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Belonging

At a committee meeting at Camberwell High School a few months ago, we had the opportunity to introduce ourselves to Jill Laughlin, the Principal. Steve Moore told Jill that he had completed high school in 1971 and then added proudly: "I was the House Captain of Roosevelt." Others declared their "house" and shared similar proud moments. I am proud that I led my house Montgomery to victory in the music festival in 1964.

It made me reflect on the need to belong. Schools help us to feel part of a community, and at Camberwell High our houses brought together a diverse group of students from years 7 to 12 who would all strive for a common goal at the choral festival and also the swimming and athletic sports. People seem to want to belong to a community. Bunnings offer sausages so we will be tempted to stand around and share in a Bunnings moment together. I heard a parent ring talkback and say: "Auskick is the new church". Many people value belonging to a community group like a choir or a cycling club.

For some of us however, that sense of belonging is lost when our career choice takes us out of our community and away from our country. With my



husband Phil (class of '64) I had thirty years living overseas and interstate and while it provided many rich experiences and a global perspective, we lost touch with school mates that we had spent time with in our formative years. In this edition Denes Ujvari shares about the experiences he has had working overseas. We are also profiling a few of our expatriates who live and work overseas but maintain their links with Camberwell High through their membership. Maybe you know alumni who are living overseas? Please send them this newsletter and encourage them to re-engage with us by becoming members of the Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society. We want them to know that they still belong to our community.

Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren)
Class of '65

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Births, Marriages, Farewells

Chessmoves would like to hear from you if you have celebrated a birth, marriage or are aware of the passing of a former student. Contributions of up to 100 words are welcome, with photos if appropriate, to:
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Financial Matters

Tribute to Ray Carroll

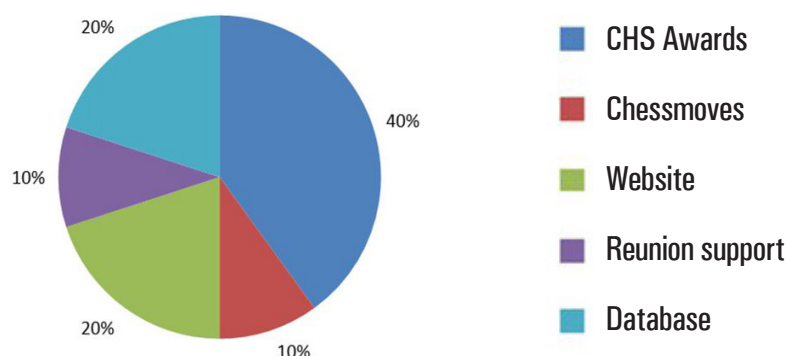
It was with a great deal of sadness that some of us joined Jill Laughlin, the Principal, to farewell Ray Carroll at his funeral service in August. His commitment to CHESS as the treasurer, his enthusiastic attendance at School council meetings and his enjoyment of the Valedictory and Presentation evenings, where he presented the CHESS awards, won him great admiration from staff and ex-students alike.

After moving from Westmere to Burwood in 1953, Ray commenced year 9 at Camberwell High School and met Barry Davidson, Don Kerr

and Bob Knowles, with whom he remained life-long friends. After completing year 11 Ray joined BHP as a cadet and studied Accountancy at Swinburne College of Technology. He went on to work at HP Products, Dunlop Rubber, Southern Motors and finally Pivot Fertilizers for 21 years until 1995. In his retirement Ray mentored a young boy at a local primary school from prep to year six. The young man recently sent Ray a letter and wrote: 'thank you for always being there for me' and 'you will always be in my heart'. Ray will remain in our hearts too and we are grateful for the contribution he made.



Where your CHESS subscription goes



CHESS has been pleased to support various worthy causes this year. These include four Scholarship Awards worth \$200 each for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The Principal uses the remainder of our annual contribution of \$2000 to assist students who need extra support. CHESS also donated \$1000 to the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund. Additional funds go towards keeping our website updated: www.chessmoves.com

This year the website had 54,288 visitors with an average of 176 visitors a day. Even if a quarter of these are for our "Chessmoves" these are impressive figures. We thank the members who faithfully renew their subscription each year. Invoices are sent in November and are due to be paid by the 31 December for the calendar year ahead.

Thank you for your support.



New Treasurer

On behalf of the CHESS community we warmly welcome our treasurer, Eugene Smarrelli. (1971-1976) Eugene is a Director of Banks Group.

Alumni@Work – Denes Ujvari

Thinking back over the years at Camberwell High, I remember my head lost in the clouds most of the time, day dreaming of what could be, or hooked on the lyrics or sounds of bands like Pink Floyd or even Daddy Cool for some Oz rock. Struggling with maths and science subjects, I found I was best at the Arts. I had great teachers who encouraged me to follow my dreams and in those days I wanted to be a Drama teacher or on stage directing. I had great friends in the drama groups, musical events and the SRC and was a prefect in year 11 and Head Prefect in 1976. I left knowing that the school had given me a great start and provided me with wonderful opportunities.

After four years at Melbourne Teacher's College where I studied Drama, Film and Television, I taught briefly at Wesley College before taking up a position at Sunshine Tech as Head of the Media Department. I took up the opportunity to work with the Channel 7 news team as a news video editor, rapidly found my true passion as an editor and was obsessed with the art of editing. Channel 9 then offered me a job in news, sports and lifestyle programs before I took up the chance to move to the UK in 1990 where I lived in London with my wonderful English wife Celia for the next 12 years. I continued to work as a freelance editor with many Australian networks, smaller UK production companies and major networks like the BBC. I worked throughout Europe covering major events in America, Russia and Europe. Life was unpredictable and a heap of fun and I had a loose life plan "make it up as you go along". Having won a few awards for editing in the UK, and worked with some wonderful directors and producers, I feel on reflection, that life has been very much unplanned and I am lucky to have met great people along the way.

Since returning to Melbourne, I have continued to freelance edit for various networks. I also set up my own business specialising in making short films of unique personal and family biographies. I think fondly of our old school days, teachers and friends. It seems appropriate to mention the sad passing of my very best friend, Jon Newsome. All these things have influenced me in how I interact with the world and I feel that my passion for editing has somehow allowed me a unique way of seeing the world both in the past and the future ...



Denes Ujvari

CAREER ADVISORY NETWORK

CHESS is working to establish a Career Advisory Network where current students are given the opportunity to talk with ex-students who are enjoying a variety of careers. If you are keen to participate, please send your name, profession, email address and phone number to Yvonne Giltinan: **chs.chessmoves@gmail.com** and your information will be forwarded to the Assistant Principal.

Contributing to Alumni@Work

If you would like to share about your career since your days at Camberwell High School, please forward details, preferably less than three hundred words, with a high resolution photo, to:

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Principal's Message

During the last week of Term 3, I was in China with our Year 9 students participating in the China Challenge. The students were a delight to travel with, keen to try new things everywhere we went from unusual foods to choreographed calisthenics with the whole school. This term we will complete a film about the exchange with our Chinese sister school, prepare an article for *Prospice* and present at Assembly.

Over the recent term holidays, Stage 1 of the long awaited Basketball Courts was completed for use. The process is in 2 Stages as we need warm conditions to successfully cure the synthetic surface.

Student Leadership interviews were conducted for the important roles of School Captains and Student Representative Council Presidents for 2014. The purpose of these interviews was to provide student nominees with the opportunity to present themselves as candidates and to give an outline of their understanding and intentions regarding the role they wish to take up.

Camberwell High School has farewelled Year 12 students for 2013 with a series of celebratory activities. On Tuesday 22nd October, the End of Year Music Concert was held. It was a special occasion for those Year 12 students who have been members of the Music program. The concluding massed item with all music students across the year levels was a highlight. On Wednesday morning students enjoyed breakfast together in and around the VCE Centre. The students dressed up in a costume of their choice, some outfits were an expression of their character and others dressed for fun. On Thursday morning a whole school assembly

was conducted at which the Year 12 students were farewelled by the students and staff. The House cup was presented to Roosevelt who were the 2013 victors. The lunch provided for all students and staff by the PFA on Thursday was magnificent. The food was delicious and it was a lovely way for staff to farewell students. The students expressed their thanks and appreciation to the parents for their support and hard work in providing the lunch and also for the work of parents more generally in supporting their sons and daughters. The final events occurred in the evening, commencing with the Senior Arts Exhibition and concluding with the Valedictory Evening and Supper. My task of awarding the Principal's prize was as always a daunting challenge. Aprille Balatsas' evocative oil painting which captured light so cleverly was awarded the prize this year.

Student Interviews for trips in 2014 including France and the Classics Tour to Greece and Italy have now been concluded. Well done to the students who have gained the offer of a place for one of these trips. We are fortunate to have many teachers who are willing to lead these overseas trips which carry a high level of responsibility.

The Musical for 2014 has now been decided upon. This is another example of the dedication of our teaching staff who are willing to put in countless hours to support students in a co-curricular experience. The production of *Rent* is scheduled for our viewing enjoyment next May.

We have a number of significant school programs this term including Head start programs for all students from Year 7 through to Year 11. Student engagement in these programs will



Jill Laughlin, Principal

ensure that everyone is well prepared for 2014 and that learning time is maximised during this term.

Jill Laughlin, Principal

School Tours

Camberwell High School offers prospective students, parents, ex-students and community members the opportunity to take a guided tour to see the school 'in action' on a normal day.

School tours are conducted fortnightly and bookings are essential. PH: 9836 0555.

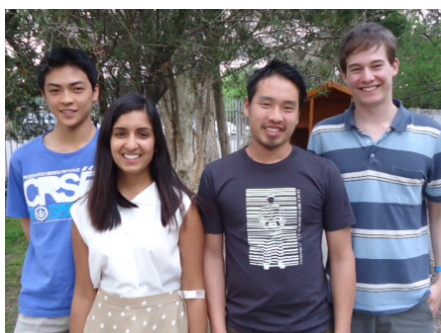
School News



Leader's Lunch

Ms Jill Laughlin hosted CHESS committee members for lunch with the Year 12 School Leaders. They offered

wise advice about how to make CHESS relevant for current students.



Latest crop of young leaders

Some of our school leaders are part of the new Boroondara Youth Foundation. They will make recommendations on how money raised for youth projects by local community banks should be

spent. Ashley Wah said the grants were a "terrific opportunity for youth to take a leadership role in their community".



International Students' Program

Did you know that Camberwell Rotary Club supports the International Students' Program at Camberwell High School? Members provide accommodation to international students in their own homes. The

club has a long association with the school and offers significant funding to support school programs. A Rotary member is also a member of the School Council.



Adidas School Fun Run

Recently Camberwell High students pounded the pavement seeking sponsorship from the community

and raised \$1393 to purchase new resources. Organiser, Justin Sharp said he was proud of the students.



CHESS Awards

Year 12 School Leader, Ashley Wah, accepts \$2000 on behalf of the school from Yvonne Giltinan. The winners of the Year 12 CHESS Scholarship award for 2013 are Alicia Schifferle and Derek Gurban. The CHESS awards are given to students in Years 10, 11

and 12 who have shown commitment to their studies and whom we wish to encourage in their pursuit of excellence. The remainder of our contribution is used to assist students with their education as part of the Principal's Fund.

Alumni from Overseas



Anna Herten (Katopodis) (1980–1985) Thailand

I attended Camberwell High School from 1980 to 1985 then studied a Diploma of Arts (Child Care Services) at Melbourne University.

After graduating I worked in Occasional Care, Full Day Care and as a Family Day Care Field Officer for five years.

Peter and I married in 1990 and with his career as an Accountant with Exxon Mobil, we have lived overseas since 1993 in Europe, Asia and Africa.

This photo was taken in Shanghai China in 2009 and we are pictured with our twins Daniel and Sarah who are 10 years old. We are currently living in Bangkok, Thailand.



Pat Taylor (1968–1971) New Zealand

Nothing much has changed since I was featured in the 2008 newsletter other than getting greyer and now having ten grandchildren.

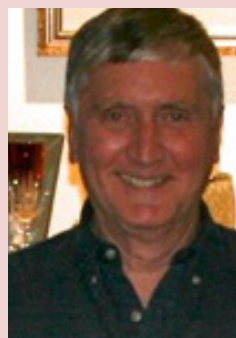
With my wife Bernie, I still own and operate the multi award winning Grange Motor Lodge. www.grangelodge.co.nz

I am the Chair of the Motel Association of New Zealand, Chair of Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust and also chair our local business association the Hunters Corner Town Centre Society.

I am still on the Advisory Board for the school of Hospitality and Tourism at AUT University. Last year I received a second Paul Harris Fellowship Award for services to the community from my Rotary Club.

I recently had the great pleasure of hosting former class mate Paul Lom and his wife Ada for lunch when they were passing through Auckland. And I support the Hawks.

What a year!



Brian Maley (1953–1958) New Zealand

Completing a Bachelor of Food Technology at the Massey University in New Zealand led to a career in the food industry starting in the technical arena and moving into general management. I am currently living 100kms north of Auckland in Mangawhai, on the east coast of New Zealand.

'80S PROSPICE

Do you have a copy of a *Prospice* from the '80s that we can borrow, scan and upload to our website? Please email:

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Ray Boston (1956–1960) USA

Ray feels very fortunate to have been zoned into Camberwell High School as he was graced with the “most creative, sensitive, and caring teachers imaginable,” who stood out with regard to interest in their students, subjects, and the school. He wanted to be an architect but the prospects seemed pretty grim as Ray felt he was devoid of the requisite artistic skills.

Fortunately, after having tried various sports he started rowing. In year 11 both rowing and studies became more serious and he was faced with some uncertainty about his career. He was preparing for a rowing practice when his coach, an All-Australian Olympic Oarsman, out of the blue said, “Ray, are you going to be a physicist?” His coach taught physics at school and Ray was actually enrolled in physics but he didn’t really think that this made him a physicist. Ray did end up studying physics for 10 years at Melbourne University and his rowing team wound up winning all of the high school regattas.

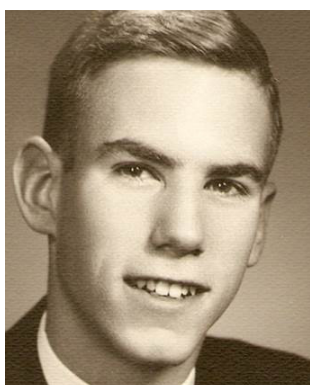
In 1964, Ray received a bachelor’s degree in physics, and a master’s degree in physiology. He continued his academic work while a pilot officer in the Royal Australian Air force, and in 1970 gained a PhD in physics. In 1971 he was awarded a research fellowship in statistics at the Institute of Advanced Studies at Australian National University, and then became a senior lecturer in computing and statistics

at La Trobe University for the next 12 years. After a short stint at Murdoch University Ray moved to the US in 1991 to become Professor of Applied Biomathematics in the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Expression of appreciation

I am unendingly indebted to my teachers and colleagues at Camberwell High School. The teachers I fondly recall and greatly appreciate ... J Dobel, Ms. Glidden, O Ferris, and R Ewins. For allowing me to play a small part in Camberwell’s fabulous Rowing Program I am grateful to M Aikman. I will never ever forget his unorthodox procedure for selecting crew members and assigning their ‘seats’. The friends I owe so much to include: I Gibson, M Penfold, K Pratt, R Burton, B Barton, G Sanderson, and especially B Zyk who has tried to keep us all in touch. Thank you all very much.

This is an abridged version of a faculty article written in 2008



Harry B Schooley (1962–1963) USA

Thank you so much for including me among Camberwell High School alumni living abroad. My one year at CHS hardly qualifies me as an alumnus, but I have attached two photos – one of me now and the other of me back in 1962. I was a Rotary Club Exchange Student from Kingston, Pennsylvania, USA, and was at CHS from August 1962 to July 1963. My career was in education, teaching history at the high school level. I am now retired and live in Williamsville, NY, a suburb of Buffalo.

My year in Australia still remains a spectacular highlight of my life. I regret that I have not been able to return. I remember fondly such CHS teachers as Mr. Jones (history), Mr. Robertson (English), and Miss MacMillan (French - well, maybe not so fondly, but she did make me work! I can still recite a verse by Baudelaire that she made us all memorize!)



Sign up a new member

We are very keen to increase our membership so that CHESS represents ex-students from all decades. Please encourage other former students to join CHESS. A membership form can be downloaded from our website:
<http://chessmoves.com/membership> and is also attached to this newsletter

THINKING ABOUT A REUNION IN 2014?

CHESS will help you to contact people in your year group. Let us know your plans so we can assist you with advertising in CHESSMOVES

Vale



Roy Wigg, Teacher mid-'70s

Roy Wigg is remembered by ex-students from the mid '70s as an accounting teacher who was "a terrific communicator with a good sense of humour". With colleagues at Camberwell Grammar who decided that accounting texts were too dry, he spent many hours writing more interesting and challenging text books including a year 12 book that captured 75 per cent of the market. He became Associate Head of School at Deakin University and co-authored eight accounting texts, which have been used extensively at secondary and tertiary levels. Roy died in June 2013.

Robert Ewins Memorial Fund for Literature



CHESS would like to thank the generous ex-students who have honoured the legacy of the late Robert Ewins by donating \$14,170 to the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund for Literature.

The recipient of the annual award of \$750 will be decided by staff at Camberwell High School.

Robert was deeply honoured to know that this award would be given and we acknowledge the diligent work of Bruce Robb, Gerry Paulusz and Jeff Burman in bringing the award to pass.



David Chesterman (1954–1957)

Passed away October 2013. At school David and his twin brother Peter were in Montgomery and David was the House captain in 1957. He went on to become an accountant with CRA mining. With his family he lived and worked in Mary Kathleen, Pt. Macquarie, Sydney and then finally came back to Melbourne where he finished his career working for a sharebroker.



Alan Abrahams (1956–1961)

Passed away in 2012. Apart from having a very successful career in textiles and being the father of eight children, we will remember Alan for his fine singing in the choir that recorded our school song and for the opportunity to catch up with him at the class of '61 reunion in 2011.



Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society

Application Form for New Membership – 2014

(Membership is for a calendar year)

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	Preferred First Name	Maiden Name	
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CHS Years	Began	<input type="text"/>	Yr Level <input type="text"/>
	Completed	<input type="text"/>	Yr Level <input type="text"/>

I give permission for this information to be shared with ex-students for reunions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PAYMENT:

Annual Subscription: \$25 (membership is for the calendar year)

Additional donation: \$

Total \$

Please tick which payment option you prefer:

☐ **Cheque:** Payable to CHESS

☐ **Direct Debit:**

☐ **Credit Card:**

BSB: 083166 Account Number: 507238691

Include your name with the payment

☐ I authorise CHESS to deduct the amount of \$ from my credit card

Card Type: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Name on Card:

Number:

Expiry Date: /

Signature:

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