

# Annual General Meeting of the Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society

Held at CHS Conference Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 May 2018

**Present:** Yvonne Giltinan, Ken James, Geoff Head, Joel Porter, Bob Taylor, Steve Callinan-Moore

**Apologies**: Ashley Wah, Audrey Broomhead, Jackie Fristacky, Jill Fletcher, Marnie Kok, Bill Stringer, Graham Scott, Gary Pearce.

## **MINUTES**

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The President of CHESS Yvonne Giltinan welcomed those present and noted apologies received from those unable to attend.

## 2. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were agreed by the meeting as correct. A motion was put by YG and seconded by KJ to accept the minutes of the 2017 AGM as presented which was passed by vote.

## 3. Reports

## President's Report

Yvonne presented her report (copy attached) to the meeting. A motion to accept the report was moved by YG seconded by GH and passed by vote.

## Treasurer's Report

Ken presented the Treasurer's Report (copy attached) to the meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was moved by KJ, seconded by PG and accepted by vote.

## 4. Election of Office Bearers

Nominations were received by the due date for the following positions: President: Yvonne Giltinan Vice President: Joel Porter Secretary: Geoffrey Head Treasurer: Ken James Committee: Steve Moore, Ashley Wah and Bob Taylor and one vacancy. As the number of vacancies exceeded the number of vacancies, Yvonne declared all nominees elected and thanked them for their willingness to join the committee and serve CHESS in the coming year.

## 5. Close of Meeting:

Yvonne thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8:03 pm.



## 2018 President's Report for AGM Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society (CHESS)

The Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society continues to grow thanks to the work of our volunteer committee who contribute their skills, enthusiasm and time. Many ex-students have thanked us for our efforts and the committee appreciates this encouragement.

The committee in 2017-18 are: Geoff Head, Ken James, Joel Porter, Steve Callinan-Moore, Ashley Wah and Bob Taylor. Jill Fletcher (Davies), Audrey Broomhead, Marnie Kok (White) and Phil Giltinan also attend the committee meetings and assist throughout the year. Neil Robson provides diligent assistance to both the Treasurer, Ken James, and the Secretary, Geoff Head, by processing mail payments.

This report is a summary of the various ways the Ex-Students Society has connected with our alumni and our school since the 2017 AGM.

## Awards

## 2017 Ex-Students Society Scholarship Winners \$3,000p.a.

On behalf of the Ex-Students Society I presented the annual Year 12 CHESS awards and prize money at the Valedictory evening. The awards are given to "two individuals who have sought to achieve their personal best. They have both displayed outstanding leadership across the school and contributed positively to the life of everyone in our school." The 2017 CHESS Year 12 awards were presented to Yuval Hayoon and Alex Capp. They received \$200. At the Year 10 and 11 Presentation evening committee member Bob Taylor presented the CHESS awards to Ben Parker (Year 11) and Isabelle Braun (Year 10). They also received \$200. The remainder of the funds go towards the Principal's fund which helps those students who need extra assistance with their education.

## The Robert Ewins Memorial Fund \$1000p.a.

These awards are given to students who achieve "consistently outstanding results in Literature". In 2017 Ben Parker (Year 11) and Elspeth McKissock (Year 10) were awardees. The remainder of the annual contribution is used for the benefit of English Literature in the Brereton Library.

#### Membership and Database: Geoff Head-Secretary

Geoff Head continues to work diligently on the database which enables us to communicate regularly with alumni. Membership has continued to grow over the last 5 years and in November 2017 we had 224 financial members. In 2017 we were successful in obtaining the details of nearly all 200 Year 12's by putting on morning tea and giving them a CHESS pen!

#### **Finances: Ken James-Treasurer**

The sound financial management by Ken James, and diligent support from Neil Robson, enable us to receive membership payments and donations. Many ex-students have taken up the option of 5 or 10-year membership and our funds are invested wisely.

#### **School Council: Bob Taylor**

For the last four years Bob Taylor has represented CHESS on the School Council. He has attended monthly meetings and raised the profile of the Ex-Students Society. He has now stepped down and we thank him for his enthusiastic commitment and contribution.

## CHESS NEWS

The newsletter is published 3 times a year and looks very professional thanks to the work of parent, Helen Cumming. The electronic version is well received by over 870 ex-students. Fifty members require a postal version and Audrey Broomhead assists with this task. I am the editor.



## CHESS Website www.chessmoves.com

Our website is a wonderful archive that includes our history and over 4,000 photos. Ex-students can also access the newsletter, new membership and annual membership forms, notices of events, reunions and the AGM reports. In 2017, the website had over 4,000 visitors. This year we have already had over 1,000 visitors. Our visitors mostly come from Australia, USA and the UK, although we suspect some are looking for hints about playing Chess and not expecting to find an ex-students school site! In 2018 the committee is hoping to launch a new website that will enable ex-students to log in and change their details.

## Events in 2017

## Mid-Year Luncheon Box Hill Golf Club July 2017

The committee welcomed 60 guests including ex-students from 1941 to 2013 to the Mid-Year Luncheon. We were privileged to have former Principal, Elida Brereton, speak and she regaled us with hilarious stories of her 15 years at the school and her short, but memorable career, as Miss Murray on the ABC program Summer Heights High. It was also very good to welcome former Principal Ann Rusden, whose support and encouragement is always appreciated, and ex-students who travelled from Launceston, Perth and our Canberra Chapter. The President of the School Council, Ngaire Burn, also spoke briefly about current works that are occurring at the school.

## **Committee and Friends Casual Dinner November 2017**

28 people met for a casual dinner at Cantina Centrale in Mont Albert. Guests included former Principal Elida Brereton; Ngaire Burn, President of School Council and Rachel Bailey, the Library Manager. Rachel accepted our annual cheques including \$3,000 for CHESS scholarships and the Principal's fund and the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund donation of \$1000 for 2 literary scholarships and the library. It was very good to hear about the books that Rachel has purchased from the donation and how they are appreciated by students.

## **Reunions**

## Class of '77 reunion October 2017

A small reunion committee worked for 6 months and contacted over 180 ex-students and 5 teachers. At the school, 120 of them gathered on the steps for photos, had a school tour, then adjourned to the Palace. The organising committee appreciated the assistance from CHESS:

" thanks once again for all your assistance....it was tremendous".

## **Class of '72 reunion November 2017**

Some of the ex-students from the class of '72 gathered at the Glenferrie Hotel for a drink and catchup. Another reunion has been planned for the same time next year.

## **Projects**

## Hall of Fame

In 1991, under the leadership of Principal Ann Rusden, the school community celebrated its Jubilee. Eighteen ex-students who had made notable achievements were chosen for the Hall of Fame. These leaders of science, literature, sports, music, academia and various other fields left their mark not only on Camberwell High School, but on modern Australia and the world. In 2018, Principal Jill Laughlin invited the committee to update the Hall of Fame so that it will continue to inspire current and future



students. When it is completed 11 of the original ex-students have been invited to attend the relaunch.

## Post 1991 Profiles

The Principal has also given permission to use a mounted television in the foyer, so post 1991 alumni can be added. Other ex-students with notable careers will be profiled, including Brian Naylor and the Minogue sisters who are easily recognised by Chinese visitors.

## E-Book by Robert Ewins https://chsalumni.files.wordpress.com/2017/09/camberwell-hs.pdf

The 1991 Jubilee book has been reprinted and is available for purchase as a hard copy. It can also be accessed on the website as an E-Book.

## Archives

Steve Callinan-Moore is scanning all Prospice dating back to the first one published in 1946. They can be accessed on our website. Keen alumni Phillip Richardson has completed scanning all the newsletters from 1991. These have been helpful for the history book being written and will be uploaded to the new website.

## Camberwell High School History 1991-2016

The committee has commissioned James Nicolas to write the history of the school from 1991 to 2016. It will cover the 25 years since the Jubilee. He is seeking anecdotes from ex-students and photos to add interest. He has appreciated the support of Rachel Bailey, the Library Manager and has accessed many Prospice that have been scanned.

## Social media

Social media is a strategic way to engage with our younger alumni. Ashley Wah and Joel Porter post events and updates on Facebook. Many ex-students are also using Facebook to contact people in their year and organise their own reunions.

## **2018 Events**

- Mid-year lunch at Box Hill Golf Club on Sunday 29 July. Kwong Lee Dow has accepted our invitation as speaker.
- We are also hoping to hold a CHESS event in November at the Arts, Technology and Design Exhibition.

In conclusion, I want to thank the committee for working with me. CHESS can only function because of their continuing interest, commitment and conscientious contributions, and I am very grateful that I have their support.

Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren) President



## CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS SOCIETY INCORPORATED Inc

# PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017 2017

2016

Income		
Reunion Income	0	72
Donations From Members	996	1,810
Subscriptions	9,280	8,470
Xmas Dinner	1,120	9,100
Book & CD Sales	116	89
Mid Year Luncheon	2,360	3,440
Interest	692	412
Total		
Receipts	14,564	23,393
Payments		
Annual Consumer Affairs	56	54
Awards	4,000	3,000
Bank Charges	276	412
Book REM	508	
Book from 1991	1,000	
Dinner Year End	1,483	10,225
Mid Year Luncheon	2,703	3,834
Postage	283	184
Printing and Stationary Newsletter	782	951
Petty Cash	233	341
Reunion Expenses	0	320
Website- Development	2,413	1,056
Year 12 Promotion	874	
Total		
Payments	14,611	20,377
NET OPERATING INCOME	-47	3,016
Retained Income at the beginning of the Financial	26.2.6	
Year	26,946	23,930
RETAINED INCOME =	26,899	26,946

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

This report should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation



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# CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS SOCIETY INCORPORATED Inc BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017	2016
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank NAB Cheque Account	11,008	6,750
NAB TD Robert Ewin Memorial Funds	11,153	11,902
NAB Deposit IBTD	15,889	20,196
Other Debtors	0	0
	38,050	38,848
TOTAL ASSETS	38,050	38,848
CURRENT LIABILITIES		

Funds Held in Trust	0	0
Robert Ewin Memorial Fund	11,151	11,902
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	26,899	26,946
FUNDS		
Members Funds	26,899	26,946
TOTAL FUNDS	26,899	26,946

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# CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS SOCIETY INCORPORATED Inc NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Statement of Significant Accounting Policies AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements AASB 1031 Materiality No Other Accounting Standards Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied The Financial Report is prepared on a cash basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non current assets