

Prime Minister's Visit Focuses Spotlight on GPS

The national spotlight was firmly focused on Gladstone Power Station last month following a visit by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, the Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh and Labour candidate for Gladstone, Peter O'Sullivan.

During the Prime Minister's visit many NRG employees were on hand to ensure the safety of the visitors and the large media contingent. Special thanks to Allison Hutton for her efforts in organising the visit at short notice.

Touring the Gladstone Schools and Engineering Skills Centre (GSESC), the main purpose of their visit was to make an announcement on an expansion of the State and Federal Governments Training Scheme.

In her address to a packed media contingent the premier announced that 10% of workers on every state and federal infrastructure project would be apprentices and trainees.

"Our capital works program next year is worth \$14.7 billion and this 10% plan means the entire program will now support up to 2,228 apprentices or trainees positions," the Premier said.

During their two hour visit the Prime Minister and the Premier got to tour the facilities at the GSESC taking time out to talk to students from Tannum and Toolooa High Schools undertaking the pre apprenticeship program. The students demonstrated their skills while sharing their career aspirations with the Prime Minister.

Head of the GSESC, Greg Wade said it was great to see the interaction between the students and the Prime Minister and to showcase the program nationally. Greg pointed out that 98% of the skills centre's students transition to apprenticeships, traineeships or other employment.



The Prime Minister and the Premier took time out to talk to the students at the Gladstone Schools Engineering Skills Centre.



Labour candidate for Gladstone Peter O'Sullivan, Premier Anna Bligh and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd address the media at the skills centre.

NRG Gets Behind Bushfire Appeal

NRG have once again thrown their weight behind a worthy cause by donating \$20,930 to Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

The bushfires which commenced on Saturday 7 February killed more than 170 people and left thousands of people homeless.

Power station employees generously donated \$10,465 towards the appeal while NRG matched that amount with a dollar for dollar figure.

NRG General Manager Gladstone Operations, Glenn "Shoey" Schumacher said it was a great effort from the employees and NRG to assist with the appeal.

"I think this is a fantastic response by the Gladstone Power Station employees in supporting others in a time of great need, especially given the current economic climate," he said.

RMSS Users Group Share Information

Last month NRG and other users of the Risk Management Safety System (RMSS) got together for the third meeting of the Users Group.

Specialist Safety Systems, Allison Hutton said the RMSS Users Group met quarterly and was open to any users of the RMSS software.

“By sharing knowledge about the software and our requirements, we can all improve our use of risk and incident management systems generally,” Allison said.

Allison said she was pleased that the group had grown rapidly.

“We came away from the session with some good information on how other organisations are making their incident and risk information more visible to their users, as well as being able to share our experiences with others,” she said.



The RMSS Users group are keen to share their knowledge of the risk management system.

In the short time you have worked at the station what's been your impression of the plant and people so far?

Having worked in a small workshop in Brisbane the plant is much bigger than what I've been used to. I've found the people are very friendly and easy to get to get along with.

What have you enjoyed about working in the Station Electrical Workgroup?

I've enjoyed the fast pace and diversity of the work.

How have you found working with the other employees at the station?

Working with my dad Col Johnston has been a bit tough. Also Archie will hold a cake against you even if you are not aware of the rules for table one. Really they're all easy going and good people.

Tell us about your previous roles and experience.

I did my apprenticeship with Sunline Switchboards, a switchboard manufacturer

From Shoey's Desk

Dear Folks

We find ourselves in the midst of some very turbulent times with the Global Financial Crisis spinning around us and whilst none of us knows were this crisis will take us and when it will end; IT WILL END at some point. For us at GPS the challenge is to keep our heads and keep GPS moving forward. There are no doubt going to be some new challenges for us but we have to keep focused on what we are about. We need to keep our eye on our “Light On The Hill”, our future. Remember:



“WE will be the Operator and Maintainer of choice for this Power Station for the duration of its life.”

When I think about GPS and what kind of place I think it is and what kind of place I would like to see, I think of a “community”. A community that has a common goal, a community that is a great place to belong, a community that is meeting the challenges we face and achieving great outcomes and a community that is building a future for itself. It really is up to all of us as to what kind of place we want to work in and the kind of future we want for all of us.

One thing that has happened recently that heartens me as to the nature of our community that we have here at GPS has been our response to the recent devastating and horrific bushfires in Victoria. Gladstone Power Station employees have donated \$10,465 to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal through the Company. NRG is now matching those donations and thus, we as the people of Gladstone Power Station have now donated \$20,930 to the appeal.

I think this is a fantastic response by the Gladstone Power Station employees in supporting others in a time of great need, especially given the current economic climate.

Many thanks for this great effort. I am sure that those unfortunate people who went through the hell of those fires will very much appreciate and value your kindness.

Lets us keep building a future for ourselves.

Regards

SHOEY

Glenn Schumacher
GENERAL MANAGER

Getting to Know Station Electrician Simon Johnston

in Brisbane and then moved back to Gladstone.

What things attracted you to NRG and Gladstone Power Station?

I completed my schooling at Tannum High so I knew a lot of people here. I enjoy the slower pace in Gladstone and not having to put up with the rat race.

Tell us about some of your interests and hobbies.

I enjoy fishing and camping. Five Rocks just north of Yeppoon is one of my preferred spots for a decent holiday.

What do you like about living in Gladstone?

I like being close to the water and the fishing. I Like having all my family and mates close by.

Where were you born and where did you do your early education?

I was born in Rockhampton and completed my primary schooling at Berserker Street State School and most of my high school at Tannum Sands State High School.

Tell us a little bit about your family.

I have a typical Aussie family. My fiancé and I are expecting our first child soon. We met in Tannum Sands and have been together

for six and a half years.

Something that makes me smile is....

When my mate drops the first fish of the day. Also I enjoy a good day on the water with a decent feed of fish.

What is your favourite childhood memory?

Camping on the beach with the family just south of Stanage Bay, watching turtles laying eggs near our camp site, pulling in fish one after the other and the feed of fresh crabs.

What is something you just can't do without?

Fishing time, my fiancé, money and having a few coldies with my mates.



Power Cleaners Lead the Way

Armed with gloves and bags NRG's Clean Up Australia Day team, the "Power Cleaners", once again led the way in this year's clean up campaign.

The group, comprising nearly a hundred volunteers, scoured 23 kilometres of arterial roads throughout Gladstone.

While the usual fast food packaging, plastic bottles and cans were the major items picked up some of the more unusual items collected included a vanity basin, two double bed mattresses and a new frisbee.

Following the clean up volunteers returned to the Lions Park where they enjoyed a well earned steak and cool drink courtesy of chief chefs Shoey and Dave Greinke.

More than 630,000 people in Australia took part in this year's event, collecting about 8,300 tonnes of rubbish across 7,000 sites.



Volunteers Clean up in More Ways Than One

Six Clean Up Australia Day volunteers were excited to find some 'treasure' amongst the mountains of trash in Gladstone last month thanks to a novel promotion by NRG.

Specialist Health, Environment and the Community, Paul Vanderlist said six Stockland Gladstone vouchers valued at \$50 each had been strategically hidden in the official clean up areas and was happy to report all had been reclaimed by eagle eyed volunteers.

"NRG has supported our own employees and families in the clean up effort for the past 18 years, but this year we decided to extend that initiative by offering some rewards for fellow volunteers," Paul said.

"Clean up Australia Day is not only a great team building exercise but has major benefits for the community in which we live and work."

NRG volunteer Jan Borg, whose nine-year old son David was lucky enough to pick up one of the vouchers, commended NRG's approach to involve the wider community.

"It's great to get the families involved from an early age. David was really excited after picking up the prize and he is looking forward to buying some new Lego with his winning voucher," Jan said.

The other five lucky winners were Lucas and Riley Montgomery, David McGrath, Doug Gordon and NRG's Lindsay Prizeman and Martin Thomas.



NRG's Clean Up Australia Day promotion winners from left to right are Jan Borg, Doug Gordon, Lindsay Prizeman and Martin Thomas.

Meet Our New Apprentices



Ryan Fawzi
Mechanical Apprentice

Born in Gladstone, Ryan attended St Johns Catholic Primary School and Chanel College.

Ryan has previously gained work experience as a carpenter with local builder Troy Tenhegger.

He enjoys fishing, motorbikes, camping and wake boarding and likes to cook pasta and steak when he is at home.



Ethan Horrocks
Fabrication Apprentice

Rockhampton born, Ethan attended Jambin State High and St Brendan's College.

Ethan is a keen sportsman who enjoys rugby league, soccer, four wheel driving and motorbike riding in his spare time.

Ethan has completed a work placement at Ashton's Engineering and at home he likes to cook his favourite meal of steak, eggs and chips.



Dayle Arlt
Mechanical Apprentice

Born in Nambour, Dayle has represented Gladstone in rugby league while his other interests include fishing and spear fishing.

Dayle says his most treasured possession is his ute although he likes to spend his hard earned dollars on diving gear.

Dayle attended Tannum Sands High before gaining work experience with CCI Pope.



Matt Stark
Electrical Apprentice

Matt says his greatest accomplishment was winning the state championships in the 50m backstroke and competing at the 2008 Olympics Games trials for swimming.

Matt attended Moranbah Primary School before completing his senior schooling at Tannum Sands State High.

Matt says as a child he always wanted to be a pro soccer player and the hardest thing he has ever done was learning to drive a manual car. He has enjoyed work experience at NRG and spent two years working part time at Subway.



Jordan Wex
Mechanical Apprentice

A Central Queensland soccer representative, Jordan also enjoys wakeboarding and motor bikes in his spare time.

Jordan is a fan of comedian Carl Barron and the music of Powderfinger and would like to live on the Gold Coast one day.

Prior to joining NRG Jordan attended Tannum Sands High School and worked part time at the Tannum Sands Fish Shop.



Nelson Coronas
Electrical Apprentice

A born and bred local, Nelson attended Star of the Sea School and Chanel College.

Nelson has represented CQ at rugby league and rugby union and his other interests include surf life saving, surf boat rowing and listening to his favourite bands Nickelback and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Nelson has previously worked part time at a news agency and says America is his favourite holiday destination.



Sam Leschniok
Mechanical Apprentice

As a child Sam always wanted to be a professional surfer so it comes as no surprise that surfing and kiteboarding are his main interests outside of work.

Sam has completed work experience at KFC and QAL and previously enjoyed a favourite holiday in Fiji.

Sam is a born and bred local who attended Tannum Sands State High School.



Lachlan Perkins
Electrical Apprentice

As a child Lachlan always wanted to be a professional cricket player and he has at least achieved part of his goal having represented CQ at cricket. He also enjoys fishing, boating and watersports.

Prior to joining NRG Lachlan gained valuable work experience at QCL's East End Mine.

Lachlan was educated at Tannum Sands State High School and says he would like to live on Lizard Island one day.



Ian Reed
Adult Mechanical Apprentice

Ian worked at GPS for over two and a half years as a specific task employee before taking up an adult mechanical apprenticeship this year.

Ian has extensive experience in rigging and scaffolding and operating a forklift, 60t crane, front end loader and excavator.

Having grown up in Victoria Ian is a keen Aussie Rules supporter who also enjoys fishing, canoeing, guitar and caravanning. Ian says his greatest achievement is being able to quit smoking.



Tyler Stross
Electrical Apprentice

Born in Cairns and educated in Weipa and Tannum Sands High School, Tyler has represented CQ in surfing, soccer and running.

His past achievements have included being Student of the Year for Senior Graphics and receiving Player of the Year and Top Goal Scorer for first division men's soccer.

Tyler has previously worked for KFC and enjoyed work experience at NRG, Total Drafting and QAL.

Earthwatch Scholarship Winners Announced

The opportunity to participate in an all expenses paid two week holiday and to get down and dirty for the environment awaits NRG employees Archie Lowe and Michael Power who were recently announced as this year's Earthwatch winners.

Archie said he was looking forward to taking up his two week scholarship on 17 June which will look at climate change in the rainforests of the Atherton Tableland.

"I've always been interested in the environment so this trip will be a great hands-on opportunity to gain experience in the field," Archie said.

The expedition will provide insights into the fragile nature of rainforest ecosystems and give an appreciation of their importance and the threats they face from global climate change.

As a volunteer Archie will be helping to collect data which will be used to build better models to predict the effects of climate change. Part of this will involve spotting and catching birds, reptiles, frogs and mammals during surveys at different altitudes from sea level.

Michael Power will spend two weeks in December on Lady Elliot Island on a project to investigate the biology and conservation

status of the vulnerable manta ray. Manta rays are not protected in Australia waters and although they are commonly seen, little is known about their biology and ecology.

"As volunteers our role will be to take identification photos of the manta rays and assist in observing and gathering data about their behaviour. I'm really thankful to be given this opportunity and believe it

will be a great learning experience for me," Michael said.

Earthwatch Institute is an international non-profit organisation, which engages people worldwide in scientific field research and education. Each year Earthwatch enables approximately 4000 volunteers to assist in 140 field research projects around the world.



Shoey congratulates Archie Lowe and Michael Power who were announced as this year's Earthwatch winners.

Farewell Genevieve Hey

Specific Task Safety Officer, Genevieve Hey was farewelled from GPS last month after 14 months at the station.

Genevieve was a well respected member of the Health, Safety, Environment and Community team who had strong commitment to occupational safety.

During her time on site Genevieve was responsible for implementation and training on the Risk Management Safety System (RMSS), specifically the Incident Manager Module and has provided support to those using the Apollo Root Cause Analysis Process for incident investigation.

Genevieve, who completed her degree in Occupational Health and Safety in November last year, said she had gained a wealth of knowledge and experience during her short time at the station.

"The experience I have gained here has made my studies worthwhile and given me something to build upon in the future. I am very grateful to everyone for the kindness, patience and support they have given me since I started," Genevieve said.

Genevieve has taken up a position with Monadelphous Engineering. Genevieve said her new role would allow her to further develop her career.



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Safety Improved Around Boiler Spray Water Valves

Improvements made to the area surrounding the Boiler Spray Water Valves have greatly reduced the potential for injuries to employees who work in the area.

Superintendent Units Mechanical, Guy Ayscough said access to the valves had always been a difficult task for any maintenance work until the access platforms and spray water valve actuator monorail beams were installed on all six units during the past three years.

“The hazards associated with the spray water valves had been identified some time ago and following discussions between the Units Mechanical and Major Projects work groups we developed solutions for the lifting of the valves and actuators. The access platforms also gave improved access to the valves and reduced the injuries risks to our employees,” Guy said.

“Installing the actuator monorail beams on all boiler spray water valves has greatly reduced the risks of objects falling from heights and the potential for manual handling injuries from carrying out maintenance work on the valves,” Guy added.

Mechanical Fitter Kevin Johnson was pleased with the changes, saying the improved access would reduce the risk of potential injuries during the valve and actuator removal and re-fitting processes.

Over \$355,000 was spent on this project which is just one of many hazard reduction projects undertaken on site since the early 1990's.



Kev Johnson checks out the monorail beam which has reduced the potential for injuries for employees carrying out maintenance on the valves.

Update on the Coal Unloading project

In 2008 \$11 Million was approved to undertake a refurbishment of the coal unloading track hopper building which included new track hopper chute bottoms and feeders along with a separate project for a new 415V switchboard.

Superintendent Ancillary Projects, Larry Brushe said the existing coal unloading system which transfers coal from the rail wagons to the storage stockpiles via the rail track hoppers and conveyors had been in service since the station was built and was in urgent need of refurbishment.

“The system is reaching the end of its operational life and there have been issues controlling the flow of coal from the

rail track hoppers onto the conveyors. This is due to the varying coal types we receive at the station which have different flow characteristics,” Larry said.

As part of the area refurbishment Larry said improvements will be made to the varying flow of the coal which requires the unloading speed to be slowed regularly due to coal surges. This can result in block chutes or cause spills from the conveyors.

The first stage of the project to improve the general level of safety in the area was completed last year. This involved the elimination of Queensland Railway's high voltage overhead line in the track hopper building and the repair of concrete due to corrosion of the reinforcing steel.

Prior to the main shutdowns in July and November preliminary works are being undertaken on each route to reduce the amount of congestion during the installation of the new feeders and switchboard.

Monadelphous Engineering is currently undertaking refurbishment work on the sump pump system, relocating and removing pipework and installing new hosing points on the feeder level. Other work being carried out includes the replacement of several legs on the conveyors C1 - C4 and removing corrosion and the turntable used to move the feeders along the feeder level.

MIE have been awarded the early works electrical contract and will be upgrading the lighting in the area, relocating cable trays to enable better access for cleaning and installing a belt profiler on conveyors C3 and C4.

ADT, the company that installed and maintains the security and camera systems on site will also be installing closed circuit TV cameras to allow the operators to inspect the inside of each wagon during the unloading process.



Fairbairn Engineering Services Project Manager Gordon Low is managing the refurbishment of the coal unloading track hopper building.

Farewell Vic Camm



Vic plans to do a lot more travelling around Queensland during his retirement.

After a career spanning nearly 39 years in the electricity industry former GPS Power Plant Controller, Vic Camm is looking forward to taking things at a slower pace.

"I've been a shift worker most of my life so it's been good to back to a normal routine. When I first started we worked a seven day roster but with the introduction of 12 hour shifts things have become much easier," Vic said.

Born in Ogmoo (near Marlborough) Vic spent his early years in Oakey before moving to Ipswich in 1965.

"My first job was an apprentice fitter and turner and I had the choice of either going to the railways or to Swanbank so I chose the railways as most of my mates were going there," Vic explained.

After completing his apprenticeship Vic worked for a pump manufacturer for a short time before deciding the electricity industry was his career of choice. He spent eight years at Swanbank Power Station as an APA before transferring to GPS in 1978.

Vic said the station had improved markedly during his 31 years working on A & C shifts.

"In the old days a unit would fall off line and we'd come back after the long break and they would still be trying to put it back on line. There have been major improvements to the burner management system and the control systems upgrade has made it a lot easier to operate the plant," he said.

Vic said he had always enjoyed his time in Gladstone and was looking forward to retiring in the harbour city.

"I like the climate, my kids were educated here and the fishing is great so why would you want to move," Vic added.

In his retirement Vic is keen to explore the Atherton Tableland and Daintree areas in his camper trailer although he hopes to travel further afield in the future.

With their own children still living in town Vic and his wife Rhondda will no doubt be spending a lot of time getting to know their five grandchildren.

Ash Hopper Replacement Project Begins on Unit 4

The ash hopper replacement program is well underway with the completion of the design phase by Specialist Mechanical Asset Engineer Auxiliary and Fuel Plant, Kevin Creagh.

The project is under construction ready for the upcoming Unit 4 overhaul commencing in May. The project will see all of the existing infrastructure removed from the bottom of the boiler and replaced.

"The new design will include specialty materials and improvements to the existing design to increase performance and reduce the need for maintenance over the next life cycle of the station," Kevin said.

"The use of highly alloyed materials has created the need for the development of completely new procedures for the fabrication and construction of the new hopper. This will also require new testing procedures to ensure the best quality welded joints are maintained, to eliminate corrosion or distortion of the hopper," Kevin added.

According to Kevin subtle geometry changes have also been made to improve the ash flow out of the hopper. On the electrical side a number of improvements have been made with lighting upgrades, temperature monitoring of the hopper and additional valving and control systems being implemented to improve ash hopper performance.

The greatest challenge will be the removal of existing facilities and the transportation and installation of the new hopper," Kevin said.

Along with new ashing and cooling systems, there is an additional dip trough agitation system to assist in minimising the build up of ash in the dip troughs. The hopper itself will be protected by an array of thermocouples to detect changes in temperature of the hopper body. This is important to prevent any distortion of the hopper due to elevated temperatures.

Kevin has been giving presentations to maintenance and operations employees to familiarise them with the new system.

Scholarship Winner Thankful for NRG Support

Former Engineering Study Scholarship winner, Mark Johnson was extremely grateful for the support from NRG during his five years of study at university. Mark is the son of mechanical fitter, Kevin Johnson. - Editor.

My name is Mark Johnson and I wish to thank NRG for sponsoring me through my years at Griffith University. I moved from Gladstone to Brisbane where I started university in 2003. During the past five years I completed a dual degree in Microelectronic Engineering and Information Technology.

Toward the end of my last semester I started applying for jobs in electrical engineering and I was successful in obtaining a part time job with RoadTek, an electrical department of Main Roads. I worked one day a week until I graduated at the end of 2008. At that stage I was offered full time position as a Network and Communications Engineer.

After getting to know the systems and experiencing what the business had to offer I was given the responsibility of managing the PAPL Transition Project. The project is currently worth around \$2 million dollars and is being completed Queensland wide.

I am in charge of a team of four other project managers throughout the state. The project will provide many of the states 700

traffic control intersections with an alternate communication medium as the current set up will become unavailable at the end of 2009. This will give Queensland's Traffic Management Centres the ability to monitor traffic and prioritise traffic flow in larger cities.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank NRG for their assistance in supporting me through university. It has definitely given me the opportunity of a lifetime and I'm sincerely grateful.



Mark was thankful for NRG support during his studies.

Where are they now? - Lloyd Casey

What period did you work at the station?
1984 - 1991.

Tell us about your time in the production crew and some of the other people you enjoyed working with at the time?

My first impression of GPS was the incredible size of everything in comparison to the old Bulimba and Collinsville stations and wondering how I was ever going to find my way around, let alone know where everything was and what it did.

As with everything, first appearances can be deceptive. There was even more to learn than I had imagined. However, the training staff led by Ian Talty and the on shift crew of Nev Poole, Vic Camm, Gary Matthews, Owen Brischke, Ken Rabbe, Pat Riley, "Blower" Grambower, Bill Cary, Nev O'Connor, Garth Liddell and Brian Corr all helped to mould me into something at least resembling an operator.

The encouragement and assistance of Alf Matjac, Don Kerr and many other non operating staff proved just as influential to my overall development. Others such as Brian Green, Roger Beckett, George Bennetts and Ross Ahern were always ready to share their knowledge and experience. If one ever became too cocky there was always the "soft touch" of our great friend and mentor, "Moooose" Mantle to put us back on track. It was an experience that I would not exchange for quids.

How did you become involved in the Combined Operators Union and what were some of the major achievements of the union at the time?

Without doubt my propulsion into an active role with the COU and subsequently into the QSU as a full time unionist was the 1985 SEQEB dispute and what I perceived to be the injustices imposed by the then Bjelke-Petersen government.

A major achievement was the continuation of a collective mindset within GPS during and following 1985. While the COU was instrumental in maintaining various operator conditions, the global achievements of the time were achieved in collaboration with the Combined Maintenance Union and other employee groups to gain concessions during the second tier exercise. It was also instrumental in thwarting the then

conservative Government's attempt to unilaterally change the ESI superannuation scheme.

What are your fondest memories of working at the station?

My boys' belief that dad's generic Siemens' key was in fact the key to the power station, the Brisbane to Gladstone festivities and Anzac Day with the ex Navy contingent at GPS are fond memories. There was also the many and varied work mates and finding fresh mud crabs trapped on the CW Screens.

How has your involvement in the union movement changed your life?

My father once told me that if you find one true friend during life's adversities, you can consider yourself very fortunate. On this front, and as a result of my involvement with the union movement, I truly came up trumps. There was however, one epiphany and it arose from an ESI union member I had the honour of meeting. Mervyn had a workplace accident leaving him a quadriplegic and one night he told me how sorry he felt for the young bloke in the hospital bed across from him who had broken his neck in a shallow diving accident. "At least I have compo" Mervyn said, "He has nothing".

No matter how bad things are, I now know and appreciate that there is always someone who is far worse off.

What do you miss about living in Gladstone?

I miss living in a time when our small children were still children, the life style, my neighbours and friends, the barra fishing, the crabs, the dive trips and of course being so much younger.

What have you done since leaving Gladstone?

After resigning from the QSU in 2005 I learned how much I didn't know about aboriginal culture while assisting the Jagera people develop a Cultural Heritage Agreement with Main Roads. I undertook temporary HR and WPH&S roles with the Brisbane City Council and Ergon Energy and also worked as a training officer for Tenix. In 2008 I secured permanent work as a "umble public servant" for the Department of Emergency Services in Industrial Relations.

What do you enjoy about living in Brisbane?

Until my boat went missing in the dead of night I enjoyed the Bay but since then I've enjoyed fishing from the banks and attending the variety of concerts available in the big smoke, such as flamenco dancers, Bruce Springsteen, John Fogerty, Billy Joel, Neil Diamond and Nigel Kennedy. Can it get any better than that?

Do you still keep up with any GPS employees?

Yes but not as often as I should or would like to. Garth Liddell and I regularly keep in touch on the phone and when in Gladstone, I try to chase up those I can still find like Paul Adamson, Vic Camm and Nev O'Connor. However it would seem that everyone else must have either moved or they mistake the grey haired guy at the door as a process server and pretend not to be at home.

Tell us a little bit about your family?

Our eldest son Mathew is now 26 and completed a degree in Politics and International Relations. He has visited sufficient countries to warrant a new passport and is now in the UK. Our youngest son Nicholas is 24 and a keen surfer. He has just returned from yet another overseas trip to complete (I hope) his final year at Uni to become a primary school teacher.

Sadly we lost their Mum Cheryl to Lymphoma in 2006 - 48 was far too young and while life is seldom fair we can better the odds. The boys and I would encourage all of you (and that includes the blokes) to make the effort to take those pesky routine tests and to not delay seeing your doctor when, as they say, symptoms persist.



Lloyd says the only thing that hasn't changed in 18 years is the tie.

Service Register - April 2009

The NRG Service Register recognises employees who have completed 10 years service or more in the Queensland electricity industry and who have been employed at GPS since the Sale of the Station (31/3/94). This register is for employees whose anniversary falls during the month of April.

32 years	Gary Matthews
31 years	Bob Bowden
29 years	Greg Jamieson, John Kunze
27 years	Andrew Austin
26 years	John McGarrow, Garry Coleborn, David Tompkins
23 years	Paul Andrewartha
11 years	Jay Wilson, Bernie Lawson

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