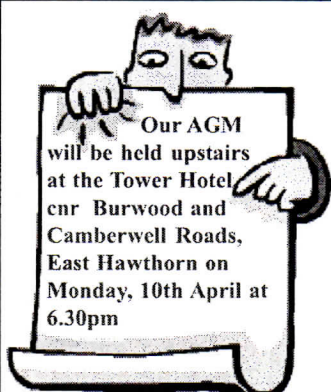
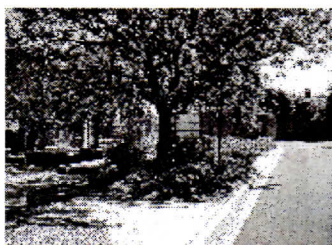




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MEETING DATES:

10 April AGM

19 June

14 August

9 October

We are now holding our meetings bi-monthly at the Tower Hotel, cnr Burwood & Camberwell Roads, Hawthorn in the upstairs room. Anyone interested in joining us can phone Bernard on 9416-3155 (W) or 0407-300678 or just rock up on the night at 6.30pm.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow CHESS members.

The year has commenced with CHESS convening its extraordinary meeting to vote to incorporate as Camberwell High Ex-Students Society Inc. This was the name approved by the government as our first choice; "CHESS" was considered not unlike other business names using the word. However our purpose to provide some legal protection to our ex students group has been achieved and we will complete the annual requirements for such incorporation.

Remember that CHESS meets every two months at the Tower hotel in Hawthorn and for our first meeting of the year we had a roll up of 20 ex students.

The artwork for our CD of the school song is ready for the printers and we would hope to have these printed and distributed by May this year. Our sponsors for the \$1000 cost are the PFA from Camberwell High, Barry Garnham from Jardan Furniture and Boutique Hotel Tolarno in St Kilda.

I recently contacted Mr Tim Sullivan a teacher from the 1968 - 1970 period and enjoyed dinner with him and his wife Roberta. After leaving Camberwell High, Tim completed his teaching career at Melbourne Grammar and retired in 2004.



CHESS looks forward to organising another student reunion in October so look out for the details in our next Chessmoves and on the website.

Regards
Bernard Corser (Class of '71)
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60s & 70s reunion

Saturday 14th October - 7 to 11pm

Kelvin Club, CBD.

Finger foods \$30 (payment prior - see July Chessmoves for ticket details)

Drinks at bar prices. Partners welcome.

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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!

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to 2006 at Camberwell High School! We are delighted to have welcomed 205 Year 7s and we now have an enrolment of around 1210 in total. Demand for places has been extremely high again this year and we have had to turn away many families from outside our neighbourhood. Class sizes remain at a maximum of 26, with many VCE classes significantly smaller.

Our Year 12s from 2005 have done extremely well in terms of university offers: 30 received offers to high-ENTER courses at the University of Melbourne, and 30 to Monash, to mention only two destinations. Students from CHS have been offered entry to Dental Science, Medical Science, Surgery, Biomedical Science, Engineering, Arts, Mechatronics Engineering, Media, Music, Computer Science, Commerce and Law, to name some courses, at Melbourne and Monash. We wish all our graduates success in their chosen paths.

Already, our current Year 12s, and most of their teachers, have finished their two day Study Camp at the Monash Halls of Residence. The activities were chosen to enhance students' skills of collaboration and effective study, to introduce English texts and life in a tertiary institution, and to improve their academic outcomes. Thank you Peter Frost and staff, and our Year 12s, for this valuable and positive experience.

A highlight of this short term was the Year 7 Orientation Camp, held over three days at Portsea in the historic Lord Somers Camp site with its stunning views over the Bay and the Heads. While the 204 students, 12 staff and three parents experienced extremes of weather and some diminution in sleep, they had a happy, safe and 'bonding' time together. Our students' behaviour drew praise from the organisers of the camp, and that feedback is something we value greatly. Well done!



I want to pay tribute to four members of staff, one of whom is leaving, for their excellent work for this school. Patricia Nosedo completed 16 years as the CHS bursar recently, and she has overseen enormous change in that time - our school's spectacular growth since 1995, DET's changed financial practices and devolution of financial management to schools, a total revolution in hardware and software handled by bursars, changes in legislation and in funding, and extra responsibilities handled by 'base schools' such as us, on behalf of clusters of schools. Patricia handled an annual cash turnover of over two million dollars and she was involved fully in overseeing funding for all our major building projects, investments, collection of funds and daily expenditure. Every year the DET auditors praised Patricia for her honesty and competence. We can add to that her huge workload which she will not miss in retirement. Well done and thank you Patricia! The other staff are Terry Ymer, who has stepped down from the Leading Teacher position of School Organiser/Timetabler after 16 years, Peter Frost who was our Careers Advisor for 11 years and Stephen Cranby who was a Leading Teacher in charge of Curriculum for 9 years. Each is still with us and each has moved voluntarily from their leadership position but I want to thank them for the valuable and valued work they have done to ensure that our school has had an effective and dynamic curriculum, effectively implemented via the timetable, staff placed to maximum benefit of our students and the students gaining the necessary careers counselling to assist them in their decision-making. Thank you Terry, Peter and Stephen for the professional and competent way in which each of you has served Camberwell High School so well and for so long.

Elida Brereton

Max Fraser**1949 - 2005**

*Well, who could forget the fun loving, sun loving, Maxwell Charles Fraser
(CHS 1961 to 1966)?*

Never one to sit still, he enjoyed life to the full. He loved a good party (he loved Rock n' Roll) and who could forget his annual pilgrimage to the Sunshine Coast? He always left 'lily white', but returned like a Polynesian (it was the days before Slip Slop Slap).

Max was active in many school activities. He played trumpet in the school band and was a member of the school football and cricket teams. In quieter moments, he enjoyed the competition as a member of the school chess club. He was elected Prefect in Year 12 (1966).

Max had a very distinguished career in the aviation industry. After completing Year 12 at CHS, he pursued his passion for flying and enrolled in NASA (National Aviation Space Academy) and successfully graduated several years later.

His first commercial flight was with FIJI Air – island hopping in single engine planes. He then joined Ansett and rose to the rank of Captain and later to Senior Flight Instructor. In 1990 he joined Cathay Pacific and moved to Hong Kong. He obtained his Captaincy with Cathay in 1998 and in 2004, he moved to Dubai as a Captain with United Arab Emirates.

Throughout his tenure overseas, Max kept a residence in his beloved Sunshine State and whenever flight schedules brought him to Melbourne, he would catch up with his old Camberwell High School mates. He loved his time at CHS and he reminisced many a time over a port (or two).

Sadly, Max had to retire from Emirates in September due to illness. He passed away peacefully in late December 2005. He was a devoted husband and father.

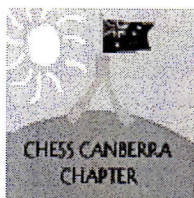
Thanks for being our friend.

Your Camberwell High School mates

Vale**Judith Louise McConchie (CHS 19 52- 1953)**

"The art community of Canberra has lost one of its greats with the passing of Judith Louise McConchie, 67, on September 16. Family and friends held a service to pay tribute to a vibrant and generous personality who contributed more than 30 years of her life to the Arts. Judith studied art and photography at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and in 1975, she became director of Hesley Gallery, at the Canberra Theatre Centre. Judith was inspired during a National Gallery of Australia tour of Impressionist sites in France, and subsequent tours to Italy and Greece, to begin working exclusively with pastels to better capture the effect of light and colour. She was a guest artist in The Canberra Times Outdoor Art Show each year from 1991 to 1996 and exhibited widely in solo and group exhibitions until her last exhibition at the Woodworks Gallery, Bungendore, in 2003."

(Courtesy of the Canberra Times)



Canberra Chapter Report

from Allan Carter

The Canberra Chapter of CHESS has had two functions in the last six months. In July we had another lunch at Lamberts winery at Wamboin near Queanbeyan. The day was much enjoyed by everybody as Lamberts have great meals and wine (what more could you want with the great company we have at our functions). As Canberra has had quite a lot of rain this year the countryside was quite green, instead of the drought-brown it was on our previous visit. Bob Bell took some photos of this function one of which appears (right).



Our last function was on 19th & 20th November, and was a lot more ambitious than any we have had before. One of our members, Christine (Fisch) and Ray Tynan, moved down to Eden on the Far South Coast of NSW a few years ago to work their Pambula Lake oyster lease full time.

(left to right) Ron Jenz (husband of Ursula), Eric Turner (husband of Lyn), Lois Roberts (wife of Fred), Judy Carter (wife of Allan), Lyn Turner (née Young), Gina Hall (née Wood), Thelma Bell (née Cocks), Allan Carter (your correspondent from the bush), Fred Roberts (Allan's worthy predecessor), Ursula Jenz (née Fisch)

Consequently we hadn't seen Chris & Ray for quite a while, so we thought that we would go down there for a weekend trip (sort of the mountain going to Mahomet), and visit them at their new home at Nethercote, a locality about 10 kms inland from Eden. We could also then take in the sights of the area, including one which is most popular from mid September to end of November - whalewatching.

Well, to coin a phrase, we had a whale of a time. We all arrived on the Saturday afternoon and checked into our respective motels. After settling in some walked around various parts of Eden during the afternoon. Then we all gathered at a very pleasant restaurant at another motel for dinner. On Sunday, we were all up very early (some much earlier than others according to breakfast arrangements) and drove to the wharf to go whalewatching on the catamaran "Cat Balou".

The sea was quite calm with just a gentle swell. As we left Twofold Bay we passed a very large oil rig from the Bass Strait oil fields which was undergoing some maintenance after dragging its anchor and losing the chain. We then sailed north, only about 1km from shore, passing a number of seals on the surface and some pods of dolphins which swam alongside the boat and rode the bow wave. We also saw quite a few flying fish as we went up the coast. Somewhere between Pambula River and Merimbula, we came upon a mother Humpback Whale and her calf. They were rather late migrating to the Antarctic for the summer feeding. The mother did not do a great deal, mainly rolling over on the surface and one or two small breaches. However the calf put on a full repertoire of breaches, fin slaps, surface rolls, etc for quite a long time. The pair moved very slowly southwards while the calf performed for us. Eventually the mother decided it was time to move on and our whale watching session finished.

We then returned to the wharf at about 1200 (with no seasickness), and had very pretty drive through the hills to Chris & Rays' property at Nethercote. We had a very relaxing lunch there catered for by Chris, plus a tour of their 5 acre property. Some of us then returned to Canberra, while others stayed another night and made our way home on Monday after visiting friends, or shopping, or taking a long way home.



Photo taken at Chris & Ray's property at Nethercote, approximately 10 kms from Eden. From left: Bob Bell, Judy Carter, Thelma Bell, Eric & Lyn Turner, Fred (who is not asleep!) and Ray.

Some of our older CHESS members may remember Chris (seen below) at CHS from 1954 to 1957. She is one of five Fisch sisters who went to CHS from the late forties to late fifties. She has another link to CHS because her husband Ray is a son of Mr. J.C. Tynan who taught Commercial subjects at CHS during the same period.

Chris' eldest sister, Ursula Jenz, is also a member of our chapter and lives at Murrumbateman between Canberra & Yass, but unfortunately was unable to join us for our weekend away.

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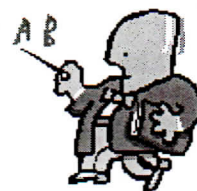


Our night out at Eden: (from left) Fred & Lois Roberts, Chris Tynan and Bob Bell

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Our 13 question questionnaire.....

Replies from David Kuchmar (1967 - 1972)



1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972

Which teacher inspired you at CHS?

Has to be Mr Trevare. Some loved him. Some didn't. Though he was very inspirational and loved what he was teaching. In fact, he was responsible for me joining in many of the school choirs. Without him being able to give me lifts to rehearsals for the Moomba 1970 festival - I would never have appeared in the operetta at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl - that summer. Camberwell High joined in the participation with many other schools in the area - including many girls' schools. Perhaps that is why I joined in?

Your funniest school memory?

1972 Choral Festival. The Churchill choir sang "Fool On the Hill" (of Beatles, Sergio Mendes and Brazil 66 fame). Half way through the song, our gimmick was that the choir split in half and there was me in the middle playing the recorder solo. What the audience didn't see was - there was Fiona Reed playing the solo on the flute. Well I thought it was funny.

What subject did you hate and why?

History. I don't think anyone liked history. Though in later life I started to gain a passion for history through "The History Channel". I must be getting old.

What school house were you in?

Churchill. And I loved participating. High school taught me that if you participate, you get chances to do things in life that others miss out on. And I was wasn't going to miss out on anything! I was in the Athletic Sports, the "Special Choirs" during the choral festivals, everything except swimming.

Can you hit the high note at the end of the school song?

You bet. Though I no longer sing it in the shower. Although during the odd road trip..... I have been known.....

Your favourite sport or, conversely, what sport did you try to get out of?

10 pin bowling and football were great. How I hated when told that I couldn't go bowling at the Golden Bowl (remember the Golden Bowl) because there wasn't enough to play cricket. I never enjoyed cricket. I always seemed to find the patches in the ground that the dogs found first. May-be that is why I don't like dogs either?

What did you do on the last day of school? (we won't tell the police)

Well there is a wonderful photo of me during the last day on the CHES web site. Perhaps you can add it in here. I love that photo. (Ed. - here it is!) We didn't drink too much that morning at 6am. In fact, I never drank that much ever again. While at the end of that the last day of school. I remember walking home with Fiona Reed and when passing her place on the way home, I thought, "I probably won't ever see her again"... And that went for so many people I had known throughout high school. That was a sad moment. I wonder how many of us wish we had kept in touch with so many people - but life has not given us enough opportunity or time....

Who was your best friend at school?

I had several best friends. Wayne Foster-Johnson and I were close throughout high school. I was very lucky to have so many trips with his family to Warrnambool each summer. George Kakonyi and I went through kindergarten, primary, high school and university together. He was best man at my wedding. I was his best man at his wedding. Philip Johnson and I had so much music and television in common. All these families virtually adopted me throughout high school. Sometimes I wish life was as simple as it was back then.



David and Janet Bouvier on the last day of school, 1972.

What book are you reading now?

That's a tough question. 90% of the books I read these days are computer text books. However, as it turns out I am 10 pages away from finishing "Shyster and Flywheel" - which scripts a Groucho and Chico Marx radio show from the 1930's/40's. I am still a bit Marx Brothers Fan - and am known to quote the odd Groucho Marx line.

Did you have a crush on a classmate?

Which classmate didn't I have a crush on? Modesty prohibits me listing them all... There was Margaret, Anna, Jayne, Gail, Julie-Ann, Rosemary, Kaye.... (blush)

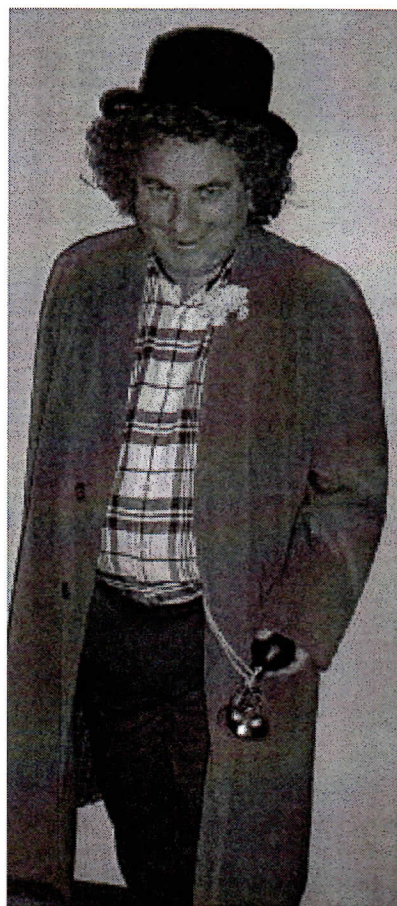
What classroom prank can you recall? (we know nothing)

Oooo.... When I was in first form in 1967, the sixth formers had apparently broken into the school one weekend in October. As we arrived for school on the Monday morning, the top of the old building had beer bottles standing on every second brick, there was a scarecrow hanging over the front steps, and a "For Sale" sign was erected on top of the main building - with street frontage. Finally there was room 15a (the small one upstairs) was completely stuffed with newspapers. I still don't know how they did that. Nothing ever topped that day in 1967.

Wait a minute... There was the time in fifth form chemistry.... We substituted the acid for an alkali and were in hysterics as Mr Shahata could not make the litmus change colour - despite starting the experiment several times. Ahhhh those were the days.

Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?

Oh yeah, you never get times like those again. I wish I had more photos and movies of those times, people and friends. But, you can't go back. You can only remember.



A bit about me.....

After leaving Camberwell High in 1972, I obtained a Bachelor of Science from the University of Melbourne in 1975. I started my working life as an IT professional in 1976 and have continued on in that profession for just over 30 years - now working with IBM for about 10 years. I married Denise in 1978 (best decision I of my life). We have enjoyed ourselves as best we can and have travelled on numerous occasions to different parts of the USA and Europe. We have two children... did I say children? Graeme 24 is living in Port Lincoln and Hayley 20 is in third year of Osteopathy at Victoria University. I spend a lot of time with the Diamond Valley Football League in media, web, and umpiring circles (umpiring circles, my sense of humour has not improved over the years).



One the best things I have done was a two year stint of professional wrestling refereee about 5 years ago. I have also hosted breakfast community radio on two local radio stations for the last 15 years - famous for playing music of the 50's and 60's, comedy and nostalgia, your requests and more! - only recently hanging up the microphone. Life just keeps on providing new and interesting opportunities....

David Kuchmar



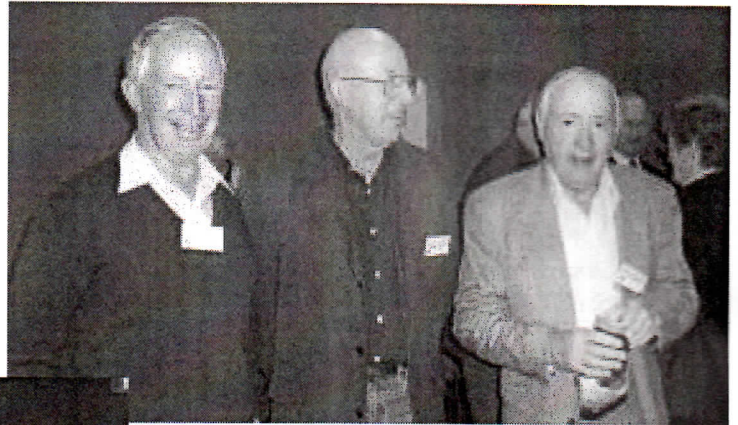
I have been sent an email from Frances Monsborough, who suggested the idea of past students having house sports on the school oval, combined with a picnic atmosphere. Running races, starting gun, house colours, conviviality....

I am interested in seeing if there is a groundswell of support for this idea from our readers. Please email me to indicate the level of support out there.

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Happy snaps from the 40s & 50s cocktail party held at the Tower Hotel, Hawthorn on 21st October 2005.

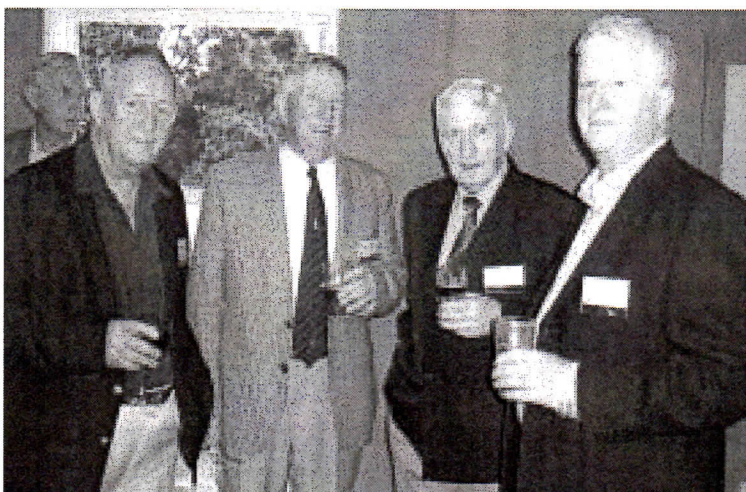
We had a fantastic evening with about 85 former students attending plus partners and the atmosphere was warm and vibrant with deep conversation - lots of reminiscing. CHESS hired a special backlit screen for our powerpoint presentation of archival photos of that era and it was a great success with many



people standing in front of the screen, looking at old class photos and trying to recognise familiar faces and relate them to others in the room. Graeme Kinross-Smith, an accomplished author, read excerpts from his book, *If I Abscond*, and also David Collins, former CHS



teacher and Principal, addressed the throng. It was truly a magical evening. Dennis, of Spielvogel Photographics, did a magnificent job of choraling everyone into their group photos and was entertaining in his own right, standing on a wobbly table and giving directions! The pinnacle of the evening was the playing of our school song CD for the first time at a CHESS reunion and it sounded glorious. Interestingly enough the song was



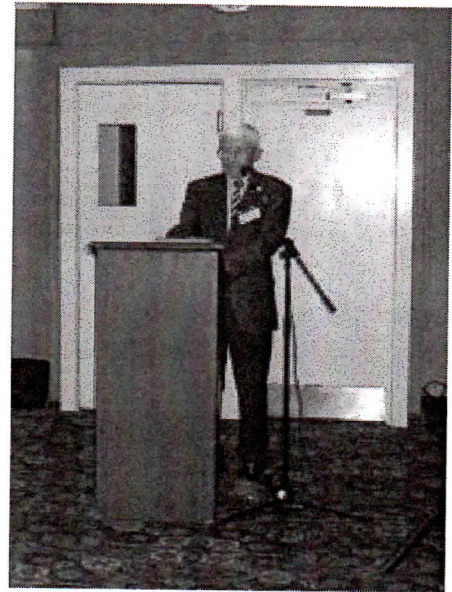
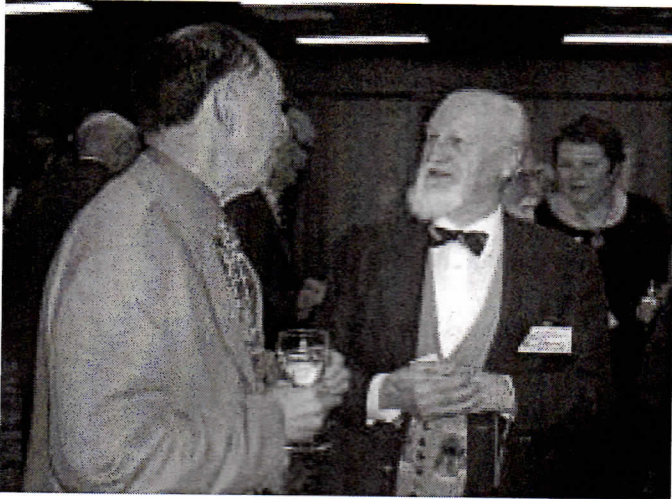
familiar to students from the mid-fifties onwards, but not to students from the forties, who were, perhaps, hearing it for the first time. I would hesitate to say that this night set a benchmark for hosting a reunion in a cocktail party format - it was a resounding success.

Top (from left) John Butler, Graeme Kinross-Smith, Bruce Greenwood.

Second: Colin Walden, Pauline Baker (Maley), Judi House (Barry).

Third: David Collins, Marni Kok:

Fourth: Graham Forster, Colin McKenzie, Peter Judge, Allan Dempsey.



Top left: Kwong Lee Dow, Professor John Spicer.

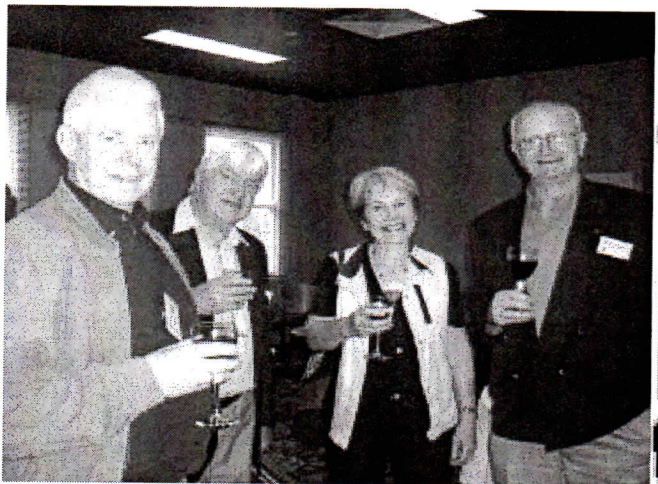
Top right: Dennis directing traffic!

Just above left: Lindsay Kline, June Wenborn (Coppin), Barbara Mundy (Dowling), David Barr.

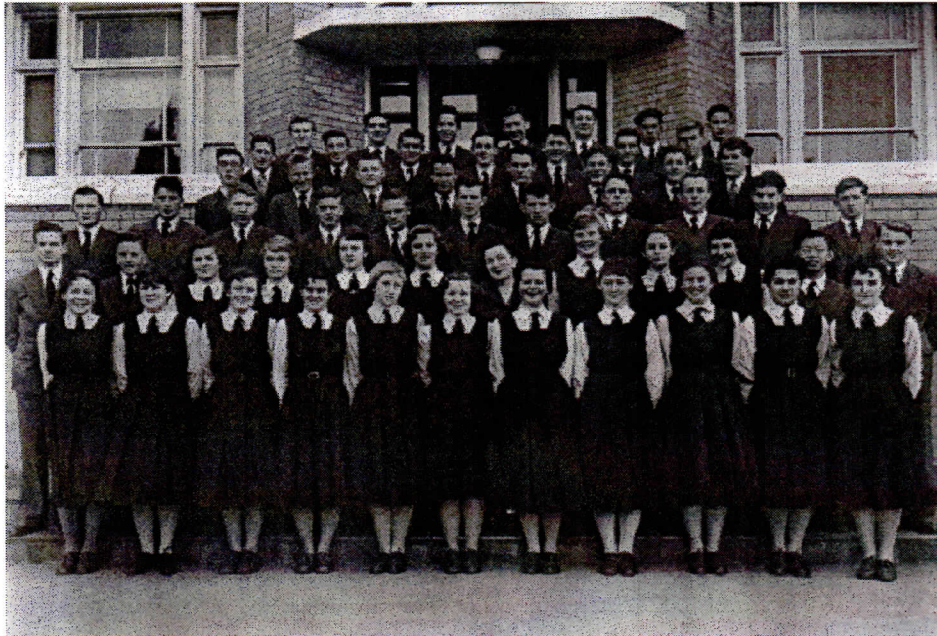
Just above right: David Collins addressing the attendees.

Bottom left: Peter Judge, Dorothy Pemberton (Begley), Marj Catterall (Taylor).

Bottom right: Derry Pearce, Garry Pearce, Marion Wellwood (Coppin), Graeme May.



Update on the 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL's 1956 INAUGURAL MATRICULATION (year 12) CLASS



On the 19th and 20th May this year, the 1956 students of Camberwell High School's inaugural Matriculation class will gather to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their school year 12.

As reported in the September, 2005 edition of Chess Moves, of the 54 students in the 1956 class, 46 have been contacted, 12 of whom reside interstate. All but one of the 46 have indicated their intention of attending the reunion.

It will involve a reception at the school on Friday the 19th May and a BBQ lunch on Saturday the 20th.

Despite the school's difficulty in allocating space on the Friday, the Principal, Elida Brereton and her staff have been extremely co-operative in facilitating this event.

A 2006 'form photograph' of the participants will be taken and a comparison with the 1956 photo should make an interesting, if not amusing, comparison in the next issue of Chess Moves.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the teachers of the 1956 era would they please contact organiser Tony Giblett on 94343 910, email ant65@dodo.com.au

Some names of such teachers are Jack Holloway, Jack Foster, John Onyons, Mr Keene, Mr. Adams, Harold Begbie, Mr. Krahnert and Norm Higgs.

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