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COMMITTEE NEWS

Annual General Meeting

The CHESS annual general meeting (AGM) was held on Monday April 27. The AGM was notable in that Yvonne Giltinan (class of 1965), officially stepped down in her role as President of CHESS. New roles and new members were appointed, and the financial state of CHESS is sound.

Yvonne Giltinan

Yvonne was CHESS president for 10 years and has made many outstanding contributions to CHESS during her term as President. She led the society through a successful period, where CHESS grew and thrived, cementing the society's long-term survival and goals in supporting the school through providing various student achievement awards, scholarships, and activities, including funds to the library. The committee wholeheartedly thanked Yvonne for her passion and the hard work she brought to running CHESS. We wish Yvonne all the best for her future endeavours, as we do for Yvonne's life and CHESS committee partner, ex-student, Phil Giltinan. Once again, thank you, Yvonne.



One of Yvonne's many CHESS legacies: Digital archiving of the school's history

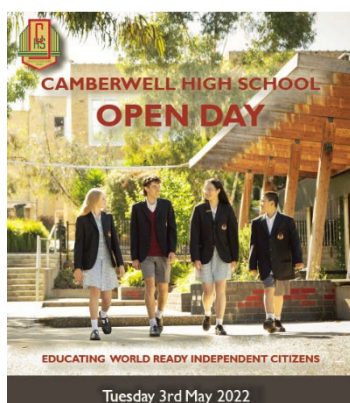
An important initiative, for ex-students and current students, which Yvonne and her committees oversaw was the digital archiving of hundreds, if not thousands of items, including the school magazine *Prospice*, photographs and event booklets, dating all the way back to 1941. This digital archive provides perpetual and easy access to the school's history for all ex-students though the CHESS website. There were several people/ex-students, who volunteered many hours over a few years, to scan and collate the hardcopy originals to digital copies. The volunteers who supported the digital archiving include Chris Burford (class of 1965), Harvey Broadstock (class of 1965), Phillip Richardson (class of 1952), Chris Burford (class of 1965) and staff of Camberwell High School, where the original documents were stored for many decades.

Yvonne's many contributions to CHESS over the last 10 years are listed in the AGM Minutes and Reports.

AGM Minutes & Reports can be viewed/downloaded from the CHESS website

(<https://camhigh.exstudents.org/annual-general-meetings/>).

Camberwell High School Open Day & Evening 2022



On May 3, Camberwell High School held an Open Day & Evening. CHESS was represented by John Stamellos (Treasurer) (*photo*) and Theo Mantamadiotis (President). This was a great opportunity to highlight CHESS and our support to the school to future students and their parents.



CHES committee

One of the functions of the AGM is to allow nominations and the election of new/ongoing roles for the committee. Former CHES vice-president, Theo Mantamadiotis (class of 1980) was elected as the new president. CHES has 3 new committee members. The committee welcomes Jo Newman – Vice-President (class of 1969) and committee members, Graeme Cameron (class of 1977) and Frank Pagram (class of 1975).

Previous committee members were re-elected and maintain their previous roles. They are:

Rory Hughes – Secretary; John Stamellos – Treasurer; Bob Taylor; Ken James.

After 8 years of serving on the CHES committee, Steve Callinan-Moore (class of 1971) decided to step down. The committee thanks Steve for his long-standing efforts and wishes Steve all the best in his future endeavours. We also acknowledge Marnie Kok's many years on the CHES committee, as she has also decided to step down.

CHES Committee: <https://camhigh.exstudents.org/committee/>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU - COMPLETE OUR EX-STUDENTS SURVEY!

[Click here to complete](#)

We want to hear your thoughts on what the ex-students society should look like. This short survey should take no longer than 5 minutes and asks what kinds of activities and content you'd like to see from the society.

There are pre-filled options, as well as space for you to suggest your own ideas (which is encouraged). There is also a chance to let us know of any ex-student stories that you'd like to share. Please note that your personal details won't be collected and all responses are anonymous.

We will use this information to guide our focus over the next few years and make sure the ex-students society continues to be relevant and engaging.

Please complete the survey at this link: <https://forms.gle/FTw5aLiTDWTje2vu5>

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Becoming a member and making a donation couldn't be easier!

Choose \$30 for 1 year, 5 years (\$130) or 10 years (\$250)



Contact details

Please notify us if you have changed your address

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or go to <https://camhigh.exstudents.org/membership/>



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REUNIONS

Class of 1962 - The 1962 Matric class recently met for lunch at the Blackburn Hotel in March, to reminisce and celebrate the years **1957-1962** spent at CHS and compared themselves from the enlarged form photos of those long-ago days, drawn from the CHESS website! (*event details and photo were provided by Bob Taylor*)



Class of 2017 – all members of the Class of 2017 are invited to attend the 5 Year Reunion at 2.30pm, Sunday 7th August at the Glenferrie Hotel. Everyone is looking forward to catching up and seeing what directions we have taken since finishing high school.

If you want CHESS to help promote your reunion, contact us via CHESS Facebook messaging or email to: info@camhigh.exstudents.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reunions

Class of 2002, 20-Year Reunion; Date - Saturday 1st October at 7pm

Location - Richmond, venue TBC

Venue will be confirmed page closer to the date, via the CHESS Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As we enter a new phase after two years of restricted social gathering, we hope to soon facilitate opportunities for ex-students to gather and celebrate various aspects of the CHS school life, whether through reunions, annual CHESS lunches or dinners or via highlighting notable ex-students and their memories and post-CHS careers and adventures.

Tuesday September 6, 2022 at 7:30pm

The CHESS committee is organising events in the latter part of 2022. We are organising an online event with ex-student, **Mic Conway**, who will tell us about his memories of school life in the late 1960s, and his journey through his incredible music and entertainment career.

Details on how to register for and join this event will be circulated soon.

See *Mic Conway's profile of the CHESS Alumni webpage:*
<https://camhigh.exstudents.org/mic-conway/>





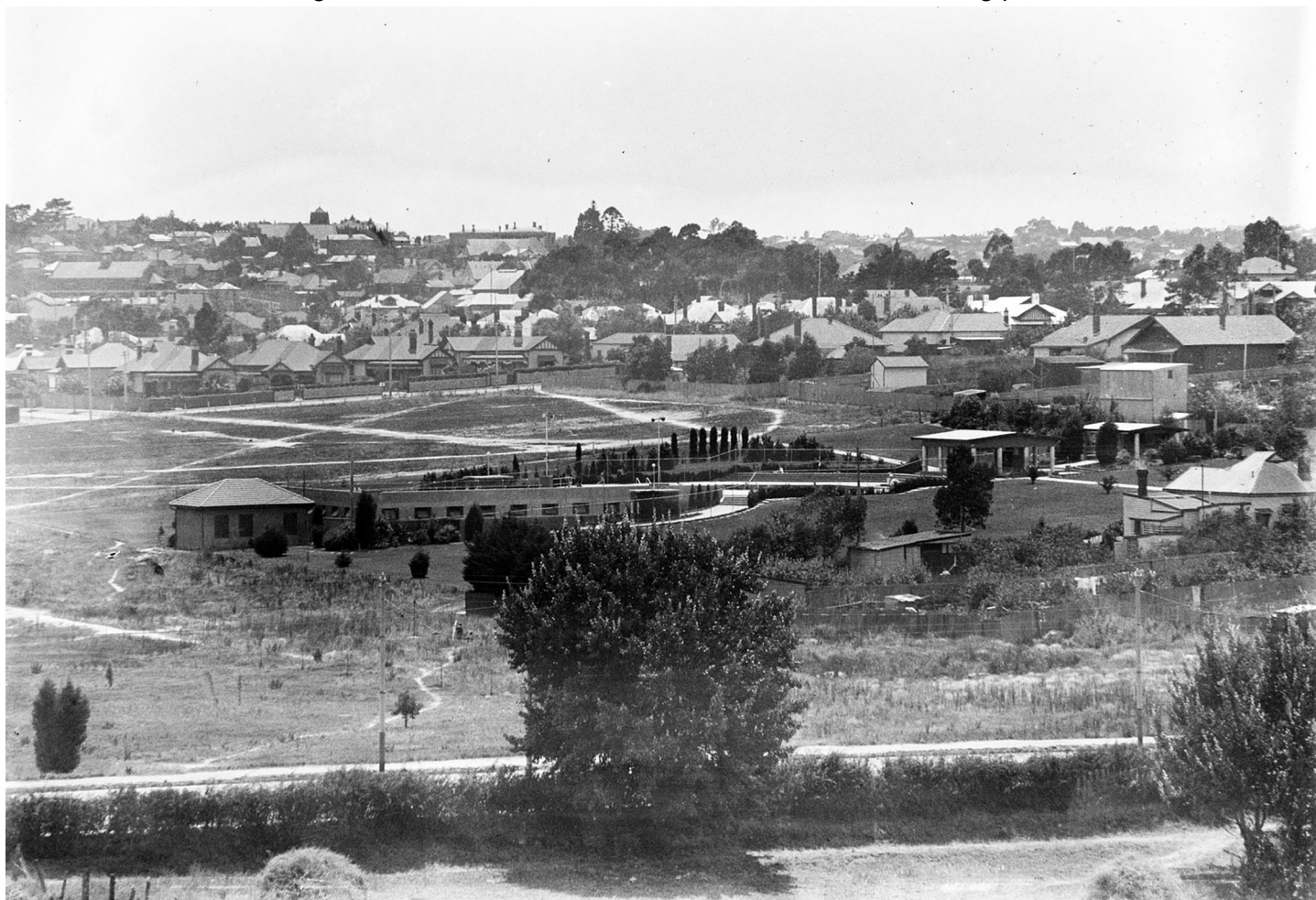
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Camberwell High School HISTORY

The CHESS Facebook page has been active for several years. The last few years have seen an increase in activity with the posting of many and varied stories with photographs and memories.

Camberwell and Boroondara are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people. One of the historically interesting posts highlighted a photograph of the school site, which we believe was photographed in the early 1930s, before any school building was erected. Based on various comments from many people on Facebook, the photograph seems to have been taken from somewhere near the current Camberwell Waste and Recycling Centre, looking north-east. You can see Riversdale Rd running from left to right in the foreground, behind the shrubs. The low-rise structure, centre-left, is the then newly constructed Camberwell Baths. The future school grounds, behind the baths, are criss-crossed with walking paths.



Future newsletters will highlight other current or historically interesting articles relating to the school,, especially important to those without access to digital social media.

CHESS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CamberwellHighExStudents>

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Barry Garnham - *Inaugural President of CHESS*

17/5/1933 – 31/3/2022

Class of 1949

Barry was in one of the first intakes (1945-1949) of students, attending Camberwell High School after the war. He completed his studies at Leaving (Year 11) level, as was the norm in those days. In his student days he was a Prefect, playing in both the senior football and cricket teams (*Prospice 1949*). During this time, he worked part-time at Allsops Nursery and the Camberwell Market. He reflected on time as his "University of Life" – learning how to deal with people and working hard.



Barry's first full time job was with the SEC (State Electricity Commission) where he noted that a number of senior staff had studied accountancy. He decided this could be a potential career path and took up studying accounting, attending night school part-time for five years, to gain his accountancy qualifications.

In 1950-1958 he worked in a series of businesses – administration, HR and accounting roles. He commenced his accountancy practice in 1958, aged 25, with a key milestone being a lucky break that won him a long-term client – the Presbyterian Ladies College. The accountancy practice was sold in 1984 to Danby Bland Provan, now Accru Melbourne (with whom the family continue to work). Barry's insatiable work ethic, forensic questioning and planning mind were appreciated by his clients, who trusted him in making important financial decisions.

He married Joan in 1965 and had four sons, Anthony, Michael, Nicholas and Matthew.

Barry was a passionate sportsman and enjoyed playing cricket, football, tennis, table tennis and later, bowls. He was a cricket player for Highfield Road Baptists, Hawthorn-East Melbourne, Camberwell and Glen Iris Cricket Clubs. He was also the Captain Coach of the Canterbury Presbyterian Football Club. Unfortunately, he damaged his knee which ended his football career.

Barry had a keen interest in politics and stood for pre-selection as a Liberal candidate against Jeff Kennett in 1975.

As well as raising four boys, managing his business commitments, he always had a focus on assisting the community. Over the years he had multiple roles (often in founding, chairing/participating in organisations or committees). A few notable roles are:

- Community Youth Support Scheme – Treasurer (17 years)
- Camberwell Care and Counselling Services (Camcare) – Inaugural President
- Camberwell High Ex-Students Society (CHESS) – Foundation President
- Member of Hawthorn and Camberwell Rotary Clubs
- Canterbury Family Centre - Chairman and Treasurer

Another proud moment for Barry was when his granddaughter, Jessica, became dux of Camberwell High School, a few years ago.

A venture led him to open the first hardware store in Balnarring, on the Mornington Peninsula, where he lived for a short time, in the family holiday home.

As his family transitioned to adulthood and he had more time on his hands, he connected to the family history and the running of furniture businesses in Bourke Street, Melbourne, and Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, in the 1930's. The dream of a new Garnham Brothers furniture store was born. In 1997 an opportunity arose to purchase the Jardan furniture company. This became a new project and obsession for Barry and his sons Michael and Nicholas, who have been integral in the establishment and growth of this business over the last 25 years.

Barry had a vision for CHESS, and it was formed in 1991, with the assistance of the then principal of Camberwell High School, Ann Rusden. Barry was the Inaugural President of CHESS and took every opportunity to promote CHESS for ex-students to keep in touch with, and support future Camberwell High School students.

In his retirement, Barry and Joan relocated to Queensland. At the age of 73, Barry suffered a stroke. He returned to Melbourne in 2020, where he was a resident at Lynden Aged Care. Barry retained his passions for watching and chatting with his mates about his beloved Hawks, always with his faithful dog by his side – definitely “man’s best friend”.

Barry’s motto through life was ***Disco Consulere Aliis*** – *learning to be considerate of others*.

(article written by Jo Newman [CHESS VP])

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Fred Roberts

17th June, 2022

Fred started the Canberra chapter of CHESS.

Referring to CHESS, Fred's daughter Mardi, who also served on the CHESS committee, said: *"I know dad really enjoyed his connections to the group (ex-students) - he was very fond of his school."*

Excerpt from Yvonne Giltinan's article from the CHESS Newsletter, November 2016, noting Fred Roberts and his CHESS links and activities:

Recently I had the privilege of spending time with two of our alumni groups. As part of celebrating the school's 75th year, I visited the Canberra chapter of CHESS. Allan Carter (class of '56) organised a delightful get-together over lunch at the National Museum with 11 other ex-students and their partners. The Canberra chapter of CHESS was started by Fred Roberts in 1993 and has continued to meet three or four times a year. From 1997 to 2000, Fred coordinated a program whereby an outstanding CHS Year 11 science student visited Canberra for two days of work experience. The original suggestion came from Professor Graeme Cox, of the John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCMR), who offered to pay for an annual guided visit to the JCSMR. Dr Rosemary Wright provided accommodation for the young guests and took them on 'doctors' rounds' at the Canberra Hospital. The idea was to give the young visitors some idea of the options open to them in pursuing a career in science. The program went for four years, but unfortunately ceased when Graeme Cox retired.

Some of the ex-students I met moved to Canberra, began new careers, and made the Territory their home while still maintaining family links in Melbourne. For others, their link to Camberwell High School has remained strong through their CHESS membership and a keen interest in school and alumni activities.



Kempson (Kem) MAYBERRY

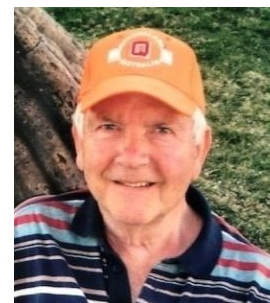
26th June 2022, aged 82

John O'Hara's (6 Seat) memories of Kem:

Kem Mayberry was Stroke of Camberwell High School's 1st winning Head of River Regatta in 1958. His crew was coached by Mike Aikman. Kem was a very good Stroke and is remembered with much affection by fellow crew members.

Kem was Captain of Boats and Stroke of the First Eight in 1958, and it was our first win in the High Schools' Head of the River (HOR), which in those days was rowed on the Yarra River over the old Henley Course.

The notice (of Kem's passing) this morning brought back a lot of memories for me. Kem was a lovely bloke. Kem and Brian Maley were both 6th Formers (and Kem was a Prefect as well). I and 3 other rowers were 5th Formers as was the Coxswain, and there were two Fourth Formers.



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