



CHESS NEWS

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President's Page

I recently met Norman. He is the father of one of our ex-students who was at Camberwell High for 6 years. In that time, Norman attended the school many times, and enjoyed the opportunity to stand and read some of the profiles on the Hall of Fame in the school foyer. Norman could even list some of our more well-known alumni. I was delighted to hear this because Principal Jill Laughlin has invited the committee of the Ex-Students Society to update the Hall of Fame. The committee has approved the design presented by a graphic designer and over the last few months I have been working with a journalist to update the text on each profile.

I've found the stories inspirational. Just 18 students were chosen for this feature wall, and yet they represent thousands of others who have carried the name of our school into their careers and their sphere of influence throughout their lives.

On the new display the introductory panel will read:

In 1991, under the leadership of Principal Ann Rusden, the school community celebrated its Jubilee. Eighteen ex-students who have made notable achievements were chosen for the Hall of Fame. These leaders of science, literature, sports, music, academia and various other fields have left their mark not only on Camberwell High School, but on



modern Australia and the world. Their full biographies can be viewed on the Ex-Students website: www.chessmoves.com

The updated Hall of Fame will be ready for display in a few months and it is our hope that it will continue to inspire both current and future students for many years to come.

One of the alumni in the Hall of Fame is Emeritus Professor Kwong Lee Dow AO AM (Class of '54). Kwong's long career in academia saw him rise over 40 years from a secondary school science teacher to Vice Chancellor at The University of Melbourne. Throughout that time, he has also been a consultant for governments both here in Australia and overseas. His dedicated work in the field of education saw him appointed Member of the Order of Australia in

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For your diary

TUESDAY 1 MAY

Camberwell High School

OPEN NIGHT 6-7pm

Includes tour of the school

CHESS AGM 7.30-8pm

Conference Room

All Welcome

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Please advise us so we can update our database

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1984, and an Officer of the Order in 2012. We are delighted that Kwong has accepted our invitation to be the speaker at the Mid-Year Luncheon on Sunday July 29 at 11.30 at Box Hill Golf Club. I hope you can come and bring along some others from your year to make up a table. It promises to be a delightful afternoon together.

Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren)
Class of '65

Principal's Report

We have commenced the 2018 school year with a busy schedule of activities. On Wednesday January 31, we welcomed all of our students back to school. For Year 7 students there was lots of excitement, and a little nervousness, as they entered the Assembly Hall for their very first day of secondary school. The first week of Year 7 focused on the Learning to Learn program, followed by the orientation camp at Portsea. It was a pleasure to visit the Year 7 students at Portsea and observe a delightful, courteous group of students. Their willingness to try new and challenging activities was also evident throughout the camp.

The Head Start program at the end of 2017 resulted in a smooth start for all students who were returning to school with completed holiday homework and prepared for already well-established classes. Parents ensured their students were well presented in their uniforms and ready to start the year. Blazers are now compulsory for all students and will be worn to and from school. Blazers are also required for school assemblies, commencing with the High Achievers Assembly on 20th February.

The Year 12 Boot Camp took place at Queen's College, Melbourne University on February 1st and 2nd and has set our Year 12 students up for a successful year. It was a pleasure to visit the students, to share dinner, an evening presentation

and a walk to Lygon Street for gelato and coffee before a good night's sleep. I was very impressed with the enthusiastic participation of about 70 Year 12 students in our yoga session on Friday morning. The senior school information evening for parents on Thursday 8th February was an excellent opportunity to share important information relevant to each of the year levels.

The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting has been held and I am delighted to report that we now have a full executive in place for 2018. Congratulations and thank you to all parents and friends who contribute to the school community so generously, enhancing all aspects of the schooling experience of their children. Recently we welcomed 25 delegates from the Penang education system to learn about how we engage



our community and partner with parents. It was a pleasure to have parents there to speak about their involvement in the school and the value this has for both their children and for them personally.

Jill Laughlin, Principal

Sign up a new member

We are very keen to increase our membership numbers so that we represent ex-students from all decades.

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

Calling for your stories

If you attended C.H.S. after 1991, we are interested in hearing from you. See page 7 for more details.

Looking for missing photos

We are keen to add to our photo collection on the website. If you have some photos that are not on the website, please scan them and email them to: chs.chessmoves@gmail.com

Paying tribute

Please contact us if you are aware of the passing of a former student. Send a photo and a paragraph up to 90 words to: chs.chessmoves@gmail.com

School News

As ex-students, we would like to encourage you to become members or renew your membership for 2018. The funds are used for four scholarships to senior students.

We also contribute to the Principal's well-being fund that assists some students with their education. Annual membership is only \$25. <https://chessmoves.com/membership/> Isabelle and Benjamin received Ex Students Society Scholarships for 2018.

Isabelle Braun:

I am writing to thank you and the Ex-Students Society for bestowing on me the CHESS scholarship award. I feel very honoured to receive this award and I am grateful that my work through the years has been acknowledged. The \$200 award for school-related expenses will be helpful in assisting my secondary education and I really appreciate this. I hope that through the rest of my time at Camberwell, and beyond, I can prove to be a worthy recipient. Once again, thank you very much.

Benjamin Parker:

I would first like to thank you and everyone who is a member of CHESS for this generous award. In my 5 years at Camberwell, I've thoroughly enjoyed my time, and had fantastic experiences with my fellow students and teachers, who have given me the capability and motivation to excel in my academic studies. I am looking forward to my final year at Camberwell, completing Year 12 at a school where I've loved being a student for the past five years, with a



group of friends whom, I'm sure, will continue to remain close for many years after school. The community fostered at Camberwell, thanks in part to CHESS, has allowed me to succeed in school and really enjoy my high school experience. This award will allow me to continue to focus on my studies throughout Year 12, so a sincere thank you for this opportunity. The work the Ex-Students Society does is a glowing example of the fantastic community that Camberwell High creates, and I look forward to remaining involved with my school years after graduating.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP WITH A WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT 25TH - 29TH JUNE 2018?

As part of their Year 10 program, all Camberwell High students (over 200 of them!) are required to organise a Work Experience placement for the week 25th - 29th June 2018. Some will be seeking a place related to a future career they might have in mind.

For others, it will be more about the chance to learn about the world of work in general. The minimum payment by the employer is \$5 per day to help cover transport costs. If you can offer a meaningful placement for one or more students, please email Joanna Buckley outlining your workplace and the nature of work the student would be undertaking and/or observing.

Or feel free to call on 9831 8350 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Once a student is interested in your offer of a place, they will fill in a *Work Experience Application* form and send it to you, the employer, for signing and return. They will also complete online Safe@Work modules relevant to your particular industry or work type. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Joanna Buckley
Careers Counsellor

VET & Work Experience Co-ordinator
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PH: 9831 8350

Reunions

Class of '77

Gareth Husband, and his small committee that included John and Kerri Thompson and Malcom Gordon, worked for 6 months, and after an exhaustive search they found over 180 ex-students to invite to what became the largest reunion any year group has had for many years. Gareth outlines some of the steps they took:

- We contacted CHES and they sent a list of 300
- Started phoning all the numbers on the student spreadsheet



- Set up a Facebook page and added photos. Within a few months, we had 80 names
- Used Australian Electoral Commission; Ryerson Index; ancestry.com; Herald Sun tributes
- Decided to try and find teachers. Bill Clancy gave us Mary Bluett's contact details and she assisted by sending letters out to ex-teachers, but as it turned out we found all of them via other means including reading Mrs. Goldberg's water meter!

We started the event at Camberwell High with photos and a tour of the school led by Yvonne Giltinan. The Ex-Students Society also provided a little gift pack for everyone: CHES pens, School of our Youth CD's and 2018 membership forms. We presented bouquets to the 5 teachers who came. At our old haunt, The Palace, we played 70's music, and included a PowerPoint tribute to the 13 students who had passed away. We were very pleased that 120 attended and the feedback was very positive. Now people are asking what we'll be doing next and when! Photos can be viewed on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/471919519839856>

Thinking about a reunion in 2018?

CHES 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.

Class of '72

When Geoff Head organised the 40th reunion he told all those present that he would see them at the 45th.

On Saturday 4th November, some of the ex-students from the class of '72 gathered at the Glenferrie Hotel for a drink and to catch-up. Another reunion has been planned for the same time next year and with a year's notice there should be a much bigger crowd!



Events

2017 End of Year Dinner with Committee and Friends

The Ex-Students committee were delighted that 28 people could join them for a casual dinner at Cantina Centrale in Mont Albert on November 15. Our guests included former Principal Elida Brereton; President of the School Council Ngaire Burn; and Rachel Bailey, the Camberwell High School Library Manager.

Rachel accepted our annual cheques, including the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund donation of \$1000 towards two literary scholarships and library books. The other cheque of \$3,000 goes towards four scholarships for senior students and the Principal's



well-being fund that assists some students with their education.

It was very good to have Rachel Bailey there. We appreciated hearing about the books she had purchased from the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund donation and the difference they are making for

students who had previously shown little interest in reading. Here are some photos:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B_tACHcw982TN2dYd1dmWm1ILTA?usp=sharing

2018 Mid-Year Luncheon with Kwong Lee Dow - Sunday 29 July 11:30

The committee of Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society invites you, along with present and past students and partners, to our 2018 Mid-Year Luncheon.

We are delighted that former student Emeritus Professor Kwong Lee Dow AO AM (Class of '54) will be our guest speaker. Kwong's long career in academia saw him rise from a secondary school science teacher to Vice Chancellor at The University of Melbourne.

We hope you, and others from your year, will come and enjoy what will be a delightful afternoon together. Please book through TryBooking. Other methods of payment require you to complete and return the form that can be found on the website: <https://chessmoves.com/upcoming-events/>

Date

Sunday 29 July 2018

Time

11.30am for 12.00 noon.

Venue

Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station Street, Box Hill

Cost

\$42 per person for a 2-course meal
Drinks at bar prices

RSVP

By 9am Friday July 20

Contact details

PH: Yvonne Giltinan. 9816 9413
E: chs.chessmoves@gmail.com

Payment Options

Try Booking

<https://www.trybooking.com/UPJH>



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BSB: 083 125

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Cheque

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Please include the completed form with your details.

Alumni@Work

Caitlin Wood (Class of 2008)

Caitlin was invited to present The Speaker's Award at the 2017 Arts, Technology and Design Exhibition. This is part of the speech she gave to the Year 12 students.

I would like to start today by acknowledging that this exhibition is being held on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people and I wish to acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. Australian Indigenous art is the oldest unbroken tradition of art in the world. The work that you have on show today tells stories and shows a journey of your own over the year, just like Indigenous art has for thousands



of years. And like most artists and designers there was a journey for me to get to where I am today.

Nine years ago, I was standing where you are today and I honestly didn't know what I wanted to do except that it was something creative. On my preference I just put down anything that I thought sounded good, and that led to 12 or 14 interviews. Even after I was offered positions at several universities and institutions, I still wasn't convinced they were right for me. I then found the Brighton Bay Art Design and Photography program. It was a one year course that had nine creative subjects that started to shape my ideas and gave me the time to work out that I liked working with my hands, pulling things apart and dealing with 3D objects and models. After I discovered that, Industrial Design was the stand out course for me. I was accepted into Industrial Design at Monash University, deferred and took some time off to travel and work. Travelling opened my eyes to history and art that I had only ever read about. Being able to stand in front of iconic pieces of work like Mona Lisa, David, the Sistine Chapel and The Last Supper and visiting modern day influences like Bauhaus and the Guggenheim Museum confirmed that the creative field was for me.

When I first started my Industrial Design course I imagined being a

furniture designer, but by 3rd year we were working to briefs that had been given to us by REAL companies. My project gave me the opportunity to design for the Medical industry. For my Honours year, my project was to increase the retention of blood donors in Australia by making the process more appealing and less time consuming. Nine years ago I didn't know there were designers in the medical field. This year I'm working on a \$15 million problem to combat the 50% of Intravenous Lines that are put into patients, but are unused or cause infections.

You may have a clear path in your mind about what you want to do, or you may still be unsure, but either way, as you learn and develop through tertiary education or the school of life, those ideas will grow and mature as you do. You should all be very proud of yourself and what you have achieved this year.

Contributing to Alumni@Work

If you would like to share about your career since you left Camberwell High School, please forward your details to: chs.chessmoves@gmail.com

Writing Our History

James Nicolas (class of '84) has been commissioned to write the history of Camberwell High School from 1991 onwards. James is a local historian and author of the delightful book *The Mystery of Fairyland*. He has already completed considerable research and is now inviting Post 1991 ex-students or teachers who would like to provide their memories of the school to contact him by email: jamesnicolas66@gmail.com. For those who wish to write down some memories, please note that only 2 pages are required. James is hoping to compile a strong narrative with personal stories and photos that celebrate the last 25 years.



Vale Don Gibb: A Teacher Devoted to History

I first met Don about 6 years ago when I presented a talk to the Canterbury History Group.

I found out Don had been a teacher at my old school, Camberwell High, from 1960-1966.

Don was also one of the founding members of the Canterbury History Group, and had been the editor of the Newsletter, amongst other roles, for many years.

Don, a rower in his youth, had introduced rowing to Camberwell High in the 1960s, and under his coaching the school won its one and only Rowing title. I got to know Don fairly well over the years, as I attended the History group's meetings regularly, and was in awe of Don's knowledge of the history of Canterbury and beyond. As someone who spent most of his life there, he could reel off facts, and names in extraordinary detail. I can't begin to tell you how much knowledge has been lost with his passing. He WAS the Canterbury History Group.

Don's book, *Visions of a Village*, on the Maling and Canterbury Road shops, and their history, is a masterpiece and I have often referred to it. He was also a co-author of the recent publication, *Remembering Melbourne*. Again, a work of excellent quality.

Don, or should I say Mr. Gibb, I am really humbled to have known you. I learnt so much from you and will miss

your humour and knowledge. You have had a bigger impact on me than you will ever know. *Tribute prepared by James Nicolas with supplementary information from the Sydney Morning Herald.* <https://www.smh.com.au/national/don-gibb-teacher-devoted-to-history-in-victoria-20180223-h0wjdz.html>

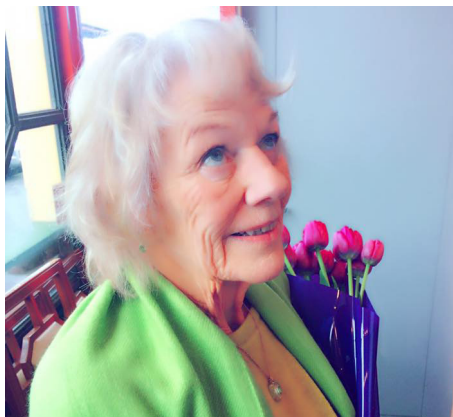


The committee of the Ex-Students Society is committed to telling our history both on our website and in written form. Robert Ewins' history *A Jubilee Retrospective: 1941-1991* has now been reprinted and can be purchased for \$20 or read as an E-book on our website. <https://chsalumni.files.wordpress.com/2017/09/camberwell-hs.pdf>

Tributes

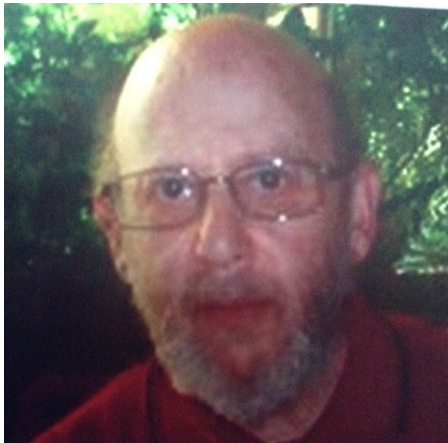
Mary Hill (Class of '60)

Mary was a primary school teacher for 50 years. She spent 36 years at Park Hill Primary and had the joy and privilege of teaching 3 generations. She also taught music, choir, art, sport and dramatic arts. Her extra-curricular activities included a love of theatre and motor sport. She was an enthusiastic member of the Victorian Mini Club for over 40 years and is remembered as a competitor, committee member, official and friend. Mary was a keen member of the Camberwell High School Ex-Students and served as a committee member and Vice President for over 10 years.



Ron Huttner (Class of '61)

Ron attended Camberwell High School while his mother, Dr. Gisela Huttner was a teacher there. He studied Law at Melbourne University and spent his entire working life in the field of Law, starting with a position in the Crown Solicitor's Office where he became one of the State's leading practitioners in the field of Administrative Law. He was fascinated with technology and set up a mega internet site for lawyers



that was used by professionals around the world. Ron's other great interest was music, both playing and listening. He entertained African plutocrats in Accra, Ghana, after finding a grand piano which the resident pianist gave up for him when it was apparent Ron's piano skills were more advanced than his!

Don Kerr (Class of '55)

For many years Don worked for Bob Jane, then became a Director of the outdoor advertising company Civic Guides until he retired. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn for 38 years. He joined in 1976, the



same year that the Balwyn Rotary Club established the Camberwell Sunday Market to fund a wide range of charitable causes.

Don loved cars and Rotary members were never sure if he would be at the wheel of his Merc 300E, Porsche, BMW coupe or precious Jaguar at 5am when they arrived to set up the market. He was a keen member of the Ex-Students Society, attending many of our functions including last year's end of year dinner.

David Wilson (Class of '56)



David became hooked on gliding when a workplace scholarship took him to the United Kingdom. He was studying welding technology when he joined a gliding club. He flew solo there and is one of few Australians to hold a British Bronze C. David became an experienced glider pilot, flying for 50 years, and regularly took part in regional and national gliding competitions in Australia. He was a former instructor and coach. His plane crashed in mountains in Otago, New Zealand. His death is a big loss to the gliding community.