

## Vox Leonius, the new era – 1st edition August 2009

The "Vox Leonius" – *Voice of Leo's* was a publication in circulation around St. Leo's College in the 1980's. The Vox was a way for Leonians to stay in touch with events and happenings on campus, and now for the same purpose is back, in new hands and in a new format. So welcome back to the Vox! The St. Leo's College Old Boys Association has adopted the Vox as a way of connecting old boys both socially and professionally.

Where have your College mates ended up? Is DLO now a CEO? Is Sergeant-at-Arms now a Sergeant-in-Charge? Ex-residents of Lower B Bock now current residents of Bardon? This Edition will introduce some of the Committee and where they are now, along with current events involving Leo's old boys, so read along and you'll get the idea of what we are trying to achieve.

At the moment the SLOBs Committee is restricted to experiences on campus back to early 1990s, so I'm guessing we have missed a few interesting people and events of the 90 year history of the College. The Vox, like all good publications will rely on external sources for news and events, so please forward all feedback, news, events and advertisements, big or small, current or retrospective to [stleosoldboys@yahoo.com](mailto:stleosoldboys@yahoo.com). Thanks and enjoy!



## News Today

### **Fr. Norbert Olsen SJ**

On Friday 15th May an extended St. Ignatius (Toowong) congregation said farewell to Fr. Norbert Olsen. "Norbs" or "Father O" as he was popularly known at St. Leos, is remembered for his quirky quips at the dinner table, insightful homilies at the St. Leo's Chapel and the open door policy at his C Block abode. St. Leos was well represented at the service including many of the C Block residents who were lucky to live in close quarters with Norbs. After the service some Old Boys met at the RE and had a beer for Norbs.

The following obituary is sourced from the Australian Jesuits web site:

#### *FATHER EDWARD NORBERT OLSEN, S.J. (1930-2009)*

Father E. Norbert Olsen, who died on 10 May 2009, aged 78 years, was a generous Jesuit noted for his inquiring mind, wide reading and keen wit. He was born in Melbourne, Victoria in 1930 and completed his schooling at the Jesuit-run St Patrick's College, East Melbourne. He joined the Jesuits at Loyola College, Watsonia, in Melbourne in 1949, completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Melbourne, was ordained a priest on 2 Jan. 1963, did Tertianship at S. Andr im Lavanttal in Austria in 1964/5 and took final vows in 1967.



For the next thirty years he proved to be a very dedicated schoolmaster. He taught at St Patrick's College, East Melbourne, St Louis School, Perth, St Ignatius' College, Adelaide (including being Headmaster), Xavier College in Melbourne and Loyola Senior High School, Mt Druitt, in western Sydney. His subjects were Religion, English and Latin.

Fr Olsen then worked at St. Leo's University College in Queensland for several years, assisting the chaplaincy team in the University of Queensland. He spent his last years (since 2001) engaged in parish ministry at St Ignatius' Church, Toowong, in Queensland, where he continued to make an impact on many people, particularly through his homilies, which were published on his website and in *The Catholic Leader*.

## **Membership Drive**

It's time to cough up men, after a fledgling and informal existence for the last 10 years, the old boys association is now getting serious and will begin to seek financial support to grow and expand. You have probably seen the letter from the Committee (for your convenience attached hereunder), but to sweeten the deal admission to this year's Cocktails event is included. It's good value, even in these economic times, so get keen!

You have no doubt witnessed the evolution of the St. Leo's College Old Boys Association ("Old Boys") over the last couple of years from an informal association to its current status as a formally Incorporated Association. This step has primarily been undertaken to provide Leonians with a unified, formally recognised organisation to further the interests and values of Leonians.

Fond memories and life-long mateship are common themes when Leonians discuss their time at St. Leo's College. Leonians are always looking forward to the next Leonian event on the calendar whether that be a 21st, engagement, golf day, wedding, christening or 40th. In a time when peoples' lives are traveling at a faster and faster pace it makes sense for us as a group to have a mechanism in place to assist in fostering relations between all Leonians.

The Old Boys' constitution includes the following as core goals:

To foster relationships between old boys;  
To foster relationship between old boys and current residents; and  
To provide financial assistance to ensure the most worthy applicants have the opportunity to attend St Leo's College.

It is the committee's mission to make these goals happen. To date the Old Boys has functioned successfully largely due to the generosity (from a time and monetary perspective) of a few. Moving forward, the only way the Old Boys can become an entity of substance and seriously pursue the above goals is through a formal financial membership structure.

Effective from the 2009/2010 financial year, membership of the Old Boys will involve a financial contribution. The membership fee structure is as follows:

- \$200 for a four year membership;
- Current residents of St. Leo's wishing to join will receive a 50% discount.

Member benefits includes:

- Discounted prices for Old Boys' events;
- Free distribution of the Vox Leonius (Old Boys distribution about to commence);
- Free advertising, for a limited time, in the Vox Leonius;
- The knowledge that you are playing your part in the continued success of the Old Boys; and
- Access to the Old Boys networks.

Membership fees can be paid in the following ways:

- Cheque to St Leo's College Old Boy's Association c/o St Leo's College, College Road, St Lucia QLD 4067; or

- Electronic funds transfer to the following ANZ bank account via personal internet banking or at any ANZ branch:

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### **SLOBs Cocktails / Bledisloe Cup Night**

Our annual Cocktail event will be held on Saturday 22nd August. In keeping with the proven formula Cocktails will coincide with a Bledisloe Cup match and will be held at the Regatta Hotel. The event was somewhat soured last year by the 74th minute Matt Giteau conversion of a James Horwill try. This conversion resulted in the 34 – 19 victory to the Wallabies but shattered the hopes of Dan Collins and Chris Pieters who had heavily backed them to win by 13 or less. Better luck this year guys. A flyer for this year's Cocktail party will appear at the back of the Vox.

### **Old Boys/Residents Touch Comp 2009**

On the afternoon of the 28th March at Oval 6 (UQ), lessons were learnt, egos were bruised and hamstrings were tweaked but most importantly a legend was rebuilt. For the first time since 1994, Old Boys teams were involved in the St Leo's inter-block touch competition. The Old Boys association got together with the Student Club and organised the day which comprised of three hours of physical endurance followed by a barbecue back at the college.

It was a good turnout in terms of numbers, with the current residents fielding five teams and the Old Boys strongly represented with three experienced cohorts spanning over approximately twenty years. There were the mature Old Boys from the 90s era, the mid Old Boys from the early 2000s and the newest Old Boys, fresh out of college. Each team played two 15 minute games in a round robin format and then it was down to business.

The mid Old Boys played H Block in the grand final and the game went right down to the wire with the more experienced Old Boys eventually running out winners 1 – 0. They were later presented the trophy in a very emotional ceremony in the Snake Pit where everyone re-hydrated and made sure they kept their fluid levels up post-exercise. A big thanks must go out to the gents who refereed on the day, the college for paying for the field hire and the student club for supplying the barbecue. Everything ran smoothly and it was a great chance for the old boys to mingle with the current residents. Hopefully this will now become an annual event on the old

boys' calendar and will grow in size in years to come. Touch football was the real winner on the day... and sledging wasn't far behind.

### **Matthew Downey appointed first Life Member**

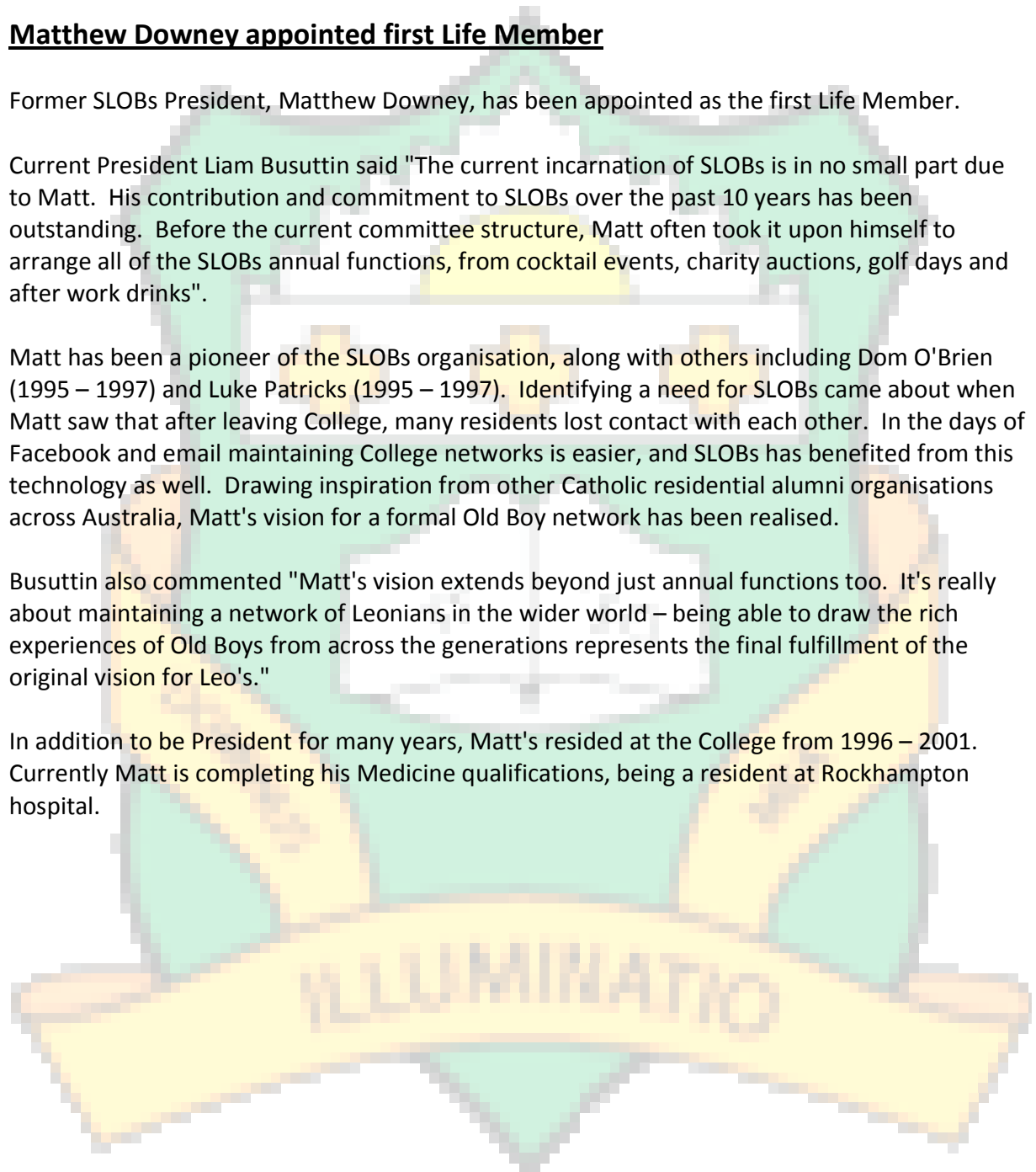
Former SLOBs President, Matthew Downey, has been appointed as the first Life Member.

Current President Liam Busuttin said "The current incarnation of SLOBs is in no small part due to Matt. His contribution and commitment to SLOBs over the past 10 years has been outstanding. Before the current committee structure, Matt often took it upon himself to arrange all of the SLOBs annual functions, from cocktail events, charity auctions, golf days and after work drinks".

Matt has been a pioneer of the SLOBs organisation, along with others including Dom O'Brien (1995 – 1997) and Luke Patricks (1995 – 1997). Identifying a need for SLOBs came about when Matt saw that after leaving College, many residents lost contact with each other. In the days of Facebook and email maintaining College networks is easier, and SLOBs has benefited from this technology as well. Drawing inspiration from other Catholic residential alumni organisations across Australia, Matt's vision for a formal Old Boy network has been realised.

Busuttin also commented "Matt's vision extends beyond just annual functions too. It's really about maintaining a network of Leonians in the wider world – being able to draw the rich experiences of Old Boys from across the generations represents the final fulfillment of the original vision for Leo's."

In addition to be President for many years, Matt's resided at the College from 1996 – 2001. Currently Matt is completing his Medicine qualifications, being a resident at Rockhampton hospital.



## Meet the Executive

### **Liam Busuttin – President**

Hometown: Ingham, Nth QLD

Resident at College: 2005 – 2007, President 2007

University Studies: Bachelor of Pharmacy

Committee member since: 2008

Family connections to College: Jim Busuttin

Liam is currently still chipping away at his university degree with his expected date of graduation being 2010. He currently works part time in a community pharmacy and plans on going down this avenue when he graduates.

Liam lives with three other SLOBs in a well furnished, unclean four bedroom house and most of his year level from college still keep in close contact. He plays the odd game of rugby for SLOBs and shares a few beers and college stories with other old boys who are struggling to "let go" of the dream on most weekends. Being the young pup on the committee he aims to encourage all the younger old boys to get involved with the society and everything it offers.

### **Martin Patricks – Vice President**

Hometown: Grafton, NSW

Resident at College: 1999 – 2001, Social Convenor 2001

University Studies: Bachelor of Surveying, QUT

Committee member since: 2005

Family connections to College: Luke and Clint Patricks 1995 – 1999 (brothers)

Commonly referred to as: Patto

I have been employed in the construction and development industry since starting a casual position as a surveying assistant during third year at College. Initially my employment served a dual purpose, firstly by meeting University curriculum requirements and secondly (and seemingly more important at the time) providing much needed spending money. I am currently working in the industry but in a more professional capacity rather than that of a technical field surveyor. Recently I have been gaining great experience in this "boom and bust" industry.

Since graduating from QUT in 2002, I have spent the majority of my working life as a Surveyor / Project Manager with LandPartners Limited, a surveying and development consultancy in Brisbane. I have professional contact with a few Leo's old boys from my era including Dan Wright (Landscape Architecture), Dan Collins (Solicitor) and Andrew Carlton (Commercial Property Leasing) – I am sure there are dozens more out there I have not met yet.

Socially I still keep regular contact with College mates, including my housemate Peter Andreassen (1999 – 2001). We often meet on weekends for a hit of golf or punt on the horses, often accompanied by a few beers.

This year I'm joining a syndicate including old boys to buy a greyhound.

### **Peter Doherty – College Liason**

Hometown: Bundaberg

Resident at College: 1994 – 1996

University Studies: Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Economics

Committee member since: 2005

Family connections to College: Michael Doherty 1989 – 1990 (cousin)

Since leaving University, Peter has worked for national and international debt acquisition and debt management firms. He has spent time working in New Zealand, India, Singapore, the United States and Thailand.

Between the years of 2002 – 2005, Peter employed in excess of 50 then current and former residents of the College. In his professional networks he has come across Leonians in all walks of life.

This year, Peter is completing his MBA on a full time basis.

## **Graham Maher – Treasurer**

Hometown: Cairns

Resident at College: 1995 – 1996

University Studies: Bachelor of Commerce, UQ

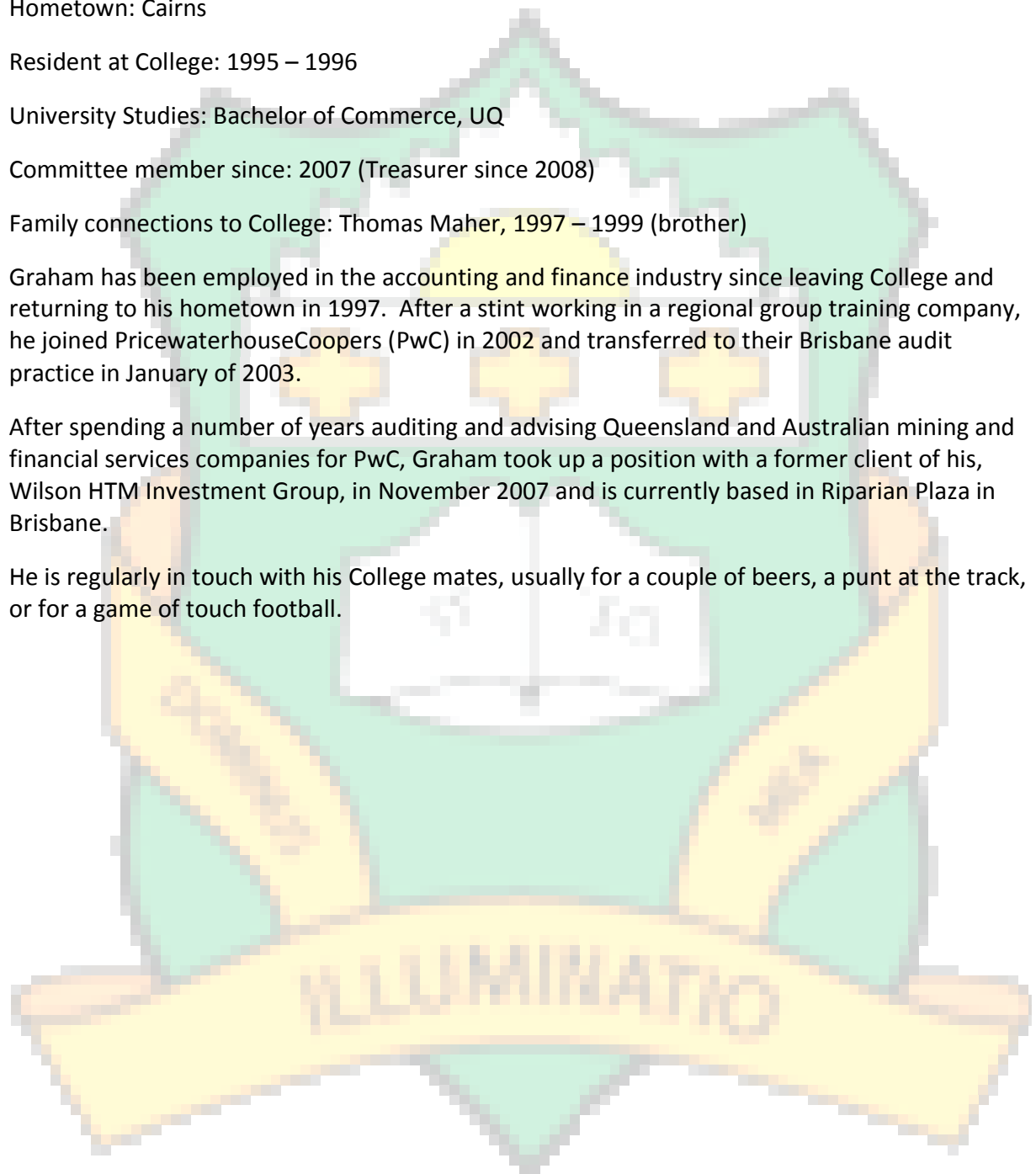
Committee member since: 2007 (Treasurer since 2008)

Family connections to College: Thomas Maher, 1997 – 1999 (brother)

Graham has been employed in the accounting and finance industry since leaving College and returning to his hometown in 1997. After a stint working in a regional group training company, he joined PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in 2002 and transferred to their Brisbane audit practice in January of 2003.

After spending a number of years auditing and advising Queensland and Australian mining and financial services companies for PwC, Graham took up a position with a former client of his, Wilson HTM Investment Group, in November 2007 and is currently based in Riparian Plaza in Brisbane.

He is regularly in touch with his College mates, usually for a couple of beers, a punt at the track, or for a game of touch football.



## Slobs Abroad

Who knows how many SLOBs there are working professionally overseas? The current Committee places professional old boys in London, Canada, Geneva, Zug... We recently got in touch with Krysten Booth who gives an account of his experience as a St Leo's Old Boy living in London.

### **Krysten Booth – SLOBs Profile**

Hometown: Toowoomba

Resident at College: 1995 – 1997

University Studies: Bachelor of Arts (Journalism, QUT)

Job: Editor-in-Chief, TNT Publishing (London)

Family connections to College: Cameron Browne 1994-1995 (cousin)

I've been living in London since 2005. I'm currently the Editor-in-Chief at TNT Publishing. Our main product is TNT Magazine which is a weekly product targeting Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans in London. The magazine has been going for almost 26 years and I'm proud to say it's still regarded as the "bible for Antipodeans and Saffas living abroad". With a weekly readership in excess of 200,000 it's a staple part of the experience for most Aussies who have lived in London.

While we keep our readers abreast of what's happening back home a big focus of our magazine is travel. This ties in neatly with my own interests because that was what inspired me to make the move four years ago. It's a great place to work and certainly offers a few perks along the way – I was in Russia for nine days last month for work and I'm off to Kenya and Tanzania this Saturday for a two week safari, also as part of work, so I certainly can't complain.

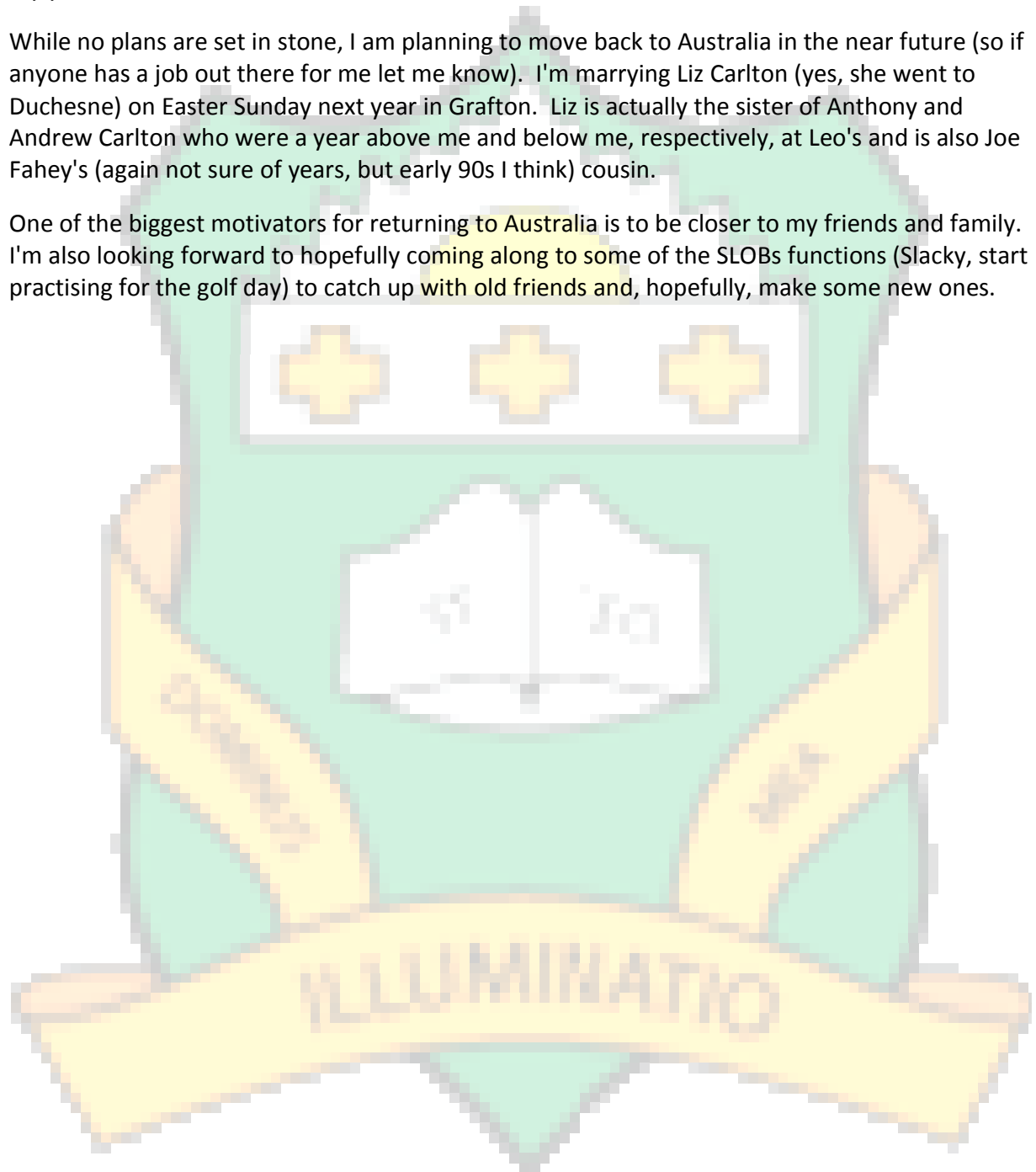
I've also spent a lot of time in the past year developing our new website [tntonline.co.uk](http://tntonline.co.uk) which is a travel resource and going forward, will provide information for people who are looking to live and work abroad.

In terms of Leo's boys over in the UK, I still see a lot of Chris Coverdale ('95 – '97) and Chad Slater ('95 – '97), and Craig Mounsey occasionally ('94 – '96). I also employed Dan Imhoff (not sure what years he was at Leo's) as a sub-editor at TNT before he had to return back to Australia.


I consider myself quite lucky that despite the fact I've been overseas for a few years the Leo's boys in our year still do a cracking job at keeping in touch with each other. I've just bought into a race horse (I own an eye-lash) with Matt Rudolph, Dean Shay and Tim Slack who were all in my year.

While no plans are set in stone, I am planning to move back to Australia in the near future (so if anyone has a job out there for me let me know). I'm marrying Liz Carlton (yes, she went to Duchesne) on Easter Sunday next year in Grafton. Liz is actually the sister of Anthony and Andrew Carlton who were a year above me and below me, respectively, at Leo's and is also Joe Fahey's (again not sure of years, but early 90s I think) cousin.

One of the biggest motivators for returning to Australia is to be closer to my friends and family. I'm also looking forward to hopefully coming along to some of the SLOBs functions (Slacky, start practising for the golf day) to catch up with old friends and, hopefully, make some new ones.



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## The Jungle Drum

**Fighting fit** - Dean Shay recently led a team of old boys down to Sydney for the City 2 Surf. The 14km event is equivalent to 3 times around the UQ "Gracie" loop, not to mention heartbreak hill.

**Stradbroke Day** at Eagle Farm saw a good gathering of old boys, many who were there to celebrate Tom Mahers' 30th birthday. Congratulations to Peter Andreassen who bolstered one betting syndicate by picking the quinella of the Stradbroke.

**Congratulations** to Dom and Sally O'Brien who recently welcomed their third child, Sophie Ann. Sophie should have plenty of friends to play with at the next Old Boys reunion, including Mark and Emma Pigram's first addition Hamish, Luke and Kathleen Patricks second child, Kane, David and Kym Morrissey's new daughter Caitlyn, and Michael and Elanor Thompson's daughter Kitty, all born within the last few months.

**SLOBs Secretary** Matthew Brady ('00 – '03) sends his apologies for the Cocktail Party 22nd August 2009, he will be Sailing the Islands of Croatia with Old Boys Craig Brosnan ('00– '02), Sam Haines ('00 – '02), Andrew Rogan ('00 – '04), Andrew Serra ('00 – '01) and Andrew Sgarbossa ('99 – '00) from the 16th to the 22nd of August. Look out for a write up of the trip in the next issue of the Vox.

## The Finishing Line – Recognising Slobs in Sport

Congratulations to Nick Kenny on being named the One Community Good Guy of the Month for April. The award recognizes contributions to charities and community groups. Outside of his commitments with the Broncos, Nick has been using his public image to raise funds for brain tumour sufferer Thuy Nguyen with the Trip of a Lifetime charity and visits prisons and halfway houses offering motivational advice through the group Queenslanders in the Community.

Nick was a resident of St Leo's from 2000 – 2002 and studied Physiotherapy. Nick takes the obvious connection between his league career and Physio study one step further, he has recently been helping run gym sessions for a young Broncos fan suffering from spina bifida.

Kenny is in the best form of his career with the Broncos, and has established himself as a reliable prop forward for the starting team. Nice work Nick.

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& CATCH UP WITH  
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**ST LEO'S COLLEGE  
OLD BOYS  
ASSOCIATION INC.**



## **DATE**

**22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2009**

## **STARTS**

**6:30PM**

## **VENUE**

**The Regatta Hotel  
543 Coronation Drive**

## **COST**

**Financial Members - FREE\***

**Non-Financial Members - \$30**

**Partners - \$30**

## **ATTIRE**

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