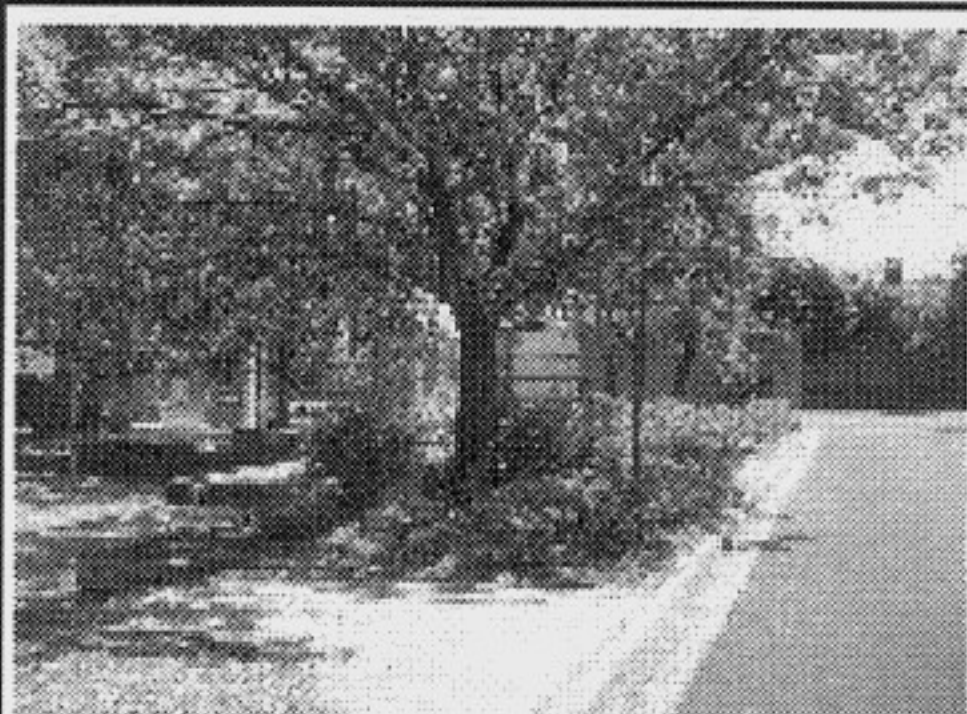




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## MEETING DATES:

**20th February  
(to be confirmed)**

Venue is in the conference room of CHS - turn left inside the main entrance. 7pm start. Please email/message Pat if you wish to attend.

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## CHESS REPORT

As I am fairly new to the role of presidency, it was the second half of 2011 that allowed me to experience some of the responsibility that comes with such a position. There was much to be done in preparation for the 60s reunion which was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October and was attended by an impressive 130 people. Sadly, due to illness, I had to give my apologies but I have received reports stating that apart from a slight malfunction with the pie warmer, the event made way for a wonderful evening. I'd like to give thanks to CHESS committee members for their hard work in organising and working at the event, to Tim Fletcher of Fletchers Real Estate for providing and preparing a promotional board to mount on the schools front fence and, of course, to the 1967 prefect, Andrew Lovett, for his impromptu speech thanking CHESS and appreciating Camberwell High School for the wonderful educational and personal development opportunities it has provided to its students over seven decades.



In terms of growth within the CHESS community, the committee has been promoting membership to the Camberwell High School Class of 2011 students at the recent valedictory evening. We are also exploring the proposal to establish a life membership fee. This will be confirmed in 2012.

I would also like to give my best wishes to this year's graduating class as they now sit their end of year examinations. CHESS wishes you all well as you take the exciting next step in your lives.

In regards to the work done this year I would like to give many thanks to Deb Johnson for her hard work in managing the CHESS website and producing CHESSMOVES throughout the year. We are all indebted to Deb for her considerable efforts.

Thanks to our super efficient Secretary, Pat Douglas, who keeps CHESS running through memberships, merchandise, the database and records management.

Thanks to Neil Bouvier who, as CHESS Treasurer, carefully manages what little money we have, and a big thanks to Kate Hamond for supporting me through my rookie days of CHESS presidency.

Seasons greetings and a safe and happy holiday season to all CHESS members. We are always interested in any suggestions or concerns that you may have about your old school organisation.

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NEXT ISSUE:  
February 15th, 2012.  
Send all articles to Debs.

*Principal's Message - Jill Laughlin*

*Final classes for Year 12 students took place on Tuesday 25th October.*

*This was followed by a day of celebration on October 26th. The theme of the day was Childhood and students dressed in costumes related to their childhood memories.*

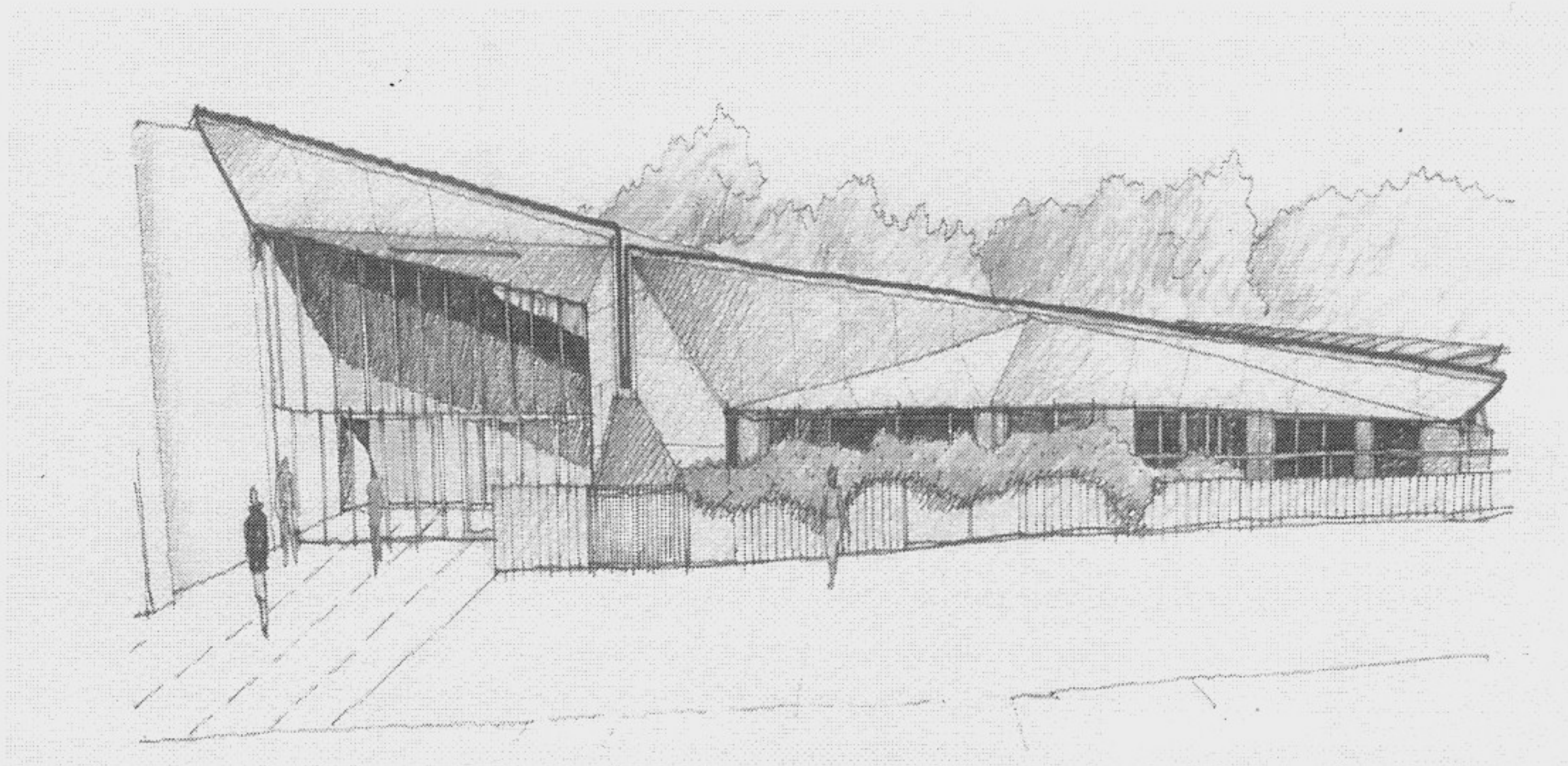
*Our Valedictory Assembly*

*on Thursday morning attended by the whole school was an opportunity to wish our Year 12 students well. They have been a very positive influence in the school as senior students. They have lived out the school values of responsibility and respect and been a highly creative group demonstrating great artistic talent. We hope that the fourth school value of achievement will also be evident in their final results.*

*The Valedictory luncheon prepared and served by the PFA for all Year 12 students and the staff was a great triumph and we enjoyed a delicious meal together. In the evening we gathered with our Year 12 students and parents. The evening commenced with the showing of Art and Design Technology work by Units 3 and 4 students. This included photography, painting, film, graphic design and drawing amongst other genres. Awards were presented at the Valedictory Evening to many of our high achieving Year 12 students. Students have now begun exams with the sitting of the English exam on Thursday 3rd November and will continue for the next few weeks.*

*The construction of the Innovation Centre has begun. During the holidays the builders erected fences and established their site offices and a cross over for vehicle access from Prospect Hill Road. The first stage of their work has been the demolition of the asphalt surfaces and the levelling of the site.*





*Architect's drawing of the new Innovation Centre at CHS*

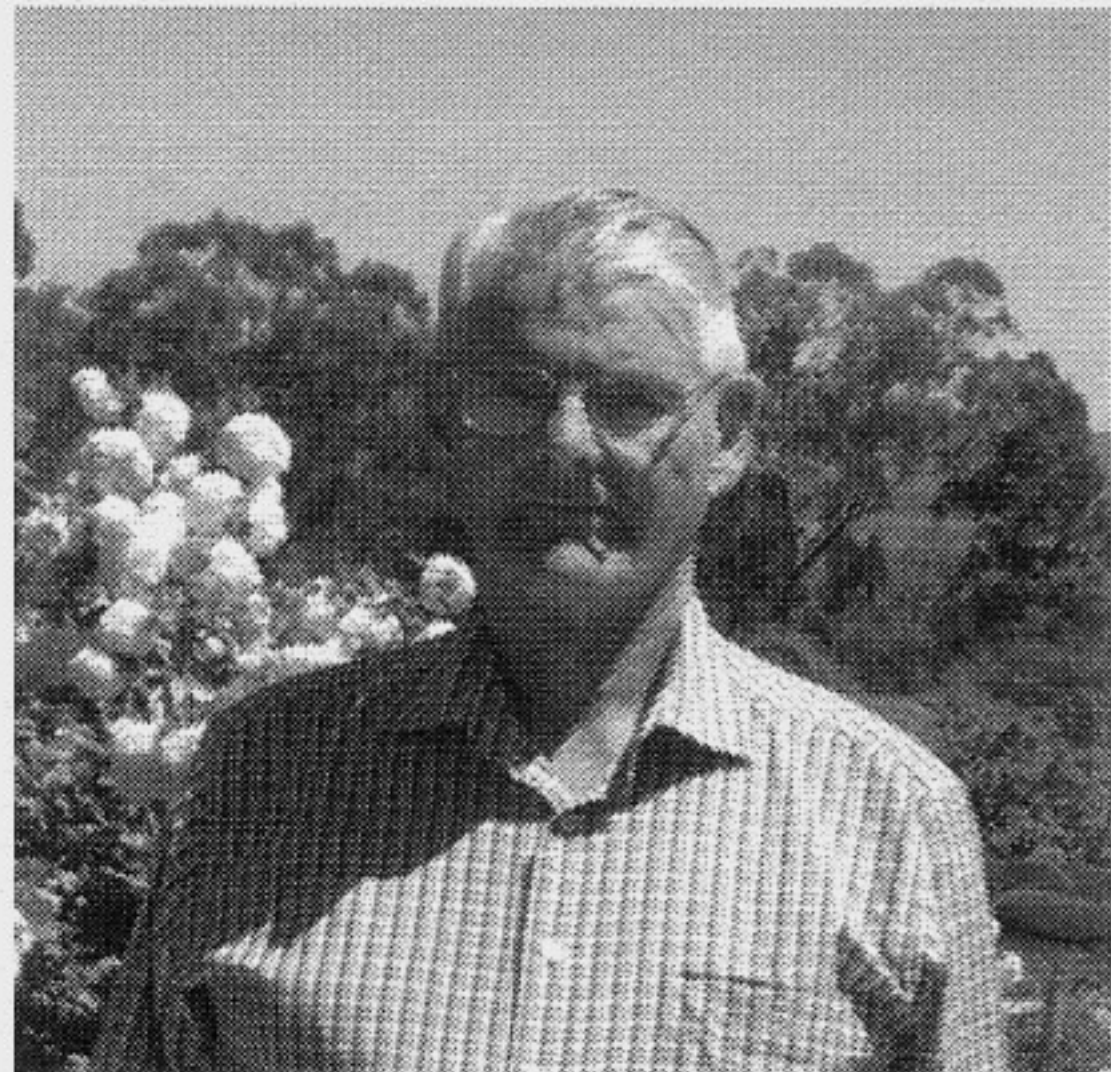
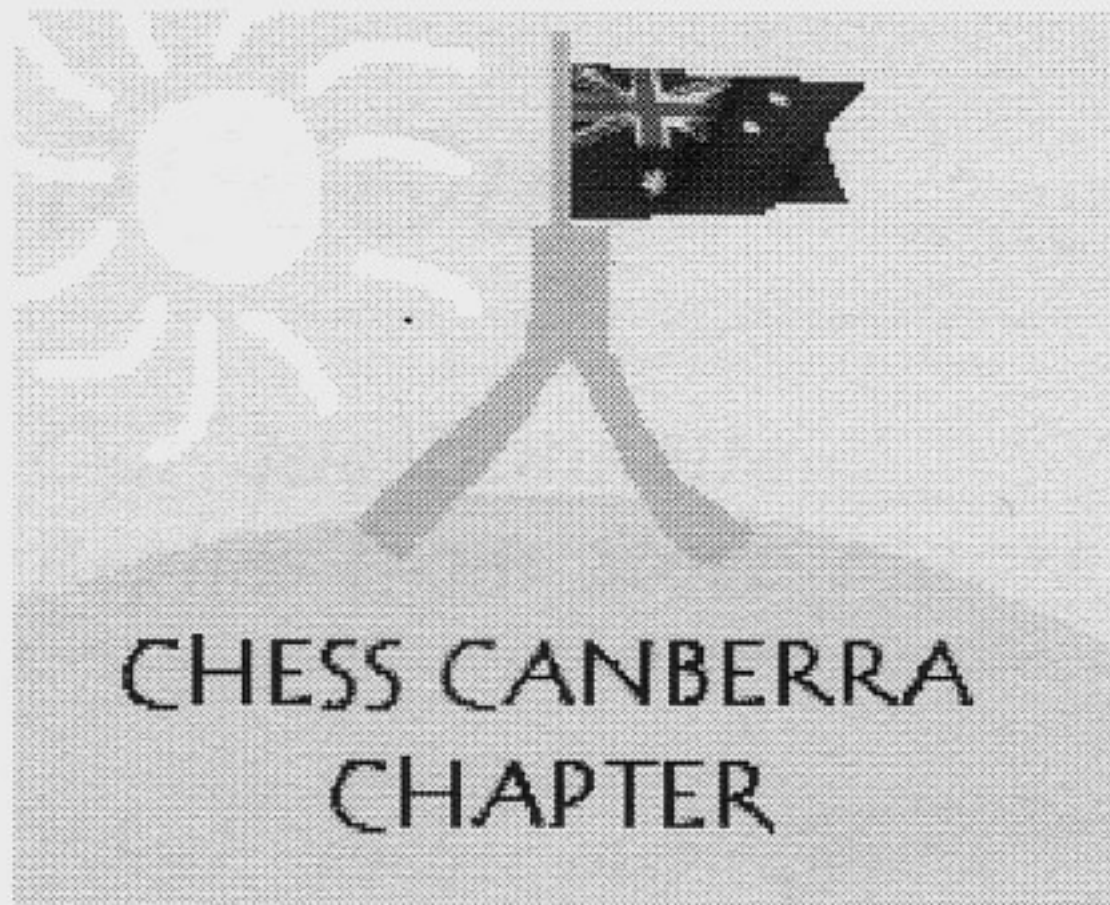
*There are plans for the replacement of the basketball courts with a brand new complex on the current portable site. This of course must wait until the new building is completed and the portables are removed.*

*During this term I will be travelling to Suzhou in China to visit our partner school. This is the second visit as planned by the Eastern Region to strengthen ties with Jiangsu Province. The first visit took place in February this year. Isabelle McKenzie will accompany Darren Beaty and Shelley Haughey for the first part of the trip and I will join them for the final stage. The focus of this second trip is to establish a strong link through technology using Web Ex. We will be able to exchange directly with classes in Suzhou. An additional objective is to develop teacher professional learning through this connection. Darren as the Leader of e Learning at CHS has taken a key role in this work, supporting all ten schools in the Eastern Region to prepare for this exciting development. Most of the funding for this program has been provided by the Eastern Region and by the Asia Education Foundation.*

*Maureen Salter and I will be travelling overseas with student trips from November 25<sup>th</sup> until December 13<sup>th</sup>, Isabelle McKenzie will be Acting Principal in my place. I will be accompanying students on the Classics trip, visiting Greece and Italy and Maureen will be travelling to Europe with the Music students. These tours will be fantastic learning opportunities for the students and we are looking forward to learning alongside our students.*

*Jill Laughlin  
Principal*





## Canberra Chapter - Allan Carter

*After a longish absence from Chess Moves, the Canberra Chapter is again reporting on our doings in the nation's capital.*

*We have had three functions since my last contribution. The first, in March, was a lunch at the Canberra Yacht Club in Yarralumla. This is a very pleasant venue beside Lake Burley Griffin, with large picture windows in the restaurant looking across the lake to Black Mountain. We had 10 people to enjoy a leisurely lunch gazing at the yachts and other boats on the Lake.*

*The second function was also a lunch, at the Lerida Estate Winery, in June. The winery is on the Federal Highway (the road to Sydney) at the northern end of Lake George, and is up high on the hillside with a view over the lake – when it has water in it. Until earlier this year the lake was bone dry after so many years of drought. Now after the rains late last year and early this year, it is about half full. We had 14 people there for a very pleasant lunch.*

*Our most recent activity was something very different from our other functions. Twelve of us (Fred & Lois Roberts, Thelma & Bob Bell, Lyn & Eric Turner, Ursula & Ron Jensz, Chris & Sandra Bunn, and Allan & Judy Carter) journeyed to Cowra and Canowindra for the weekend of 15/16th October. (Canowindra for those who may not be aware is pronounced ca-noun-dra.). Cowra is about 2 to 2 1/4 hours north from Canberra, with Canowindra being another 30km or 20 mins further north. On the Saturday afternoon we drove straight to Canowindra where we all met at the Age of Fishes Museum.*

*This Museum, which was the purpose of the visit, shows some of the many ancient fish fossils found nearby. These are the result of a chance discovery during road works in 1956, of a deposit of thousands of fish fossils dating from 360 million years ago in the Devonian Period of Earth history. It is thought that there may still be many more thousands of fossils hidden under the road. The Museum displays a number of rock slabs with the fossils still in place, which to most people are like photographic negatives. It also has some casts of these fossils which are like photographic "positives". These casts make it easier for untrained eyes to see what the fossils were like when they were alive so long ago. No other such fish fossil deposit in the world*





After we returned to Cowra and our motels, we went to dinner at the Quarry Restaurant, which is attached to a winery at the southern entrance to Cowra. This is a very friendly restaurant with a very acceptable menu at reasonable prices.

On Sunday we tended to go in different directions to visit various places associated with the famous Cowra Breakout. The Breakout was a mass escape attempt by over 1000 Japanese POWs on 5/6 August 1944. All 378 escapees were recaptured, while 234 prisoners and 4 Australian guards were killed. After the war the citizens of Cowra made various attempts to recognise the bravery of two of the Australians who died, which eventually resulted in both being posthumously awarded the George Cross. After World War 2 the Cowra community, especially the RSL, maintained the graves of the Japanese dead, and developed a special relationship with Japan and the POWs and their families.



We visited the Cowra War Cemetery and Japanese War Cemetery next to it. These are about 3km north of Cowra. The first is one of only two official Commonwealth war cemeteries in Australia. It is quite small and contains the remains of the four Australian soldiers killed in the Cowra Breakout, including the two who were awarded the George Cross. It also includes graves of Australian Servicemen who died in training or from illness while at the then nearby training base. The Japanese cemetery contains the graves of the POWs killed in the Breakout, plus all Japanese nationals who died in Australia during the war.



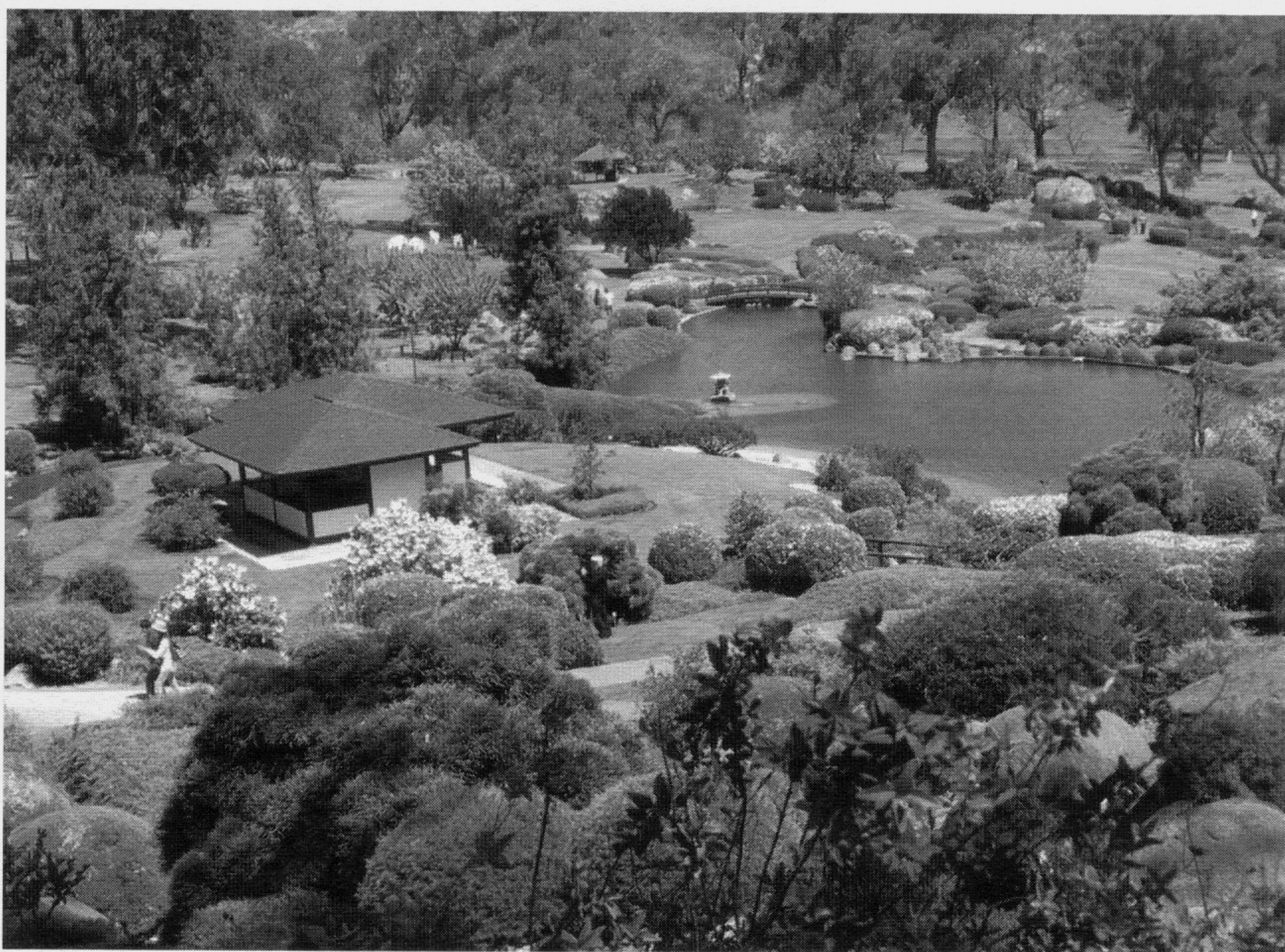
**Top:** remains of the burnt-out huts at Cowra.  
**Middle:** the display sign for the camp.  
**Bottom:** War Graves at the Cowra War Cemetery.  
**Left:** (L-R) Fred, Bob, Lois, Thelma, Judy, Eric and Lyn.



# Canberra Chapter (continued)

The next place visited was the site of the Cowra POW Camp, which is not far from the cemeteries. There are some photo boards, the remains of some of the accommodation huts, including some showing burn marks from the fires lit during the Breakout, and a replica Guard Tower. It looks across to distant hills and now looks quite peaceful.

Our final visit, and probably the highlight of our trip, was to the Japanese Gardens. The gardens are a collaboration between the people of Japan and those of Cowra and are part of the reconciliation of the two previously warring nations. They were designed by a Japanese landscape designer and opened in 1979. On a steep hillside site gardens, lawns and streams representing the Japanese landscape (which is quite rugged) are laid out, with many beautifully kept Japanese trees and shrubs. These include Cherry Blossoms, which unfortunately had finished flowering about two or three weeks before our visit. September is the best time for these blossoms. It is a place of beauty, tranquility and peace, which can be walked around very easily in a couple of hours.



Following our stroll in the gardens we all gathered in the very pleasant Gardens café for lunch. You can sit outside if the weather allows it, or inside and look out the large picture windows at the scene outside. The café is reasonably priced and has a very wide menu ranging from a complete meal to a snack or sandwiches and coffee. After a pleasant, leisurely lunch we then set off to return to Canberra after a very pleasant and relaxing weekend.

Cowra on the Olympic Highway, is an easy place to get to, being at the junction of a number of major roads in central NSW. The Japanese Gardens in particular are a delightful place to visit, particularly in the Spring & Autumn.

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# 60s Reunion

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CHESS held a reunion for Camberwell High students who attended during the 1960s on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the school assembly hall.

Thanks to Fletchers Real Estate, a promotions board (with the graphics shown here on the right) was displayed at the school gate for a few weeks prior to the event creating much community interest.

130 students from the 60s decade delighted in rekindling old friendships and reminiscing on days gone by.

As guests entered the school through the front doors and journeyed towards the hall, they marvelled at the carpeted halls, impressive administration area and the gallery of honoured past students. Some people even felt strange at being 'allowed' to use the front entrance!

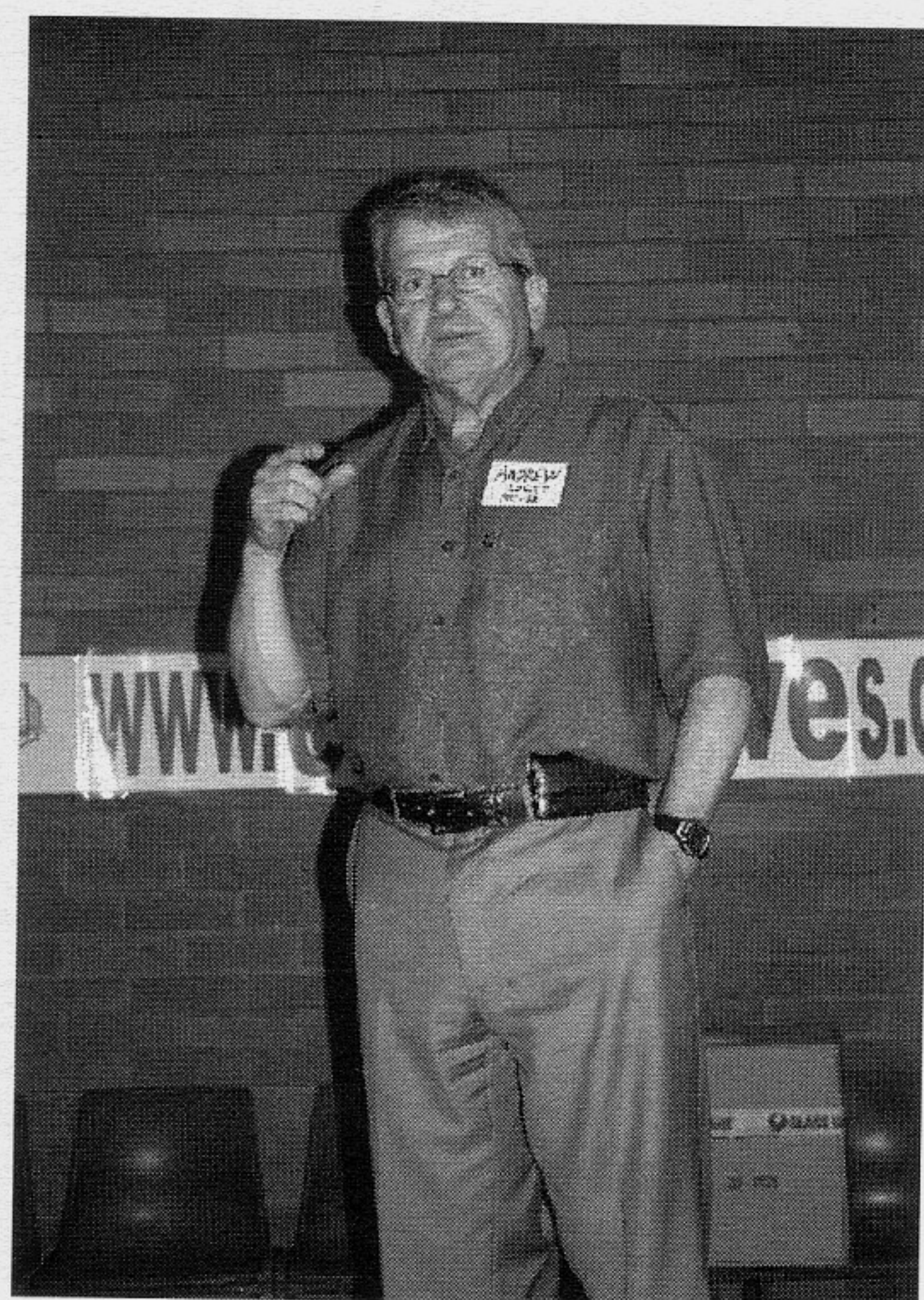
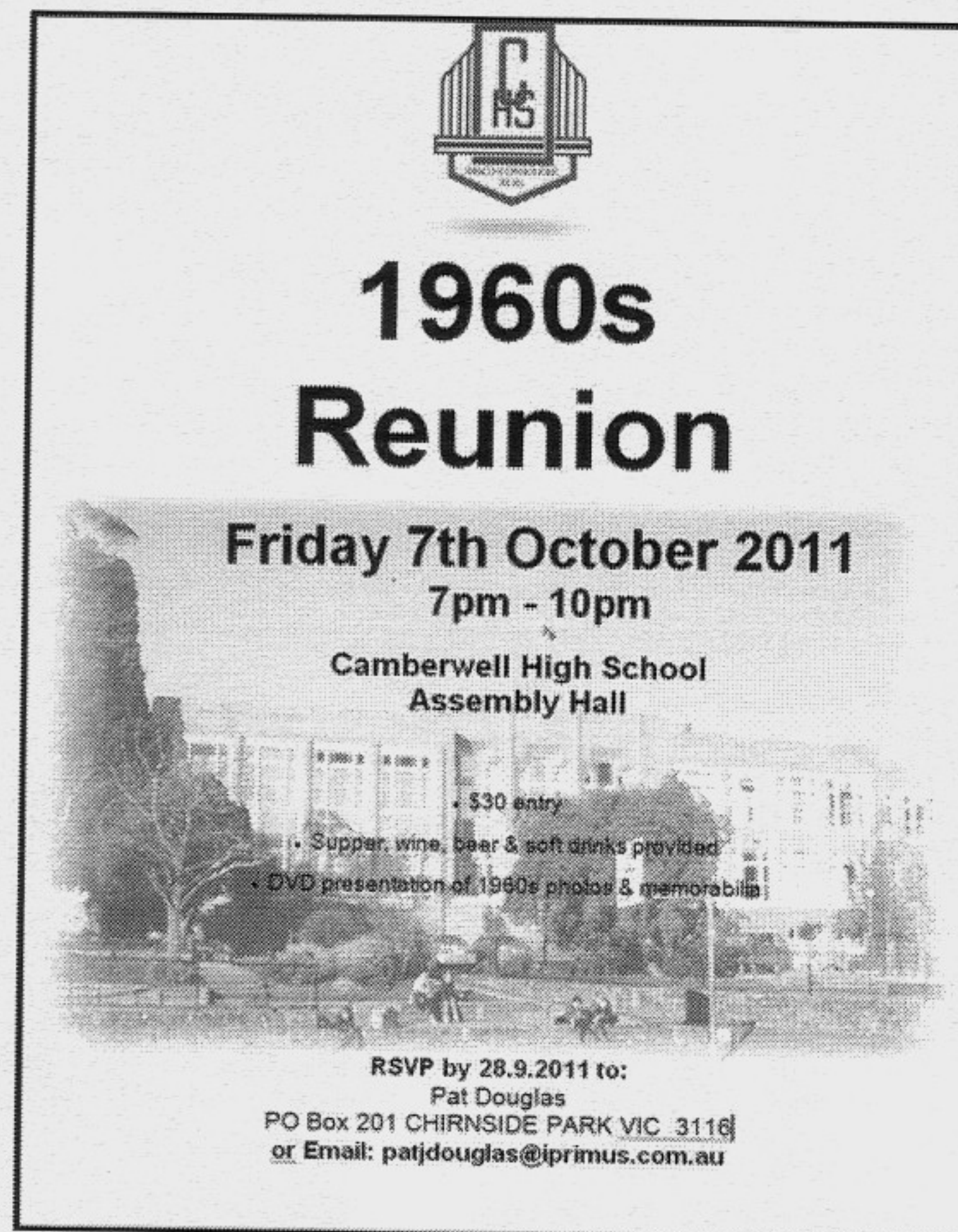
A slideshow presentation of 1960s school photographs continuously played throughout the evening, while the CHESS committee sold school merchandise and provided supper.

Andrew Lovett, 1967 Prefect, gave an impromptu speech expressing his sentiments on the pleasure of returning to school, and reminding the gathering of how much we all owe the wonderful school that is Camberwell High. He also graciously thanked the CHESS committee for hosting the evening.

With the exception of a faulty pie warmer rendering the nominally 'hot' food inedible, the night was a great success.

Thank you to the CHESS committee members, Vice Principal Maureen Salter, and CHS Maintenance Manager 'Manny', who worked so hard to prepare and conduct this function.

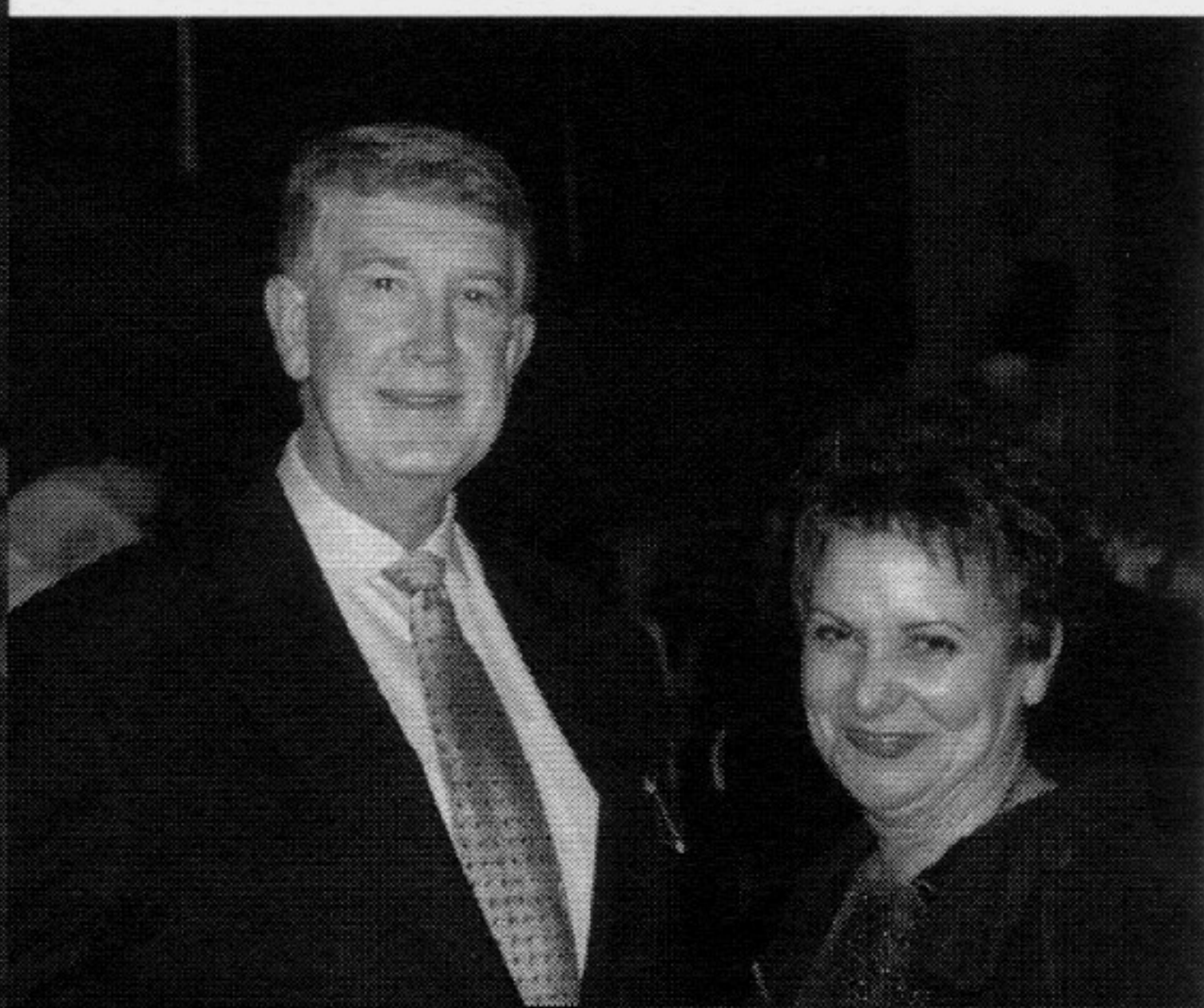
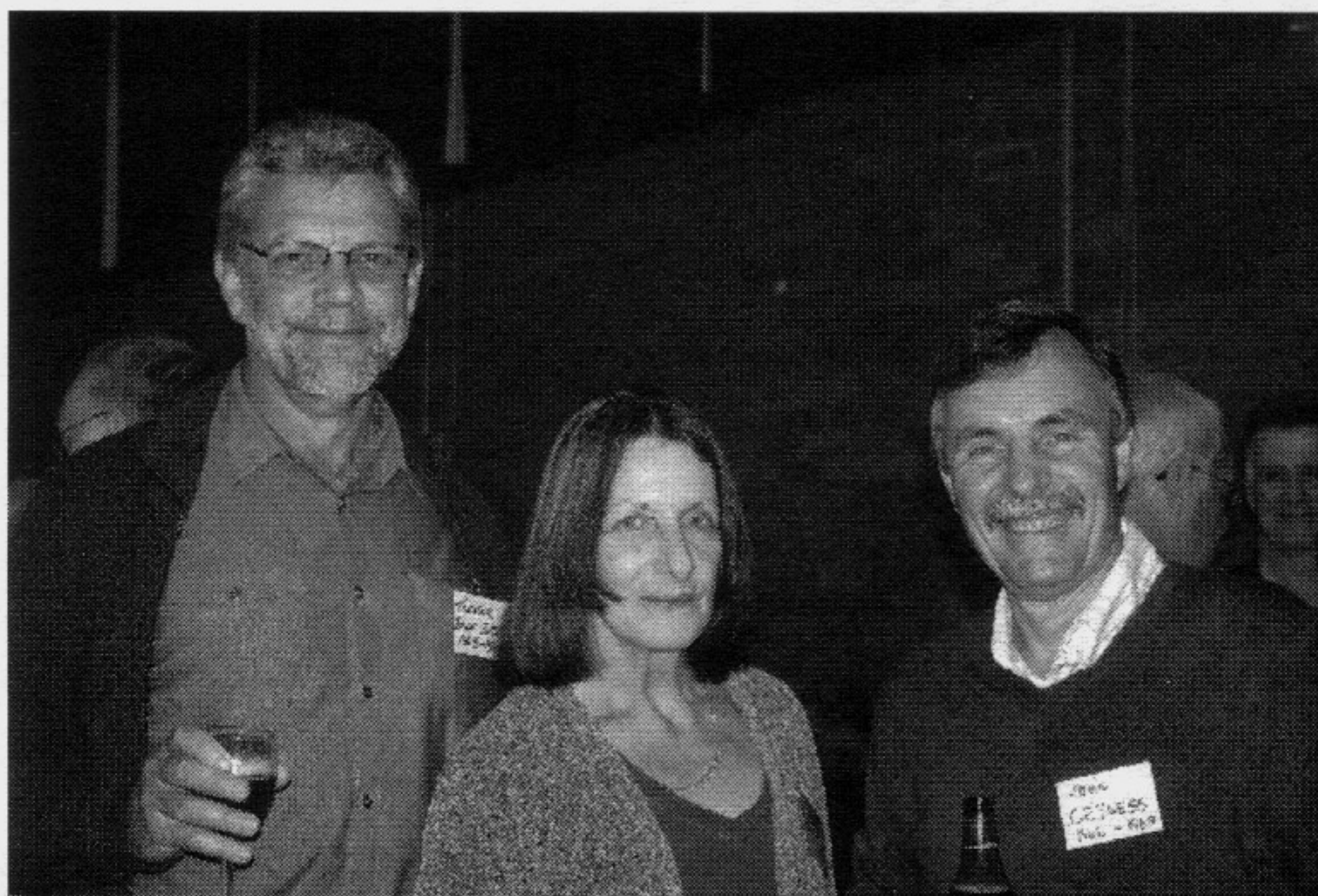
KATE HAMOND (1970)



Andrew Lovett addresses the gathering.

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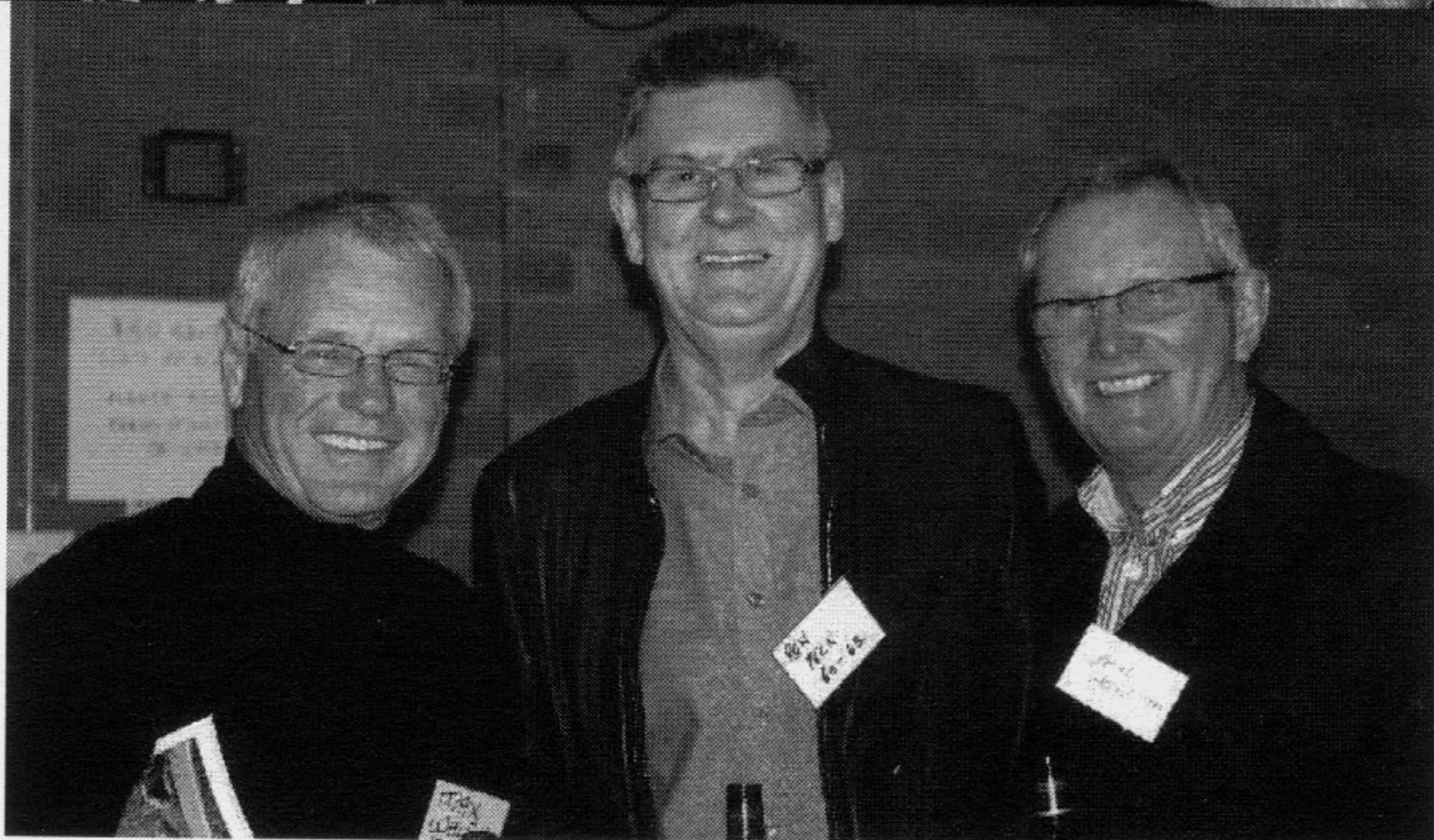






# 60s Reunion Photos

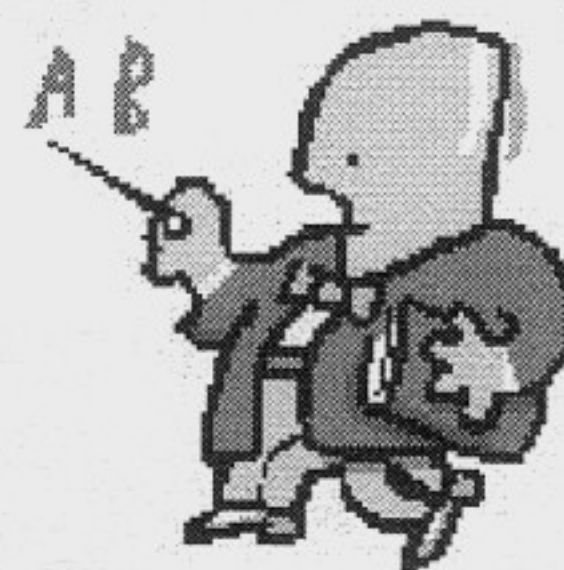
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# DISCOURSE



*Our questionnaire....*

*Replies from Steve Moore (CHS 1967-1971)*

*Which teacher inspired you at CHS?*

*Mr Robertson - English - I remember him for presenting English as an adventure of exploration.*

*Your funniest school memory?*

*The teachers 'raids' to catch the smokers behind the old boys' toilets and the look on the faces of the offenders as they were trooped off to the Principals office, saying "Here we go, once again" ...*

*What subject did you hate and why?*

*Accounting . What is the logic of double entry book keeping?? (other than to keep happy those minds that require a neat and orderly world). May it never come to fruition, may their books never balance...*

*What school house were you in?*

*Excuse me, did you ask "WHAT House?" As a House Captain of Roosevelt - was there any other house...??*

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

*Only if someone damages a certain area of the anatomy..... (like your foot... now what were you thinking???)*



*Form 6B in 1970. Inset - Steve Moore*

*Do you still have any school library books? Yes....aahmm No, aahhhmmm I don't remember - and you are not getting the book back - the legal 7 years for holding records has passed, so old school library records have been conveniently expunged - so there!!!.. P.S : Any one like to borrow a book on the Conscription debate in Australian politics in 1916-1918.???*

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

*Favourite : field athletics - javelin (winning first in the Eastern Schools division championship) Closest call - one lunch time, a young girl walked unaware into the javelin throwing field, alongside the tennis courts, as a javelin was heading right to where it would intersect her path. Thankfully missed by about 3 feet...*

*What book are you reading now?*

*"Beersheba" (Daley) the story of the Australian Light Horse cavalry charge against Turkish positions in the Middle East during Oct 1917 - became the key point leading to the re-establishment of Israel some 31 years later. It was also the last major cavalry charge in modern history..*

*Did you have a crush on a classmate?*

*Oh well it is 40 years later on, so ..... Roslyn Young - very intelligent, incredibly gracious, feminine and elegant. A gentle spirit - and all that at just 17 years old.*



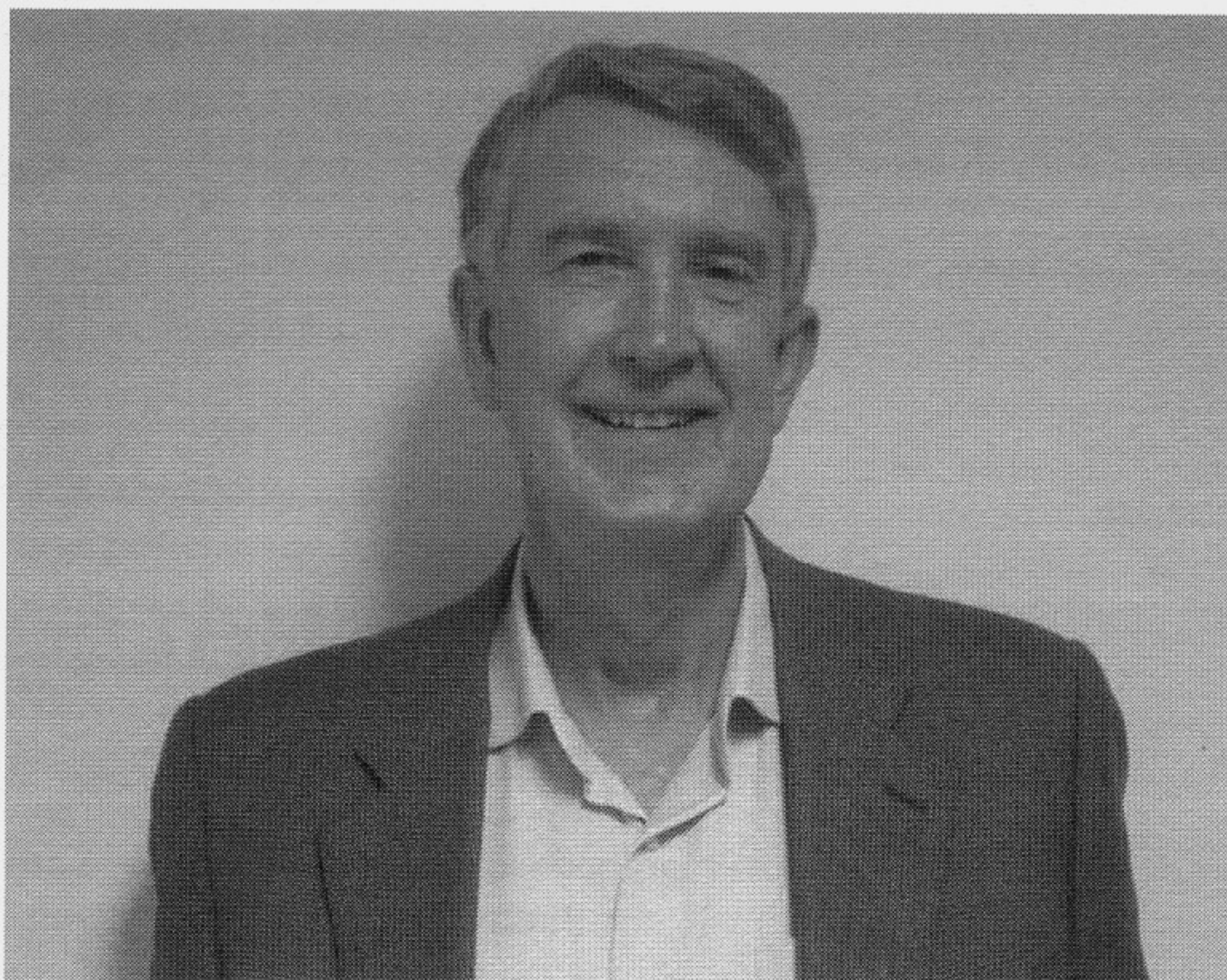
*Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?*

*Yes – many, many fond memories and wonderful times and areas of personal success. But as no doubt every generation that has gone through CHS, may say “I do wish what I know now I could have known then.....”*

## *A bit about me.....*

*Born in Canberra, late at night during massive storms, huge lightning flashes and a minor earth tremor, with the sun having disappeared into an encompassing darkness, leaving a pervasive eerie atmosphere which was felt by all ...that of course was just inside the delivery room .. Outside the hospital it was just a fine cold late-July Canberra night..*

*After Matric, completed tertiary studies in London (Commerce/International Trade/ Marine law). Director of 2 Elders IXL companies in the late 70/80's and during last decade have been senior executive with a Danish and now a Norwegian international shipping firm . Lived overseas in Britain, Norway, Denmark, Hong Kong and America. Was married for 25 years.*



*The most important aspect of my life are my children, David, Jonathan, Felicity and little Michael (18,15,13 and 9) my “living arrows”. The words of the Lebanese philosopher Kahlil Gibran, on children and our role as parents, has always been important to me “You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far”. Gibran’s wonderful understanding of the life I first encountered in my final CHS year.*

*Wider interests are history /art (Edo period 1600-1860 and Gustav Klimt early 20th Cent) and science ( thank you Prof. Julius Sumner Miller – “Why is it so?” , gardening, reading and an occasional bottle of red. Main interests are Japanese and Korean culture – and am learning Korean rather than work on Sudoku puzzles... Most treasured moment aside from each of the childrens’ births was placing a prayer slip between the stones of the Western Wall in Jerusalem and years later successfully abseiling a 150 m cliff, with only minor rope burns.... (I hate heights after an incident in the Army having to jump off a 60 ft platform into a lake as part of a jungle warfare training course ... no wonder they had 3 divers waiting below .. )*

*Career has centered around international shipbroking (moving iron ore, coal, wheat and grains, minerals, fertilizers, salt, oil, etc in ship sizes up to 100,000 mtons from Australia to the world and from around the world to Australia. Four decades of Shipbroking has directly involved me in the world economy, international commodity trading and an insight into the workings of many world industries, developing an appreciation of many, very different Asia/Northern European and Middle Eastern cultures and peoples and their personalities which has been fantastic and sometimes challenging.*

*Favourite cartoon characters: Foghorn Leghorn and Stewie Griffen (thats a real dichotomy). An avid reader, my favourite book is Tale of Genji, (Lady Murasaki), and recent readings have been Undaunted Courage (Ambrose), The Lotus Quest (Griffiths), “Falling leaves” (Mah), The Hunt for Zero Point (Cook) . Favourite movies: North by Northwest, Charade, Patton (of course!!..) Best TV : “Lie to me”, “Who do you think you are?” and sorry guys , I know this is so, SO generational, but “Star Trek” (yep Capt James Tiberius Kirk. and all that boy stuff .. ok, ok ,I know but I do have the excuse in growing up in the 1960's space programme/Cape Canaveral, moon walk, etc, etc - ..... so am I forgiven??).*



Steve Moore

## A bit about me..... (continued)

And for those who remember the Viet-Nam war days and CHS debates etc, yes , haven't we all mellowed? I'd be classed as slightly right of centre – but perhaps there may be times I could make Atilla the Hun look like a left-wing intellectual....

CHS has, I believe, richly blessed us through the teachers and the school's ethos and through the friends we made and the many differing personalities, views, which no doubt prepared us for the gifts that life was going to place before us through its many challenges and our individual successes.

Best regards/Steve

## VALE

Margery Helena Ballintine (née Marshall) CHS 1941

Alan Ernest Scott CHS 1945 – 1947  
Passed away August 16th, 2011.



Alan Scott was a close friend of my mother's (another CHS student from the forties) and our family was privileged to know Alan (or "Scotty" as he was to us) over the past ten years. I attended his funeral and heard a close friend and colleague, former Victorian Chief Commissioner of Police, Mick Miller, speak about their time together within the force. Alan led a very distinguished and diverse police career, working in many branches, including the Homicide Squad, and was spoken of highly. In fact, Mick Miller said that he was one of the finest policeman he had known.

A tribute was made also to Gary Silk (and his family who were present at the funeral). Gary was a close relative of Alan's, whom he mentored and Alan was

personally affected by the Silk-Miller murders. One of Alan's great loves was the Hawthorn Football Club and at the conclusion of the service, we walked outside on a lovely sunny day and released many brown and gold balloons into the sky to the club song. Alan leaves behind two sons and a daughter.

VALE Scotty. A wonderful, thoughtful man, loved by family and friends.

Deb Johnson (Editor)

