



CHESS NEWS

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President's Page

Snip Snip Snip, said the text on my phone. The Age was promoting their feature story, "A snip in time: the school haircut that mobilised a community and brought down a principal."

We live near Trinity Grammar and watch the boys walking to and from Ruyton for their various classes. They always look well groomed and very well behaved.

I'm familiar with Trinity Grammar. I spent some time at Trinity while completing the practical component of my Masters of Career Development. After I had already completed my designated work experience, the careers teacher would occasionally invite me to come and observe what he was doing, particularly with the Year 12's. I appreciated his collegiality and willingness to welcome a newcomer into the profession.

The Age article said, "a long running survey, run from 2005 to 2017, reveals that academic results were the top priority for new families selecting the school. New families consistently put alumni near the bottom of their lists of priorities." It went on to say: "Parents might not rank alumni as a top priority, but the old boys' network which runs events, helps with fundraising and

has a network of sporting teams, plays an important role in the lives of many former students. One former student said: "I care about Trinity because I want others to have the same experience that I did."

Our Ex-Students committee seeks to fly the flag for our alumni by holding 2 events each year, representing the ex-students at important school events, giving money for scholarships, encouraging reunions, donating funds to the library and the Well-being Fund and maintaining our history. Many ex-students appreciate what we do as volunteers, and we value our champions who support our events.

At the AGM, most of the committee offered to stand again. We are, however, looking for a secretary to replace Geoff Head who has worked tirelessly for the last 5 years. We are hoping that one ex-student will offer to take on the secretarial role (minutes, letters, admin., communication) and another ex-student offer to manage the membership and keep the database updated.

Please consider how you can help CHESS remain a vibrant and relevant ex-student community. Contact me on 0415 876 255 if you can assist.

Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren)
Class of '65

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Please advise us so we can update our database

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Committee News

The AGM was held on 1 May 2018 and reports from the President and Treasurer were tabled. On behalf of the Ex-Students Society we thank these committee members for their diligent and ongoing contribution to our school community and alumni.



YVONNE GILTINAN
President
Class of 1965



JOEL PORTER
Vice President
Class of 2012



GEOFF HEAD
Secretary
Class of 1972



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Treasurer
Class of 1964



STEVE CALLINAN-MOORE
Class of 1971



ASHLEY WAH
Class of 2013



BOB TAYLOR AM
Class of 1962



**CAN YOU FILL THIS
VACANCY?**

Neil Robson (1972); Audrey Broomhead (1946); Marnie Kok (1962) and Phil Giltinan (1964) also provide valuable assistance.

President's Report

<https://camhigh.exstudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-CHESS-AGM-Presidents-report.pdf>

Treasurer's Report

<https://camhigh.exstudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Treasurers-Report-AGM-2018.pdf>

We would value your assistance with these tasks:

- Secretary, including membership
- Management of the Database

Contact us by email: chs.chessmoves.org or
call Yvonne Giltinan Mob: 0415 876 255

Mid-Year Luncheon 29 July 2018

This year's luncheon got off to a stirring start with a quintet of Year 12 Camberwell High School boys playing popular tunes on their euphoniums, a tuba and drums. Over 60 ex-students travelled from near and far to share lunch, enjoy fellowship and listen to former student and guest speaker Emeritus Professor Kwong Lee Dow AO AM (Class of 1954). Kwong spoke about Camberwell High School and education - past, present and future. He discussed the establishment of the school, then looked at secondary school education today and concluded by talking about young people and their future, and the role of schools in anticipating priorities and uncertainties.

As an educator, Kwong provided a unique perspective that was most interesting.

Photos can be viewed on this link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NS0T72aldo9L90OilvLvCcKqPL9mg2_f?usp=sharing



We were very pleased to have ex-students, Rory Hughes, Ashley Wah and Jess Garnham, and current student, Fiona Bonnet, with us. They have each received a Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship and were chosen not only because “there is a feeling that they will succeed and do well in the University, but they have qualities of leadership, engagement and involvement.”

School News



The sinister story of Sweeney Todd would surely have shocked audiences when students performed the 1979 thriller musical in June. Sweeney Todd is an English barber and serial killer who murders his customers with a straight razor and, with the help of his accomplice Mrs. Lovitt, processes their corpses into meat pies! Director Helen Cull said the biennial production is such a “huge time commitment that it can only be performed every two years. We started rehearsing last year, and worked every Friday and Sunday this year; six days straight over the holidays and whole weekends leading up to the final shows,” she said. “The students really do the hard yards. It isn’t just singing and dancing—they paint the sets and help with costuming and programming.” Ms. Cull said the musical is also a chance for younger and older students to work together. It’s a very collaborative environment.”

Atlases purchased from the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund

Library Manager Rachel Bailey recently wrote: “I want to let you know that the Library has used the funds which were donated by the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund to purchase a beautiful class set of 25 colour Atlases. The previous set of Atlases were over 12 years old and as you can imagine there have been many changes of capital cities and territories, alterations of borders, declarations of independence, land annexations etc.

We have added a book plate to each one, so that students will read about the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund each time they open the book. We are thrilled with the new Atlases and they are due to be covered with a protective covering next week. This photo acknowledges not only the generous donation, but also the hard work which the Ex Students Society have put in to ensure that our current students benefit from his legacy”.



(Left to right) – Serena Beddison (School Captain), Julia Kim (SRC President), Angus Street (School Captain), Mrs. Yvonne Giltinan (President Ex Students Society), John Stammelos (SRC President).

It's not too late to pay your 2018 subscription

By renewing our subscriptions each year, the Ex-Students Society is able to make a significant contribution to our school and current students. You can download the form from our website and payment can be made online. Please include your name. <http://chessmoves.com/membership>

Planning your reunion in 2018?

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

Allan Paull OAM (Class of 1950)

I started at Camberwell High School in 1946 and with encouragement from my teachers, Mr Dawkins and Mr Inchley, I developed a desire to become a commercial artist.

I completed a design course at RMIT while playing the piano accordion in the Tivoli Theatre production of *'The Latin Quarter'*. I also completed a Diploma of Advertising Art while touring with *'Folies Bergere'* from Paris. By day I was employed as a graphic designer, and by night an entertainer at most of



Allan Paull with Governor The Hon. Alex Chernov AC QC

Melbourne's fashionable night spots. I also won a world trip by sea with all expenses paid on a radio talent show on 3KZ, *Swallow's P & A Parade*. While touring the UK and Europe, I appeared on BBC TV as soloist with Joe Loss and his Orchestra and was top billing at the World Accordion Festival on BBC Radio representing Australia.

Back in Australia, in addition to teaching graphic design at RMIT, I played in cabaret, radio and TV variety shows, including Graham Kennedy's IMT, the first Carols by Candlelight 1959 at the Myer Music Bowl and ATVO's 'Showcase 65'. I also toured South Vietnam with the Government sponsored 'Frank Rich Show', entertaining Australian and American forces. The concert for over 3000 sailors was memorable. On the tour we also performed for Australian troops in Thailand, Singapore and in the jungle of Sabah.

I became a consultant designer of high security documents. Everyone was 'printing money' and whilst the Promissory Note I did for the (Alan) Bond Corporation had the look of substance, my redesign of the Australia Post Money Order outlasted it. The label for Chateau Tahbilk, which I designed in 1963, has lasted even longer. I stood as a political candidate

for the Federal election in 1984, 1987 and 1990. After gaining the biggest swing in Australia in 1987, and winning by over 3000 primary votes in 1990, I lost the seat on preferences.

Shocked by the tragic events in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989, I jammed the 'dob-in-a-dissident' phone lines in China. Creating a chain of callers around the world, the phone jamming network was to save hundreds of lives and my idea became international news.

In 2011 Melbourne Books published my autobiography "Who the Hell is Allan Paull". Now retired, I was awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) for "Service to the community through Charitable and Social Welfare Organisations" in 2015.

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

School Tour

A Virtual Tour of Camberwell High School

Many ex-students would like to take a tour of the school during their reunion, but tours are only offered during school hours. Ex-students are welcome to join any of the regular tours and should call the school to check dates Ph: 9836 0555. Here is a “virtual tour”. The information was current in 2017.



Of the 1,200 students, 2/3rds are boys. Many of their sisters are at Canterbury Girls. There are some all boy classes up to Year 9.

There are 25 students in each class in Year 7. Each Year 7 teacher takes their class for 2 subjects and she/he is also their learning mentor. The mentor teacher meets with each student once a week. There is no streaming in classes, but teachers are required to provide 3 levels of learning in each subject to cater for different needs.

The IT program, Compass, that is shared between staff, students and parents enables parents to check if their child is in class (no more wagging!)



Room 1 was the old music room and Year 12 girls room in the 60s. It now houses the Language School. Eighty international students from China and Vietnam come for a 6 month English intensive so they are prepared for Year 11.

The library is above Room 1 and has been extended. It is called the Brereton Library, after former principal Elida Brereton, and has an average of 800 students pass through its doors every day. The borrowing of print books has increased by 87% this year, due to the Literacy for Learning initiative which is being successfully implemented.

Every student has a Netbook computer and there is an IT room for repairs.



Two floors of the 2nd cream brick building are being renovated in 2018 using the \$2 million allocated by the State Government. These classrooms are used by Year 8 and for all science classes.

The D building (bright yellow building near the roundabout in Prospect Hill Road) is being pulled down. It was built in 2000, but has aged and does not meet the needs for Year 7 student learning. The year 7s come from 45 different schools.

School Tour



The Enterprise Centre.

This is a purpose-built building for the Year 9s. The building was self-funded by the school community, including the Ex-Students and completed in 2013.

It houses a multimedia studio and editing suite, small group discussion areas, larger rooms for presentations and a 235-seat auditorium.

In Year 9, students have the opportunity to go to China or Normandy as part of their language studies.



The new soccer ground was opened in June 2017 at the cost of \$1.5 million. The funding was provided by the State Government as part of the \$3 million package that includes money for upgrading the old buildings.

The soccer pitch is not only a school facility - it is also used by the community.

The tennis courts are shared by the school and East Camberwell Tennis Club.



Alongside the Senior School Centre is the Music complex. Every student in year 7 learns an instrument and joins a band. Many students play in bands and ensembles for the 6 years they are at CHS. Overseas music tours are run every 2 years. This year the music groups performed in Japan.

37 VCE subjects are on offer to students in Year 11 and 12 along with a range of external subject options including languages other than English.

Students who study the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) work in industry one day a week.

In Short

Congratulations

Frank Stamford (class of '62) has been awarded an OAM for 'Service to Rail Transport History' spanning over 50 years. As well as researching and authoring several books, Frank founded the Light Railway Research Society of Australia in 1961, and has been its Publications Officer for 30 years. Frank has also been a volunteer with the Puffing Billy Railways for over 20 years.

Photo: Derek Schlennstedt.



Correction and Addendum to Don Gibb's tribute

The article in the March 2018 Chess News about Don Gibb's role as a rowing coach has been corrected by those who rowed in the late 1950s.

John O'Hara (class of '59) wrote: I was Captain of Boats in 1959. Harold Begbie, a Biology teacher introduced rowing in the mid 1950s. This was given great impetus when Olympic Bronze Rowing Medalist Michael Aikman joined CHS staff as a Physics teacher after the 1956 Games. CHS won 1st & 2nd Eights Head of River in 1958 and 1st, 2nd & 3rd Eights Head of River in 1959. Michael Aikman was actively involved in recruiting Don Gibb to the CHS staff, so that the Rowing Squad would continue to be coached in 'The Albert Bell' style that both Michael and Don had learnt at The Geelong College, where I also ended up doing some coaching.

Ray Boston (class of '60) wrote: Rowing was largely popularised, glamorised and successful under Mike Aikman's control. I rowed for 3 successive years under Mike and with each, after the first, were victorious. No subsequent crew after Mike's period enjoyed such success. Mike was an outstanding rowing coach and a spectacular Physics teacher.

Kem Mayberry (class of '58) wrote: I was stroke of that first eight that won the Head of the river under Mr Begbie and Mr Aikman. I was also Captain of Boats and a prefect that year.

Peter Doughty (class of '63) also supplied this information: At a presentation at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria to honour the life and work of Associate Professor Don Gibb, it was announced that The Don Gibb RHSV Prize in Australian History would be awarded annually to the best student in



Presentation of the Oars, 1959

Australian history at La Trobe University. The Gibb family has donated \$10,000 to ensure this is a perpetual prize to recognise Don's contribution to student learning in history in Victoria.

Help with missing names on photos

Our website has over 4,000 photos. Some are unnamed. Can you check the photos from your years and let us know if there are any "unknowns" that we can now name?

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