). He also received a Brisbane Young and Emerging Artist Fellowship and the Dame Joan Sutherland Fund Award for further study in the United States of America. Paul's studies provided a solid foundation for his groundbreaking contributions to the field.

His residencies include the inaugural Vanguard Arts Project at Olney Theatre Center, Maryland, and the prestigious Ground Floor Residency at the Tony Award-winning Berkeley Rep in California, with acclaimed playwright and screenwriter Naomi Iizuka to develop their new musical *Okuni*.

Amongst his famous productions, Paul was commissioned to write the five-time Matilda Award-nominated musical comedy *Joh for P.M.*, starring *Lano* and *Woodley's* Colin Lane, and he is currently commissioned by Opera Queensland and La Boite Theatre to compose the opera *Riot* with award-winning playwright and screenwriter Michelle Law.

His musical comedy, *Clinton*, received a New York Times Critics' Pick, nominations for Best Musical from the Off-Broadway Alliance and Edinburgh Festival Fringe and won Best Production in the Performing Arts WA Awards and Best Off-Broadway Cast Album in the Broadway World Awards. It was led by Tony-nominated director Dan Knechtges, and featured Tony Award-nominee Kerry Butler and Emmy Winner Judy Gold.

Paul is currently working on a number of productions including *Black Box* (sharing the story of the Australian inventor of the black box flight recorder), *The Great Emu War* (an Australian story set in the NT about the Great Emu

War), *Round the Twist* (a musical adaptation of the hit Australian TV show), and a TV mini-series.

*Sharing his words of wisdom to young men at Terrace, Paul says, "If your path changes, embrace it. Be open to change and accidental turns of fate; they will take you to great places."*

These words reflect his own journey and serve as an inspiration to the next generation of aspiring artists.





# GARRY CRITTENDEN



By Mr Paul Sellars

Garry Crittenden (GT 1960) is one of Australia's best vintners. With awards from around the world, this modest Gentleman of Terrace overcame a tough start to life and endless adversity to establish one of the best-known vineyards on the Mornington Peninsula. Losing his father in a tragic accident early in his years at school, Garry has had to rise above all the challenges to do it his way. So proud is his old classmate and good friend, Brian Cox (GT 1960), that he wanted to share this special story with you.

*This article was first published on janisrobinson.com on the 5 August 2023, as an entry to the 2023 wine writing competition, Australian journalist and wine lover Paul Sellars writes about Garry Crittenden of the Mornington Peninsula.*



My favourite wine person is Garry Crittenden, founder of Crittenden Estate on the Mornington Peninsula, because of the many remarkable things he has done to catalyse seismic evolutionary events in Australian wine. I'm referring to things which we take for granted now but which were anything but mainstream or accepted at the time when he initiated them or played a leading part in doing so. They were future-shaping feats which required thinking of the lateral kind. They took courage and singlemindedness of epic proportions. And they have left Australian wine infinitely better off as a result.

This former horticultural researcher and plant nurseryman turned vigneron deserves to be recognised for helping to orchestrate the metamorphosis of Australian winemaking into its modern day, multifaceted face. He's the definitive exemplar of how Australian wine has defied attempts to stereotype it as homogenous or typecast it as monodimensional. Of how it gets up after the hits it takes from the things that conspire to flatten it, dusts itself off and reincarnates itself in a richer and more resilient form.

When I first met Garry in the late 1990s I was a youngish rural journalist writing about horticulture and viticulture. I'd heard and keenly felt the buzz about Italian grape varieties and their future here. There was an electrifying hint in the air of a big disruptor of the status quo. And when one drizzly winter morning I drove from Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula to meet Garry at the vineyard he established nearly 20 years earlier, I discovered who was holding the lightning rod. He poured me a





glass of a Nebbiolo he'd made, not from his own vineyard but from the Pizzini family in the King Valley in North East Victoria, and I couldn't believe what I had just tasted.

There it was in the glass, in all its singular and captivating *otherness*, positively glowing with the seemingly unbounded potential the future held for Australian wine. It was everything that other Australian wines of the day were not, and it took hold of my imagination and completely uprooted my preconceived notions of what was possible. I looked at the clever labelling and listened to the compelling story its maker had built around it, and it felt like a moment of light bulb activation reverberating into the future. After that, the way I thought about wine was never the same. Not for me, not for the wine-loving friends who I introduced it to, and certainly not for the sommeliers I knew. And increasingly, not for producers the length and breadth of the country.



On the edge of this viticultural frontier there were various protagonists, all worthy of writing about, but it seemed Garry was chief agitator. Playing tip of the spear suited him. He was unafraid to tell journalists Australia had more places better suited to Italian varieties than to the French cepage that underpinned the entire sector. It was confrontational and iconoclastic but it was landing blows. His Italian varietals were grabbing headlines everywhere. Then 1999 saw the publication of *Italian Winegrape Varieties in Australia*, the monograph he co-authored with Alex McKay, Peter Dry and Jim Hardie of the Cooperative Research Centre for Viticulture. It was essentially a comparison of climatic indices in parts of Piedmont and Tuscany with dozens of Australian locations. It brought empirical

rigour to bear on what until then had been, with the exception of some encouraging results from a small number of plantings, not much more than optimistic speculation. Suddenly the science was out there for all to see.

And yet by the time all of this was happening Garry had in many ways gone through it all before. He was no stranger to the effort and risk involved in convincing the market to recalibrate its perspective on what was possible. He'd already dived headlong into the unknown in 1982 when he established Dromana Estate (later to be called Crittenden Estate) at a time when viticulture was not even a fringe activity on the Mornington Peninsula. So negligible was the Peninsula's viticultural past that on one weekend in September that year the Crittendens doubled the total acreage under vine in this particularly bucolic part of Australia when they planted their first five acres. Garry and his late wife Margaret then started the region's first full-time cellar door, the first winery restaurant and later the first vineyard accommodation. Almost everything the Crittendens did at that time was different. Their vines were planted at far higher densities than Australian convention. Virtually no-one else, if anyone at all, was using vertical shoot trellising, inter-row cropping and regulated deficit irrigation. For those knowledgeable, it's easy to take this for granted now; another thing altogether when you view it in the context of the times.

To be planting a vineyard on the Peninsula in those days you had to reconcile yourself with all of kinds of uncertainties. You had to be at ease on the frontier. Were your years of detailed meso-climate and soil studies to find the right site going to pay off? Were your grapes ever going to achieve physiological ripeness? And assuming they did was anyone going to be open-minded enough to consider buying wine from your *terra incognita*? The Crittendens took the risks, and they paid off. They helped unearth Mornington's potential and showed what was possible, and the gravitational pull it created became inexorable. Nearly 2600 acres of vineyard, 200 growers and 50 wineries and an unrivalled status as mainland Australia's pinot noir epicentre, with similar accolades for its chardonnay – all this is what the hopes and dreams, the adventurousness and risk appetite of those years led to.





For an insight in to what those times were like, it's worth browsing the clippings and articles that Margaret Crittenden spent years compiling into a three-volume collection known as The Big Red Book. One of the many details they illustrate is that much of the hopes and anticipation rested on Cabernet Sauvignon rather than Pinot Noir. The eventual demise of Cabernet at Crittenden Estate and across most of the Peninsula has already been well documented by Garry himself, but it is more than a sidenote that excellent Cabernet-dominant wines were produced under the Dromana Estate label and many of those vintages are still drinking exceptionally well after more than 30 years. The 1989 Dromana Estate Cabernet Merlot which I shared with Garry last year was easily the best aged wine from the Peninsula I have tasted and it would have outperformed many wines of similar age from far more illustrious cabernet producing regions.

For all the seemingly boundless energy that Garry has channelled into the Peninsula over the past four decades he also did much to accelerate the progress of viticulture in other regions. When LVMH commissioned the late Dr Tony Jordan to find a suitable location for an Australian arm of Domaine Chandon he turned to

Garry, who found the eventual site in the Yarra Valley and designed and planted the vineyard. In 1986 the pair formed a partnership and bought 50 acres at Tea Tree in Tasmania's Coal River Valley and a year later planted the initial 25 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay of the Tolpuddle Vineyard. Now owned by cousins Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith of Shaw and Smith fame Tolpuddle is now arguably the standard bearer for Tasmanian wine abroad.

It's the Crittenden vineyard though that tells you the most about its creator; of how he shaped the sector and how it shaped him. Ever since I first saw it I always thought it was atypical, always thought it exemplified what others would one day wake up to. It used to make me think it was in the care of someone who never slept. Look

at how this vineyard has evolved and you can see four decades of restless energy experimenting and refining it. In its original incarnation it was mainly Cabernet with some small amounts of Merlot, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. It was progressively enlarged with more Pinot and Chardonnay over time to reflect their meteoric rise on the Peninsula. When the market deserted Mornington Cabernet it was removed after 26 vintages to make way for yet more Pinot. In 1995 Arneis was added but replaced by more Chardonnay in 2018 for similar reasons. In 2006 the Crittendens and scores of other growers planted with exceedingly high expectations what they thought at the time to be the fashionable Albarino, only later to be told by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation it was actually







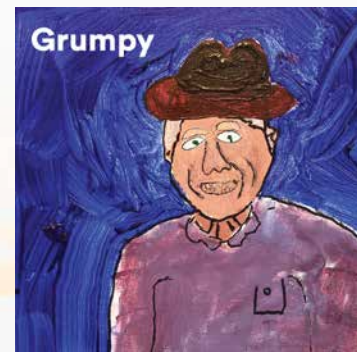
Savagnin. Growers were aghast; the mood riotous. Yet somehow the Crittendens emerged even from that fiasco better off, having begun to age their Savagnin under flor à la Château-Chalon or L'Étoile in the Jura to create one of Australia's most exciting new wines – the Cri de Couer Savagnin (Sous Voile).

But the biggest moment in this vineyard's life came in 2007. The thought had been building for some time that its life force was somehow diminishing. Sugar and acid levels, flavours and pH were not culminating in unison like they once did. The Crittendens would stare at the soil, pick it up in their hands and were left troubled by its fragility. So they abandoned artificial fertilisers. And beside the vineyard they began combining skins and stalks with hay, fine wood chips and horse manure into a 300 cubic metre formation of compost, turning it over every month for nearly a year to maintain on-going aerobic bacterial ferment before spreading it over the vineyard following the subsequent harvest. They also started lightly cultivating

and harrowing the inter-row spaces before sowing a green manure crop which, once mature was rolled flat to form a dense, slowly decomposing mat. The results were emphatic, with substantially higher anthocyanin accumulation in the fruit and far greater equilibrium between sugar, acid, flavour and pH at the point of harvest. The Crittendens then built sustainability into all aspects of their operation. In 2020 they were overall winners of the Federation Internationale des Vins et Spiritueux's International Sustainable Winegrowing Competition for the 2017 Crittenden Estate Cri de Coeur Pinot Noir they submitted in conjunction with their sustainability manifesto.

In 2022 Crittenden Estate marked its 40th anniversary and earlier this year Garry turned 80. Control has long since passed to his children Rollo and Zoe but every year he takes two tonnes of the family's pinot noir for a side project with a different name, label and story each vintage. The six vintages of this project which Garry makes himself entirely by hand and feet are called respectively The Big Chair, Friends, Luminescence, Memories (in homage to Margaret), Forty Years On and Grumpy – the latest being his grandson's term of affection for him. There's also a Nero D'Avola called Catto whose label is based on a photo of a painting Garry found in an old family album belonging to Margaret strongly hinting at an Italian ancestry on her side.

It's hard to overstate the significance of the complete reinvention of the way the Crittenden vineyard is managed. It may just be Garry's most important achievement of the past four decades. But then I remember more than 20 years ago he poured me a glass of that Nebbiolo and I thought I had understood the future. And I still do. The future I saw has been materialising ever since. You may not see it in the varieties that dominate vineyard planting statistics. You won't see it in the portfolios of the corporates. But you can see it on wine lists and on the shelves of your favourite merchant. You can hear it in the way people speak about wine from this country. And when you stand back and think about what the collective tapestry of Australian wine has become, you can't deny it's infinitely richer, and far more fulfilling to explore in detail, than it's ever been. This, ultimately, may be the greatest Crittenden legacy of all.



"Grumpy" - a cherished oil on canvas portrait of his grandfather by ten-year-old Digby Crittenden, Rollo's son, gifted to Garry for Christmas last year.

In celebration of Garry's long connection to Terrace, Crittenden Estate is offering all Terrace Family and friends a special offer - visit [crittendenwines.com.au](http://crittendenwines.com.au) to purchase wines. Enter the code TERRACIAN at check out and receive a 15% discount and free delivery. Six bottle minimum purchase.



# OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

By Mrs Erin Bowpitt

When Terracians leave the College, they go out into the world not solely to make it for themselves—but to make what they do truly matter.

From working to create life-saving vaccines, to representing Australia on the international stage, to shaping our communities and society through their contributions to sport, health, business, the arts and beyond, Terrace Old Boys springboard off their foundation at the College to create change around the world.

The GTOBA's Outstanding Alumni Awards serve as a testament to the diverse accomplishments of alumni across various fields and within their communities.

We are proud to share with you the stories of our 2023 Outstanding Alumni Award Winners.

## Outstanding Alumnus

### Mr Peter Cook (GT 1994)

A proud Old Boy, Peter Cook embarked on a journey that transcended the ordinary, choosing a path in the Performing Arts after graduating from the renowned Victorian College of the Arts. His career has been marked by a deep dedication to bringing the Arts to underserved communities, particularly in regional and Indigenous areas of Queensland and the Northern Territory.



The pinnacle of Peter's creative endeavors came to fruition with *Breaking the Castle*, a play that not only showcases his artistic talents but also delves into the complex realm of mental health. In the face of personal challenges, Peter overcame adversity and used his craft to shed light on the human spirit's resilience through the darkest of journeys. The play has received acclaim in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, and Brisbane, resonating with packed audiences and serving as a poignant exploration of mental health issues.

The Outstanding Alumnus of the Year award recognises not only Peter's artistic achievements but also his tireless efforts to bring the transformative power of the Arts to often neglected

communities. In particular, his work with the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts and the Cunnamulla Dreaming Arts program has earned him accolades and commendations, including the 2016 Australia Day award for Community Events of the Year.

Beyond his artistic contributions, Peter exemplifies the spirit of service and community engagement that the Gregory Terrace Old Boys' Association holds dear. His collaboration with fellow Old Boy, Scott Flynn (GT 1987), and Scott Flynn Properties facilitated the showcasing of *Breaking the Castle* at the prestigious Edinburgh Festival Fringe, taking his powerful message to an international audience.

The GTOBA recognises Peter's impactful contributions to the Arts, particularly his work in Indigenous communities, his resilience in the face of personal adversity, and his ongoing efforts to raise awareness for men's mental health







### Outstanding Young Alumnus

## Mr Patrick Carrigan (GT 2015)

In celebration of outstanding sporting achievement, Patrick Carrigan, the formidable Brisbane Broncos rugby league player, has been honoured with the prestigious GTOBA Young Alumni of the Year award. This recognition not only marks Patrick's outstanding contributions to Australian sport but also highlights his continued commitment to excellence and community service. Patrick has carved a path in the highly competitive world of rugby league. Known for his exceptional skills on the field, he has become a household name and an inspiration to younger athletes. His journey from a talented student-athlete at Terrace to a key player for the Brisbane Broncos is testament to his unwavering dedication and passion for the sport.



The Gregory Terrace Old Boys' Young Alumni of the Year award is a fitting acknowledgment of Patrick's accomplishments and the positive impact he has made on and off the field. It recognises not only his athletic prowess but also his leadership qualities and commitment to community service, which have set him apart as a role model.

a positive impact beyond the rugby field. His involvement in these initiatives showcases his belief in giving back and using his platform to uplift those in need.

One of Patrick's crowning achievements was winning the Wally Lewis Medal in 2022 for Player of the Series, reflective of his exceptional performance and leadership skills on the rugby league stage. Additionally, he secured the 2023 Lock of the Year accolade at the Dally M Awards, solidifying his position as one of the league's top players. More recently he has been named the 2023 Sportsman of the Year by The University of Queensland.

In 2015, Patrick was College Captain and received awards for the E K Murphy Memorial Trophy for the Best Oarsman, F G Forde Memorial Trophy – Best and Fairest Award for First XV and The S J White Family Trophy for the Best All Round Sportsman.



Serving as an ambassador for the Royal Flying Doctors and Orange Sky Laundry, Patrick has demonstrated a deep-rooted sense of responsibility to make





## OLD BOY SPOTLIGHT

# JAMES STEWART (GT 2000)



By Miss Rachel Stein

### Why do you stay connected with Terrace?

Initially, I reconnected with Terrace with an eye to securing enrolment for my son, but that has genuinely transformed as I become more involved and see first-hand the great work Terrace is doing both internally and externally. I realise Terrace is on a slow journey to recognise non-traditional professions and professional journeys, and I'm committed to helping achieve this where possible.

The Terrace community is a committed and inspired group of men and women: who wouldn't want to be a part of that?

### What members of your family have attended and will attend Terrace?

I was the first generation of Stewarts cool enough to have attended Terrace. In 2024, my son Montgomery carries on the legacy.

### What drives your engagement with the GTOBA?

I really like the idea that there is a safe network of like-minded gentlemen out there who want to support each other. As a mentor, I like that the GTOBA provides an avenue for Old Boys and students to speak with each other about career paths whether it be traditional or vocational.

I'm hoping I can support the College and one day get a building named after our family, I would like that - the Stewart Innovation Centre has a nice ring to it!

### Summarise your career path in five steps:

Was accepted into USQ, headed to the Gold Coast because it said "south". I ultimately decided academic study was not for me.

Started at Telstra and ended up pioneering and launching the new T-Life stores we all enjoy today.

Joined a national telecommunications company launching the first voice-signatures in Australia and brought Robo Calls to Australian shores.

Founded ReachTEL in 2008 which sold to global Credit Bureau giant Equifax in 2016.

In 2018 started a technology incubator nurturing companies like: Yabbr, Bill Chaser, uCommunications and Zero Com.

### Tell me about your company, Bill Chaser:

Bill Chaser pioneered the digital-first collections approach, as a national debt collection agency we service over 6,000 clients including everyone from landscapers to government health departments.

Debt collection is not an easy job, but it is a critical one for all businesses. Bill Chaser is debt collection for the new age. Respectful, ethical and compliant.

Our approach is a low touch, digital-first collection method, but has the capacity to follow through to legal processes and litigation. At Bill Chaser we pioneered the self-serve portal for customers to self-manage their accounts with flexible payment plans to suit their financial and social position.

### Tell me something about you that someone may not know:

In 2020 I won a national Ibis photography competition. All hail the majestic Ibis!





# SAVE THE DATE

## **GTOBA Annual Mass and AGM**

Sunday 11 February 2024

## **President's Drinks**

Friday 23 February 2024

## **Tennyson Open Days**

Saturday 4 May and  
24 August 2024

## **College Open Day**

Tuesday 14 May 2024

## **Class of 2014 – 10 Year Reunion**

Friday 2 August 2024

## **Class of 1964 – 60 Year Reunion**

Friday 2 August 2024

## **Class of 1984 – 40 Year Reunion**

Saturday 3 August 2024

## **Class of 1954 – 70 Year Reunion**

Tuesday 6 August 2024

## **Class of 1959 – 65 Year Reunion**

Wednesday 7 August 2024

## **Class of 1974 – 50 Year Reunion**

Friday 9 August 2024

## **Class of 2004 – 20 Year Reunion**

Saturday 10 August 2024

## **Class of 1994 – 30 Year Reunion**

Saturday 10 August 2024

## **Back to Tennyson Day**

Saturday 24 August 2024

## **GT on the Green**

Saturday 12 October 2024

## **Vintage Terracians' Morning Tea**

Friday 1 November 2024

Sydney and Melbourne Old Boys – please keep an eye out for more information regarding events in 2024. We can't wait to reengage with you all.

# REST IN PEACE

*We pray for the families of the following members of the Terrace Family who have gone to their eternal rest.*

**Mr Christopher BAKER**  
(GT 1976)

**Mr Peter STEVENS**  
(GT 1957)

**Dr Nicholas CRIMMINS**  
(GT 1996)

**Mr Lloyd STIRLING**  
(GT 1966)

**Mr Brian FRAWLEY**  
(GT 1953)

**Mr Eric THOMSEN**  
(GT 1961)

**Mr James MEE**  
(GT 1951)





## 2024 GTOBA Executive Committee

Join our 2024 GTOBA Executive Committee to:

1. Hold a key leadership role helping to position the Old Boy voice in the Terrace community.
2. Help to make key decisions for the Association.
3. Have the opportunity to network broadly within the GTOBA and College community.

If you are interested in joining the Old Boys' Executive Committee, please let us know by scanning this QR code.



## Are you celebrating a milestone REUNION?

**2014**

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**1994**

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**1954**



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# We're working all *Summer* at Place.

The temperature is rising fast in the Brisbane property market, and we will be working all Summer at Place.

If you decide to sell at this time of year, you will benefit from the strong market conditions that summer and the new year bring with them.

Each January, Realestate.com.au reports its highest traffic rates driven by increased local and interstate enquiry and this search spike starts on Boxing Day, the highest property search volume day of the year. Summer also sees the usual catalysts for change, like employment transfers, school transitions and lifestyle upgrades.

Add to this the current trend of fewer listings and this creates a 'need to buy' situation leading to high levels of demand and increased competition among genuine buyers.

**One**  
*Summer*  
**Day.**

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Summer at Place will culminate with our 'One Summer Day' in-rooms Auction event on 31 January at Place HQ, with all listings launching on your choice of Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

**If you are thinking about selling this Summer, reach out to your local Place team today!**

Albany Creek | Annerley | Ascot | Bulimba | Camp Hill | Graceville | Gumdale | Kangaroo Point  
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