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NEWSLETTER

A Note From The President:



Old Collegians Week

We had a very, very successful Old Collegians Week with a number of activities throughout the week. The Annual City dinner was relocated from the Convention Centre to the Hyatt with positive feedback about the change. The Hyatt did an excellent job and while numbers were slightly down on the night, I think it has built a solid foundation for some fantastic dinners in the future.

Thank you very much to everyone who participated throughout Old Collegians Week and we hope you thoroughly enjoyed yourselves and look forward to your participation in future years.

Website

Over the coming months the website will undergo a major upgrade with the aim to improve communication between Old Collegian members. There will be a number of new features, including the ability to book functions online. In addition, interest group pages will be revamped to include a considerable amount of new material. This demonstrates the major contribution

that the Old Collegians Association has towards communicating with its members and I believe that you will be able to see continued improvement in the coming months and years.

No Application Fee

Old Collegians no longer have to pay an application fee when placing their child on the waiting list for a spot in the College. It is important to get your applications in as soon as possible, given the demand for entry points within the College, especially the Junior School, as being an Old Collegian does not necessarily grant you an automatic place for your child. I encourage anyone considering sending their children to the College to book a place on the waiting list and given that it costs nothing, there is no reason to wait any longer to get your application in.

Interest Groups

What an outstanding result in the football this year! All three teams managed to make the finals, while C Grade won its fourth premiership in five years. Congratulations to Michael Richter ('79) and Sean McGregor ('89) for being the Coach and Captain respectively.

Once again, congratulations to the Football Club committee. Their outstanding management skills have provided an excellent environment for developing new and old Old Collegians and special thanks to Geoff Heard ('69) and his committee for their contribution to the entire Old Collegian community throughout the football season.

The Gaelic Football team is up and running with Tom O'Malley ('02) leading the charge.

This is our newest interest group which is fantastic and Tom expects that over time they will be able to add another couple of teams to what is already a very successful A Grade team.

The Netball team continues to grow in strength and now has four teams playing over three nights during the summer season. There has been an enormous demand for spots within the netball club and I understand that there have been many new faces putting on the Scotch colours.

The Terracing

Congratulations to the terracing group, led by the Friends of the First XVIII and the Old Collegians Football Club, who did a magnificent job in refurbishing the terrace section along the edge of the main oval. There have been a number of very positive comments about what is aesthetically a major improvement and the Old Collegians Association, albeit on a small scale, are proud to be part of such a project.

Contact

If you ever have any queries in relation to Old Collegian matters please do not hesitate to contact John Forbes ('90) at the Development Office on jforbes@scotch.sa.edu.au or 8274 4314 and he will certainly be able to point you in the right direction.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and we look forward to catching up with more and more of you in the New Year.

-Todd Roberts ('88)

New Website

It is now here!

Take the time to visit www.scotchoc.com.au and register yourself onto the online community database, there are nearly 700 Old Collegians online and more new users log on every month. The largest alumni groups are as follows

1992 - 33	1991 - 26	1998 - 18	1978 - 11
1966 - 32	1993 - 26	1976 - 17	2003 - 11
1986 - 31	1994 - 24	1980 - 17	1999 - 10
1987 - 31	1981 - 23	1997 - 17	1973 - 8
1988 - 31	1984 - 21	1989 - 13	1982 - 8
1990 - 29	2000 - 21	1974 - 12	1979 - 7
1985 - 26	1995 - 20	1983 - 12	



Did you know? Scotch College closed down for the first six weeks of first term 1938 because of a serious outbreak of polio. All students were taught by correspondence for this period.

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2006 Reunion Reports

1981 Alumni 25 Year Reunion

The rumours, however, were true and the Class of '81 did gather at the Garage restaurant and bar for our 25 Year Reunion on Friday October 20.



1981 25 year reunion.

Organised from a far by the fabulous Jakki Govan (with a little help from the writer and a whole lot from John Forbes in the Development Office) the acceptances and cash finally trickled in and a final 50 (give or take a few) gathered for a fabulous cocktail party and a damn good catch up! Considering this was the year that turned the school Pink on muck Up Day, they were clearly going to be in for a good time!

In terms of guests, we had a little of everything, wine makers, drinkers, a non-smoker who sells cigarettes, a whole lot of smokers (one attendee got expelled very late in Year 12 for just such a crime...), artists, financial planners, fishermen, hoteliers, restaurateurs, teachers (you would think after what we put our teachers through it would have put us all off) a tattoo artist and, yes, even a used car salesman! Law enforcement was well represented; you could be arrested, defended and locked up, all without leaving the venue!

The beautiful thing about a gathering of 40somethings whose time used to be spent together playing spin the torch on Goose Island, creating spit bombs, preparing for Blue and Golds and competing in Head of the Rivers, sports days and the like, is that you don't really need anything to break the ice. From the second people walked in the door you could barely hear the DJ from immediate chatter and "how the hell are you?" resounding through the venue.

The evening started with a gathering beneath a fabulous commemorative banner designed by our own Simon Ingerson, of course to get a group photo later in the evening, the drinks had to be cut off!

There were a few moments to recognise those who weren't there, but whom had sent messages from all over the world, and for those who were no longer in this world, but they were all remembered with good cheer for the antics they used to get up to in "the old school yard"

Many photographs were shared of children and partners, it was discovered that the range of children from this year was from 28 to 1 (I know the math doesn't quite work). There were some excellent displays on the dance floor, even clothing removal at one stage (and this was one of the boys!!)

I'm not sure who was last to leave Light Square, but it was light when a large group straggled out of Hindley Street, I know my houseguest (Simon) got home after the paper was delivered! We of course can thank the introduction to alcohol to the creation of it in Ken Webbs Chemistry classes.

By Saturday, most of the group had spread out, but there was a gathering at my place for the interstate travelers with no Adelaide ties! Way too much to eat and way too much red wine consumed (and thrown all over the room) till after 3am again!! We hear that others gathered for a surf at Middleton, but in the main the promise and the threat was to do it all over again.

I think a great weekend was had by all and it's only 60 months till we do it again! Roll on 2011, the date has already been set October 22.

Attendees on the night ranged from those who only attended for one year at Scotch to those that were there from Primary to Year 12, but to all some sort of impact was made by this place that our parents had chosen to give us a great education and we all remember a place of great friendship that created great memories.

Sally Hamilton ('81)

1976 Alumni 30 Year Reunion

We like to think of ourselves as the children of the radical, free thinking, heavy rock music 70s. We prided ourselves on being uncaring of school pride and certainly would not be into reminiscing about our school days. For all this, on September 2, over 50 young at heart Old Collegians met at the School for a 30 Year Reunion. We were there to relive our days at the school and seriously reminisce. It was a night of laughter, old friends and new understandings.



'76 30 Year Reunion organising committee: Sue Chase, Simon Firth, Meridith Evans, John Camens and Mark Young.

We had had a fantastically successful 25 year reunion and we tried not to expect a similar, spectacular, turnout only five years later. We were therefore delighted that so many people made the effort to come -from interstate, overseas and from here in Adelaide. (Either they had heard how good the last one was or some of them even remembered how good it had been!)

Everyone appreciated the traditions that are a part of any Scotch get together, including the Piper as we arrived and Peg Lemmey, performing another memorable Address to the Haggis complete with kilt, dirk, Scottish accent and whisky. And who could forget Yogi's Selkirk Grace?

A particularly special part of the night was the guest speaker, Mr Peter Read, who as a renowned staff member of our time, spoke with his usual caustic wit keeping the audience in fits of laughter with his reminiscences of events such as the Bird Man Rally in the pool, the Gymkhana on the cricket oval, the wandering players at lunchtimes and the notorious Newsboard. Thanks Mr Read, it was a glorious time.

We also had the opportunity to review the nostalgic DVD prepared by Philip Camens

Did you know? When the Roy Taylor Memorial Swimming Pool opened in 1938 the water was unfiltered and you could not see the bottom.

for the 25 Year Reunion. To the music of the number one hit for 1976, Fernando by ABBA, we watched as a procession of the young and beautiful people we were then, paraded themselves on the screen before us. We had the chance to remember that Anderson house won almost everything there was to win that year. We also had a sombre moment remembering those who are no longer with us.

The night finished with an after party, kindly hosted by Scott Rickards, which went on until the very early hours of the next day.

Thanks for the success of the night must go to John Forbes and the staff at the Development Office for all their support and assistance, to the caterers, Peg, Mr Read, the organising committee (John Camens, Simon Firth, Mark Young, Sue Chase (nee McFarlane) and Meredith Evans (nee Miles) and a special thank you to John and Scott for cleaning up the next day.

Also, congratulations to the school for managing to instil a sense of belonging that has lasted all this time for so many people. Who, in the 70s would have thought it? We had a fine time in 1976 and in 2006. We will do it again.

Meredith Evans (nee Miles '76)

Your Reunion Could Be Next Year

One of your classmates – listed below – has nominated themselves to help organise the event, however naturally they would appreciate some help. Please feel free to contact them or the Development Office to register your interest.

2002 Alumni – 5 Year Reunion
John Fargher: johnnyfargs@hotmail.com

1997 Alumni – 10 Year Reunion
Nicholas Kidman: NKidman@ords.com.au

1987 Alumni – 20 Year Reunion
Andrew Cosh: acosh@tpg.com.au

1982 Alumni – 25 Year Reunion
Michael Dilettoso: md@cancommunity.com

1977 Alumni – 30 Year Reunion
Richard Allen: Richard@allenandco.com.au

1967 Alumni – 40 Year Reunion
Convenor required, please contact John Forbes: jforbes@scotch.sa.edu.au

Have You Heard?

Veronica Wood ('86)

It was great to catch up with so many of you at the 20 Year Reunion having missed the 10 Year one (yep Tim, just slack). Despite having always lived in Adelaide I don't see anyone from Scotch. I can't believe how much bigger (taller and wider not that there's anything wrong with that) so many of you guys are! It was fun to reminisce and I had lots of laughs (mainly at other people's expense - sorry!) For the record I have been married to Geoff for 9 years and have two beautiful children, Lisa(7yrs) and Matthew(4yrs). Geoff says boys can't be beautiful but mine is.

For those who live in SA and have used the services of the CYWHS and have any issues please feel free to contact me. I am on the Peak Consumer Advisory Committee and also the Health Care Safety and Quality Review Committee and am committed to raising awareness of the issues facing families in the SA health sector.

To those who are single:
May you be lucky in love

To those who are not:
May your love grow stronger

To those who have children:
Cherish every moment

To those expecting babies:
May you get enough sleep to enjoy life

To those without children:
Enjoy the tranquility

Sending healthy, happy vibes to all.
Cheers,
Ronni (nee Veronica, Vron & VJ)

PS Still wondering after 20 years- who was responsible for the tank on the lawns and the mini on the Staff Room steps on our last day?

Alexia Bishop ('81)

I have worked in Local Government for eight years the last two in the Lord Mayor's Office in Adelaide. Decided a change was needed, so have purchased Threeways Roadhouse Tourist Park, 25 kms north of Tennant Creek with my brother Ben Knight, who with his wife Emily and three children managed Linda Downs Station, 250kms south of Mt Isa for the last eight years.

My middle daughter Abby (17) left the AIS in September where she was on a two year scholarship for Basketball. Abby is currently playing in the WNBL with the

Canberra Capitals. Abby also is in the U/19 Australian Gems Team and the Australian U/21 Sapphires Team. The World Championships will be held next year in the Slovak Republic and Russia.

If any Old Collegians are ever in the Territory please call into the Threeways and say hello to Lexi and Ben.
www.threewaysroadhouse.com.au

Mark Boxer ('94)

Worked as a mechanic for a while until I made my way into the magazine industry. Moved to Sydney and became the Editor of a popular performance car magazine. Rode for two seasons doing shows with a motorcycle stunt team in Sydney before moving to the US for a while to work on a magazine in Southern California. Back in Sydney now working as a Business Development Manager for a publishing company. Bumped into a few old school friends the other week while I was back in SA. Would love to catch up with some old friends again some time.
Boxer

For The 2007 Diary

24-27 May *Scotch College Fine Art Exhibition*
Tickets available through the Development Office
Sue Fox Tel: 8274 4317
Email: sfox@scotch.sa.edu.au

30 July - 3 Aug *Old Collegians Week*

31 July *Old Collegians Assembly*

3 Aug *Old Collegians City Dinner*
Hyatt Regency Adelaide

10 Aug *Blinman Community Dinner*

August *London Dinner*
Convenor:
Iestyn Llewlyn-Smith ('97)
Mob: 07786 058 490
Email: illewlynsmith@gmail.com

October *Back to Blue and Gold*
Tickets will be on sale in August - last year sold out, don't be disappointed

9 November *Sydney Community Dinner*
Convenor: Jock Gilchrist ('90)
Tel: 0438 847 574
Email: Jock.Gilchrist@colliers.com

Did you know? The original Scotch College gymnasium (from the 1920's until after WWII) was in the old stables building (now part of the Art Centre). The floor was covered with tan bark and it was equipped with trapeze, rings, parallel bars, a horizontal bar and climbing poles.

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Gary Graham ('67)

Graduated from Adelaide University B.E. Elec. 1974. Married Barby in 1975. We have seven children and four grandchildren.

I worked for Pope Electric Motors for four years before shifting to Dunlite Power Generation for 10 years in design and engineering.

Moved to Cooma NSW in 1989 for four and a half years to work with Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Authority. I met John Wilson at a school fete of all places.

Returned to South Australia in 1993 and worked again with Pope Electric Motors until company closed operations.

Started my own consulting electrical engineering company in July 2001 - predominantly in the fields of earthing and Lightning protection. I have been active as a Christian in local churches for the last 21 years.

Jane Fishlock ('84)

Scotch seems a lifetime ago - Duane and I have three children - Taylor 14, Ben 12 and Troy 11. We own a cattle station 70kms out of Katherine NT: Sturt Downs, Jetset Travel in Katherine (where I have been for almost 20 years), and a Rodeo Company where we run our own rodeos and supply bucking bulls throughout the NT to other rodeos.

I left Scotch after Year 10 and completed my schooling in Katherine - so haven't been in touch with many Scotchies - I'm easy to find if you get to the NT... Travel quite a bit - but still call Katherine home.

Our daughter Taylor will be boarding at Scotch in Year 10, 2007.

Todd Leech ('00)

After school finished, I studied Arts for two years at Adelaide Uni before turning my attention to offshore sailing where I gained my skippers ticket in 2003, while sailing throughout Australia, Asia and Europe. Am currently living on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, with two semesters of a Marketing degree to complete. Would love to hear from any of my old friends, who I have so many great memories of.
Toddy

Leanne Hawke ('94)

After Scotch I carried out a Science Degree with Honours in Marine Biology at Flinders Uni. I then worked for five and a half years at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals as the Ear, Nose and Throat surgical specialties Research Co-ordinator. In Nov 2005 I went to Darwin for eight months and trained to become a Police Officer of the Northern Territory Police Force. I am currently living and working in Alice Springs as a Police Constable. In amongst all of this I have enjoyed numerous trips overseas to Europe, UK, USA and Malaysia.

Upcoming Events

Principals Picnic

Bring your picnic hamper and some drinks to the College and take the opportunity to meet the new Principal Mr Tim Oughton and his wife Heather.
February 23 from 6:30pm.

Art Exhibition 2007

The very successful Audi Scotch Fine Art Exhibition is on again. Opening night is Thursday 24 May 2007 with the exhibition running until Sunday 27 May. Sponsorship and advertising packages are still available for this event, please contact Sue Fox 8274 4317 or sfox@scotch.sa.edu.au for more details.

Annual City Dinner

After a very successful 2006 dinner the Annual Dinner committee have booked the Hyatt as the venue for 2007. The opportunity to catch up with fellow Old Collegians, hear from the President of the Old Collegians Association and the new Principal, Mr Tim Oughton, will occur Friday August 3 2007. Tables can be booked with John Forbes ('90) in the Development Office.

Back to the Blue & Gold

Now becoming the biggest event on the Old Collegians calendar, the Back to the Blue & Gold will be on again next year. Keep an eye out for the date and ticket details in coming publications. Remember this is a whole community event, not specifically for Old Collegians, so bring your family, uni friends and work colleagues.

Gratton Era Group

The Gratton Era Group is a committee who support our older Old Collegians by hosting the 50 Year and Before Reunion, the 60 Year and Before afternoon tea, sending birthday cards to Old Collegians celebrating an 80 plus year birthday and visiting Old Collegians who otherwise cannot get to the College. If it has been some time since you have managed to get back to the campus the gentlemen of the Gratton Era Group wish to extend an invitation to all Old Collegians to attend a personal tour. You can either arrange a small group or make an appointment as an individual. In some cases, dependant on location, a member of the Gratton Era Group may even be able to pick you up from your home and drop you back. Please contact the Development Office 8274 4314 to register your interest and a Gratton Era Group member will be in touch with you.

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***Did you know? The first musical production at Scotch was in 1926 – "H.M.S. Pinofore"
– directed by a teacher with the wonderful name of B.O.W. Dryvynsyde.***