



# FORMER SAINTS

A publication of the Management Committee of the St Laurence's Old Boys Association.

President Greg Moloney (72) (H) 397 5270  
Vice President (Editor) Michael Teys (79) (H) 378 6103  
Secretary Peter McKnoully (75) (H) 848 1671

September 1987

## OLD BOYS TO HELP TROUBLED YOUTH



Mrs June Wrigley with Michael Teys ('79) and children from the Ipswich Centre.

### EDITORIAL

The Association has been active now for 4 years. In that time, we have enjoyed moderate success.

The problem that we face is a lack of purpose and direction. Committees before us have encountered the same problem.

The proposal which is the main feature of this newsletter was conceived in an attempt to address the problem.

It is proposed that in 1988, the Association establish a Residential Care Centre for physically and emotionally abused or neglected boys who will attend St Laurence's College.

The idea is based on a centre that has operated in Ipswich for the past 20 years.

Children from that Centre attend St Edmunds CBC.

The opportunity to live in a caring home environment staffed by a resident welfare worker combined with an education at a college such as SLC is a proven and effective means of changing the lives of boys from troubled backgrounds.

The cost of establishing the residence and meeting the yearly outgoings is considerable.

Financial responsibility for the project has not been taken lightly by the committee.

It would be wrong to establish the Centre and let it become a financial burden on future committees of our Association and the College.

With this in mind, two independent firms of consulting fund raisers were engaged and have reported on the viability of the establishment of an Old Boys Foundation, the income from which will fund the Residence for as long as it should operate.

The findings of the studies were that with continued support and hard work, the residence will become a reality.

A considerable amount of work has already been done behind the scenes.

Since floating the proposal in March 1987, we have received encouraging support from the Church, the Christian Brothers and the staff and students of the College.

As a direct result of the proposal many Old Boys and supporters have expressed renewed interest in the Association.

Our Association is a group of people drawn together from the past. The past alone is not enough to sustain the Association. We must look to the future and face the challenge we see before us.

There can be no greater challenge than helping troubled children of today build a better life.

There can be no more appropriate way than our proposal for the Old Boys of St Laurence's to put their principles and faith into practice in the tradition of the Christian Brothers.

The Management Committee will recommend to the forthcoming AGM of the Association that the Old Boys establish a \$500,000 Foundation to fund a residential care centre for troubled boys who will attend SLC.

The St Laurence's Centre will help children at risk in their own family environment of further physical emotional or social harm.

### EXPERIENCED CONSULTANT

The Centre will be modelled on the residence of Ipswich welfare worker, Mrs June Wrigley.

For the past 20 years, Mrs Wrigley has cared for up to 19 emotionally and behaviourally disturbed children at a time.

She finds that allowing these children to be part of a normal albeit large family, with the

norms of caring sharing and personal responsibility being stressed, is the starting point for rehabilitation.

Mrs Wrigley, who has agreed to be consultant to the St Laurence's Centre, says also that in her experience, schools such as those conducted by the Christian Brothers are ideal in complementing the work she does with the children at home.

### OLD BOYS INVOLVEMENT

The Old Boys of the College will be asked to contribute to a Foundation to be established over 3 years.

Apart from a financial commitment to the cause, the Old Boys network will be used to provide practical support to the director of the Centre in the running of the establishment.

By the end of 1988 (or early 1989), it is hoped that the residence will be functioning and providing a new dimension to the College.

# ANNUAL DINNER

Sir James Killen will be the guest speaker at the Association's Annual Dinner to be held at Tatterstalls Club on Saturday 24th October 1987.

Sir James, who has attended many SLC functions over the years, is sure to deliver one of his now famous after dinner speeches.

## 20 YEARS ON

The class of 1967 will be special guests at the Dinner celebrating the 20th anniversary of their final year at SLC.

Their's was a successful year - most notably for the fact that they were 1st XV Rugby co-premiers with Villanova.

That was the last Rugby premiership for St Laurence's until recent years. 1967, under the headmastership of Br W F Spillane, also saw the construction of the Archbishop Duhig Memorial Wing.

Mr Allen Elliott ('67) has been organising the '67 contingent for the dinner and says that from the responses to hand,



we can expect as many as 60 of that year to be in attendance.

Allen can be contacted on (W) 075 38 9988.

## HOLIDAY INN SUPPORT

Holiday Inn has donated two nights for two at its Surfers Paradise Hotel as a raffle prize for the dinner.

Spokesperson for Holiday Inn Miss Jane Emery said that the prize is in recognition of the work that the Old Boys plan to do with troubled children.

The Holiday Inn prize is valued at \$280.00.

## TICKETS

Priced at \$30.00 (all inclusive), tickets will sell fast. They are available from any committee member, contact numbers for whom appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

## CORPORATE SUPPORT

The Lend Lease Corporation Foundation has made a community service grant of \$2,000.00 to the Old Boys Association.

Application for the grant was made by Vince Watt ('79) who is an employee of Lend Lease and an active member of the Association.

The Lend Lease grants recognise the involvement of their employees in outstanding community service programmes.

The grant, which is to be applied towards the operational expenses of the proposed residential care centre, has been invested by the Association for the time being.

This type of corporate support evidences the way the Old Boys Network can be utilized to achieve our objectives.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**  
Membership of the Old Boys Association is not confined exclusively to Old Boys of the College. We welcome past and present parents and friends. If you are interested in what we are doing and would like to be a part of it, complete and return the attached form.



All the best to Souths Rugby Club this weekend as they attempt to secure their second successive A Grade Premiership.

Some very old Port will soon be bottled by the not so old Old Boys. Peter McNoulty ('75), solicitor and noted connoisseur of port will be supervising the bottling.

President Greg Moloney ('72), Accountant, is reported to be deeply concerned about the depletion of the Association's liquid assets at the bottling itself.

He has been assured by others on the committee that the port will be available for tasting at the forthcoming dinner.

Fortunately, the Committee member responsible for health and welfare, Dr Bill Hefferan ('56), will be in attendance at the dinner.

Congratulations to Mr Justice (Trevor) Hartigan (year of '58) on his recent appointment to the Federal Court of Australia.

He joins another St Laurence Old Boy on the bench Mr Justice (Geoff) Spender (year of '59).

The Old School Tie will soon be available to members.

The Association is having made a tie with small school crests randomly placed on a black background.

Samples will soon be on display at the College and Old Boys Functions.

Advance orders are being taken at a special price of \$15.00.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the staff room at the College at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 30th September 1987.

The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Confirmation of previous minutes
3. The President's report
4. The Treasurer's report
5. Election of office bearers
6. Motions on Notice
  - (a) Incorporation of the Association
  - (b) Establishment of an Old Boys Foundation to fund a Residential Care Programme
7. General business

Drinks and savories will be served after the meeting.

Steve Meotti ('81) is organising an informal barbeque at the College for his year on Saturday 17th October 1987.

Anyone interested can call him at work on 221 4855.

## OLD BOYS - MAJOR SPONSOR OF WALKATHON

The Old Boys Association has donated the major student prize for the 1987 "dash for cash", a \$800 stereo unit.

The Student Council, now responsible for organising the walkathon, are now collecting the proceeds as a result of their efforts on 24th August 1987.

They hope to raise close to \$15,000.00. The Council has decided again this year to donate half the proceeds to the College and the other half to various charities.

Sean McMahon, College Captain, has indicated that the Council will be making a sizeable donation to the Old Boys Residential Care project.

He said that the donation was in support of a worthwhile cause and to encourage the continued involvement of Old Boys in College Life for the benefit of the student body.

## YOUR COMMITTEE

President: Greg Moloney ('72) (W) 221 4833 (H) 397 5270

Vice President: Michael Teys ('79) (W) 833 0444 (H) 378 6103

Secretary: Peter McNoulty ('75) (W) 229 0322 (H) 848 1671

Treasurer: Paul Boman ('56) (W) 52 7700 (H) 300 2060

Committee Members: Phillip Hourigan ('79) (W) 221 7772 (H) 848 6702

Dominic Samios ('77) (W) 399 3399 (H) 397 0386

Bill Hefferan ('56) (H) 349 3751

John Taylor ('55) (W) 378 3933 (H) 892 1671

Stuart Ramsay ('79) (W) 225 9654 (H) 848 2380

Karl Schlobohm ('85) (H) 848 9650



To: The Secretary  
SLCOBA  
c/- St Laurence's College  
Stephens Road  
SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101

YES! I would like to be included on the Association's mailing list.  
My current details are :

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone Home .....Work .....

Occupation .....

Years at SLC/Connection with SLC \*: (\* delete which is inappropriate) .....

.....

Comments about any of the activities of the Association (eg others to contact, feedback on Residential Care Project etc): .....

.....

.....

.....

STOP PRESS ANNUAL DINNER TICKETS

I would like ..... tickets to the dinner to be held on 24th October 1987 at \$30.00 per head. Enclosed in my cheque for \$.....  
These tickets are for myself and

.....