



CHESS NEWS

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I have a dear friend, Helen. We've known each other since arriving as a family in Hobart in the early 90's from Darwin, feeling very lost and dismayed about our decision to move so far out of our comfort zone with two teenage boys. Together we have weathered the joys and trials of parenthood, unemployment, weddings, and serious health issues. We've also had many wonderful meals and excursions together. Our latest treat (without the men-they went to the train shop in Brighton!) was the annual exhibition at the Embroiderers Guild in Malvern. I resisted the urge to become a member or sign up for a class, but I did pick up their latest newsletter.

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I read that they are "gently moving towards further online facilities; they have adopted a new database program so members can renew their existing memberships and new members can sign up; they will be able to pay their memberships online and members can also change their details online." They added: "of course, as is always the situation when new systems are introduced, there is a period of settling. It's like learning a new stitch!"

Since 1991 our Ex-Students database has been managed magnificently by Pat Douglas, Geoff Head and more recently Ashley Wah and our treasurer Ken James. It's a very demanding and rather thankless task, but one that keeps us connected

as a community. Because of their diligence we can contact you about reunions and events, send you our newsletters and tell you about our wonderful website that continues to be a "living treasure."

The new database system, JoinIT will enable you to have a rolling membership, and personal reminders and receipts so that you don't pay your membership 2 or 3 times each year! We also hope that you will choose either a 5 year or 10-year membership, so that we can continue to support our school and its current students for many years to come.

On pages 2 and 3 you will read of the 2019 CHESS awards and the wonderful way that the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund and the Ex-Students Society have contributed to the new books the library has purchased this year.

CHESS received a bequest from Naomi Harrison (1942-1946). Naomi wanted to support an aboriginal student with her education for 5 years and Jayde has been chosen.



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Have you changed your details?

Please advise us so we can update our database

Email

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Postal address

CHESS
PO Box 1101
Surrey Hills North LPO 3127

Like us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/
CamberwellHighExStudents](http://www.facebook.com/CamberwellHighExStudents)

Can you assist us?

If you have strong website skills, we would appreciate your help uploading scanned archives to our website.

Contributing to Alumni@Work

If you would like to share about your career since you left Camberwell High School, please forward your details to:
info@camhigh.exstudents.org

It was a pleasure to work with Principal Jill Laughlin so that Jayde, who is in Year 7, could receive her first laptop.

Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren)
Class of '65

School Report

LEADER'S HIGH TEA

It has become an annual tradition for members of the committee to enjoy lunch together with the school leaders. It is also an opportunity to hear students' ideas about how to promote the Ex-Students so younger students are aware of us throughout their school life.

(Below) School leaders with Theo Mantamadiotis, Ken James, Rory Hughes, Yvonne Giltinan and Principal Jill Laughlin.

(Right) Vice-President Theo Mantamadiotis with School Captain, Eloise Gross.



YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY EVENING

Your donations and memberships have enabled the Ex-Students Society to present the following awards and donations.

2019 CHESS Students Awards \$4,000

- 2 Year 12 and 2 Year 11 awards; and the Principal's Well-Being Fund (\$3,300)

2019 Robert Ewins Memorial Fund (REMF) \$1500

- Awards for an outstanding Year 11 and a Year 10 literature student; a donation of \$750 from REMF and \$500 from CHESS funds towards the library.

SRC President Natalie Litsas (seen at right with her proud parents), and Churchill House Captain, Darcy Littlechild, received the Year 12 CHESS awards.

Other Year 12 awards that were given included:

- a writing prize in memory of former teacher Don Anderson
- a leadership award in memory of former teacher and Principal David Collins
- an award in memory of former student, Jurgen Tauchert (Class of '88) for a student who was a positive role model.



School Report

ROBERT EWINS MEMORIAL FUNDS WELL SPENT

A love of books is the cornerstone for lifetime learning

In the recent school newsletter, Library Manager Rachel Bailey wrote: the school library is the heart of our vibrant school community and a gathering place for all who love learning. According to the Australian Council for Educational Research, students tend to be more engaged with learning on the whole if they engage with library resources, interact with library staff and spend time using libraries. Therefore, a well-resourced library means that it can support a robust education and supercharge student success.

The Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society, led by the President, Yvonne Giltinan has worked extremely hard in their endeavours to ensure that all students have access to beautiful, quality books for them to read and enjoy. Each year CHESS and the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund recognise the positive impact that a well-resourced school library has on student learning and very generously donate substantial funds to the school library.

This year the library has purchased a large number of quality fiction books which have been added to the



Linh Vu, Ryan Remilton and James Condello enjoyed showing Yvonne Giltinan some of the new books.

collection. These fiction titles comprise mostly recreational reading material with a variety of literary styles.

They include works by popular authors, both Australian and international, award-winning titles and recognised classics. The library is very grateful to the Ex-Students Society, and the Robert Ewins Memorial fund for their generous support. Thank you for the very kind donation.

YEAR 12 ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2019



This creative and inspiring exhibition featured the outstanding work of students studying Media, Visual Communication and Design, Product Design and Computer. Krystal Xu created this striking work, The Creative Rocking Chair (left) and won the Principal's Award.

Former student Melina McGough (class of '77) is now an artist and graphic designer in Melbourne. She creates unique custom-made artwork and has her own home décor print collection. Melina awarded her prize to Siena St Clair (right).



Reunions

60th Reunion for the Class of '59: Saturday, October 26th

Over 30 attended the 60th reunion at the Tower Hotel East Hawthorn. Much time was given to catching up over old times where memories were swapped about the years at CHS in the 50s, some probably embellished a little, but cherished nevertheless. The organising committee of June (Gregory) Smith, Winifred (James) Smith, Bill Goodenough and Robert Monaghan could not have been more pleased with the attendance. Thanks to the generosity of some, an array of memorabilia was put on display for the 59ers to browse at leisure: photos and newspaper clippings in an album supplied by Liz (Mauger) Bowley, caps owned by Ian Jenkin,

a tunic owned by Winifred (James) Smith, a roll detailing those who had attended the 40th reunion and the first Prospice brought along by Barbara (Turner) Harrison.

All the way from Geelong, former teacher, Jim Hobill was a wonderful link with our school days, looking hale and hearty at age 85. Bill Goodenough addressed the throng with an amusing account of the valuable contributions so many of our group had made to society and he took the time to acknowledge the contribution teachers such as Jim Hobill had made to nurturing a life-long interest in sport for many of us. Of particular interest, Jim Hobill stated that his seven years at CHS were the happiest of his long teaching career.

To the amazement of the organising committee, there seemed to be some discussion and enthusiasm about organising a 65th reunion, so all will be under strict instructions to remain healthy in case that occasion arises. Any discussion on a 70th would be on hold until then.



Former teacher, Jim Hobill



Ian Woonton & Gill Levy) Neale



John O'Hara, Kim Webster and Lyn (Murray) Gilbert



Denise (Shand) Logan & Rosemary (Mead) Faris



Kim Webster, Ian Jenkin and David Jenkin

Reunions

50th reunion for the Class of '69

The Class of '69 held their 50th year reunion on Sunday 27th October at Yarra Valley Country Club in Bulleen. It was a delightful afternoon, with around thirty ex-students attending. Initially our faces looked puzzled as we tried to recognise one another after so many years, but soon we were beaming with smiles as we slowly reconnected with lost friendships. There was so much to talk about that the room soon became loud with chatter, and there was not enough time to recount all our stories! Our reunion was such a huge success that we were buzzing with excitement at seeing one another again. Given that there were some who would have liked to have been there, but were unable to attend, the committee will endeavour to have another reunion sooner rather than later!



*Trevor Ingram (Idle), Ruth Bain (Weber),
Jo Newman (Rabb) & John Cayliss*



Russell Imer & Richard Wailes



The Class of '72 Catch-Up

Each year a number of ex-students from the Class of '72 have an informal get together, a meal and a beverage at the Glenferrie Hotel. This year was no exception and they had a very enjoyable time. The catch-up is on again next year, so don't miss out! Geoff Head is the organiser.



Thinking about a reunion in 2020?

CHES 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.

News from the Committee


The committee is implementing a new *secure* membership portal which makes it even easier to keep your membership up to date. It will give members certainty of currency of membership and will also ensure contact information is up to date for reunions and events.

New membership portal

You can now pay for your membership or make a donation here: <https://www.joinit.org/o/camhighexstudents>

Membership page on our website

OR you can visit the membership page on our website: <https://camhigh.exstudents.org/membership/>

 **Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society** [CONTACT US](#)

ABOUT

Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society exists to retain the connection between Camberwell High School and its alumni. Your memberships allow us to provide an ongoing contribution to our school and its students through scholarships and other support- thank you. Please note: if you are unable to make your membership payment by credit card via this portal, please contact us and we can arrange alternative payment methods. You can contact us on: info@camhigh.exstudents.org

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Donation (min. \$5.00)	Donation
DONATE	ANNUAL ONE-TIME BILLING
	<i>Please select this option if you would also like to make a donation to CHESS in addition to your membership subscription.</i>
\$30.00	Annual Membership
JOIN	ANNUAL AUTOMATICALLY RE-BILLS
	<i>Membership for one calendar year</i>
\$130.00	5 Year Membership
JOIN	5 YEARS ONE-TIME BILLING
	<i>Advance payment for 5 years membership</i>
\$250.00	10 Year Membership
JOIN	10 YEARS ONE-TIME BILLING
	<i>Advance payment for 10 years membership</i>

There are only a few small changes for members. The important ones are listed below:

1. All financial members have been automatically migrated to our new system.
2. If you have previously been paying through automatic PayPal payments, these are being progressively deactivated. You may receive an automatic email notifying you of this. In order to remain financial, you will need to update your credit card details in our new system. We will email you if this affects you.
3. Members will receive reminders when membership payments are due and will be issued receipts when paid. The receipt shows the date your membership will expire.
4. We will still accept memberships by bank transfer and cheque. Please contact us at info@camhigh.exstudents.org to arrange this.
5. We maintain an extensive historical class list and can help locate other ex-students for reunions and events.

As part of this transition process we are likely to find some inconsistencies with our data. If you believe there is an error or something needs to be updated, please contact us at info@camhigh.exstudents.org and we will assist.

Thank you for your continued support. We encourage you to share these links with other Ex-Students so they can also be part of our Camberwell High Ex-Students community.

From the Archives

This photo was taken at Camberwell High School's 1958 Bi-Centenary Reunion, where teacher June Issett was the surprise guest.

She is seen here with Bob Morrow, Ian Jenkin, Alan Kohler and Peter Scurrah.

(Photo supplied by Peter Jenkin)



Our Mission

In 1992 President Barry Garnham wrote to over 300 financial members. The mission of CHES is to:

- * Provide the opportunity for past students to either stay in touch or re-establish contact with old school friends
- * keep ex-students informed about what's currently happening at their old school
- * provide material and moral support to the school community
- * enable current students to draw on a deep and broad vocational and career advisory resource
- * provide past students with an opportunity to network for personal or business advantage.

The vision that drives us is of a school culture in which graduation is just one milestone along a journey of mutual support that extends from young teenage, through young adulthood to the ultimate fulfilment of personal potential.

<https://camhigh.exstudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Aug-1992.pdf>

Can you name the students in these 'unknown' photos from 1969?

<https://camhigh.exstudents.org/our-story/1960-1969/school-life/>



In Short

Canberra Chapter Needs New Blood!

In 1992, following the establishment of CHESS, a group of Camberwell High School Alumni formed a Canberra Chapter of CHESS. Since then we have been getting together several times a year to enjoy a good lunch and a glass of wine in good company. But we are all getting older and we need new blood!

It has occurred to us that, with the rapid growth of Canberra and surrounding districts in recent years, there are probably a good number of recent arrivals of former CHS pupils who have never heard about us and our activities. If you are one of them, why not get in touch, with a view to joining our little social group? We can promise you a very warm welcome. If you would like to find out about our Canberra Chapter of CHESS, why not ring me on 02 6251 9921 or Email me at alcarter@iinet.net.au Allan Carter (Convenor)

Tributes

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing away of these alumni:

Naomi Harrison (Class of '46)

Naomi attended CHS for 5 years, completing Year V (Year 11). She and her husband George were very committed to the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Victoria and Naomi received a Silver award for contributing to at least 25 productions. It was Naomi's desire that a female Year 7 Indigenous student should receive assistance with her tuition for 5 years.

Graeme Pratt (Class of '54)

Graeme was co-editor of *Prospice* in 1953. He received a leaving teaching bursary, then had a fulfilling career at the University of Melbourne in the Mechanical Engineering Department. Graeme made an enormous contribution to the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Tennis Club over many years. He had always said he didn't want life membership of the club because life members didn't seem to live much longer, so a plaque was made instead! Graeme was a lay preacher at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church, member of Uniting Voices and Deo Volente choirs, member of the church badminton club and Syndal Tennis Club, as well as carer for his wife Wendy who predeceased him.

Ian Heydon (Class of '62)

After matriculating Ian worked in credit and marketing for several organisations, including Ampol. He became Gilbey's sales manager for Victoria. He later opened a craft shop in Olinda, *The Real Thing*. There was an emphasis on quality craft and art from Victoria that was sourced directly from the artists. A different craft business was later opened as well. He played tennis and table tennis well and was particularly good at billiards. He was a fan of Bob Ewins in the English literature classes and also devoted to art and music and the Hawthorn Football Club.

Victor Isaacs (Class of '68)

Victor attended CHS from 1965 to 1968. His eldest brother Albert also went to CHS. Victor was a keen writer and had several articles published in the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History. <https://labourhistorycanberra.org/topic/author/isaacs-victor/>

Paying tribute: Please contact us if you are aware of the passing of a former student. A short tribute of 100 words can be sent to Yvonne Giltinan: info@camhigh.exstudents.org