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AGM DATE:

**Monday 21st May
@ 7pm**

Venue is in the conference room of CHS - turn left inside the main entrance. 7pm start.
PLEASE ATTEND!

CHESS still has stock of school song CDs @ \$5* and badges @ \$7* - email patjdouglas@primus.com.au

**includes postage & handling*

CHESS MOVES

CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS' SOCIETY INC.

<http://www.chessmoves.com>

April 2012

CHESS IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN JEOPARDY!!!

The Committee met last month and five key committee members are standing down at the forthcoming AGM on Monday 21st May 2012. Some of the other committee indicated they will leave by the end of the year.

The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary (Membership), Treasurer and Media (Website/Newsletters) are vacant and need to be filled at the AGM to be held at Camberwell High School 7pm on 21st May 2012.

If these positions are not filled then CHESS cannot run as an incorporated body due to not enough committee members and will cease to exist.

A lot of work has gone into the last twenty years in running reunions, a huge ex-student database, newsletters, a fantastic website and being a strong support to the school. FYI the committee meets for 1½ hours on a Monday night at the school every second month and runs a decade reunion every October/November. Media and Secretary positions get some remuneration and the Committee was looking to pay a support person an ongoing monthly administration fee. This is a one and only plea for volunteers to provide a service to the current and ex-students and keep CHESS and the website going.

We strongly request please that applications for Committee positions via the attached nomination form be filled and sent in ASAP. Nominees and Nominators don't have to be ex-students – not a pre-requisite but is preferred.

RETIRING PRESIDENT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This will be my final President's Report.

Following my gap year in 2011, I have now commenced studies as a full time student at RMIT and sadly, no longer have the time required to adequately fulfill my duties as president.

When I agreed to put myself up for presidency I was well aware that this would be the case, come 2012, however the committee was desperate for someone to step up and it seems this year is no different.

Our long term plan for 2012 was to hold a 1970's reunion at the school; however this may not eventuate unless the CHESS committee is invigorated with fresh faces and fresh ideas.

In order to continue, CHESS needs at least 3 new committee members, including a President, Secretary and Treasurer, to remain viable.

Although our finances are very healthy, and membership continues to steadily grow, the current CHESS committee is very tired and over-committed. For many years now CHESS Committee members have hoped to retire, but without support from the membership this has not been possible. Enough is enough.

All four executive positions - President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are vacant. And we are hoping to fill them at the upcoming AGM which will be held at the school on Monday 21st May 2012 at 7pm. Principal, Jill Laughlin, will be attending, and all are welcome.

If you don't want CHESS to close down and have any ideas on how to move CHESS forward, please do not call and complain. We urge you to come along to the AGM and find out what you can do to revive this important group! I'd like to thank Deb for her enormous effort in managing the website and publishing CHESSMOVES over many years, Kate Hamond for all the help she has given me and finally a big thanks to our Secretary, Pat Douglas, who has basically run CHESS for many years.

Sian Murray
CHESS President



2011 Period Financial Statement - cash basis

Year ended Sunday 31 December 2011

ABN 54 448 712 733

Total
Year To Date
from 01.01.11
to 31.12.11

Opening Balance at National Bank**\$11,931.31****RECEIPTS**

Badge Sales 26 @ \$5	130.00
Donations from Members on top of Subs	1,518.00
CHS 70th Anniversary - 14 August 2011 - no entry fee just merch sales	0.00
Reunion Income - 1960's 07/10/11 108 @ \$30	3,240.00
Sale of Digital Projector to Kelvin Club	200.00
School Book Sales 31 @ \$10	310.00
School Song Sales 16 CD's @ \$5	80.00
Subscriptions:	
2013 at \$25	50.00
2012 at \$25	2,350.00
2011 at \$25	2,725.00

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS**\$10,603.00****PAYMENTS**

Annual Statement fees - Consumer Affairs	41.80
Bank Charges and Taxes - NAB Merchant Fees	305.47
Dinners - Meetings, Christmas & AGM - CHS Staff & Committee	50.00
Donation - Building for Learning Fund - 5 Auditorium Seats @\$200	1,000.00
Donation - CHS Symphonic Work	200.00
Donation - Principal's Fund	0.00
Plaque - B Corser - past president CHESS	50.00
Membership Secretary - Out of pocket expenses	300.00
Postages - CHESSMoves & Merchandise	594.25
Printing - Membership 300 forms	35.00
Printing - CHESSMoves	576.40
Publication - CHESSMoves	450.00
Reunion Exps - Powerpoint	200.00
Reunion Exps - Postage	87.00
Reunion Exps - Printing 290 Flyers/Acceptance forms	362.00
Reunion Exps - CHS catering food, amenities & non alcoholic drinks	578.00
Reunion Exps - CHS beverages	334.72
Stationery & Computer Exps	166.42
Webpage Hosting & Updates www.chessmoves.com	650.00

TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS**\$5,981.06****Cash Surplus (Deficit) for the period****\$4,621.94****Cash Balance - Surplus (Deficit) YTD****\$16,553.25****TOTAL ASSETS**

Closing Balance at NAB Cheque Account : 50 - 723 - 8691	\$16,553.25
Purchase of Digital Projector - for reunions 50% share - NOW SOLD	0.00
Total Assets	\$17,753.25

MEMBERSHIP (PAID UP) HISTORY

No. of 2013 Subscriptions banked this year	2
No. of 2012 Subscriptions banked this year	94

TOTAL PAID 2012 & 2013 MEMBERS TO DATE**96**

CHESS MOVES

50th Jubilee Reunion - the Class of '61

by Bruce Robb

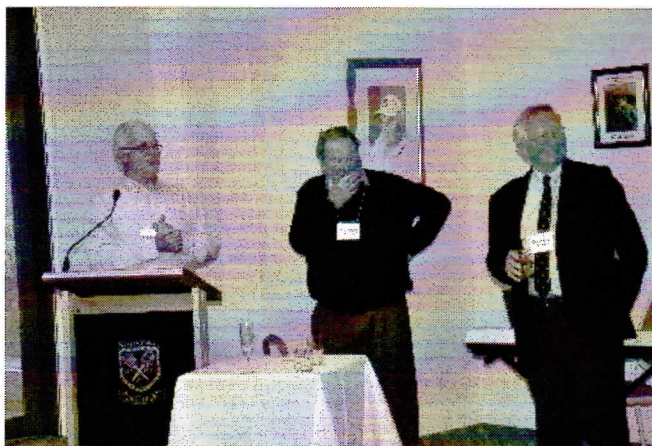
Back in June this year I received a phone call out of the blue from Beverly Nelson (nee Harrison) whom I'd not spoken to for about 45 years. Bev was the girl Head Prefect of 1961. She told me she'd been speaking to some of her old classmates, Joy Gray (nee Morton) in particular, and they wanted to know whether I, as former Head Prefect, was doing anything about celebrating the 50th anniversary of our leaving CHS.

I reflected for a few moments and swiftly came to the conclusion that this was really something special to be celebrated. So I committed to test the level of enthusiasm among some ex-classmates that I had stayed in contact with over the years, and if the response was positive to do something about it.

Fortuitously I'd already managed to get some of those lads to organise a luncheon to coincide with a visit to the mainland of an old classmate, Kim Webster, who now lives in Tasmania. Their reaction to the idea of a Reunion was positive and it was decided at that luncheon that the venue should be the Kooyong Tennis Club and that the date should be 26th November. Gerry Paulusz and Peter Quinn offered to assist set it up along with Geoff James who lives up in North Queensland, and who had had to skip the luncheon because of the airline disruption caused by ash from the volcano eruption in Chile. Bev Nelson (Harrison) enveigled Carol Hunt (van Twest), Glenys McIntyre (McKenry) and Joy Gray (Morton) to assist – so we had an organising committee for the function.



Left to Right: Peter Jones, Katharina Russell-Head, Dorothy Paver (Packham) and Boniface Town



Left to Right: Bruce Robb introducing the Guests – Teachers Robert Ewins & Don Gibb

CHES kindly provided a copy of their database of ex-students from the Class of '61, to help us locate long lost ex-classmates. Many hours were spent on the computer and phone, checking and updating the contact details in this database until it was current as far as we could make it, and the invitations went out in late August.



Left to Right: Val Wright (Robinson) and Bev Nelson (Harrison)

The rest is now history. On Saturday, 26th November, the 50th Jubilee Reunion of the Class of '61 was celebrated at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. It took the form of a cocktail party, rather than a sit-down meal, with drinks and finger food being served by wait-staff to facilitate people circulating and mixing. Nearly 80 ex-students attended including some partners, and two special guests, namely the ex-CHS teachers Robert Ewins and Don Gibb.



Left to Right: Bob Miles, Ken Caulkett, Alan Marlsland, Peter Waterworth, Eric Shade, Robert Hansen, Barrie Baker and Ian Mills singing the 'School Song'

In traditional CHS fashion for those days (although CHS was a co-educational school, the school then went to a lot of trouble to keep the boys and girls segregated), Bev welcomed the girls and Bruce the boys. The guests were separated into 'boys' and 'girls' for 'The Final Assembly' and Bruce led them in the 'Oath' and then reminisced with a few anecdotes about the teachers of that era, to set the atmosphere for the evening. The names of deceased classmates were read



Left to Right: Bob Miles, Jenny Kennedy (Crundall) and Joy Gray (Morton)

out and a moment's silence observed. Bob Ewins then gave an erudite speech on the topic of aging, most appropriate for those gathered and something he admitted he thinks about more and more as time passes. This was followed by the gathering lustily singing the School Song led by Frances Monsborough (Watt) on the keyboard.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion immensely with much gaiety and laughter as old friendships were rekindled and reminiscences exchanged about those good old days. Many commented that the evening seemed to pass too quickly, so it is hoped that people will continue to arrange to meet privately to keep the momentum up.

A booklet containing personal information sheets returned with invitation acceptances, was provided to each attendee at the conclusion of the evening as a memento, and to enable continuing contact.

The event organising committee is most grateful for the support offered by CHS for the loan of the school banner and the electric keyboard. It especially acknowledges and thanks the many guests who came from far and wide at great expense, and is humbled by the effort that those who were in poor health made to attend.

Thank you to the organising committee, Gerry Paulusz, Bev Harrison, Geoff James, Joy Morton, Carol van Twest and Glenys McKenry who worked so hard to make the function such a success and also to Peter Quinn for his support in securing the venue.

Finally thank you to all those who attended and for entering into the spirit of the evening so enthusiastically. Photos taken during the evening are posted on the CHES website – please enjoy!!



Left to Right: The 'Athletic Champs' – Glenys Nall (Beasley), Kim Webster and Joy Gray

Dear Deb. et al,

After the bun fight at Wattle Park I found myself in debt to my mate from class of 1948, Neville Duff. He bought a bottle of wine which I gratefully noshed with him.

How better to repay him than to have him and his lovely wife Pam up for lunch? After all, he live just down the road. Well, quite some way down the road, but then Moe South is THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE so he should be able to get here, shouldnn't he?

And why not call in others who were at Wattle Park but where we couldn't get into 'deep and meaningful discussions' at the time?

So the party got bigger. David Barr and his wife Wendy, John and Joyce Butler and my old mates Rex and June Thompson made the trip and because it was an educational occasion there had to be a test. In this case it was wine tasting, all the latest vintages from my vineyard. Strangely they all passed it and took away the bottles they preferred.

A great lunch, lots of catch up talk and the friendship of sixty-three years cemented. We didn't actually get to sing the school song - lunch was still on our diaphragms, you understand - but we thought it, my word we did.

Photo attached shows, from left to right: Pam Duff, Wendy Barr, John and Joyce Butler, Graham Scott, Neville Duff and Rex Thompson

And can you please put in my apologies for the 70th Reunion? I'll be skiing.

Graham Scott



VALE

Keith Weldon Banner CHS 1946 - 1949

Many thanks go to Peter Judge for informing us of the death of one of his contemporaries at Camberwell High School and for forwarding the AGE notice, which we reproduce here.

Deaths



BANNER
Keith Weldon

Died Sunday
January 22, 2012.

Loved brother of Ella,
brother-in-law to Jack,
uncle of Chris, Jane
and Annette.

Our love and best
wishes to Cheryl.

theage.com.au/obituaries

Dieter Gunther CHS 1955 - 1959
Also a teacher at CHS

Mr Gunther, as he was known to us at CHS in the sixties, was a great teacher and is remembered by us fondly. Occasionally, he was known to wear his Tigers scarf to school.

As Kate Hamond recalls, he was thrilled to be a teacher at his old school.

GUNTHER
Dieter Paul

28.06.1940 - 03.12.2011

Much loved and cared for
husband of Leone, father
of Ru, Ange, Cath, Paul
and Loren. Pop of
Brooke, Dan, Kaila, Bri,
Chlo, April, Nath, Nick,
Jezz, Tilly and Bonny,
father-in-law of Jason,
Dean, Darren, Vikki and
Gidge.

True Tiger.
Strong and bold
to the end.
theage.com.au/obituaries

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