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CAMBERWELL HIGH SCHOOL
EX STUDENTS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting of the Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society

Held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday April 27, 2022

Present: Yvonne Giltinan, Theo Mantamadiotis, Ken James, Bob Taylor, Rory Hughes, John Stamellos, Graeme Cameron, Rosemary Faris, Dianne McConville, Graham Scott, John Worcester, Joanne Newman, Phil Giltinan

Apologies: Barry Barton, Gregor McCaskie, Barbara van Ernst, Frank Pagram, Steve Callinan Moore, Geoff James, Marnie Kok, Audrey Broomhead

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Apologies

All attendees were welcomed.

2. Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were moved as accurate.

Yvonne Giltinan/John Worcester

3. Reports

President's Report

Yvonne presented her report (copy included below) to the meeting. The meeting received the report. Yvonne also noted the contributions of Marnie Kok, Barry Garnham and the current/past committee for their work.

Yvonne Giltinan/Graham Scott

Treasurer's Report

John presented the Treasurer's Report (copy included below) to the meeting. The report was received and approved by the meeting.

John Stamellos/Bob Taylor

4. Election of Office Bearers

Nominations were received for the following positions:

President: Theo Mantamadiotis

Vice President: Joanne Newman

Secretary: Rory Hughes

Treasurer: John Stamellos

Committee: Bob Taylor, Frank Pagram

Yvonne declared all nominees elected and thanked them for their willingness to serve CHESS in the coming year.

There are vacant positions in the general committee. People to fill these roles will be sought in the coming weeks.

Graeme Cameron indicated he would be happy to join the committee.

5. General Comments

No further business raised.

6. Close of Meeting:

Theo thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.08pm

President's Report April 2022

At each AGM for the last 10 years, I have provided our ex-students with a summary of our activities. This year is no different. All our activities are listed in dot form. The difference this time though is that this is my last report as President. I have taken the opportunity to not only look back to May 2012 and reflect on the headline: CHESS IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN JEOPARDY!!!, but list and acknowledge the tremendous work we have done as a committee over the last 10 years. There is now no doubt about our future, and I am delighted to hand on the baton to another cohort of enthusiastic ex-students. Thank you for the support and encouragement so many of you gave us. I am confident that you will continue to appreciate the work that our volunteers do to keep our society relevant and our contributions to the school impactful.

CHESS IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN JEOPARDY!!!

The Committee met last month and five key committee members are standing down at the forthcoming AGM on Monday 21st May 2012. Some of the other committee indicated they will leave by the end of the year.

The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary (Membership), Treasurer and Media (Website/Newsletters) are vacant and need to be filled at the AGM to be held at Camberwell High School 7pm on 21st May 2012.

If these positions are not filled then CHESS cannot run as an incorporated body due to not enough committee members and will cease to exist.

A lot of work has gone into the last twenty years in running reunions, a huge ex-student database, newsletters, a fantastic website and being a strong support to the school. FYI the committee meets for 1½ hours on a Monday night at the school every second month and runs a decade reunion every October/November. Media and Secretary positions get some remuneration and the Committee was looking to pay a support person an ongoing monthly administration fee. This is a one and only plea for volunteers to provide a service to the current and ex-students and keep CHESS and the website going.

In April 2012, several of us responded to this call to keep CHESS alive. Since the formation of CHESS in the Jubilee year of 1991, a small group had worked very hard, and now it was time for others to step up and keep CHESS going. We were elected unopposed! Others joined by personal invitation.

I'm very proud of what we have accomplished in the last 10 years, particularly as some of the tasks have required large amounts of voluntary time. We have:

- Implemented correct incorporated association guidelines
- Significantly improved the database
- Got our finances in order by adopting online giving using JoinIT
- Built a new website so that it is now a substantial and accessible archive
- Organised the 1991 Hall of Fame to be professionally updated
- Created a current list of distinguished alumni and former staff on the website
- Scanned and uploaded every Prospice from 1946-2020
- Held significant events like the 70th dinner
- Had very good support for our luncheons for older members
- Held an annual end of year dinner
- Facilitated reunions and added ex-students details to the database
- Scanned and uploaded all available archives to the website (a 10-year project!)
- Increased scholarship and benevolent giving
- Increased giving to the library and developed a good relationship with the library manager
- Administered bequests
- Commenced writing a short paragraph to the school for inclusion in the bi-monthly newsletter

- Built strong relationships with the school including exiting Year 12's
- Attended leader's lunches, Valedictory and Presentation evenings, some musical events and openings of buildings
- Held webinars during lockdown
- Built effective communication with over 1200 ex-students via 3 newsletters a year, through Gmail and with Facebook posts
- Maintained contact with our postal cohort by monitoring our PO Box and posting newsletters
- Attended school council meetings over a number of years to raise the profile of CHES with parents and staff
- Celebrated key milestones with the school eg 75th and 80th birthday
- Built strong relationships with former principals: Elida Brereton and Ann Rusden
- Created short videos for senior students and to promote CHES
- Obtained Charity status for ongoing donations and bequests
- Reprinted Robert Ewins Jubilee Retrospective book in hard copy and E-print
- Developed our own merchandise including pens, bookmarks and a pull-up banner
- Accepted donations, had them scanned, uploaded to the website, then stored in the school archives or library
- Sorted the archives in the school storeroom, scanned and uploaded them to the website
- Established an effective working relationship with the Principal through her PA Vanessa Chopra
- Co-ordinated scanning with Phillip Richardson (class of '52) and uploading with Chris Burford (class of '65)
- Seen a small but steady increase in membership
- Acknowledged ex-students who have passed away

We have not only survived, we've thrived! As my tenure draws to a close, I want to thank each of the current (and past) committee members for their commitment to our ex-students society. I am very confident that you will continue to find new ways to keep it being relevant and progressive.

CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS SOCIETY INCORPORATED Inc						
Incorporation Number A0048378R						
Treasurers Report 2021						
NAB Bayswater		98397266		2021		2020
Bank Account	083125	50-723-8691				EOY
Cash 1 January 2021				<u>2,305</u>		<u>6,494</u>
Receipts						
Bequest						
Donations From Members				45		80
Subscriptions				5,840		4,536
Mid Year Luncheon						
Year End Dinner						
Book & CD Sales						60
Interest						
Other						
Joint Fees				-273		-207
	Total Receipts			<u>5,612</u>		<u>4,469</u>
Payments						
Annual Consumer Affairs				247		59
Awards				4,250		6,000
Finance Charges						
Mid Year Luncheon						
End of Year						
Hall of Fame						50
Membership-Joint				509		518
Post Office Box				136		134
Sundry / Postage				709		144
Printing and Stationary Newsletter				446		651
Promotion / Year 12 Expense						535
Website				277		1,317
	Total Payments			<u>6,574</u>		<u>9,408</u>
	Surplus / (Deficit)			-962		-4,939
Transfer to Term Deposits						
Transfer from Term deposit				4,250		
Transfer from REMF				750		750
	Total Bank Account	507238691		6,342		2,305
NAB Term Deposit			14-085-4286			
Balance	1/01/2021			11,162		11,029
Interest to				27		133
Transfer main a/c				-6,000		
Balance invested to	27/11/2021		0.40%	<u>5,189</u>		<u>11,162</u>
NAB Term Deposit						
Balance	1/01/2021		25-949-3908	5,078		5,000
Interest to				30		78
Transfer to main account						
Balance invested	28/11/2021		0.60%	5,108		5,078
	Total CHESSE Funds			16,640		18,545
Robert Ewins Memorial Fund Deposit			744-095-348			
Balance	1/01/2021			9,334		9,934
Interest to				60		150
To main account				750		750
Balance of Fund	31/12/2021		0.65%	<u>8,644</u>		<u>9,334</u>