



# CHESS NEWS

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Over the last few months I've had the joy of attending various events at the Hawthorn Arts Centre. Many of you will remember that we called it the Hawthorn Town Hall. It has been beautifully restored, the acoustics are clean and crisp, it accommodates large groups of students and at the end of June, a booked out Mid-Year Concert for parents and families of Camberwell High School was held there.

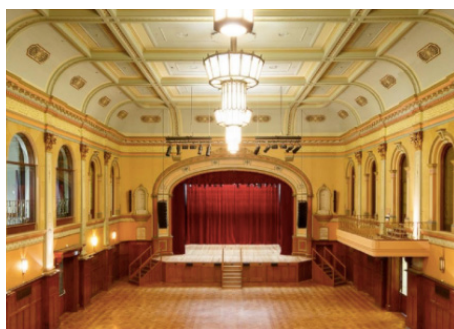
This place brings back lovely memories for me. We had our choral festivals here and according to Robert Ewins book, *A Jubilee Retrospective*, from 1955 onwards the whole school went there by train! All our speech nights were held at the Hawthorn Town Hall and it was a very proud moment to walk on to the stage to receive an award. As school pianist, I enjoyed playing the school song which was sung with gusto at the end of memorable events. As the MC at the Boroondara Eisteddfod, I now watch young musicians performing on the same stage.

Recently I took a tour with James Nicolas (class of '84). James is

passionate about the history of Canterbury and, as many of you would remember, our school also had a long association with Maling Road and its environs. The old theatre was the setting for many of the early school celebrations. During the 1950s the school gathered at the theatre for the installation of the Prefects and House Captains, the Coronation Service and entertainment.

James' tour also stopped to admire the recently renovated Emulation Hall in Rochester Road. Graham Scott (class of '52) fondly recalls the school socials there. "I remember the place itself, and the way we lined up gender wise along our respective walls. God, that Pride of Erin still stirs my blood! And the setting up and cleaning up after!"

As we finished our tour, we needed to move out of the way of numerous cyclists riding through the Canterbury gardens, taking a well-worn path home, as hundreds of other Camberwell High students have no doubt done along these paths. It seems there is truth in the phrase: "humans, not places, make memories." Ama Ata Aidoo



*The restored Hawthorn Arts Centre*



*Canterbury Theatre 1938*

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## For your diary

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS 7.30pm

*All welcome*

August 6; October 30

M: 0415 876 255

### END OF YEAR DINNER

*All welcome*

Wed 20 November

Café Paradiso

Camberwell

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Please advise us so we can update our database

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# School Report

Year 12 captains Eloise Gross and John Cox, were recently featured in The Leader newspaper along with school leaders from other Boroondara high schools.



Eloise Gross



John Cox

They contributed these thoughts:

Our generation is currently the most advanced technologically and has the most access to any information that we deem important in our world. We have access to all information: global issues, global and multicultural celebrations, political issues, anything! One could even suggest that our generation is like one giant encyclopaedia!

In the near future it is extremely likely that our generation is, and will continue to be, the most knowledgeable generation to date. If this profound power of knowledge that we have is used to our advantage, we, as a generation, are able to tackle our world's issues anytime, anywhere.

In our world, people's need to express themselves and to defy society's expectations for who they can be or what they can do, is continuing to become a normal part of one's daily life. With our generation's access to knowledge, and with courage and persistence, we are on the road to making long and lasting differences in our precious world.

## MID-YEAR CONCERT

On Wednesday June 26 the Hawthorn Arts Centre was filled with appreciative families, staff and ex-students for a wonderful concert that saw over 300 students participating.

Under the leadership of Music Director David Hirst and his staff of 12, 14 ensembles performed. They included beginner band, wind ensemble, 3 stage bands, concert band, VCE Jazz combo, 2 string orchestras, and the symphonic band. All students commence learning an instrument in Year 7, and many progress through the various ensembles, reaching a very high and impressive standard by Year 12.



*Year 10 student, Maxwell Griggs, is seen here conducting his Year 10 music elective class.*



*Members of one of the stage bands*



# News from the Committee

Reports from the President and Treasurer were tabled at the AGM that was held on 30 April 2019. The committee for 2019-2020 are shown here. We also welcomed new committee members: Theo Mantamadiotis and Luci Bombaci. On behalf of the Ex-Students Society we thank these ex-students for their diligent and ongoing contribution to our community.



**YVONNE GILTINAN**  
President  
Class of 1965



**THEO MANTAMADIOTIS**  
Vice President  
Class of 1980



**LUCI BOMBACI**  
Secretary  
Class of 1969



**KEN JAMES**  
Treasurer  
Class of 1964



**STEVE CALLINAN-MOORE**  
Class of 1971



**ASHLEY WAH**  
Class of 2013



**BOB TAYLOR AM**  
Class of 1962



**MARNIE KOK (WHITE)**  
Class of 1962



**JILL FLETCHER (DAVIES)**  
Class of 1965

The following ex-students provide valuable assistance with additional tasks including: processing the mail, posting the newsletters, sorting the archives and scanning.

- Neil Robson (1972)
- Audrey Broomhead (1946)
- Phillip Richardson (1952)
- Harvey Broadstock (1965)
- Stephen Sharkey (Father of Luke from Class of 2013)
- Phil Giltinan (1964)

The AGM minutes and reports can be viewed here:  
<https://camhigh.exstudents.org/annual-general-meetings>

# Alumni@Work

## Elijah Moshinsky (Class of 1964)



I owe all my interest and development to the wonderful teachers at Camberwell High. In those days, 1957 to 1964, it felt like an English Grammar School. I had wonderful teachers who opened up the world of culture and history to me. Bob Ewins was a wonderful educator. Not only did he make me love poetry, but Mozart. Miss Pettit, who taught French, opened up Europe. And a string of History teachers, I think Mr. Hobbs was one, made me want to learn about the past. I was a refugee child from a Jewish background and the school embraced many post-war refugees. I used to wag school to go and see the films of Ingmar Bergman and also Billy Wilder. Uniform was important. Caps had to be worn and I remember spending a lot of time swimming. There was discipline and order. Sporty, but cultured. They were happy days for me, and I am a lucky person to have had this great experience.

Additional information sourced from Limelight Magazine:

<https://www.limelightmagazine.com.au/news/director-elijah-moshinsky-receives-opera-australias-highest-honour/>

The celebrated Australian opera and theatre director, Elijah Moshinsky, has been awarded the Opera Australia Trophy, the company's highest honour. The Trophy acknowledges Moshinsky's long service to the company and his pre-eminent contribution to the country's operatic landscape. "When I left Australia to continue my studies at Oxford, I was already theatre and opera mad. I had always wanted to return and reform performance in Australia. My artistic aim was to keep loyal to Australia and my devotion and commitment to that aim has lasted from 1976 until today. I am deeply touched and honoured by the Award more than I can express. I live in England, where my children are, but my heart is in Australia. I still import Cherry Ripe's!"

Moshinsky has had an esteemed international career for over three decades and enjoys a longstanding and acclaimed association with Opera Australia. He has directed more than 15 original productions for the company, including his regularly revived *La Traviata* and *Rigoletto*. His Australian premiere production of *Wozzeck* for the Adelaide Festival in 1976, is considered one of the great achievements of his career and was his first production for the company. Opera Australia's Artistic Director Lyndon Terracini said: "Elijah Moshinsky is one of opera's great directors and it has been a privilege for Opera Australia to collaborate with him on so many productions over the years. He has a rare talent for creating timeless productions that resonate with audiences and it is a joy to witness his work."

Moshinsky has also received the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Opera three times for his productions of *Lohengrin*, *Stiffelio* and *The Rake's Progress* for the Royal Opera.



*Photos taken recently at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.*



# Reunions

## 60th Anniversary Reunion

The Class of '59 is celebrating its 60th year since they exited the portals of Camberwell High School. A reunion will be held around noon on Saturday, October 26th at the Tower Hotel, 480 Burwood Road, Hawthorn where they held the 55th reunion. Attendees can purchase meals and drinks at their own expense.

The organisers are very keen to contact as many ex-students as possible.

"As we have lost touch with a few since previous reunions, if you know the whereabouts of someone who fits this description, please let them know. Please indicate as soon as possible whether or not you are able to attend.

It would be great if you could bring along any memorabilia to share- photos, school uniforms or part thereof, school books, Prospice's. Most of all bring your memories.

If possible, please email copies of photos and documents to [wordspell@bigpond.com](mailto:wordspell@bigpond.com) and these can be printed off so that a display can be mounted before the reunion".

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Robert Monaghan [wordspell@bigpond.com](mailto:wordspell@bigpond.com)



## Class of 1969

This is the year for your 50th reunion!

Please contact [info@camhigh.exstudents.org](mailto:info@camhigh.exstudents.org) and we will put you in touch with others from the class of '69 who are considering a reunion.



### Thinking about a reunion in 2019?

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.

### Sign up a new member

We are very keen to increase our membership numbers so that we represent ex-students from all decades. A membership form can be downloaded from our website: [camhigh.exstudents.org](http://camhigh.exstudents.org)

# Mid Year Luncheon

A Maling Road café was the setting for another memorable CHESSE event on Sunday July 28. Over 45 ex-students and partners enjoyed catching up over a delicious 2 course meal. Guest speaker, Graham Morris, who was part of the 1991 Jubilee Hall of Fame, entertained us with stories from his distinguished career at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, Healesville Sanctuary and Director of the Museum of Victoria.



*Emeritus Professor Kwong Lee Dow AO AM with Margaret Atkins and former Principal Ann Rusden*



*Robin Crocker, Professor John Spicer and Emeritus Professor Barbara van Ernst (Cooke) AM*



*Helen Mihalic (James) with her brother Ken James*



*Graham Morris, his partner Pru Sanderson and Gordon Onley*



*Win Smith (James); John O'Hara and June Smith (Gregory)*



*Former Principal Ann Rusden with Tina and Theo Mantamadiotis*



# From the Archives

## What's new on our website? [camhigh.exstudents.org](http://camhigh.exstudents.org)

Did you know we have over 4,000 photos and documents on our website? We've recently added these items that have been donated by ex-students.

- 1941 Speech Night program
- 1951 Personal letters from Acting Director of Education, C.T Scarff, to Miss B.M. Egan on her retirement
- 1991: Golden Jubilee memorabilia
- Music and words to our school song: School of our Youth. *Courtesy of Phillip Richardson*
- Photos of the 1956 boys tennis team and the 1956 hockey team. *Courtesy of Peter Nicholls*
- Photos of 3F (1954) and 5D (1956) *Courtesy of Peter Nicholls*.

## Calling Long Distance Runners!

Ian Furzer (Class of '57) is enquiring about the 1951 Long Distance Run that was run along Fordham Avenue. He is wondering if any other ex-students have memories of this "keep-fit" activity and if they remember the route. It is not mentioned in Robert Ewins A Jubilee Retrospective 1941-1991 which can be found on our website as an E book:

<https://camhigh.exstudents.org/what-we-do/latest-news/>



## Do you have any original photos?

All the Prospice's from 1946- 2018 are now uploaded to the website, but some photos are poor quality.

If you have any original photos from these years please scan them and email them to [info@camhigh.exstudents.org](mailto:info@camhigh.exstudents.org)

**1987:** photos of music camp; junior hockey team; gymnastics team; swimming sports

**1988:** replace poor quality photos on pages 10,11,18,19,35 and Perth report

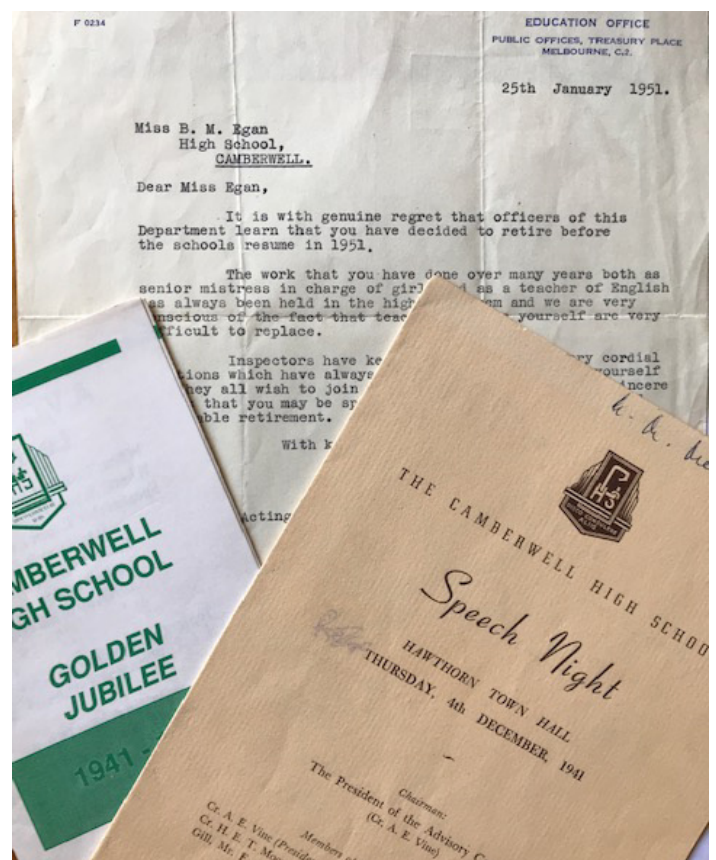
**1989:** photos on drama page, choir trip to Sydney, crowd watching senior boys cricket, Year 11 school crowd

**1991:** class photos: 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D; 8A, 8D; 9E; 10E; 10F; 11C

**1993:** all class photos missing

**1994:** all class photos missing

**1995:** all class photos missing



# Tributes

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing away of these ex-students and a former teacher.

## **Jim Lewis**

Jim Lewis was a Chemistry, Physics and Maths teacher during the 1960s.

## **Bill Brown (class of '77)**

Bill started a career as a Laboratory Technician at VicRoads for 16 years and then a Quality Manager at Chadwick Geotechnical Group for 10 years. After semi-retiring he completed a certificate in Genealogical Research. Not only did Bill research the Brown family tree, he helped a number of families with research into their family history.

## **Frances Monsbrough nee Watt (class of '61)**

Frances was a keen musician while at school. In 1960 she won a prize as school pianist and in 1961 she arranged Schubert's *To Music* to be sung by the Montgomery choir. She also sang in the Madrigal group. Frances continued her love of music throughout her career, both as a performer, conductor and church musician and was also an enthusiastic Latin teacher.

## **Keith Richardson (class of '54)**

Keith Richardson was living in retirement in Castlemaine until he passed away in June. This is the piece he wrote for *Chess Moves* in 2006 which gives a potted history of his working life.

"Left CHS at the end of '54 and joined a small company that owned gasworks in the three eastern states. Starting as a sales clerk, I quickly progressed and was appointed Advertising Manager by the time I was twenty. Being young and ambitious I joined an advertising agency, where I worked until I took off for the UK in search of the great adventure. After hitchhiking through Europe and the Middle East, and meeting the love of my life, I returned to Australia a different man, got married, and spent the next 25 years in marketing and advertising. Got dissatisfied. Started my own business. Lost money. Went back into advertising. Retrenched. Started another period of self-employment. Went broke. Worked as a tram driver. Was made an offer I couldn't refuse. Back into marketing. Hated it. Back on the trams. Into head office. Worked on computers for the next 13 years. Got 'Jeff'd'. Migrated to Chewton just before the turn of the century. Should have done it 20 years ago!"

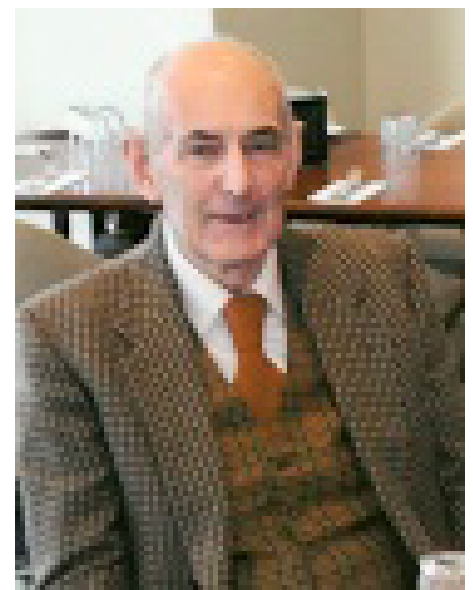
## **Bruce Hayman (class of '54)**

Bruce attended several schools for varying periods including Gardiner Central School, Trinity Grammar, and Camberwell and Melbourne High Schools. Bruce had great delight in recalling that Marie Collier, the future opera singer, sang the National Anthem at Camberwell High School where they were contemporaries. He would not have described himself as an educated person. The Depression and World War II had an adverse effect on his education. After leaving school Bruce entered work in the insurance

field, eventually running a successful business as an Insurance Agent.

He finally retired and moved from his South Yarra home of 50 years to The Heights in Donvale. Bruce loved being a member of groups and organisations: The RACV Club, Kooyong Tennis Club, the MCC, The English Speaking Union, The Athenaeum Library for 77 years, Friends of Anglican Music, The Prayer Book Society and CHES. He was on the committee for a number of years and had some excellent ideas about increasing our membership which were adopted. He hosted the Ex-Students Society at a memorable Christmas Dinner at Kooyong Tennis Club in 2012.

The trustees of the Bruce Hayman Charitable Trust have advised us the CHES will receive a portion of the charitable trust funds every year, in perpetuity. We are honoured that Bruce has included us in his will, and as a committee we will seek to be good stewards of his gift.



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