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NEWSLETTER

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A Note From The President:



Firstly let me congratulate the Scotch Old Collegians A grade cricket team on their premiership victory. It was one of the most exciting games of cricket that I have ever seen and to see young **Tom Bourne ('04)**, a first year school leaver, hit the winning runs, will be a moment both Tom and the members of OSCA will never forget. Congratulations to **Sean MacGregor ('89)** (OSCA President), his committee, and **Peter Harvey ('91)** (A grade captain) on creating an extremely strong and vibrant environment in which so many Old Collegians enjoy their time.

The year ahead has many opportunities for Old Collegians to connect with one another; I encourage you to view the calendar of events on our website at www.scotchoc.com.au and come along to a community dinner, involve yourself in Old Collegians week and attend the Annual city dinner or a reunion. I can guarantee you that you will find an environment where it is very difficult to have a less than sensational time.

Lock 25 May 2006 in your diaries for the opening night of the Audi Scotch Fine Art Exhibition that will be held in the College

Chapel starting at 6:30 pm. Ticket prices are \$30 and attendance will give you the opportunity to talk to several Old Collegian artists and view their extraordinary work. Artwork can be viewed and purchased until Sunday 28 May.

Welcome to the following new faces on the Old Collegians committee; **Nick Kidman ('97)**, **Cassie Llewellyn-Smith ('99)** and Richard Bell as the College staff representative. We look forward to adding their skills to an already vibrant and energetic committee.

We are always looking to support new interest groups and activities that will offer value to our members. So if you have any new ideas and want to become involved in a diverse community, I encourage you to contact John Forbes in the Development Office. jforbes@scotch.sa.edu.au

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and I looking forward to seeing you during one of the many functions this year.
-**Todd Roberts ('88)**

Reunion Report 1985 Alumni 20 Year Reunion

One cool Saturday night in mid October saw a star-studded cast of yesteryear grace the blue carpets of the Adelaide Convention Centre for the 1985 Alumni 20 Year Reunion Cocktail Party. The digital cameras ran hot, with the Papparazzi pushing through the 'shutter finger' pain threshold, not to miss a second. 'Who was that bald guy?' 'She can't have had 12 kids!'

The place was buzzing. The drinks

were cold. The food was excellent. The picture pin-up boards told the whole story in lurid colour. Eighties music gems such as Adam Ant, were 'turning up the jukebox' but far too much noise was being generated by the ninety plus brain surgeons, nuclear physicists, billionaires and animal rights activists, filling in the blanks since the last reunion. The general consensus was that most people had altered their shape slightly and that there was probably a net hair loss overall.

However, all pre-conceptions and expectations faded into insignificance once the party got started and everyone got to spend the evening (and also the morning in most cases) with an excellent group of the nicest folk you're ever likely to meet.

Treasured observation of the night was "20 years on and the girls are definitely looking much better than the guys but the next 10 will really sort 'em out!"

Congratulations and condolences go to those who turned up for the family BBQ at the Junior School the next day as it was rather cold and damp and those who had slept in the previous four hours complained of an annoying pounding sensation in their heads.

The night was the culmination of over a year's intermittent planning with intense brainstorming sessions held at the Ed's front bar think-tank and congratulations go to the organising committee and all the many people who contributed time, effort and photos to make it a night to remember. We hope to organise a yearly catch-up for a drink at the Ed and if anyone would like a copy of all the photos etc of the night, please contact John Forbes in the Development Office to get a CD sent to you.
-**Mathew Murphy ('85)**

Reunions

August 2001 Alumni 5 Year Reunion

Convenor: Sam Tucker ('01)
Tel: 0401 218 621
Email: TUCSP002@students.unisa.edu.au

25 August 1966 Alumni 40 Year Reunion

Convenor: Mark McKenna ('66)
Email: markmck@adam.com.au

2 September 1976 Alumni 30 Year Reunion

Convenor: Simon Firth ('76)
Tel: 0417 810 560
Email: cfirth@bigpond.net.au

15 October 1996 Alumni 10 Year Reunion

Convenor: Claire Wasley ('96)
Tel: 0409 227 001
Email: Wasley.Claire2@saugov.sa.gov.au

21 October 1986 Alumni 20 Year Reunion

Convenor: Tim Turner ('86)
Tel: 0404 447 114
Email: tim.turner@lion-nathan.com.au

October 1981 Alumni 25 Year Reunion

Convenor: Jakki Govern ('81)
Email: Jakki.TEMPLE@accor.com

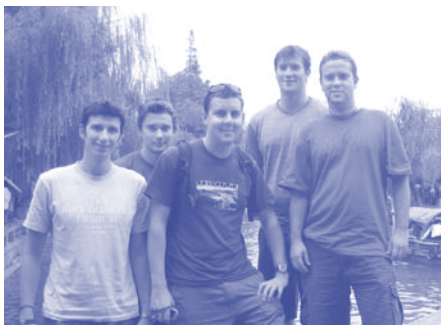


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Did you know? Scotch has been the tenant on Goose Island for 40 years, with the first building erected in January 1967.

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Where Are They Now?



Right to left - Hamish Hogben ('96), Tim Champion ('96), Mark McKay ('96), Angus Hogben ('98) and Julian Lenthall ('98); catching up with Hamish who now lives in Shanghai

Name: *Tim Champion*

Alumni year: 1996.

Marital Status: Not-married (yet) - although I have a beautiful partner Kelly and daughter Ava Rose (4 months old).

Other Family Members who attended Scotch: Rick Champion '98 and Jesse Champion '05.

Current Residence: Adelaide.

Current Occupation: Environmental Engineer at the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.

How has Scotch influenced you?

In many ways, not only in terms of an appreciation for a good education, but also involvement in a diversity of non-work related activities - things like sporting teams, music, catching up with mates, which are all a big part of my life.

What are your fondest memories of your time at Scotch?

Heaps of fond memories - there were quite a few sporting events, particularly 1st XI cricket and 1st XVIII football, including the 'tricornival' tournaments; various camps and outdoor adventures; but fondest memories probably of making some great friends - many of whom I am fortunate to still be in regular contact with.

Who did you think was most likely to succeed? In the '96 year group there were a lot of brilliant people. If I was to pick two people destined for success it would be Claire Wasley and Tim Ireland.

What's the worst thing you got away with as Co-Captain? Sneaking in and

consuming a bottle of scotch at the Blue and Gold, which was held in the Barr Smith Theatre.

Who was your favorite teacher at school? Pretty hard to pick one teacher, but I got along well with Steve Sparrow, the Head of Cameron House, Andrew McKinnon, Crosso (Peter Crossing) and of course Jim Rosevear.

What was your favorite subject whilst at school? Probably PE but I enjoyed physics as well.

What has been your greatest achievement? I wanted to avoid clichés in answering this one, but I guess my best achievements would have to be completing my uni degree and starting a little family.

Have you continued any involvement with the school eg. Reunions, Annual Dinners, Past or Current Parent, Community Dinners, Interest Groups? I'm a Rampant Lion and currently play football for the Scotch Old Collegians Football Club, having been a member of the A grade team for the past 5 years, have also attended a number of old collegians dinners.



Stephanie Johnston & Michael Bevan

Name: *Stephanie Johnston*

Alumni year: 1976.

Marital Status: Married.

Other Family Members who attended Scotch: Younger sister Fay Johnston (1979) and husband Michael Bevan (1975)

Current Residence: Port Willunga and Eastwood

Current Occupation: Book publisher; company director of Wakefield Press.

How has Scotch influenced you? Whether it was the school or the times,

many of my contemporaries enjoyed the freedom to experiment or to explore the world ahead of choosing to pursue a career or otherwise. University was free, so many of us, myself included, dropped out and found our feet before returning to study (or otherwise).

What are your fondest memories of your time at Scotch? My friends and the staff, many of whom are still in touch. We all seemed close, especially on camping trips to Goose Island and elsewhere.

Who did you think was most likely to succeed? We weren't encouraged to think like that in the seventies, especially under Philip Roff!

What's the worst thing you got away with as Co-Captain? The headmaster that year was new, (Wesley Miles replaced Philip Roff that year), so he was persuaded by staff to appoint me without knowing me at all. We never really hit it off, and I used to argue with him at every opportunity. In hindsight I think the staff who recommended me might have known that I would do this! At the time we were all very protective of the innovative ideas that Philip Roff had introduced during his relatively short time at the school.

Who was your favorite teacher at school? Wendy Johnson (English and Drama) was a hard taskmaster, but we all wanted to please her! And my housemaster Peter "Percy" Reid made us laugh every morning with his dry-as-a-bone humour. Percy's 'let's beat the borders' pep talks before athletics day, were particularly memorable.

What was your favorite subject whilst at school? Physics and English.

What has been your greatest achievement? Ongoing rearing of my two babies, Wakefield Press (now 17 years old) and son Oliver (nearly 10).

Who did you admire the most while at school? I admired headmaster Philip Roff then and still do.

Have you got any comments to make on your 'School Captains' interview in Cluaran in 1976? I was interested to see that I thought the school was becoming more conservative in outlook, more like a traditional 'Public School', even back then. As I now look at the educational options for my own son, this is what worries me about the private schools. They do appear so much more conservative, and dare I say it, materialistic, in the motivation of their students, and promotion of themselves,

Did you know? In the first year of co-ed at Scotch there were 145 girls in a total enrolment of 728 (20%).

while the state government high schools are more likely to be talking in terms of curriculum rather than careers!

Your 30 year reunion is this year, who are you most looking forward to catching up with? The thing I most enjoyed about the 25 year reunion was running into the people I'd almost forgotten existed, but who reappeared looking and behaving exactly the same as when at school despite the fact that we were suddenly all middle-aged!!!



Jessica Li

Name: *Jessica Li*

Alumni year: 1996.

Marital Status: As I write I am two days away from my wedding to Tim Smith!

Other Family Members who attended Scotch: Sisters **Anna Li ('99)**, **Sophie Li (2005)**, Katie Li (currently in Year 11).
Current Residence: Ballarat, Victoria.

Current Occupation: Media Officer, Rural Ambulance Victoria.

How has Scotch influenced you?

Things teachers have said have stuck with me over the years - I remember my year 12 English teacher Mr McKinnon telling the class not to be afraid of making what some would consider to be unexpected decisions in your life and ending up doing things others might not have anticipated - I think it's great to challenge people's expectations and perceptions of you.

What are your fondest memories of your time at Scotch? I spent a lot of time at Scotch dreaming of getting out of school and becoming famous singer or actress ... so I loved my singing lessons (and the fact that they got me out of class quite a lot!).

Who did you think was most likely to succeed? With aspirations of being a performer the people I thought at the time most likely to succeed in that arena were

Sophie Martin ('96) - a fantastic singer, and **Alice Smith ('95)** - a great actress.

What's the worst thing you got away with as Co-Captain? Not much - I was very straight-down-the-line!! One time I did try to skip a class on the pretense of having a singing lesson but Mr Surridge caught me - and that scared me away from ever doing that again!

Who was your favorite teacher at school? Well, English was always my favourite subject and Mr Clark and my year 12 English teacher Mr McKinnon were both very influential. Both teachers really inspired and encouraged my love of reading and writing and helped to develop my skills in these areas...Doc Hilditch was also great, I think he was the only teacher who could actually make me understand a science subject!

What was your favorite subject whilst at school? Definitely English, with French a close second.

What has been your greatest achievement? I hope my greatest achievements are still to come... but I have enjoyed doing some professional acting and would like to get back into singing one day too. I'm also really enjoying my current role, as media liaison for the rural ambulance service in Victoria. Basically this involves being the 'spokesperson' for the organization, so pretty much every day I am interviewed for local and metropolitan press, including radio and newspapers, to communicate current events to the public.

Who did you admire the most while at school? I remember when I was quite young looking at Meg Worby and Anita Butler (former school captains) from afar and thinking they were both wonderful! I also really admired directors of many of my favourite musical theatre productions including Trevor Nunn and actress Emma Thomson, for her ability to act, write and produce her own work.

With your 10 year reunion coming up who do you most want to catch up with? Everyone really, can't wait to see what people are up to now.

If you would like to hear from a particular Old Collegian, please contact John Forbes ('90) on (08) 8274 4314 or e-mail at jforbes@scotch.sa.edu.au

For The 2006 Diary

25-28 May *Scotch College Fine Art Exhibition*

Tickets available through the Development Office
Sue Fox Tel: 8274 4314
Email: sfox@scotch.sa.edu.au

13 June *Scotch College Bridge Day*

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Sue Fox Tel: 8274 4314
Email: sfox@scotch.sa.edu.au

27 July *Darwin Community Drinks*

Convenor: Natalie Venturin ('87)
Email: functions@darwincentral.com.au

31 July - 4 Aug *Old Collegians Week*

1 Aug *Old Collegians Assembly*

4 Aug *Old Collegians City Dinner*
Hyatt Regency Adelaide

11 Aug *30th Blinman Community Dinner*

Convenor: Bill & Jane McIntosh ('66)
Tel: 8648 4777

18 August *London Dinner*

Convenor: Iestyn Llewlyn-Smith ('97)
Mob: 07786 058 490
Email: llewellynsmith@gmail.com

28 October *Eyre Peninsula Community Dinner at Tumby Bay*

Convenor: Toomas Piip, Past Parent
Tel: 8688 4208

31 October *Scotch College Bridge Day*

Tickets available through the Development Office
Sue Fox 8274 4314
Email: sfox@scotch.sa.edu.au

3 November *Sydney Community Dinner*

Convenor: Jock Gilchrist ('90)
Tel: 0438 847 574
Email: Jock.Gilchrist@colliers.com

South East Community Dinner

Convenor: Martin Miles & Nick Williams ('86)
Tel: 0417 520 204
Email: willo@lm.net.au

Did you know? The first college pipe was D.R (Ming) Menzies, who played - un-kilted - on special occasions in 1940 - 41.

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Have You Heard?

Sam Reid ('05) writes 'The first round of the Championship was recently held at the Clipsal 500 circuit in Adelaide and I was the only female to compete in the event. We had three races and finished 10th, 9th and 13th out of a field of 21. Formula Ford is the most competitive open-wheel category in Australia and is seen as a vital step in a drivers career.'

'I am currently participating in the Confederation of Australian Motorsport Women's Driver Development Program, in which Australia's 5 leading female drivers travel to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra where we focus on nutrition, physiology, psychology, recovery, strength and conditioning, and media training. I am now focussing on securing sponsorship.'

Alice Butler ('95) writes 'At the beginning of this year my mother Tina and I started up our own Property Specialist Company and have just recently bought an office in the city on Pulteney Street. This is a very exciting time for us, dealing mostly with Property developers in land acquisitions, we hope to grow our business into a successful enterprise over the next coming years.'

John Edgar ('57) writes 'Retired (at least they ceased paying me) in 2001 after about 34 years with CSIRO working on plant-associated toxicants. Currently living in Sydney (Mosman) and on 15 hectares in North East Victoria. Regularly spend 3 months each year at the University of Freiburg Germany at the Forstzoologisches Inst working on tropical butterflies etc. Returning to Freiburg in April this year (2006). Home late August via USA.'

Old Collegians Web Site

Look out for the new look Old Collegians Website this year, it will be a lot easier to navigate through and we will be updating the details on a fortnightly basis. Take the time to read some of the weekly sport reports, the Old Collegians cricket match reports have been very entertaining.

Are you about to change your address? Please register online at scotchoc.com.au to ensure we have your current details. To keep in touch or reacquaint with old school friends, check out the many diary entries of our Old Collegians at scotchoc.com.au.

Tickets for opening night are \$30 per person and can be purchased through the Development Office on 8274 4314 or via email on sfox@scotch.sa.edu.au.

Straight Scotch 2006

Welcome to another exciting year of Straight Scotch. After a successful first year of publication in 2005, we are seeking feedback from our Old Collegians on what you would like to see or hear about the future publications.

Our commitment is to ensure that we have constant communication with our member base, both through Straight Scotch and interactively through our Old Collegians website at www.scotchoc.com.au. Please contact the editorial committee with any ideas or feedback that you would like to pass on. We look forward to hearing from you.

Disclaimer

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Scotch Old Collegians Golf Day 2006

Kooyonga Golf Club

Friday August 4 2006
Tee times around 12 noon
Please arrange groups of 2 or 4 + singles welcome

We are looking forward to our first Female 4 at the golf day

Contact Chris Codling ('60)
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Mob: 0408 840 720

Upcoming Events

Scotch College Fine Art Exhibition
Thursday 25 - Sunday 28 May 2006.
Indulge and immerse yourself in a variety of art at the 2006 Scotch College Fine Art Exhibition from a selection of established and emerging artists.
Indulge yourself on opening night in a feast of food, wine, entertainment and of course, fine art on Thursday 25 May at the Chapel. Immerse yourself in a wide range of art from the affordable through to collector pieces. With over ninety artists including the feature artists Marnie Wark, Chris Orchard, Keren Seelander, Tom O'Callaghan and Greg Johns there will be artwork to suit all tastes. Some of the Old Collegians exhibiting include **Stephanie Crase ('99)**, **Alison Gardiner (nee Suiker '91)**, **Will Nolan ('96)** and **Geoff Weaver ('66)**.

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Did you know?"Dracula" a play written in the 1880's was staged in the Bar Smith Theatre to mark the centenary of the theatre.