



IN THIS ISSUE:

- President's Report
- Principal's Message
- Treasurer's Report
- School Of Our Youth - Yvonne Giltinan
- SINGERS NEEDED!!!!
- 40s and 50s Reunion RSVP
- Were you in 1956 Matric?
- Letter from Bryan Rowland
- Proposed CHESSE badge
- Canberra Chapter
- Membership Form
- Discourse - John Rimac

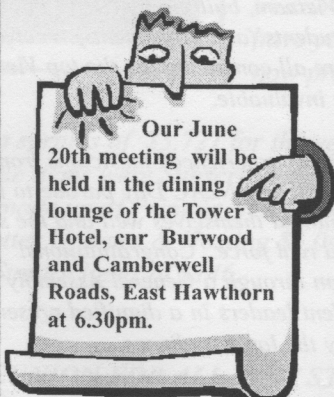


CHESSE MEETINGS:

June 20th

August 8th

October 10th



We are now holding our meetings bi-monthly. Anyone interested in joining us at a local restaurant, please ring Bernard on 9416-3155 (W) or 0407-300678.

CHESSE MOVES

CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS' SOCIETY

<http://www.chessmoves.com>

June 2005

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

World Wide Web, calling all ex-students of Camberwell High. If you don't have access to the internet then dial a friend or visit the library! CHESSE now has exciting new additions to our website including the photo collection from the Principal James era. These are valuable documents that our Deb Johnson has archived and made available for us. Please check our www.chessmoves.com and email your thoughts.

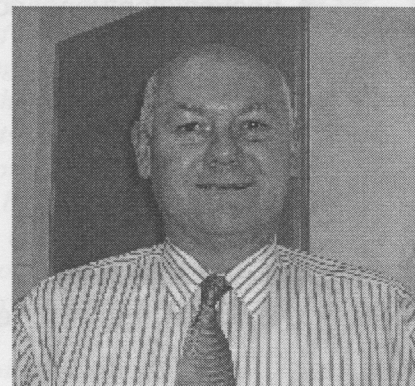
CHESSE is keen to see a recording or various recordings of the school song. Yvonne Giltinan, a class of '65 student, is offering to rehearse all enthusiastic ex-students in this. Trevor Henley, from the class of '70, has made input with the music and we will keep you posted on developments.

Remember to contact any friends of the 40s and 50s for our October reunion.

Regards

Bernard Corser (Class of '71)

Disco Consulere Aliis



SINGERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We NEED your voices for a special choir of past CHS students to record our wonderful school song.....to distribute to current students so that they will come to love it as much as we do.

Saturday, 30th July, 2005.

Rehearsal 10.30am to 12MD - Recording 1.30 - 2.30pm.

Christ Church, cnr Denham & Church Streets, West Hawthorn is the venue. MELWAYS 44K9.

Our conductor will be former student/house pianist, Yvonne Giltinan.

RSVP Yvonne by July 1st on 9816-9413.



PRESIDENT

Mr Bernard Corser
331 Highbett Street
Richmond 3121
(W) 94163155
(H) 94295026
(M) 0407-300678
bc@corserproperty.com.au

SECRETARY

Pat Douglas
PO Box 201
Chirnside Park 3116
(H) 87042973
patjdouglas@iprimus.com.au

TREASURER

Neil Bouvier
10 O'Dwyer Street
Mordialloc 3195
(H) 95880328
booves@optusnet.com.au

EDITOR

Deb Johnson
2 Duval Court
Wheelers Hill 3150
(H) 95606735
(M) 0412-844175
landie@bigpond.net.au

We welcome any contributions from past students. Please contact Deb by post or email with any written articles. Also, if any CHESS members wish to place ads, please contact Bernard. Also please consider our chessmoves website for your advertising!

CHESSMOVES**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:**

September 15th, 2005.
Send all articles to
Debs.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Camberwell High has conducted many successful camps this year for students - Year 8 stayed at Wollangarra, all of Year 9 stayed at Phillip Island for three action-packed days, the Year 10 Geography camp/field trip was at Anglesea and our Senior Stage Band has just returned from a Music Tour to Mount Gambier. For the first time in many years, I visited the Year 9 camp on Day 2 without my colleague Glen Linton who is not very well at the moment, but despite that, I joined in activities and was impressed by the willingness of our students to participate fully in the camp's formal and informal activity sessions.

Taryn Anderson came 3rd in a Rotary public speaking competition. Congratulations also go to Caleb Berry who has just been chosen to be a member of the Under 18 Victorian Basketball team! Twenty-five of our French students recently visited Noumea and were able to practise their French language skills to good effect in this part of New Caledonia. Well done, students and your caring and competent teachers for reflecting well on yourselves and the school. And also another Well Done for all who participated in our whole-school event, the House Athletics Sports, held on the last day of Term 1 and won by Roosevelt.

Congratulations go to Campbell Wiggins of 7A for his selection into a national baseball team which played teams from Japan in March, and also to classmates, James Smith and Kento Hagino, who are members of the prestigious Australian Boys' Choir, selected to sing in Japan.

During the last days of Term 1, Glen Linton represented CHS (and Victorian education) in China and Hong Kong, visiting other important agencies, and meeting families and prospective students. School Council also endorsed a "flying" visit to Vietnam in the first week of the holidays by Isabelle McKenzie and me, in which we met agents, Australian Consulate staff, and the parents of our seven VCE students from Vietnam, to whom we gave Interim Reports and verbal updates. Isabelle and I benefited from Camberwell HS's excellent reputation in Vietnam, built up by Glen Linton's work and by the high quality teaching our Overseas Students (and all students) receive. The UK, USA, Singapore, Canada and Australia are all competing for the top Vietnamese and Chinese students, so our trips to Asia are invaluable.

On ANZAC Day a marching band comprising experienced musicians from CHS and Camberwell Girls GS participated in the official ANZAC Day parade to the Shrine. Trained by Kathryn Cooper, the band acquitted themselves well and the students found the spirit of the day to be a wonderful and real force. Congratulations! The whole school participated in the ANZAC tradition through a General Assembly organised by AP Isabelle McKenzie and involving student leaders in a dignified presentation about the national day that was well received by the large audience.

Regarding amenity, the provision of much state-of-the-art AV equipment for widespread use by staff in their teaching is becoming a full reality now, and the landscaping of the eastern site (on Byron Street), under Glen Linton's capable direction, is turning this barren area into a beautiful recreational and relaxing part of the school for students, and a shady area when our new trees develop. The new building will be complemented well by this landscaping.

Elida Brereton
Principal





40s and 50s Cocktail Party

Friday, October 21st

5 - 7pm

Room 686, Tower Hotel,
Cnr Burwood & Camberwell Roads,
Hawthorn

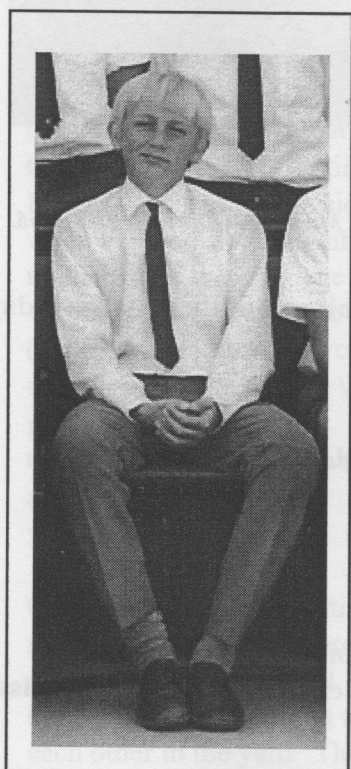
\$15 inc. finger foods

Drinks at bar prices

Dress - neat casual

RSVP - October 7th

Complete the RSVP form inside this
Chessmoves and send to Pat Douglas,
PO Box 201, Chirnside Park, VIC 3116.



CHESS TREASURER'S REPORT

(an annual satirical piece by Neil Bouvier)

CHESS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 11 APRIL 2005

To try and give the impression of a greater than normal attendance, this year's AGM was held at a pub. The background atmosphere of pokies, counter meals being announced over the loud speaker and drunks being thrown out was somewhat contrary to the normal AGM ambience of a phone box. Despite all these distractions the AGM proceeded with the highlights being the Treasurer's Report (as per below) and as they say on Survivor all committee positions were back up for grabs. Unfortunately I forgot to hand back my Immunity and so at Tribal Council I was not voted out. After 12 years of "winning" reward Challenges of doing Treasurer reports and I being the sole Survivor in this riveting gut-wrenching job, I'm happy to hand in my torch. Unfortunately the \$1 million offered by the President has not materialised. To be fair the President, Bernard, and the Secretary, Pat, were also not voted out after even longer tenures so this whole saga is getting more like castaways on Gilligan's Island rather than Survivor (where the people actually get off the island). So if there is some poor unsuspecting, naive, friendless soul who wants to be treasurer please feel free to take over so I can escape Alcatraz. Now that I have your undivided attention and we can drift back out of fantasy island I'll now present the CHESS results.

There was a surplus of \$3,727 for the year with total receipts of \$10,875 exceeding payments of \$7,148. The main revenue items were Subscriptions of \$5,320, Donations \$2,381 and Reunion Income of \$3,174. Total costs were made up of Printing \$631, Postage \$512, Bank Charges \$292, Catering/Meetings \$382, Webpage and Newsletter Updates & Hosting \$1,044, Computer Monitor \$150, School Gardens \$500, Reunion Expenses \$3,491 and Sundry Items of \$146.

CHESS REUNION FOR ALL PAST STUDENTS AT THE KELVIN CLUB HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2004

Following last year's proposed Black Tie Dinner Dance at Leonda generating the same amount of interest as the CHESS Treasurer's position, the Committee decided to hold a Dinner night at the Kelvin Club on Friday 8 October 2004. It was advertised in public notices, CHESS newsletters, on CHESS website, on an advertising board placed on the front of the school in Prospect Hill Road and Crimestoppers. The charge for all ex-students was at the very reasonable price of \$69 a head and in the end it was attended by 50 people. The revenue raised on the night was \$3,174 and expenses came to \$3,491 so a loss of \$317 was recorded. We did enjoy a stirring rendition of the school song and it's currently being reworked so as to be sung by the Committee on Australian Idol.

School of our youth to thee we give our heart...

I was with my husband Phil at a Rotary lunch last year and found another former Camberwell High School student. After some conversation we burst into "the song." It was glorious for a moment before we retreated into embarrassed laughter. I wonder how many others can sing the whole song from memory. Certainly we can in our home.



Phil and Yvonne at the CHS Old Students' Ball, Moorabbin Town Hall, in 1966.

This year CHESS is undertaking to record the school song, with its descant and its stunning 'Disco Consulere Aliis' ending. A CD will be produced by a professional recording studio and sold for a nominal cost.

You are invited to come and record the song with a massed group reminiscent of those halcyon days when we sang with such enthusiasm at Hawthorn Town Hall.

- **Saturday 30th July 2005**
- Christ Church, Cnr Denham & Church Streets, West Hawthorn **MELWAYS 44K9**
- Rehearsal: 10.30-12.00 Recording: 1.30-2.30
- **Sign up - call 9816 9413 Yvonne Giltinan**
- **RSVP 1st July**

Remember you didn't have to audition to sing in the Massed House choir - your presence was sufficient! This is a one-off commitment to CHESS. It would be wonderful if we could have a large group. Please spread the word and sign up now.

Behind the song

My copy of "School of our Youth" has a story. Miss Cameron remembers very clearly organising the printing of copies so that every student in the school could have a copy. She told me that they made every effort to find Egan and Hallett to acknowledge their part as the composers.

In Robert Ewins book, "A Jubilee Perspective," we learn a little more of the story. "The foundation Senior Mistress, Miss Brigid ("Dolly") Egan, retired in 1950 and was warmly farewelled at the Speech Night when the School Song which she had written was sung for the first time." Mr Hallett is also mentioned in the book. "The school orchestra was first formed in 1950 as the result of "the combination of Miss Walkers' enthusiasm, Mr Andrews' benevolent interest and Mr Hallett's experience." Mr Hallett was also the accompanist for the orchestra in 1951 and the orchestra performed at numerous functions throughout that year. Miss Cameron was the music teacher from 1959 to 1964. I followed in her footsteps and became a Director of Music in schools as a result of what she did for me at Camberwell High School. Last year I found her.

She is living in Balwyn Manor and at 95 years of age is the Honorary Administrator of the Chamber Strings of Melbourne, an elite student orchestra she began 25 years ago. In January, she took the Orchestra to Russia and Europe for a three-week performing tour.

I was really delighted when I found that she was still alive. I visited her with a letter I had written, telling her about the impact she had had on my life. I told her how my former headmaster believed that I would never matriculate. My parents, Aubrey and Joan McLaren, made a brave decision and decided to take me away from Strathcona and send me to Camberwell High School. I had to go back into Year 9 for two terms to catch up on French and Maths. Somehow Miss Cameron found me. In Year 10 I became the Junior School Pianist and then in Year 11 she invited me to conduct my whole house, Montgomery, at the Choral Festival. In year 12, I continued leading the school as School Pianist and conducted the House choir. We won with 73 out of 80 for 'Carry me back to Green Pastures.' I went on to study music at the University of Melbourne and Miss Cameron gave me my first posting at Box Hill High School. She thought it would be good for those young men to have a young woman around! I have continued to conduct choirs throughout my career and still love it.

Miss Cameron had a profound impact on my life. She enabled me to share my gifts and skills in the school community and I felt valued and affirmed. Throughout my professional career as an educator, I have continued to use that model as an example and sort to encourage student leaders to contribute to the life of the school. I still have wonderful memories of those Choral festivals in the Hawthorn Town Hall and treasure the music books personally inscribed with Miss Cameron's tidy writing. Each week when I go and sit at her table and assist her with the Chamber Strings, she thanks me for coming and I thank her for the privilege of working with her again. I know there are others who benefited from her encouragement and chose music teaching as a career- Frances Monsborough (Watt) and Margaret Spong (Firth). Margaret and I were school pianists together. We both graduated from the Conservatorium and then taught at Box Hill High School. She was my bridesmaid.

Occasionally, Phil and I still sing the school song. We started going out in years 10 and 11 in the days when you didn't talk to each other in the yard. There was that imaginary line down the quadrangle. We first talked at Speech Night at Hawthorn Town Hall in 1964. After 40 years we can still sing:



Yvonne and Phil at a recent wedding

*When we look back at close of life's long day,
May we feel proud that we chose the nobler way.
With courage and faith to always strive for right
School of our youth, be still our source of might.*

Disco consulere aliis

Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren) Class of '65

PROPOSAL FOR A CHESS BADGE



Recently, CHESS received a letter from Bryan Rowland, with an attached photocopy of the badge of the original past students' association (C.H.S.O.P.A.). It was highly coincidental that Pat Douglas, our secretary, had started investigating producing a similar badge for members, not expecting me to table Bryan's letter the same evening! This original has a lovely design - invaluable for us. (see design at right)

Bryan's letter is very relevant, so with his permission, I am reproducing it below:

Dear Mrs Johnson

Firstly may I congratulate you on 'Chess Moves'. I have been out of Victoria for many years and consequently have lost touch with my old school friends.

Secondly, I would, with some trepidation, comment on Barry Garnham's 'Reflections of our Founder' (March 2002)

There was a previous CHS ex-Students' Association formed about 1950. Certainly it only lasted a few years, but it was long enough to have a lapel badge made. For interest I enclose a photocopy of it. Meetings were held in the High Schools Club, which was in Flinders Street, near the old Port Jackson Hotel.

A further point I would make is to fully support the comments made by Barry, relating to school traditions. I well remember Mr. Dave Satchell talking to my year (in 1947? 1948?) on traditions and the need for them at CHS. His main thrust was that, as the school was in its formative years, it was up to us, the present students to start the traditions which, if nurtured would be accepted and give us strength and guidance to future years of students.

How well we succeeded (or failed) to form traditions can only be judged by the present and future students ie. 50-plus years on.

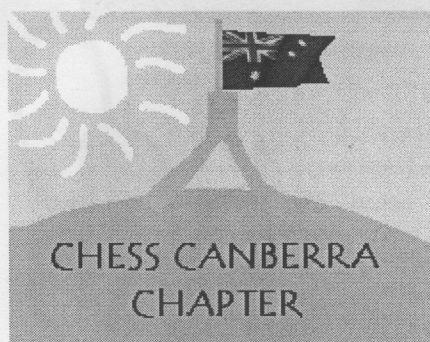
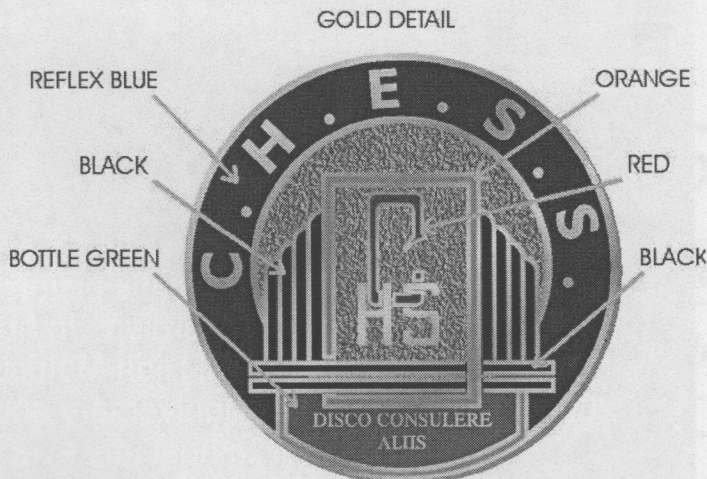
Three years on from when Barry wrote his article, I can only say that his words and sentiments are as true today and will remain so.

Kind Regards and best wishes to all.

Bryan Rowland (CHS 1945 - 1948)

Editor - any former schoolmates wishing to contact Bryan, please email me and I will forward on contact details.

This is the proposed badge being considered by the CHESS committee.



News from the Canberra Chapter

The Canberra Chapter has had a number of functions since I took over from Fred Roberts in 2004. These include a barbecue in May at the home of Thelma & Bob Bell, and in August a lunch at Lamberts Winery at Wamboin. "Where?" did I hear you say? Wamboin is a settlement or community tucked away a few kilometres from Queanbeyan and about 20 km from Canberra. It is a semi-rural area with most houses on 5 to 10 acre blocks on rolling hills (why are hills always rolling?)

Some may think May is very late for an outside barbecue in Canberra, and yes, the weather was cool. However we had a sunny day and sat outside, out of any wind, under Thelma & Bob's wisteria-covered pergola and enjoyed the filtered sunshine. When it got cool we went inside and admired Bob's hand-made Rocking Horse. Bob is a very handy handyman and makes rocking horses from time to time. We learnt quite a bit about the secrets of their manufacture.

Lamberts is a new winery which opened to the public only in January. It is very modern and is set on the side of a hill from where you can look over their vineyards and parts of Wamboin. The restaurant serves very good meals and wine tastings can be done on the spot in the same building. We enjoyed a very pleasant and relaxing lunch with some very enjoyable wines. (Our next get-together will be at Lambert's on July 10th.)

We also had barbecues at my home in Melba in November and another in March at Lyn & Eric Turner's home in Hackett, where we enjoyed sitting in the shade of their large shady trees, perfect for the warm autumn days.

There are about 30 ex-CHS students that we know of living in Canberra and surrounding parts of NSW. However not all wish to take part in our functions, and others find it difficult to come to Canberra to join us. Many people may be wondering how and why we Canberra members have moved here. Most of us are, or were, Commonwealth public servants or members of the Defence Forces and were moved or posted here as part of the job. Some of us, such as myself, came here in the late 1950s or early 1960s as part of the large-scale transfers of the Commonwealth Public Service to Canberra at that time under the Menzies governments. Others took up university appointments, generally at the Australian National University, as Canberra is a well-educated community with an extremely broad range of educational skills and interests. Yet others came later for various reasons, including ADF or Foreign Affairs postings. We are a pretty diverse lot in experiences, occupations and interests. So we have established families and put down roots here and have now become "part of the furniture".

Most of us enjoy living here because it is a good place to bring up kids, the climate is invigorating (bracing in winter), there is no smog, road traffic is light except for brief peak periods, and nothing like Melbourne, Sydney, etc traffic. Despite the 2003 bushfire disaster and the current drought, living conditions are healthy and pleasant. Also, most of us still have family in Melbourne and enjoy travelling there a few times a year when we can cope with the traffic in small bursts. Yes we do miss our families in Melbourne (and elsewhere) and not being able to see them more often but, of course, absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Allan Carter (CHS 1953 - 1957), Canberra Chapter Convener

Anyone wishing to contact Allan, please phone him on (02) 6258 1445 or via email on alcarter@pcug.org.au His address is 4 Linger Place, MELBA, ACT, 2615.



Are you in this picture?
CHESS is interested, as a project, to hold a special reunion
for our first Camberwell High Matriculation students.
2006 would be the 50th anniversary and would be an ideal
year to host this event.
Please email us at editor@chessmoves.com
or ring Pat on 8704 2973 and leave us your contact details.

DISCOURSE

*Our 13 question questionnaire.....
Replies from John Rimac (1978- 1984)*

Which teacher inspired you at CHS?
Mr Moya, not to become a teacher.

Your funniest school memory?
French classes, John Miller hanging out the window.

What subject did you hate and why?
French and English. Too much reading.

What school house were you in?
Churchill, I think.

Can you hit the high note at the end of the school song?
Can't remember singing it.

Do you still have any school library books?
No comment.

Your favourite sport or, conversely, what sport did you try to get out of?
Basketball, Cricket and baseball. Never liked swimming.

What did you do on the last day of school? (we won't tell the police)
No comment.

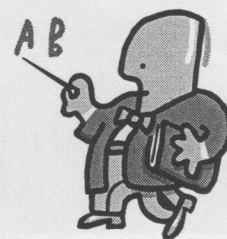
Who was your best friend at school?
Colin, Tony, George, Gonzzo.

What book are you reading now?
I prefer to wait for the movie too come out.

Did you have a crush on a classmate?
A few, only Belinda and Phillipa come to mind.

What classroom prank can you recall? (we know nothing)
Stink bombs in chemistry class.

Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?
Yes. Strive to do better.



The views expressed by contributors to every Chessmoves are the reflections of private individuals and not those of the committee. All articles are edited for grammatical purposes only...and we accept articles in good faith.