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South West Slopes region of NSW is the largest softwood producing area in Australia worth in excess of \$1 billion.

President:

I have been teaching Agriculture Science, both junior & senior each year for a period of 25 years (that's a long time!) & also have taught Primary Industries for 5 years and prior to that, Rural Industries. I enjoyed facilitating at the training of PI teachers at the orientation days for VET. I spent a short time at Yanco Ag before going west to Broken Hill High school where I stayed for 5 years before being transferred to Tumut High with my Broken Hill wife Fran & son Luke.

Our family; including daughters Amy & Erin; reside on our family property "The Vineyard", via Tumut in the fabulous Gilmore Valley.

I have enjoyed attending the many Ag conferences over the years & I'm looking forward to the challenge of this position for the Association. Over the next 2 years I look forward to working with the fine group of people that make up the Riverina executive for the Association & in particular will enjoy the planning & organisation that is required for a successful conference in 2006. I enjoy being involved as an active member of the Gilmore Rural Fire Service, Visy Community Consultative Committee, Tumut Ecology Reserve Trust, Gilmore Progress Association and a number of other community groups. Enjoy the V8s at Bathurst races each year with Luke who is a keen Holden fan. Go the Fords!



Tony Butler

Secretary:



Allan McMillan

I am presently teaching Agriculture, Junior D&T and Primary Industries at Wagga Wagga High School. I am married to Annette (26 years) and we have two daughters Gabby and Jacqui.

I completed Agriculture training at Wagga Agricultural College (1975) and a Diploma of Education at the Riverina College the following year.

I had a short stint at Yanco Agricultural High in my first year teaching, however the bulk of my teaching has been at the 'School on the Hill' (WWHS). I took a deployment to the CSU at the end of 1990 until the end of 1991 to work as an education officer assisting in the implementation of the external Ag. degree.

My interests today, apart from family, revolve around keeping active outdoors and following football, particularly AFL and Rugby.

I was involved in the organising committee of the bi-annual conference held at Murrumbidgee College when Riverina were last the executive back in 1990-91. I look forward to working with Tony and the new Riverina executive for the next two years up to our Riverina conference at CSU in October 2006.

Its good to see the new executive hailing from various parts of the Riverina which should encourage further networking and a wider representation.

Treasurer:

I have taught Agriculture at Billabong High School 26 years.

I trained at Armidale College of Advanced Education graduating in 1973.

I taught for 5 years at Young High School.

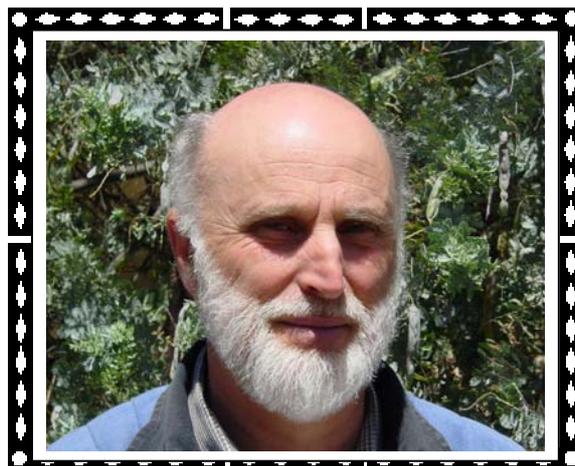
I completed a Bachelor of Education degree in 1985.

I have represented my teachers association at NSW Teachers Federation Council for 18 years.

During the writing of the new D & T Agriculture syllabus I represented the Teachers Federation on the Board of Studies Curriculum Committee supervising the writing process.

I have been the manager of the school's sheep stud since its inauguration in 1992.

Part of the successful Billabong High School show team which has had great success at many shows in NSW and VIC.



Stephen Trickett

BAAT Editor:



Jan Young

I'm 34 years old with two sons (10 and 5) and husband. (All rugby mad)

I completed my secondary school at Tumut High School in 1988.

Worked for a year outback & travelled to Europe B App Sc – Ag studied at CSU-R 1990 – 1992.

Graduated in Diploma Education UNE 1994.

I then started casual teaching in Yass before moving to Griffith to work at St Francis Leeton before taking up a permanent position at Wade High School in 1997 – 2000.

Then moved back to Yass to the family property to take up a position at Murrumburrah High School in 2001.

We have recently purchased our own block in Harden "Rutland".

I'm currently teaching Primary Industries, Biology, Science.

Qualified in VET subjects of Viticulture and Primary Industries to meet the needs of the schools taught at. When arriving at Murrumburrah High School, training in Physics commenced to meet the needs of the school.

Totally enjoy the challenge of enthusing and educating students in the practical sides of Agriculture and Science subjects. Find the aspect of motivating male students to achieve in school a satisfying challenge.

In my first year at Murrumburrah High School, I was approached to supervise the large contingent of female students in cattle parading, a club that had been recently revived at the school. I have been learning and enjoying it ever since. It is hard work but with watching the students going to and winning at the Sydney Royal Show a great reward.

"Farm Club" now has 26 students parading cattle from a school of 196 students from year 7-12.

BAAT Editor:

I attended Orange High School many years ago, then completed my degree at Newcastle University. Early in my teaching career I went to Western Australia where I taught for 12 years, at a few schools in Perth. Whether it was the times or whether it was because of the way education was organised, students were keen and eager to learn and to improve themselves. This made teaching very rewarding.

Since coming back to NSW I taught for one year at Moulamein, then transferred to Lockhart. Here I have been the sole Agriculture teacher and had the privilege of setting up the school farm together with the students. The students have been involved in building sheds, yards, animal cages, the aviary, hydroponics' tables and pasture and sheep husbandry. We have a small school farm and have pastures, sheep, ducks and hens, birds and vegetables - both in the garden and in hydroponics. Sometimes we have had young calves, but the farm is really too small to support cattle for long. Currently we are developing a vineyard, with the help of the School's Counsellor, Dave Mundy, who has a vineyard in Wagga. We hope to be able to process and bottle the wine for sale amongst the staff - & any locals that are game to try! Agriculture is taught to Year 9/10 as well as 2U Ag or Primary Industries. In the past Y7/8 has had a taste of ag., but this depends on the timetable.

I am married with 4 children and my interests include music, gardening, reading, the dreaded family history and holidays.



Judy Lawson

BAAT Editor:



Ilka Klepper

I am currently employed at Cootamundra High School teaching Primary Industries, Senior Agriculture, Junior Agriculture (8-10).

Completed my Ag training at Wagga in 1993 and then went to UNE to do my Graduate Dip Ed. First stint was at Aria Park for 2 years, then headed overseas for a year teaching in England, catching up with family and enjoying the cultural experiences of Europe. Returned to Aria Park for another year and then went to Victoria to work for Methodist Ladies College at their remote campus for 3 years in a beautiful part of

the world at Mallacoota, teaching environmental education and Agriculture to girls from Melbourne who

resided in a small community for an 8 week term.

I began studying Masters in Education by Distance Ed which had its trials and tribulations. From then on it I have been in many places, brief stint at Hurlstone Ag High, Hennessy Catholic College at Young, Education Officer Australian Weed Management CRC based at Armidale before returning to teaching to Cootamundra in 2003.

Live with partner at Binalong on a property and my interests include photography, cycling, reading and travel if given the opportunity.

Love working at Cootamundra High for the challenges and enthusiasm that is amongst the students particularly involved in Agriculture and thrive on seeing students achieve even the smallest things as well as slowly working on having students involved in the local shows in cattle parading and junior judging.

Technology & Communication:

I'm an Agriculture teacher at Murrumburrah High School. Actually teach a range of subjects, namely Agriculture, Science, Design & Technology, Information Technology, Computer Applications (Adult class) and Driver Training.

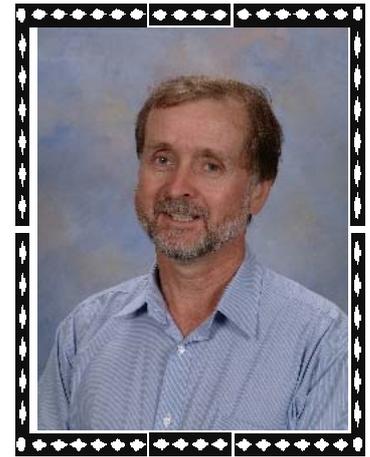
I started my teaching career at Yanco Agricultural High School, then the following High Schools, Windsor, Onesua (in Vanuatu) and presently Murrumburrah. The four years in Vanuatu gave plenty of insight into tropical agriculture.

As Computer Coordinator at MHS, this takes up quite a bit of time. As does coordinating Peer Support, Chess teams, Gifted and Talented programs in the school and the school farm.

Attending family sporting events also as my family are into swimming, soccer, cricket, hockey, touch, waterpolo, tennis & rugby league.

I am married to Lorna who is a reading recovery teacher. We have four children, Andrew, Julia, Keith and Robert. Only Robert left at school now.

While teaching at a small school for the last 21 years in Harden has meant being involved in a wide range of activities, the one constant subject for me has been agriculture, which I still enjoy teaching. I have particularly enjoyed the annual aggie get-togethers at HSC marking which I have been doing since 1989. Previewing the HSC Agriculture paper the last two years has given me a better understanding of the processes involved.



Ian Baird



There was a farm next door to a mental health centre. A patient was standing at the gate when the farmer wheeled a barrow load of cow manure past the gate. The patient asked the farmer, "What are you going to do with that stuff?" The farmer replied, "I'm going to put it on my strawberries". The patient said, "And they call us crazy! In here we put cream on ours."

There was this blonde city-girl who was out driving & found herself in a rural area.

She noted a farm animal standing next to a farmer & stopped the car to ask the farmer a question.

"Sir," she inquired, "Why doesn't this cow have any horns?"

The farmer cocked his head for a moment, then began in a patient tone:

"Well, ma'am, cattle can do a powerful lot of damage with horns. Sometimes we keep 'em trimmed down with a hacksaw. Other times we can fix up the young 'uns by puttin' a couple of drops of acid where their horns would grow in, & that stops 'em cold. Still, there are some breeds of cattle that never grow horns.

But the reason this cow don't have no horn, ma'am, is 'cause it's a horse."

