



Adelaide Technical High School

OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INC.

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From the President

Our president, Don Warren, is gallivanting around England (Syd would have loved "gallivant" - to go from place to place in a rollicking, frivolous or flirtatious manner". On second thoughts that is not Don Warren. That leaves Chas. back in the Chair when I thought that I had managed to wriggle out of that position. Certainly the team makes it easier. We do need to fill two positions on the committee to lighten the load and give new input and views. Fortunately, interest in the association remains high and we look forward to a good attendance at our Annual Luncheon this year – one old scholar is even coming back from Melbourne for it! Don Warren will be back (HOORAY!) and will have much to tell of his travels and, of course, we look forward to hearing from Warren Bonython who will enthral you with his adventures.

Chas. Grimes, Acting President.

Errors & Omissions

Some comments made in the 2004 magazine in the article titled "1980's – Renewing Acquaintances" were not entirely correct and we now would like to amend them.

Firstly, a reunion was held in 1984 at Glenunga High School in the gymnasium and, according to the record of attendance, some 400 old scholars attended. Also, we do not believe there was an Old Scholars' Association in 1987, only a committee formed to plan the 1988 reunion.

The first Patron nominated was Dr Reg Sprigg, but unfortunately he died before the Association became active and Dr Donald Beard then accepted the position.

From our records, the first Secretary of the new Association was Heather Fleming, and David Ellison became Secretary in 1996.

Other committee members who were involved in the 1998 centenary celebrations and inadvertently omitted were Barbara Guthrie, Heather Gameau, Tom Frossinakis, Graham Maguire and Tony Stacey (representative of GIHS).

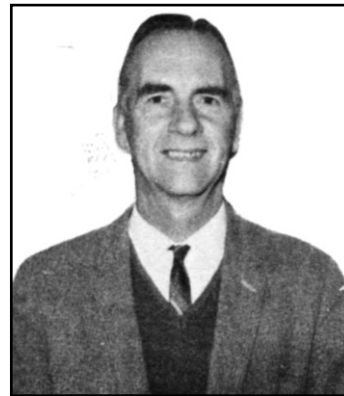
Archives

Since 2003, when there was a possibility of the Association having to close down, Judy McKeough has been custodian of the archives and memorabilia in order to keep it all together. As was mentioned in a previous newsletter, some photo albums (containing photos of various reunions since 1988) were found to be missing and, so far, have not been located. If anyone knows where they may be, please contact a member of the committee.

Reference was made in the 2004 magazine to collection of historical records, photos, etc. of our early years, and Judy McKeough is also interested in hearing from any old scholars who may wish to donate items to our archives.

Obituary

As briefly mentioned in the last newsletter, Beresford PITMAN (one of our former teachers) died on the 20th of May this year. As recorded in Bryce Kohler's history of "the Tech", Beresford was the Senior Master in Chemistry, and following his arrival at the school in 1950 he designed the new



Beresford Pitman

laboratories in the basement where the old fitting and turning workshops had previously existed. He moved with the school to Glenunga in 1963 where he was again asked to set up the new chemistry laboratories and remained there for several years before being appointed Deputy Principal at Enfield High School and then retiring ten years later.

He obviously made a supreme effort to attend the reunion in Brookman Hall in March this year, despite his failing health, but it apparently meant a great deal to him to be there.

A number of old scholars attended the funeral to pay their last respects.



"Too many cooks?" The boys around the barbecue at the April Picnic at Botanic Park.

60 Years Ago

AUGUST – The war in the Pacific ended and, according to the Editor of the school magazine (Sydney L. Ryan), “all felt the urge to yell and to sing more loudly than the other fellow”.

DECEMBER – Speech day program included duet by Miss Elsie Woolley and Mr Reg Bowman; song by Miss Gwen Collett; Dawn May & Ray Kidney at the piano; recital by the conductor Mr Sable Grivell; Miss Lillian Keen as accompanist at the piano.

To all old scholars who are or will be eligible for their Senior’s Card this year – Congratulations!

A Coincidence

While in Tasmania on holidays in 2004, Jill Chenery and her husband took a trip on the railway between Strahan and Queenstown, built by 19th century pioneers whose motto happened to be “LABOR OMNIA VINCIT” – their interpretation being “We find a way or make it”! – As Jill commented, “I suppose ‘Labour conquerors all’ is roughly the same”.



Old scholars enjoying the occasion at the Annual Picnic at Botanic Park on April 3.

Membership Secretary’s Report

I am pleased to report that the Association has a current financial membership of 449 which is at the same level as last year. Membership entitles one to vote at the AGM and Special meetings, a discount at selected functions such as the Luncheon on October 12th, a newsletter delivered by mail usually 4 times a year, and a quality annual magazine.

This year the committee has researched old records and added 1500 old scholars to the 6400 already on the database. These are predominantly from the 1963 – 1974 years of AHS, but also include students who had not passed their year and so did not appear on a graduation list from which many names had originally been obtained.

Many current records have also been updated with more accurate data such as years attended. By the end of the year, the website will be updated with these new and amended records.

Peter Keen, Membership Secretary

Treasurer’s Report

Having recently tendered my resignation after three years of looking after the Association’s finances, I’d like to take this opportunity to say thank you all for your wonderful co-operation and support which helped make my task easier. During this period the Association has become much stronger and financially stable due to the efforts of many people and I thank not only my fellow committee members for their support, but also the membership in general. Our special projects, picnics, the Book Launch, and our annual luncheons have all been resounding successes. Once again, keep up the good work and I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Luncheon.

Don Thomson, Treasurer.

Can You Help?

A number of committee members have resigned recently for personal or business reasons, including the TREASURER and two general committee members. We desperately need volunteers to fill these positions until the next AGM in 2006.

If you can help, please contact Chas Grimes (Acting President) on 8379 5321 or Judy McKeough (Secretary) on 8353 3910.

