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Recently I had the privilege of spending time with two of our alumni groups.

As part of celebrating the school's 75th year, I visited the Canberra chapter of CHESS.

Allan Carter (class of '56) organised a delightful get-together over lunch at the National Museum with 11 other ex-students and their partners.

The Canberra chapter was started by Fred Roberts in 1993 and has continued to meet three or four times a year. From 1997 to 2000 Fred coordinated a program whereby an outstanding CHS Year 11 science student visited Canberra for two days of work experience. The original suggestion came from Professor Graeme Cox, of the John Curtin School of Medical Research, who offered to pay for an annual guided visit to the JCSMR. Dr Rosemary Wright provided accommodation for the young guests and took them on 'doctors' rounds' at the Canberra

Hospital. The idea was to give the young visitors some idea of the options open to them in pursuing a career in science. The program went for four years, but unfortunately ceased when Graeme Cox retired.

Some of the ex-students I met moved to Canberra, began new careers and made the Territory their home while still maintaining family links in Melbourne. For others, their link to Camberwell High School has remained strong through their CHESS membership and a keen interest in school and alumni activities. This edition features a number of ex-students whose lives and careers have been influenced by our school in different ways. Perhaps this poem sums up why we are who we are and why many of us still have our school in our heart.

*We grew up on the same street,
You and me.*

*We went to the same schools,
Rode the same bus,
Had the same friends,
And even shared spaghetti
With each other's families.*

*And though our roots belong to
The same tree,*

*Our branches have grown
In different directions.*

*Our tree
Now resembles a thousand
Other trees*

*In a sea of a trillion
Other trees
With parallel destinies
And similar dreams.*

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For your diary

Your 2017 Membership is due
31 December 2016

Postal address

CHESS, PO Box 1101
Surrey Hills North LPO 3127

Have you changed your details?

Please advise us so we
can update our database:
chs.chessmoves@gmail.com

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*You cannot envy the branch
That grows bigger
From the same seed,
And you cannot
Blame it on the sun's direction.
But you still compare us,
As if we're still those two
Kids at the park
Slurping down slushies and
Eating ice cream.*

<http://www.suzykassem.com/poetry/forkedbranches.htm>

Yvonne Giltinan, President

Principal's Message

I am pleased to report that after 18 months of extensive repair work, the Assembly Hall has been formally handed back to the school. This occurred in time for a number of important events for the Year 12 students, including a whole school farewell assembly, the Valedictory evening with their families and the exams. Before their last day, the Year 12 students enjoyed dressing up as fantasy characters from their childhood. With music, dance, a water slide and oversized sumo balls, they played together with a great sense of fun and celebrated their transition to the world beyond school. The Parents and Friends Association hosted a sit down lunch for all Year 12 students and staff. We are fortunate to have a parent community which supports the school in this warm and generous way.

Recently I spoke to all students about one of our ex-students Dr Andrew Evans who is undertaking ground breaking medical research. My message to the students was that whatever the future has in store for them as individuals, we hope that they

will positively impact the world around them. I encouraged them to consider how they can impact others now, rather than waiting until the future.

After a long wait our oval will begin its redevelopment in November. This project is funded entirely by the school community through fund raising initiatives undertaken by School Council which include the Uniform Shop and the hiring of facilities after hours. We look forward to using our new oval early next year. It will be an all year round synthetic surface. Terraced areas will be established on the East and West boundaries and new fencing installed adjacent to Prospect Hill Rd. The Parents and Friends Association are assisting with the purchase of soccer goals and the students who raised in excess of \$3,000 in the Run for the Oval earlier in the year will be consulted about how this will be allocated.

I am also pleased to report that the school is now compliant with the Department's requirements for the safety of children, specifically in regard



Jill Laughlin, Principal

to Child Abuse. The new confidential text service will allow students to quickly and discretely alert the school about any concerns they may have.

The last term is full of activities and learning. After the Year 11 and 10 exams the whole school will move up a year level so that the very best transition can be made for the start of next year.

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 and your information will be forwarded to the Assistant Principal.



75th Luncheon

It was delightful to welcome 80 ex-students and guests to the Box Hill Golf Club in July to celebrate 75 years of Camberwell High School. The reflections provided by former Principal Ann Rusden on the 50th anniversary were meaningful, given that Ann had led the magnificent Jubilee celebrations in 1991. CHES also commenced at that time.

Entertainment was provided by Graham Scott and other ex-students from 1952–1954.

Here are some of the compliments that the committee received:

Congratulations to the committee for an excellent and appropriate celebration of 75 years of CHS.

Thank you for arranging a most enjoyable luncheon! It was fun again catching up with friends!

Congratulations on a wonderful event and presentations. Most enjoyable.

I thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon on Sunday and thought the committee did an excellent job in organising it.



Memorable Meetings

'It occurred to us that once we are all gone, CHESS will be the only organisation likely to carry our history at the school into the future. To understand the significance of this you need look no further than their website: www.chessmoves.com.

To become a member and support their work in a practical way, feel free to use the membership form included with this newsletter.'



A walk down memory lane

In September, as part of their 60th anniversary, the first Matriculation class (the class of 1956) took 'a walk down memory lane'. Lunch in Maling Road was followed by a walk to the school for a photo reminiscent of the one taken 10 years before. Refreshments were served outside the Enterprise Centre and after toasts, speeches and awards, they said their farewells.

Attendees included CHESS President Yvonne Giltinan, ex-students John Brown, Keith Walker, Allan Carter, Geoff Sprout, Norma Head, Bob Kaegi, Neil Twitt, Ray Yates, Hannah (Korman) Mrocki, Tricia (Ashley) Phillips, Robin (Curry) Brougham, Bryan Blythe, Peter Friend, Clive Beed, David Wilson and the organising group Allan Meiers, Nicola (Donkin) Williams, and Gerald

Robinson. Former teacher of Latin, Geoff Adams also shared some memories. He is still playing squash at 85! There are only three original Year 12 staff still with us. The other two are Brian Krahnet and Wilbur Keanne.

CHESS gratefully acknowledges the donation of \$250 from the class of 1956. It will be used towards the 75th Gala Dinner.

Other reunions have also been held. Eugene Smarrelli organised a reunion for the Class of 1976. The Class of 1986 had their reunion at The Geebung and Sokratis Lakrindis organised the Class of 2006 reunion.



Some members of the Canberra Chapter met at the National Museum in Canberra to have lunch with the President of CHESS, Yvonne Giltinan and Phil Giltinan. Left: Fred Roberts, David Harewood, Agnes and Victor Issacs, Phil Giltinan; Right: Chris & Sandra Bunn, Janet (Edmonds) Sibley, Yvonne Giltinan, Eric & Lyn (Young) Turner

Thinking about a reunion in 2017?

CHESS has an extensive database that will enable you to start contacting people in your year group. We can assist you by advertising in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Alumni@work



Dr Andrew Evans (right) and Neurosurgeon Mr Girish Nair (left). Photo: David Caird / Herald Sun

Dr Andrew Evans

After completing Year 12 at Camberwell High School and training at the Royal Melbourne, Western Hospitals and the Kingston Centre, I spent over four years in a movement disorders fellowship at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London.

Currently I am the director of the Movement Disorders Service at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and I have recently led a world-first trial to treat Parkinson's disease.

Stem cells were injected into the brain of a Victorian patient as part of

experimental surgery. Our team of neuroscientists transplanted millions of cells at 14 injection sites via just two 1.5cm holes in the skull. The cells had been frozen and flown in from the United States in a global collaboration. It is hoped the cells will boost levels of the neurotransmitter dopamine, a lack of which causes tremors, rigidity and slowness.

The therapy, which pushes the frontiers of science and surgery, had shown great promise in preclinical trials, paving the way for human trials. Months of planning, which involved designing the operation from scratch, winning regulatory approval, and

importing a machine that has never been used in Australia, was required.

No drugs have succeeded in stopping the progression of Parkinson's, which affects 10 million people worldwide, and treatments for symptoms eventually become ineffective.

The identity of the patient, aged 64, remains private while he recovers from the pioneering surgery. It is not yet known if the treatment has been successful. Eleven more patients will now have the surgery. Eventually we hope we can use this procedure to address the current shortfalls in therapies for Parkinson's disease. Final results will be known in two years.

Sign up a new member

We are very keen to increase our membership numbers so that CHESS represents ex-students from all decades. Please encourage other former students to join CHESS.

A membership form can be downloaded from <http://chessmoves.com/membership>

New Exhibition New Books



Kylie on Stage

Kylie Minogue (class of '85) was in Melbourne recently to launch *Kylie on Stage*, a major new exhibition which draws on her spectacular live career. The exhibition includes costumes and objects from tours dating from 1989 to 2011. 'Touring and live performance has been such a big part of my life and my development as an artist, so I'm thrilled that Arts Centre Melbourne are staging this free national exhibition. I'm excited for fans to get up close and personal with my costumes and to get a glimpse behind the curtain to see some of the design process.'



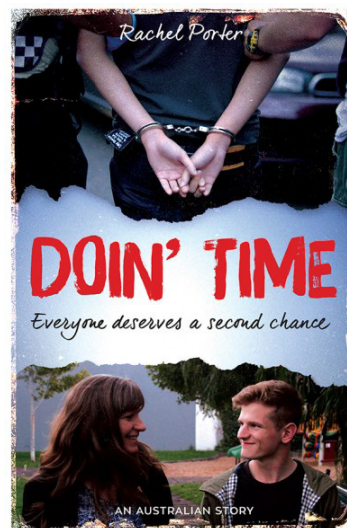
The Gunyah – A Centenary of Scouting in Canterbury 1915–2015 by James Nicolas

Former student, local historian and writer, James Nicolas (class of '84), has released a pictorial book on the centenary of scouting in Canterbury. The book was launched at the Canterbury Scout Hall as part of their 100-year celebrations. The foreword was written by Lord Baden Powell's granddaughter. The book costs \$20 and is available from James Nicolas. Mob: 0407 511 057 or Cobrascfc@gmail.com



Doin' Time by Rachel Porter

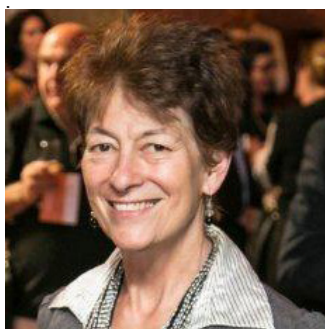
Rachel Porter (class of '79) spent two years documenting the stories of nine troubled youth who turned their lives around after being given a second chance. 'I promised them that their stories would be told in full,' says Rachel, who works as the General Manager of Whitelion, an organisation that helps young people at risk throughout Australia. *Doin' Time* is available from all good bookstores and also Whitelion for \$29.99. Proceeds go towards their youth programs. www.whitelion.asn



In short

Candidates for Council

At the recent local government elections at least three ex-students and an ex-teacher were standing for various councils. Yarra Council: Jackie Fristacky (class of '66) and Amanda Stone (teacher until 2011). Boroondara Council: Judith Voce (class of '63) and Ashley Wah (class of 2013).



Order of Australia

We congratulate Audrey Aarons (School Captain 1953) who has received the Order of Australia for distinguished service to education and international relations, particularly in the Pacific region, and to literacy, numeracy and national language policy development.

CHESS Membership for 2017

Did you know that you can renew your CHESS membership immediately and it will last until 31 December 2017? Or you can take up the opportunity for a five- or ten-year membership to ensure that you remain financial.

Visit our website for more details:
www.chessmoves.com



A rare piece of memorabilia

After 50 years Jackie Lublin (Levy) from the class of '52, has found her prefect's badge and is donating it to the school. Jackie followed in her mother Betty Levy's footsteps and became a teacher and educator. In the early '90s she retired from her role as the Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning at Sydney University. The school library has various pieces of school uniform that they exhibit and they plan to put Jackie's badge on a blazer for all to enjoy.

VALE Ian Worrall

Ian passed away in June, aged 65. He completed his HSC in 1969 and enjoyed a variety of jobs. For the last 35 years Ian was living in the Nambucca Valley NSW, where he established a nursery selling palms and other tropical plants to wholesalers and at markets.





Thank you for becoming a member of the Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society and for supporting the opportunities we have to contribute to our school. You may like to pay for membership for more than one year. Donations are also most welcome.

DATE: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

- ☐ Annual Membership: \$25 for a calendar year
- ☐ Membership for 5 years: \$120
- ☐ Membership for 10 years: \$200

MERCHANDISE: ☐ CHESS Badge \$6 ☐ CD of School Song: \$6

ADDITIONAL DONATION: \$ _____ **TOTAL:** _____

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ Given Names _____ Surname _____

Preferred First Name _____ Maiden name: _____

CHS Years: Began _____ Completed _____ Year level _____

Address _____

State _____ Postcode _____ Country _____

Phone Home () _____ Business () _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

- ☐ I am willing to share advice about my career in _____ (name area)
- ☐ I do not wish you to share my information with other students

PAYMENT OPTIONS (Please mark your method of payment) **DUE 31 December 2016**

☐ CREDIT CARD:

I authorise CHESS to deduct the Annual subscription/donation from my credit card

CARD TYPE: MasterCard /Visa Number: _____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ CCV: ____ (Security code on back of card)

Name on Card _____ Signature: _____

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