



Adelaide Technical High School OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INC.

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From the President

On Sunday March 28th, we had a successful AGM combined with our very enjoyable Picnic in Botanic Park. We elected the 2004 Committee. Our thanks to members of the 2003 Committee who have retired, *Ron Clark*, *Jill Chenery* and our Secretary, *Judy McKeough*. Each made a valuable contribution to the OSA. *Judy* will continue organising archives and also to add more names to the OSA data-base. Thanks, *Judy*.

Expect to hear later in the year of the completion of the first stage of the History Project. We are also working on the projected memorial to *Sidney Moyle*, who made the school what it was. Right now we are applying for the grant to get our WW II Honour Roll replaced. Again you should hear later in the year about this project.

Your committee is busily working away at these tasks and is in good heart.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Luncheon in October, always a great occasion, and open to all old scholars & partners.

Don Warren (1943-46)

Leisurely Luncheon

**Classics Restaurant
of Walkerville**

**119 Walkerville Terrace,
Walkerville**

Wednesday 13th October 12 Noon

**** Note it in your Diary now! ****

Contact classmates and share a table.

Cost \$22.50

*A discount of \$5.00 will be given
to financial members*

*Delicious main course and dessert.
Tea, coffee, orange juice, wine supplied.
Other drinks at bar.*

BOOK EARLY

Contact Chas Grimes on 8379 5321

**Bookings essential
by Friday 1st October 2004**

The Picnic and A G M 2004

On Sunday March 28th we held our annual Picnic in Botanic Park, combined with the A.G.M. which was carried over from February 28th.

We had a good attendance and were able to dispense with A.G.M. business rapidly and get on with the "real" business of the day.

The Picnic Committee of *Ruth, Sue & Ross* had things humming along nicely with salads supplied by *Ruth & Sue*, the marquee organized by *Ross*; BBQ supplied by the *Thomson family*, snags - onions - & bread organized by *Don & Sue Thomson* along with the cooking expertise?? of *Rhett & Don Thomson, Ross Taylor & Peter Keen* (with many comments from a cast of few).

A group of Old Scholars held their "year" re-union in conjunction with the picnic. That was a great idea, so those of you who are thinking of a re-union should give some thought to combining it with the picnic next year.

Everyone indicated a good time & suggestions of a repeat Picnic / AGM were rife. If you agree please notify your committee & we will "make it so."

Ross Taylor



All eyes and ears on the Pres!



A beautiful setting for a wonderful day.

History Project

We are pleased to report that things are now falling into place for the production of a CD Rom of the history of the ATHS. We hope to have it available for our lunch in October. *Bryce Kohler* has written several chapters and photos are being scanned ready for inclusion in the production.

The History Sub-committee has been working to raise funding. Donations have been received with more promised. Levels of giving will be acknowledged. The ultimate object is the production of a book which you will be able to exhibit with pride in your home. Present indications are that many old Scholars want either the CD Rom or the book and some want both.

Just after Easter, about 3600 history project surveys were mailed to all old scholars on the database. The purpose was to provide *Bryce*, with details of the paths which old scholars had traced since school days and particularly how the emphasis on academic excellence in school had affected their lives.

We have been overwhelmed with the immediate response, and at time of writing, 160 had been returned, including some from interstate and overseas, giving *Bryce* a valuable source of information for his writing.

If you haven't returned your survey form, please take a few minutes to do so - let us know if you've misplaced it and we can send you another.

The successful conclusion of this project will keep the spirit of ATHS alive and well.

The History Sub-committee-*Ruth*.

Membership Secretary's Report from Peter Keen

As at May this year 353 financial members have been recorded, almost as many as last year already. If you see this newsletter, and are a full financial member, then you will receive this year's magazine early next year.

The classes of membership are:

Type	Receive	Cost
Full, Joint, Life, Hon.	Magazine & Newsletters	\$25.00
Magazine	Magazine only	\$15.00
Newsletter	Newsletters only	\$10.00

Joint membership is available for two old scholars who reside at the same address, but only one magazine or newsletter per couple will be sent.

We are indebted to *Graham Maguire* who is still tracking down old scholars even though he is no longer serving on the committee. As more information is released on the Internet and new Electoral Rolls are issued, *Graham* is kept busy.

A lot of effort and knowledge is required to re-trace OS who change address. It would be so helpful if they would let us know where they have moved, or let us know if they do not want correspondence sent to them. We do send out at least one newsletter at the beginning of each year to more than 3,500 of those that we have current addresses for.

Simply email athsos@hotmail.com with any changed information to the membership records.

A discovery of post 1963 student records was made in the GIHS store-room. These records will be added to our database and should provide leads to younger Old Scholars that will prolong the life of our Association.

A comparison of the current situation compared with the end of 2003 follows:-

	2003	May'04
Former students on register	6444	6442
Untraced	789	760
Traced	5655	5682
Known to be deceased	1541	1608
	4114	4074
No more mail	424	434
	3690	3640
Address now not valid	110	145
Contactable Old Scholars	3580	3495
Financial Members	361	353
On e-mail	344	386

Your Role in the Replacement of the WWII Honour Roll!

Application is being made to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a grant under the '*Saluting their Service*' programme. We are confident of receiving a grant but are also required to **make some contribution ourselves toward the project.**

The original Honour Roll, honouring those who died, disappeared with the move to Glenunga in 1963. If you had a family member or friend commemorated on the old Roll we would be particularly pleased to hear from you. Contact us if you have any comments. Donations can be made to ATHSOSA, c/- Don Thomson, Treasurer, P.O. Box 4041, Norwood South SA 5067.

A 1958 First Year's Reunion

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We would like to hear from 1958-ers who wish to meet old friends and celebrate a great year at our great school.

Reunion-Class of '53

First year 1953 had dinner at the Adelaide Bowling Club on Tuesday 17 Feb 2004 to reminisce about school days and meet people who mostly they had not seen for nearly fifty years. The late *Lyndon Nelsen* first proposed the reunion after the 1993 Picnic. His idea was for a get together in 1995. Assistance from the OSA helped trace people, but nothing happened. With *Lyndon's* untimely death in 2003 after a lengthy illness the idea seemed likely to lapse forever.



Peter Carter revived it in late 2003 suggesting a 50 year reunion. We decided on a date in Feb 2004 and *Peter, Dean Eldridge, Kingsley Gould, Graham Maskell, Bob Stone, Warren West* and *Dean Whitford* organised the event. Again the OSA gave valuable assistance. We particularly thank *Ron Clark* for his help.



Following the Tech tradition of separation of the sexes, the event was limited to male old scholars. This was rationalised on the basis of the difficulty of finding people who mostly had changed their names and the short lead time we had available. The true reasons are probably too deep-seated in our collective psyches to be identified, but the Tech is the common factor. We found contact details for about 70 old scholars (intake about 80). Most were interested in attending. Some had other commitments on the night.



Of the 47 present, special mention must be made of the *Tabor* twins, *Adrian and Ralph*, who travelled from NSW and Victoria respectively (or possibly vice-versa, they still look too alike to be sure). We were also fortunate to have the company of *Bryce Kohler* and *Eric Tamlin*, who were involved with first year English and science classes in 1953. Their ability to recognise people and remember names was astonishing, especially when all of those present (except me) looked so different.



The evening passed in an orgy of discussion, much of it starting "what about when..." Or "do you remember...", in what seemed far less time than should have been available. What was notable was the range of career paths undertaken by former students. There can be no doubt that the school provided a sound basic education for almost anything we wanted to do.



The venue was ideal. We are all grateful to *Dean Eldridge* for his arrangements. The one complaint was, not enough time to catch up with everyone and many expressed the wish that similar functions be organised in the future. Anyone who has some suggestions or wishes to be involved in organisation please contact one of the above group.

Warren West.

Thank you to Clive Hutton for supplying the photographs

