



# CHESS MOVES

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## Reflecting on 75 years



Meeting ex-students from each decade is, for me, the highlight of our annual dinner. Last year's gathering was a microcosm of 75 years of Camberwell High School with ex-students who graduated in 1945 through to Year 12 leaders from 2015. Our dinners and reunions continue to be an opportunity to celebrate what we have in common and share the rich experiences that many of us enjoyed at our school and in our lives beyond those years.

Our committee is proud of the work being done by Steve Moore. He is scanning all the *Prospice*'s dating back to 1946. He has noted a number of 'firsts' in various editions.

The expression of political views (1965); listing of all student names

on the *Prospice* cover (1969); a school opinion survey (1971); class photographs (1985); a montage and full page lift out of school activities (1986); full colour photographs (1988); the largest edition with 80 pages celebrating the 50th anniversary (1991) and finally the 2013 *Prospice* with the most beautiful cover by Luca Cancar. <https://chsalumni.files.wordpress.com/2015/06/prospice-2013.pdf>

We also have CHESS newsletters dating back to 1991, our Jubilee year. What a celebration that was! Under the leadership of Principal Ann Rusden a Jubilee Concert was held at the Camberwell Civic Centre (\$5 a ticket!); Robert Ewins' launched his book, *Camberwell High School 1941–1991: A Jubilee Retrospective*; a plaque was laid by Governor Sir Davis McCaughey, and the memorable black-tie dinner was held at the Hyatt-on-Collins with over 650 ex-students (and partners) from 1941–1991. One of the committee's first initiatives was to donate \$500 for the Principal's fund 'to assist financially disadvantaged students buy books and pay for excursions required for their VCE courses'. Today we give \$3000 towards the Principal's Fund.

The school is planning to celebrate the 75th from Saturday 30 April to Friday 6 May. We will notify you of the events as they are put in place and the CHESS committee will look

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### For your diary

#### 75th Celebrations:

Saturday 30 April – Friday 6 May

#### Class of 1966 Reunion:

email your details to Irene at [irenz@yahoo.com](mailto:irenz@yahoo.com)

#### CHESS AGM: Wednesday 18 May

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forward to seeing you there. I finish with the words of Barry Garnham, the first President of CHESS, 'we are now up and running and intend to stay that way, building on the impetus of this Jubilee Year to provide something lasting, beneficial and above all, enjoyable for ourselves and the school community – past, present and future'. This is worth celebrating!

**Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren)**  
**Class of 1965**

# School News



Neil Robson with Oliver Bryant

## 2015 Ex-Students' Society Scholarship Winners \$3,000 pa

Committee members Yvonne Giltinan and Neil Robson represented CHESS at the Valedictory and Presentation Evenings and presented scholarships and awards worth \$200 to each student. Awardee Oliver Bryant wrote, *'I would like to thank you for giving me the 2015 CHESS scholarship award for year 10. I am very grateful and humbled to receive such an honour. Please pass on my thanks to the committee. Thank you again.'* Other awardees were Daniel Beddison and Alana Brown in Year 12 and Kostas Mellos in Year 11.

The remainder of our contribution will be used for well-being to assist students who need support with their education.

## The Robert Ewins Memorial Fund \$750 pa

Beth Lane, who was awarded the Year 11 Robert Ewins Literature Award, was



[l-r] George Mellos, Anja Keith, Emily Littlechild and Grace Reeves

overseas participating in the World Challenge. At the Presentation Evening her father offered his thanks and appreciation on behalf of Beth.

Ayat Abdullah received the Year 10 Robert Ewins Literature Award.

The remainder of our contribution will be used for the benefit of English Literature within the Brereton Library.

## Art Exhibition

The Art Exhibition was officially opened by former student Grace Reeves. She encouraged the art students to take up the exciting challenges that lie ahead of them. Grace selected Emily Littlechild's self-portrait for an award.

While she was at school Grace received the Arts/Technology Award, a Performing Arts Award, the Zivco Micich Award for Role Models and Leadership and was Dux of English.

*'From my first day at Camberwell, my artistic pursuits were encouraged.*

*I was so lucky to have supportive teachers at school that helped me*

*to push myself to the best of my ability and figure out where my future aspirations lay.*

*Since leaving Camberwell High School in 2012, I have been studying an Associate Degree of Graphic Design at RMIT University. I have had many opportunities to work as an illustrator and artist, and plan on pursuing a career in comic book illustration once I have completed my degree.'*

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## Sign up a new member

We are very keen to increase our membership numbers so that CHESS represents ex-students from all decades. A membership form can be downloaded from our website: <http://chessmoves.com/membership>

## 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. Send a photo and a paragraph up to 60 words to [chsmoves@gmail.com](mailto:chsmoves@gmail.com)

# Principal's Message

**I**t has been an action packed start. We commenced the year with two days of staff professional development which ensured that all was in readiness for our students on their first day.

As part of the transition into a new year, students in Years 8–12 had already begun their new subjects in the Headstart program in 2015. This contributed to a smooth start on 29 January. During the second week we held two camps, and also a Senior School Information Evening. It has been very pleasing to see our students settle back into school smoothly and happily.

I visited the Year 12 students at St Hilda's College, Melbourne University. After a full day program, they enjoyed dinner in the dining room, followed by a session on Positive Psychology and a walk to Lygon Street for gelato and coffee. It was pleasing to see the energy and enthusiasm the students demonstrated for all elements of the program. The following day there was a choice of physical activities and also sessions with 2015 high achievers, enabling the students to focus on strategies for their wellbeing and academic success this year.

All our Senior School students and parents were invited to an information evening following the camp. We also invited parents to provide feedback on what they want for their children as graduates of Camberwell High School. We have been undertaking this investigation with students, teachers and parents as we revisit and refine the educational vision for the school. A strong partnership was established between the parents and teaching staff.

Year 7 students headed off to Portsea Camp on 3 February. It was a pleasure for Isabelle McKenzie (Assistant Principal) and me to join the Year 7 classes during their second week and facilitate the Diversity Game as they explored their individual thinking preferences and what this means for understanding themselves as learners and as team members. Understanding and managing yourself as a learner is a key element of the learning culture at Camberwell High School. I was impressed by our newest students and their courteous, cooperative behaviour and the way many students offered assistance to their teachers and peers without being asked. We are very fortunate to have teachers



Jill Laughlin, Principal

who willingly give their time to attend camps and activities outside their work hours because they are dedicated to the school and their students.

Many parents attended the Year 7 Information Evening on 10 February. This event and all information evenings and communications are provided with the intention of linking home and school. The best outcomes for our learners occur when this partnership works well. I wish everyone in our school community a happy, healthy and successful 2016.

**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.

## 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](mailto:chs.chessmoves@gmail.com) and your information will be forwarded to the Assistant Principal.



# Annual Dinner and Reunions



Above: Jack Levi (aka Eliot Goblet) and Joel Porter;  
Left: CHES Committee with Jill Laughlin at the 2015 Annual Dinner

## 2015 Annual Dinner

It was delightful to share the evening with guests and ex-students who came from near and far, including Perth and Launceston. The committee appreciated many thank you notes:

*'Congratulations – another well run, successful event. I particularly enjoyed the way Ashley and Joel led the event*

*as MCs. Also good to see a couple of the CHES winners and hear them speak. Elliot Goblet was a wonderful innovation and provided an excellent focus for the evening.'*

*'I certainly did enjoy the night. Thank you again to the CHES committee for keeping the spirit of Camberwell High School alive in all of us!'*

*'We want to thank you and your 'team CHES' for a delightful evening. The venue was very appropriate with spacing and sound buffering just right (especially for the old and deaf like me), Camberwell High School musicians and comedy hit the spot, food was good, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves with the large bonus of catching up with old class-mates.'*

## Latest reunions

During 2015 several year groups enjoyed organising their reunion and catching up with each other. Ex-students and teachers from 1965 are seen here enjoying afternoon tea at Box Hill Golf Club. The year of 1985 had a fabulous night at Southgate; the year of 1995 celebrated into the night at Glenferrie Hotel as did ex-students from 2012 and 2013.



[l-r] Dale Halstead, Elizabeth Craig, Heather Barton, Tanya Perry, Julie (McMorran) Stevens



Don Gibb and Ann Rusden at the 1965 Reunion

### Thinking about a Reunion in 2016?

CHES has an extensive database that will enable you to start contacting people in your year group. Let us know your plans so we can assist you by advertising in CHESMOVES



[l-r] Rosalind Kentwell, Daina (Stals) Coles, Phil Giltinan, Ann (MacKenzie) Nash, and Sue Black



[l-r] Alison (Chapman) Bunting, Jenny (Thomson) Goldberg, and Sam Goldberg



## Class of 1985 Reunion

La Camera, Southgate was the venue for the 1985 reunion organised by Lisa Grayson with 27 ex-students and three staff.



## Class of 1995 Reunion

On Saturday 31 October, fittingly on Halloween, the Camberwell High School class of 1995 descended upon a well-worn local haunt from our formative years, the Glenferrie Hotel, for our 20 year reunion. While the gents were sporting significantly more facial hair than the last time we were all together, this was equally countered by the diminishing locks from up on top.

Initial apprehension and on occasion a few brief moments to match a face to a name was swiftly forgotten as those in attendance slipped back seamlessly into idle banter, along with whirlwind summaries of the last twenty years. Births, deaths, marriages were hot

topics, but reminiscing about the good old days was certainly top of the agenda. The overwhelming conclusion from our various conversations was that we were all hopelessly ill-equipped to deal with the many horrifying trials of high school as virtuous teens, and we mused about how different our attitudes, interactions and focuses would have been if we could start again with the worldly knowledge we now possess.

Sharing a drink and a laugh were the lasting memories of the night which began innocently at 7.30pm, quickly saw midnight come and go, and by the time the last to fall hailed an Uber,

the notorious Glenferrie Town Hall clock tower was singing 3.00am. We greatly appreciated the effort of those who attended, and hope the above is an adequate snapshot of what the night entailed for those unable to make it. A lot of water has passed under the bridge of time since our teenage years, some good, some bad, but the majority have been fortunate that they were able to share such life defining experiences with a great group.

**Trent Shields**



# Alumni@work

In this edition of alumni@work we feature three ex-students who have made significant contributions in their medical fields.

## Beng Lee – Class of 1982

I migrated from Malaysia in 1980 and chose Camberwell High School as my alma mater, enrolling in Year 10. Arriving in the midst of a cold winter in Melbourne meant not only a great climate adaptation, but there were also cultural and academic challenges for me.

I pay tribute to Mr Coombes, my physics teacher, who opened up our senses to explore science with a curious mind and also my English teacher for his deep and profound thinking towards philosophy and life. The Principal, Miss Rusden and the teachers at Camberwell High School showed me the joy of learning, discovery and constant evolvement, rather than learning by rote memorisation. In life being able to apply what we've learnt is just as important as the knowledge itself.

After completing year 12 in 1982, I attended Sydney University and graduated in Dentistry (Hons) in 1987 with postgraduate admission as a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons in 1992. I have been in my private dental practice, Pearly Smiles, Epping in Sydney since 1995. My mission is to provide a pleasant and comfortable life-long dental experience for patients from childhood through to adulthood. I achieve this by proactively helping patients in the promotion and preservation of their dental health and well-being.



## Terry Chan – Class of 1988

I completed Year 12 in 1988 and started a Bachelor of Science degree the following year at La Trobe University. I didn't really enjoy my time there. I guess I wasn't ready to study at University at that point of time in my life, so I deferred my studies.

I embarked on a career in hospitality, acquiring a job at Menzies at Rialto in 1989. I worked in various areas from their busy bars to fine dining restaurants. I left Menzies briefly and helped with the opening of Savoy Park Plaza Hotel in 1991, then returned to Menzies at Rialto the following year to help run the beverage outlets in the first 'pokies' venue in Victoria call Tabaret at Rialto. During this time I completed an Advanced Certificate of Hospitality at the William Angliss College.

In 1996 I decided that hospitality wasn't for me, and with encouragement from an old school friend, I decided to return to La Trobe University to complete what I had started in 1989. I completed my first year, and to be honest surprised myself, being placed on the Dean's Honours list for 1996. I would have been happy to complete this degree, but I took a chance to try and transfer into another course. I was accepted into the Bachelor of Physiotherapy at La Trobe University. I got married in my second year and we had our first child in my final year. After I finished my degree I acquired a job at The Alfred Hospital, where I continue to work as a Senior Physiotherapist in ICU. Camberwell High School taught me that I had potential, but it wasn't until I got older that I could see this.



## Ben Korman – Class of 1964

After leaving Camberwell High School in 1964 I studied science for two years at Melbourne University before switching to medicine and graduating BSc, MBBS in 1971. After two years' residency at Royal Melbourne Hospital, I moved to Perth to train as an anaesthetist. Having gained the relevant specialist qualifications, I have been in private anaesthetic practice for 35 years, with an appointment as a consultant anaesthetist at Royal Perth Hospital.

In 1996 I was awarded the post-graduate degree of Doctor of Medicine by Melbourne University for a thesis based on research involving the application of some aspects of chemistry to anaesthesia. I was appointed Clinical Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Western Australia in 2000 and Adjunct Professor of Anaesthesia

and Pharmacology, Murdoch University from 2001–2007.

I have published 14 peer-reviewed papers and presented at several national and international conferences. I am planning to retire at the end of 2017. I developed an interest in art in the 1990s and have a collection, mainly containing aboriginal art. I have donated paintings to various institutions including the Art Gallery of WA, Heide Museum of Modern Art and several universities and hospitals in Western Australia.

In 2007 I was awarded a John Curtin Medal by the John Curtin Centre, Curtin University for donations to the John Curtin Gallery. I became a Vice-Patron of the Art Gallery of WA in 2011.

In 2012, I was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for my contribution in establishing the Holocaust Institute of WA, an organisation similar to the Melbourne Jewish Holocaust

Centre, which has been instrumental in educating the youth of Western Australia about the Holocaust.

As for teachers who influenced me, I can say quite unequivocally that Mr Burns was certainly the one. Even to this day, I can remember how he taught us the basics of calculus. Having done a fair bit of maths in the science faculty, I gradually began to respect, admire and love the subject.

Strangely, at the very end of my career as an anaesthetist in full-time private practice, I am managing to find time to write several mathematically-based papers related to anaesthetic uptake which are being published in basic science journals.

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### Contributing to Alumni@Work:

If you would like to contribute a short piece about your career, please forward your submission to [chs.chessmoves@gmail.com](mailto:chs.chessmoves@gmail.com)



Ben Korman with his family at his OAM Investiture in 2012

# Tributes

## Bruce Anderson (1940–2016)



Bruce and Dannii Minogue

Bruce served Camberwell High School for 33 years and will be known to many current and former students, staff and parents for his dedication to teaching PE and sport, particularly as an outstanding sports coach.

Bruce was a year level coordinator, head of PE/Sport, and vice president and president of the Victorian School Sport Association. Bruce will be remembered fondly by all those who

were influenced and mentored by him. Students' tributes included:

'Mr Anderson, you were one of my favourite teachers, even though I was crap at sport!'

'He was a kind man who genuinely cared about your future and well-being and was one of the greatest teachers you could want.'



### Richard Trevare (1930–2015)

After a professional career as a clarinettist with the Royal Australian Air Force, Richard completed a Bachelor of Music and was appointed to Camberwell High School in 1964. During his seven years there he conducted the senior choir, orchestra, madrigal group and started a dance band. Many musical students benefitted from his musicianship.

Mic Conway remembers, 'Mr Trevare was giving a lesson on the just released LP *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* by the Beatles, which he thought was very clever – most unusual for those days!'

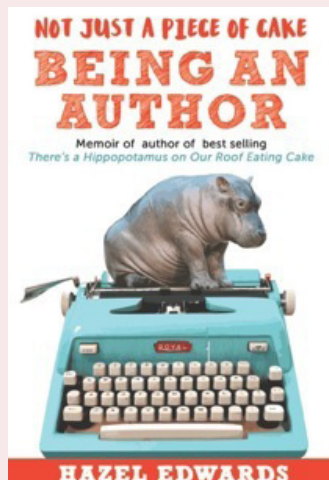
Richard's later career included work as a choral conductor, musical director of local productions and playing in dance bands around Melbourne.



### Len Davies

Len came to Camberwell High School as a Senior Teacher in 1970 and taught commerce subjects. He retired as principal of Preston Girls' High School and relocated to Daylesford where he became the manager of the Daylesford

Bowling Club for a number of years. Len was a long-time member of the Victorian Secondary School Past Principals' Association and held the office of president until October 2014.



Author Hazel Edwards OAM, who spoke at our 2015 luncheon, has published her memoir *Not just a piece of cake; Being an Author*.

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