



CHESS MOVES

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Linking the present to the past as we look to the future

At our CHESS end of year dinner last December we were delighted to have as our guests two of the Year 12 leaders, Genevieve Bruwer and Ashley Wah. They were invited to speak and comment on these 2 questions: What has been your most rewarding or most memorable experience at Camberwell High School? And what have you learned as leaders? Ashley found that writing a student newspaper was very fulfilling, while Genevieve found it very meaningful to lead a group of peers and develop leadership skills.

With Jill Laughlin, the Principal, they responded to a number of other questions from the ex-students and guests and demonstrated most effectively that our graduating students are "ambassadors who embody the school values and school mottos". They are also confident and articulate communicators who have received an education that has equipped them for lifelong learning and opportunity. The CHESS committee is delighted that Ashley has accepted our request to join the committee and will bring his views, ideas and energy to ensure



that CHESS remains as relevant for our graduates in 2014 and beyond as it is for those of us from the past. By having a recent graduate on our committee we are linking the present with the past as we look to the future.

In our alumni@work section we feature three ex-students and an ex-teacher who serve the City of Yarra community, we congratulate Jayden Battey, a current Year 12 leader who is Boroondara's Young Citizen of the Year and we recognise the distinguished career of Robert Manne.

Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren)
Class of '65

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For your diary

- CHESS Meetings at Camberwell High School AGM: Tuesday 13 May 7.30pm
- Committee meetings: 10 June; 12 August; 21 October
- End of year dinner: Wednesday 3 December 2014

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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Boroondara's Young Citizen of the Year

Current CHS student Jayden Battey says he is humbled and shocked to be named Boroondara's Young Citizen of the Year. The 17-year-old from Hawthorn has helped raise more than \$14,000 for World Vision through the 40-hour Famine over the past five years, has helped in the creating of 'SUB', a safe, drug-and-alcohol-free underage music venue, and has also been active in the music scene, directing CHS's Junior Stage Band for the past two years. He has also volunteered his time for Candlelight Productions, helping set up the "clean" comedy shows at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, creating venues that focus on building community and relationships through comedy free of racism, sexism and other derogatory language or action.

Jayden, who is in year 12 at Camberwell High School, said that he hoped to use his award as a stepping stone for more events, and to continue to pursue his passion of building relationships in order to encourage young leaders in all areas of life, and create a supportive, creative, embracing and inspiring community.



Come and support our school by attending
Rent the Musical

On Thursday 8 May CHES
will host the evening as an alumni event.

Please mark it in your diaries.
More details to come.

Thank you from the 2013 CHES awards recipients

Zoe Kartanos

"I would like to thank you for the presentation of my CHES award for 2013. It has been a great honour and privilege to receive this award. The voucher has really helped my family and me with purchasing books and further broadening my knowledge in my subjects. CHES has helped me in more ways than one and I can't thank you enough".

Melissa Wong

"Thank you very much for granting me the CHES award this year. I am honoured and motivated to do better in my VCE years. This award has changed my outlook on academic studies. It was a lovely surprise and I thank you very much."

Principal's Message

We have had a very busy and exciting start to 2014.

At our first whole school assembly for the year we focussed on one of our four school values; Achievement. All students who gained an ATAR over 90 were presented with a certificate and a small memento from the school and 3 of our students, including our Dux spoke to the students about their approaches to study and success. Many excellent messages were conveyed. The 2013 highest achievers in Years 10 and 11 were also recognised.

Some details about the VCE Results from 2013:

- Three students achieved ATAR scores over 99 and a total of 26 students achieved ATARs over 90.
- Two students achieved perfect scores of 50 for Classics and Literature.
- Sixty-one students gained subject scores of 40 or above.

In listening to the 2013 Year 12 students speak about their success; a key message was about knowing themselves well as learners. Success of course takes many forms at this school, academic achievement is one of these, and it is important that it is a focus because academic success means that there will be options

and choices of future pathways and careers.

There are opportunities to learn, achieve and have success in many other ways in this school too. Leadership is one of them. The second part of our assembly focused on student leadership. We heard Zoe and Vinnie speak about their roles as School Captains and Sonja and Jayden, our SRC Presidents spoke too. I meet with Zoe, Vinnie, Jayden and Sonja every Wednesday morning before school. It is important to me that I hear directly from students about their perspectives. As in past years a student forum will be held each term based on the advice I have from the Student Leaders about what needs attention. In the Senior and Junior sub schools there will be meetings and focus groups as well. Opportunities for students who have formal leadership roles and also those who don't will be provided throughout the year.

Leadership was also a theme of the assembly and all of the student leaders for 2014 were presented. The importance of caring for others was emphasised as an important leadership quality which is reinforced by our school motto: "Learning to be considerate of others". This attribute was demonstrated at assembly through the actions and words of our students. Our Year 12 students from 2013 shared their experience and



Jill Laughlin, Principal

insights into achieving success with others. The School Captains and SRC Presidents have taken on their roles because they care deeply about the school and the students in it.

After Assembly the High Achievers enjoyed morning tea with the teachers who had worked so hard and effectively with them throughout their years of schooling at Camberwell. We wish all of our students well as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

Jill Laughlin
Principal

Welcome to Attend

- Open Night – 29 April
- 'Rent' the Musical – 7–10 May
- Mid-Year Music Concert – 24 June
- Mini Choral Festival – 5 August
- Battle of the Bands – 19 September

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.

Alumni@Work

Jackie Fristacky

I graduated from Camberwell High School in 1966 and went on to study arts/law at the University of Melbourne, where I also completed a Masters of Law and a Masters in Public Policy. My career involved teaching law at La Trobe University, and working in industrial relations/public policy in Commonwealth, State, and private sectors.

A Councillor of the City of Yarra over four terms and Mayor over three terms, I am a prominent spokesperson on transport issues and a past Chair of the Metropolitan Transport Forum and a Board member of the Municipal Association of Victoria. In my other life, I am a federal tribunal member. I have been a commuting cyclist for over 30 years and believe that improving passenger transport system is the most effective means of dealing with congestion in cities.

<http://www.situp-cycle.com/2010/01/15/jackie-fristackys-excellent-day-on-wheels>



Amanda Stone

One of my first memories as a new teacher at Camberwell High was the booming voice of a young Phillip Vlahiogiannis speaking at a school assembly. 25 years later I am spookily sharing a council chamber with him at Yarra Council. My time at Camberwell High School was a rich and fulfilling experience and after teaching for two decades I left in 2011 to spend more time in my role as councillor. I was elected mayor in my first year and was grateful for the leadership, communication and management skills provided by a teaching career. I am a Board member of several not-for-profits including an aid organisation which takes me to India regularly. I am politically active in the Greens Party. I often come across former students and I am glad that Camberwell High enabled students to know and stand up for what they believe in.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2014 SUBSCRIPTION YET?

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CAREER ADVISORY NETWORK

CHES 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.

Article withdrawn by request



Craig Kenny

I attended Camberwell High School from 1970 to 1975, but spent 1974 living in Indonesia with my parents who were there on a Colombo Plan Telecommunications Aid Project. I completed Form 5 by correspondence and came back to live in the family home in Camberwell for HSC in 1975. I went on to complete a B.Business, a B.Business Administration (Local Government) with Distinction at RMIT and gained a Master of Business Administration. I have held senior management roles in local government for over twenty years, including with the Wyndham City Council. I have worked as a Director with the City of Yarra since 2003 and oversee service delivery for Community and Corporate Planning; Family, Youth and Children's Services; Yarra Libraries; Arts, Culture and Venues, Leisure Services and Aged and Disability Services.

Do you love history and archives?

CHESS needs your help to manage our history and the material that our members have preserved.

Please contact Yvonne Giltinan
PH: 9816 9413 to offer your skills
and a little of your time.



Alumni@Work

Robert Manne

I was born in Melbourne in 1947 of Jewish refugee parents. My father was a self-taught intellectual whose small business involved the design and manufacture of distinctive furniture in the style of interwar Vienna. When I was ten he died. Most of my primary education took place at East Ivanhoe Primary School. All my secondary education took place at Camberwell High School, where I had the privilege of being taught English Literature by Robert Ewins and British History by Denis Grundy. I matriculated in 1965 with three exhibitions. My mother, from Berlin, whose final years were afflicted by serious illness, died shortly after.

I studied English and History at Melbourne University, falling during that time under the influence of two charismatic teachers—the Irish-Australian poet, Vincent Buckley and the Czech-Jewish polemicist, Frank Knopfelmacher. In 1969 I was awarded a Shell Scholarship which took me to Magdalen College, Oxford to study international relations. Shortly after I returned from England I was appointed to a lectureship at La Trobe University. In the 1980s I began writing for the liberal anti-communist magazine, *Quadrant*. During these years my most significant publications were connected to the history of the Cold War in Australia. My most significant work, a book on the defection of the Russian spies, Vladimir and Evdokia Petrov, *The Petrov Affair*, won a significant prize in the United States. In 1987 I became a regular newspaper public affairs columnist, a role I played in both the Murdoch press and Fairfax over the next almost twenty years.

On the day the Berlin Wall fell, November 9 1989—a signal of the end of the Cold War—I was appointed editor of *Quadrant*. I gradually drew the magazine in a left-liberal direction, a decision that occasioned internal conflict and which led eventually to my resignation. My attitude to the tragic dispossession of the Aborigines was at the heart of the controversy. After my resignation from *Quadrant* I became a trenchant critic of the Howard government, publishing *Quarterly Essays on Aboriginal child removal*, “In Denial: The Stolen Generations and the Right” and on the cruel treatment of asylum seekers, “Sending Them Home”. During the period of my editorship of *Quadrant* I became a regular contributor to ABC radio and television, something which has continued until recent times.



From 2005 I wrote extensively for the exciting new magazine of politics and culture, *The Monthly*. By now I had acquired some reputation as a so-called “public intellectual”, a term that I have never been entirely comfortable about. Two collections of my political essays were published in these years, *Left Right Left* in 2005 and *Making Trouble* in 2011. At the time of my retirement in 2012 as Professor of Politics to become a Vice-Chancellor’s Fellow at La Trobe University, I had been elected as a member of the Association of the Social Sciences in Australia and was the author or editor of some twenty books.

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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Reflections on the 1959 Speech Night Program

Prizes and Awards

SPORTS AWARDS

Girls: New Awards—Dawn Easton (Basketball); Winifred James (Basketball); Elizabeth Mauger (Basketball); Glenys Beasley (Athletics); Joy Morton (Athletics); Lyn Ramshaw (Athletics); Patricia Brewer (Swimming, Basketball).

Boys: Re-Awards—D. Jenkin (Cricket); D. Guenther (Swimming); R. Seedsman (Rowing); J. O'Hara (Rowing); J. Corrie (Rowing); I. Tracey (Rowing).

New Awards—E. Shade (Cricket); R. Monaghan (Football); K. Caulkett (Rowing); C. Barnett (Rowing); D. Selway (Rowing); R. Thomas (Rowing); R. Taylor (Rowing); P. Rintel (Baseball); D. Mount (Soccer); I. Cole (Hockey); W. Stringer (Hockey); G. Tilmanis (Tennis); R. Auhl (Tennis); M. Headberry (Tennis); P. Fletcher (Tennis); K. Webster (Athletics, Football).

HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

Girls: MONTGOMERY. Boys: ROOSEVELT.
Aggregate: ROOSEVELT.

AWARDS FOR STUDIES.

FORM I.
FORM II.
FORM III.

FORM IV: Dorothy Packham.
FORM V: Commercial Course—Richard Yorg.
Humanities Course—Kay Ireland.
Science Course—Marion Keith.

FORM VI:

Accounting—David Jenkin.
Art—Sandra Pitkethly.
Biology—Patricia Brewer.
Economics—Joy Handley.
General Maths.—Barry Gibson.
Latin—Jill Davies.
Modern History—Gillian Levy.
Applied Maths.—Russell Conway.
Physics—Russell Conway.

SUBJECT PRIZES.

English Expression—Gwen Stewart-Murray.
Chemistry—Gwen Stewart-Murray.
Pure Maths.—Gwen Stewart-Murray.
British History—Wendy Dabourne.
English Literature—Wendy Dabourne.
French—Wendy Dabourne.
Geography—Wendy Dabourne.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Captain of Boats—John O'Hara.
School Pianists—Jan Devlin, Frances Watt.
Co-editors Prospect—Wendy Dabourne, Don Ellis.
DUX OF SCHOOL—Mathematics and Science Group—
Gwendolyn Stewart-Murray.
Humanities Group—Wendy Dabourne.
Prefects—Oenone Lovitt, John O'Hara.



THE CAMBERWELL HIGH SCHOOL

School Speech Nights

Junior School

Wednesday, 9th December, 1959, at 8 o'clock

Senior School

Friday, 11th December, 1959, at 8 o'clock

HAWTHORN TOWN HALL

Head Master: R. W. ANDREWS, B.Sc., B.Ed.

Members of Advisory Council:
Cr. R. C. COOPER (President).
Prof. F. DURAS (Vice-President).

Mr. J. G. BEANLAND, Mr. A. G. BREWER, Dr. P. GILBERT,
Mr. H. P. HEAD, Mr. R. W. JENKIN, Mr. R. D. KEY, Mr. L. W.
POLLOCK, Mrs. T. ROBINSON, Mr. I. ROBB, Cr. M. W.
YUNGHANNS, Mr. H. W. HOPKINS (District Inspector of Schools).

Looking through the names on the Program brings back many memories for me, particularly the Rowing colleagues. If I can indulge a little ...

David Jenkin who won the Accounting Prize, was a fellow Prefect, Captain of Football and Cricket, a talented all-rounder, who later taught at CHS.



John O'Hara as he is today

Sandra Pitkethly won the Art Prize, but Wendy Taylor won the ART Exhibition in the end of year exams (i.e. 1st in the State) as did Barry Gibson, who won the Exhibition in General Maths.

Russell Conway who won the Physics Prize, and is now a GP in Gippsland, had a brother Eddie, who in his first year of teaching at CHS, scored Barry Gibson as a student. Not bad winning an Exhibition in your first year of teaching. I scored a humble 2nd Class Honour in general Math.

Patricia (Trish) Brewer was a School Swimming Champion, and old flame of mine (4th Form). Sadly Trish is no longer with us.

Gwen Stewart-Murray went on to become Professor of Medicine (Microbiology) at Newcastle University,

and was recently, the Chief Health Officer for NSW

Robert Thomas (Rowing) was also a brilliant student who went on to become one of Victoria's leading Surgeons. He is also a Professor, had a stint as Head of The Peter McCallum, and has now returned to Health, where he is still very active.

The thing that I do remember from that night was being a member of the Choir, singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from the 'Messiah'. I recall that Robert Ewins wrote that the 1950s were the "Golden Years" for CHS. I think he was spot on, we had some great teachers, stunning students, some notable sports-persons, and I enjoyed every moment of it, having been a blow-in from Sydney half way through Form 2 in 1955.

John O'Hara, Head Prefect

Class of '63 - 50 Year Reunion



10 November 2013

A total of 49 past students and 3 teachers attended the 1963 reunion at the Box Hill Golf Club. A number of ex-students came from country Victoria, and others from Queensland, northern NSW and Western Australia. One teacher came from NSW. The continuous sound of chatter and laughter reflected the relaxed nature and cheerfulness of the occasion. Attendees were served a generous and delectable finger food lunch throughout the afternoon. The venue and service were excellent.

There were a number of highlights to the afternoon, apart from the opportunity to renew past friendships. We were privileged to have a photographer who came with his computer and printer. Most of us left with a collection of current photos offered at very moderate prices and coloured, as distinct from our old school photos. Thanks to Jan Williams (Richardson) for organising this with her son-in-law. The unison singing of School of our Youth, words provided, along with the 2005 CD, brought a tear to some eyes! And oh my goodness, we sounded as good



as ever! We were led by Dianne McConville, a 1963 school pianist. In the morning prior to the reunion Dianne had visited Miss Cameron, now 103 years old. Dianne passed on Miss Cameron's good wishes for our reunion.

Our MC, Colin Shugg divided us into our old houses, MacArthur, Roosevelt, Churchill and Montgomery for a trivia competition. As in 1963 when McArthur won the Choral Festival and the Athletics competitions, McArthur did it again! We enjoyed the continuous backdrop power point presentation of old form, sporting and some more personal photos. Thanks to Graeme Hubbert. The reunion was an incentive for Ken Rubeli to collate and have published a book of poems written by the late Anthony McMahon. Anthony was Maths & Science dux in 1963. Ken spoke briefly about Anthony's childhood and read a number of the poems. Ken offered the books for sale to the 1963 group, with any profit being donated to charity.

CHESS made available the Robert Ewins book, Camberwell High School 1941 – 1991 A Jubilee Retrospective, for purchase as well as the School of our Youth CD. On arrival guests were presented with a CHESS badge.

Another 1963 reunion dinner is planned for October, 2014. If you know of anyone who missed out on an invitation for the recent reunion, please provide contact details to either elainemiles@bigpond.com or jan@mitchnet.org.

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

Elaine Miles (Key)
on behalf of the organising committee

End of year dinner 2013

On 3 December 2013 55 people gathered at Box Hill Golf Club to share in end of year celebrations with the CHESSE committee. Over 73 ex-students sent their apologies and greetings for the evening, so with further notice we are looking forward to an excellent attendance this year. Ex-students and guests arrived to hear euphonium duets being played by two of our current VCE students. People were seated at tables in decades from the 40's to current students and enjoyed catching up with one another, making new acquaintances and swapping stories. In addition to singing the school song with gusto, people were asked to write a memory of their time at Camberwell High School in one sentence. Here are some of their comments for you to enjoy:

'40s

- Getting lost in the snow at Lake Mountain on a day trip.
- Sunbaking up the back of the bike sheds!

'50s

- The kiosk. Mr and Mrs Dellar. An apple pie and cream (in the face)
- The correction day hikes all the way to Croydon and the jaffle iron lunches.
- Year that CHS boys won the inter-school swimming sports, beating mighty Melbourne High.
- A good solid education with wonderful values instilled in us and life-long friendships formed.

'60s

- Quaking in my shoes when I was sent to Miss McMillan's office.
- Being the "bell monitor"; once I forgot. Mr (Percy) Rhodes came down to the room I was in and beckoned me out to ring the bell!!!
- Our Commercial Principles teacher Mr Rich (delightful man) arrived very late for our 9am classes and proceeded to plug in his electric shaver and get ready for the day!

- Joined the choir to listen to the beautiful piano playing of the school pianist, but also to check out the girls in the forms below.
- The boys of 3D pushed the piano against the sliding door in room 2 so Mrs Dawkins could not get into our maths class. Another year the Matric boys advertised (Principal) Mr Andrew's car for sale in The Age- lots of phone calls to the school office that day!
- The ride was always exciting. From Empress Road the 3.5 miles was always covered in about 20 minutes. Zipping down Chatham Road, along through the park in Faversham Road, past many shops sleepily opening- finally at full stretch zooming into the playground to park the trusty bike in the bike shed. Another day – a cog in the education wheel.

'70s

- Javelin training in the park on the side of the tennis courts- girl unaware walked from side of the courts right into the target zone- missed her by four feet. Fortune smiled on the thrower and the young lady.



Vale



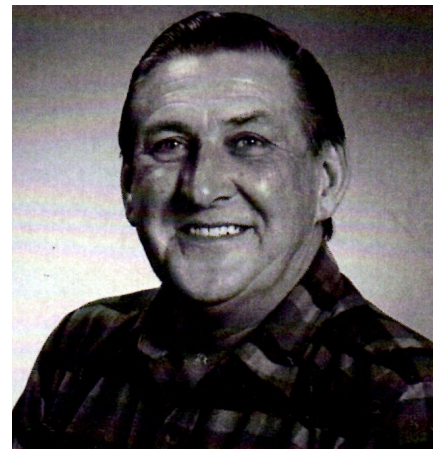
David Gowty 1946–2013

David attended CHS from 1960–1962. His life-work was in international development, which took him and his family on assignment to Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Most recently, David was a Planning Adviser in the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in Noumea. At David's funeral in Brisbane, family members brought symbols of his life: a candle of faith, a jar of David's honey, an African milk container, a Vanuatu chief's spear, a book about the Geelong Cats and a Mongolian head piece.



Michael Taussig 1940–2013

Michael Taussig (Class of '57) passed away in November 2013. He was an accredited family law specialist, family law arbitrator and collaborative lawyer, and was also only one of two Queen's Counsel practising as both a solicitor and barrister. Tributes acknowledged that Michael had not only made a significant contribution to clients and colleagues throughout Australia, but he was also a leading luminary in the field of Family Law and continued to be so throughout his professional life.



Neil Judge 1936–2013

Neil attended CHS from 1948-1950. He did not achieve great results at school but had a keen interest in things technical and mechanical. He found employment as a Projectionist at suburban and city cinemas, and then moved to Hobart for the opening of the first drive-in cinema. When he returned to Melbourne, he worked at the Student Union of Monash University screening films in the Alexander Theatre. He was a member of the Melbourne branch of the Cinema Pioneers of Australia.



Photo courtesy of The Melbourne Anglican

Lawrence Hodgson (CHS: 1941–1945)

Seventy years ago on St John's Day, 27 December 1943, 15 year old Lawrence Hodgson began what was to become an unrivalled record as a server at St Dunstan's Church in Middle Camberwell. Lawrie remembers when every saint's day was observed on the actual day at 6am and also 7am. These times were made so that the young men could help the priest serve communion before going on to work or school. Lawrie, now 85, still lives a short walk from St Dunstan's and continues to organise the monthly bush walking group, but has now retired as a server. On the 70th anniversary of service he was presented with a commemorative crystal plaque and among the congratulatory messages was a letter from Archbishop Philip Freier.