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A.K., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.S.I.J., Q.C.,
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE
AUSTIN GRAY CENTRE,
AT THE GEELONG COLLEGE,
SATURDAY, 7 JUNE 1980

It is a very long time since I last came to The Geelong College. I then visited with my wife to be's family to see my brother-in-law to be, who received us as he was working cheerfully in the House of Guilds. I am not sure that he didn't later make a gift to us of some of his handiwork produced there. Now my principal links with the school are through the Principal, Mr. Peter Gebhardt. He was my student in the Law School of the University of Melbourne; you will see that he graduated LL.B. Whether or not my teaching evinced in him an invincible repugnance to the law I cannot say, and he must tell for himself if he will; it is the case that in his chosen career he has distanced himself from it. We met again when he was Head of All Saints' Bathurst, and he invited me to participate in school celebrations. Then I saw him briefly last year, when I spoke at the Conference of the Independent Headmasters at Adelaide, and I was very pleased to accept his invitation to open the Austin Gray Centre.

When I spoke to the headmasters in Adelaide last year, I referred to a recent issue of *Independence*, the journal of that Headmasters' Conference, and said that I was pleased to see that the cover illustration was a lively sketch of a young schoolboy absorbed in playing the flute. It gave expression to contemporary values which I warmly approve; it would not likely have

been on such a cover when I was a schoolboy. I have a copy of the *Portrait of The Geelong College*, prepared for a Deakin University course, and I was much interested in what I read there. Among other things there was an interview with the late Ian Turner who returned to the school as Scholar in Residence. He had been a student in the school in the second half of the thirties. He came just as I left Scotch to go to the University, but the values he described looked pretty right, I mean pretty accurate, to me. To be sure, important things were happening at that time: the House of Guilds opened in 1935 in premises acquired for the purpose, and I was interested to read Sir Francis Rolland's statement at that time of the purposes and values which the Guild activities might serve. Then, at that time, a move was made to encourage music in the school; in 1936 a music director was appointed, and in 1937 George Logie Smith came as full-time music master. He obviously did a great deal for music in the school; he went to Scotch in 1958, and during his time there, my first son came to Scotch and I am sure gained much musical inspiration from that rather special man.

I know that the Principal has stated his educational goals and aspirations; I take a statement of his that the goals are to provide experience which will contribute to

purposeful, constructive and creative growth in intellectual skills, in physical skills, in aesthetic awareness and activity, in moral and ethical disposition, and in emotional maturity. And from my reading of what I regard as a very good statement by the Chairman of the School Council, Mr. Neilson, I conclude that he has good support from his Council. The Chairman notes the increased emphasis on humane values and the encouragement of individual creativity, within the limits of individual capability. Aspiration should certainly be encouraged; capability tested and perhaps stimulated and developed. Mr. Neilson refers to the gallery, to the program of residencies, and says that the strongest evidence of the Council's support of Mr. Gebhardt's own aspirations for the school is its decision to make the next major building the arts complex.

I do not think that I need to describe the complex and its design and layout in detail: it is here for you to see. The Council approved plans and estimates in August 1978. Then the program moved forward in two stages: the first provided for relocation of the art, graphics communications and woodwork departments in existing premises modified for the purpose, and these developments were planned to take place in time for the opening of the academic year 1979. Then a new building was planned to replace the present House of Guilds, to be erected to the west of the existing buildings and taking in areas under other use. This new building provides for all the activities of a creative character hitherto undertaken in the House of Guilds — pottery, craft, photography, woodwork, engineering and others. It provides expanded facilities for the music department, a small auditorium and ensemble and practice rooms. This was planned for completion and for use at the beginning of this year.

The objectives were stated as being to provide a centre which would foster greater creative understanding and activity within the school and the community outside the school. The Centre itself was seen as environmentally equipped to promote creativity and intuitive expression, to provide opportunity for performing, visual and craft arts to operate alongside each other, and to promote deeper awareness in general school studies and community life of the values of creative and intuitive expression.

I should like to say, as briefly as I can, something about the aspirations which underlie the establishment of this Centre. First, the values themselves. Let me say that I share the Principal's beliefs and values in this regard, and, I suspect, in others as well, and as a university vice-chancellor I tried to translate some of them into reality in the universities I served. At a time when the debate on educational purposes and values waxed strong, not least because we are perplexed by heavy costs and by uncertainties of outcome, it is important to affirm the underlying purposes, values and goals. If there is community questioning, it should be affirmed, as Senator Carrick stated last November, that

It is "the wider essential purpose of the education system to prepare Australians for creative participation in the life of a country which can make a significant contribution to prosperity and thought in our region of the world". I shall also quote, at a little greater length, a statement by Professor Karmel, for whose contributions to the educational life and thought of this nation, we should all be grateful:

"Education is concerned with the development of the individual, involving such attributes as the cognitive skills; an interest in learning, a capacity to understand oneself and others, an appreciation of the achievement of others, an understanding of the nature of society, a critical mind and certain values including honesty, compassion for the less fortunate, respect for the individuality of others, fair dealing and selflessness. It is also concerned with inculcating a capacity to become involved in social relationships and to accept the norms of the society in which one lives, although not necessarily in an uncritical way."

Although Professor Karmel does not speak specifically on creative activities and the arts and crafts, I believe that the aspirations expressed here in these buildings and in what will be done in them, are in tune with the notions expressed by him and by Senator Carrick.

Then there is the stress on the community and its relationship to and use of these buildings. It was stressed by the Council, in its planning, that community participation should be a fundamental part of the Centre's operations. I see that the committee of management for the Centre includes representatives of school staff, students and parents and of the Newtown City Council. The Centre is seen as encouraging the development of community awareness; through an offer of services and facilities by the school to the community, the school itself would be sharing in community facilities, and this in turn may lead to further integration with other fields of education and social work. For some time now, I see that there has been an effort to establish closer relationships between school and community through the college concert series, the college lectures, the history of art lectures, the residencies, the use of the new art gallery, and it is hoped that the new Centre will provide further opportunities, through the sharing between school and community, in music and performing workshops, art and craft instruction, and other co-operative creative ventures.

It is a good aspiration; I tried to do something of this sort in the University of Queensland, mainly through the provision of buildings which drew the community into the University, largely for attendances at concerts and the like. The fact that the public comes and uses the site in this way promotes understanding. Then at the University of New England there was much meshing with the community it served. That University had its origin as a community aspiration, and I was happy to play my part in working it out. Then only a few weeks ago, I came to Geelong to Deakin to give one of the Geelong Lectures which is one of that University's contributions to the development of community relationships.

It will be interesting to see how this aspiration works out in the school. Ian Turner spoke of the isolation of the school from its surrounding community in his day. That is a long time ago, and I suspect that such community aspirations as are expressed here are quite new. The object is not only to

provide facilities in which the community may share, it is also to make members of the school aware of, conscious of the community, and this itself is part of the process of education. It may have its problems — I don't know — but it is an interesting idea and well worth advancing.

The architects, McGlashan & Everist Pty. Ltd., and the builders, Millford Builders Pty. Ltd., and those associated with them in the planning and execution of these buildings are to be congratulated. And let me say a word about Austin Gray, for whom the Centre is named. He died, little more than a year ago, in April 1979. He was a student here from 1912-1921, a member of the Committee of the Old Collegians' Association and a member of the College Council from 1948 until his death. He served as Deputy Chairman and as a member of the Building and Finance/Administration Committees. In the course of an active business and public life, he served the College in many ways: he was active in the work which led to the publication of the College history in 1961, he showed a great, generous and practical interest in College rowing, and the House of Guilds and Exploration Society were beneficiaries of his interest and gifts. His untiring and committed service to the School is recognised by the naming of this Centre for him.

I have much pleasure in declaring the Austin Gray Centre open. It is bricks and mortar, but, more than that, it embodies high and worthy aspiration.

APPOINTMENTS TO STAFF

Senior School

Miss Sue Fielding, Diploma of Youth Work, has been appointed as Youth Worker within the Social Sciences Faculty. She will advise and support the Faculty on careers and employment opportunities; she will also be able to help and to advise students.

Preparatory School

Mr. Kingsley Gibson, Diploma of Primary Teaching, will teach Grade 3.

Miss Elizabeth McKeown, B.A., Graduate Diploma Art Teaching, will teach Art and Craft.

Miss Wendy Porter, B.Ed., will teach English and Social Science.

Mr. Mark Sly, B.Sc., Dip.Ed., will teach Mathematics and Science.

Mr. D. Woolnough, Diploma of Primary Teaching, will teach Grade 4.

Miss Christine Webb, B.A., Diploma of Italian Language, Dip.Ed., will teach English, Social Science and Foreign Languages.

Library Staff:

Mrs. Lynnette James

Mrs. Ann Warren

Campbell House:

Grade 2/3 — Miss Catherine Stewart

Preparatory School:

Grade 6 — Mr. Neville Bruns

STAFF DEPARTURE

Miss Jane Honman is leaving to take up a position in Tonga as part of the Voluntary Aid Abroad.

Students at Campbell House and, indeed, throughout the School have valued her sensitive and gentle interest.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Mr. I. W. Macmillan** upon the award of his M.A. (Hons.) degree.

To **David Epstein** for the grant of \$2,000.00 awarded by the Schools' Commission under its Innovations Programme for an Inter-School Newspaper in the Geelong area.

ENROLMENTS

The total enrolment at the beginning of Term II, 1980, is 1041. The Senior School has 566 students; the Preparatory School 475.

Future enrolment at the School now depends upon early application for places. Pressure at certain levels provides for very few vacancies.

H.S.C. RESULTS

The pass rate was 81%.

Belinda Abery and Gary Ekkel gained Minor Resident Scholarships to Ormond College. Tim Read gained two Special Distinctions.

"NEW" HOUSE

The house is to be called McLean House (the McLean tartan red is to be the colour) an expression of gratitude for Mr. Ewen McLean's thirty-nine years of service to the School.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

Campbell House: Landscaping; new floor coverings; new pedestrian gateway.

Preparatory School: New classroom in undercroft area; redecoration; relocation of "Maths" centre; modification of residence for use by Grade 6 and for Music/Craft activities.

Senior School: Relocation of Medical Centre to Mossiel; new changing room for girl students; demolition of old House of Guilds and commencement of provision of three new tennis courts; transfer of Clothing Pool to upstairs in Refectory Block.

Work Experience

During 1980 twenty-six schools in the Geelong region are involved in a Work Experience Programme coordinated by the Geelong Regional Careers Teachers' Association. In 1979 nearly thirteen hundred employers and three thousand students participated in this Work Experience Scheme.

During Term I this year twenty-four Geelong College students have participated in work experience. Some of the positions experienced by students have included farming, journalism, librarianship, dentistry and carpentry. It is interesting to note that the most commonly requested positions this year have been carpentry and veterinary science. In Term II at least fifty students in Form V will be going out from school on work experience.

Many work experience positions are easy to organise, however, some positions are extremely difficult to find. The school is always trying to find new contacts who may be able to participate in this work experience programme. Any offers of assistance or enquiries regarding further information would be warmly welcomed.

John Hawkes
Work Experience Co-ordinator

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THE BURSAR'S SECRETARY

MRS. J. SMITH

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Proceeds will go to the Endowment Fund

You may have seen the following in the "Geelong Advertiser":

SIGNS UPSET COUNCIL

"Newtown City Council will write to Geelong College expressing concern over vandalism — signs painted on roads.

The Mayor, Cr. N. Mitchell, told the council the signs referred to the Geelong College crew rowing in the Head-of-the-River, at the weekend.

Cr. Mitchell said he had seen a great deal of disfigurement on road pavements and it was time to direct concern about the signs to the college.

He said such actions downgraded a school with the character of Geelong College.

Cr. D. McDonald told the council he had seen a sign painted in six-metre letters on the sloping side of Melville Avenue, Newtown.

The council will tell the college that such actions will not be tolerated."

The day before I received this anonymous letter:

"Dear Sir,

In regard to the enormous amount of painting which has occurred in recent years, and especially this year, I feel it necessary as an old boy to write to you. Although I am strongly against the painting in principle, I see the reasoning behind those who have been involved in it and put the majority of the blame on you and your school! Through direct and indirect means I know almost all those responsible for the signs and although many are old boys there have also been many done by present students.

As I said earlier I put the blame on you. Because of the enormous feeling which occurs around Head of the River time people try to show their support in various ways. Since you have made such backward decisions as stopping the send off, frog dances, not teaching 3rd formers the War Cry, etc., it is obvious you can't see past your nose when it comes to rowing. Positive forms of support have been denied to students and it is necessary to partake in negative forms of support such as painting.

Being a former oarsman I know how much these positive forms of support were appreciated and how much it helped in knowing the school was behind you. So how about bringing back a bit of tradition so people can show their school spirit which is so important to the morale of the school, in a positive way and you may well find the incidence of other forms of support such as painting which are negative will decrease.

An Old Boy with a bit of School spirit"

Obviously I cannot respond to this letter, nor have I ever been able to respond to other equally obscene anonymous letters.

What I would wish to make quite clear is that I have always tried to support all the sporting teams of the School in an even-handed way. I do make sure that I get to see all the various sports at least once.

We offer a considerable diversity of sports and the students are able to choose something that will suit them and provide both enjoyment and also improvement in skills and physical performance.

Each student is entitled to gain support for his or her activity.

Some teams in some sports will be successful in some years, others at another time. Recently Netball teams and the girls' 1st IV have enjoyed considerable success. Last year the 1st XI won a Premiership.

Rowing is not the only sport offered and, therefore, it must be treated as equitably as all other sports. The Boat Club does extraordinarily well considering the number, and the age of the students, but it cannot, especially in a co-educational school, be regarded as the only valuable Club.

The Head of the River does create its own peculiar problems:— some of them a poor reflection upon the independent schools; others quite out of the control of this School's administration.

Since coming to the School in 1976 I have been appalled at the sign-painting and the vandalism: they have never appealed to me as valid or enduring signs either of maturity or of achievement. In 1976 when the crew won the Head of the River I recall a *Geelong Advertiser* writer suggesting that perhaps the "G.C. etc." could now cease. I hoped that might have been so, because it is a most ineloquent testimony to a School which has much which it can demonstrate in an affirmative way to the community, particularly the myriad small and daily achievements of students in numerous areas.

Clearly, then, the School gains nothing and loses much, particularly dignity, by the association with the increasing disfiguring of streets and roads. We do not know who is responsible, but we can encourage our families not to become involved and to be as outspoken as possible about their distaste for such activities.

School spirit — a nebulous concept at best — derives from real achievements by both individuals and groups. It is an outcome of students' full commitment to whatever they are doing. Morale relies heavily upon mutual support and mutual delight in pleasing performances. Neither spirit nor morale can legitimately be generated by artificial means: crowds are very fickle as Hitler discovered, to his annoyance, when Jesse Owens won at the Berlin Olympics; crowds are easily whipped into alien states which the individuals who make up the crowds may well regret subsequently; crowds are an unreliable protection. We cannot perpetuate "traditions" of ugliness which are nothing less than bad habits. Each mark upon the road is a blow to our self-respect and our respectability.

This year the School has spent \$1200.00 in protection and labour arising solely from the mania generated by the Boat Race.

I want to make it quite clear that should 1981 produce the same demeaning and anti-social behaviour then it may become necessary to take action involving our participation.

S. P. GEBHARDT
Principal

A. T. Tait and Staff Memorial Endowment Fund

In 1970 the College Council established The Geelong College Endowment fund, subsequently re-named The A. T. Tait and Staff Memorial Endowment Fund to honour a former collegian and well loved Vice-Principal and many other former members of staff.

The object of the fund is stated as "to provide a permanent capital fund which shall be used by the College Council, at its discretion, for the general purposes of the College". The term 'purposes' includes the following:

- bursary assistance;
- special allowances for particular staff appointments, including seminar/training course expenses; and
- special prizes for particular projects undertaken by students.

It is also possible for special contributions to be made to the Fund to support any of the following special interest areas:

- Teaching and Creative Arts Fellowships;
- The College Lecture or Concert Series;
- Residencies; and
- Special teaching appointments.

The corpus of the Fund currently stands at \$83,000 and the income from the investment of these funds helps to relieve the operating budget of the total burden of providing for programmes which are an integral part of the School's policy.

The Council sees the development of the Fund as an important aspect of the Council's activities and has appointed a small committee to study ways and means by which the Fund may be built up and, thus, over a long period become a significant source of revenue which would act as a buffer in difficult situations, e.g., loss of government grants, steep fee increases, declining enrolments, etc..

The support of the College community is earnestly sought and contributions may be forwarded directly to The Bursar at the College office: the Bursar will be pleased to discuss the Fund with anyone who wishes to obtain more specific details of its operation.

FELLOWSHIP IN THE CREATIVE ARTS

There has been a change in this programme since the announcement last year of fellows.

In association with Deakin University Mr. Danny Spooner will spend a day and a half in the School all year.

Mr. Spooner has developed as a scholar during the last four or five years in association with academics at Melbourne and Monash Universities teaching English, History, and History and Philosophy of Science. He knows a great range of English songs as well as Norse and Australian material. He is an authority on British working-class culture, was born of Irish stock within the sound of Bow Bells, has been the skipper of a Thames Tug, Mate on a sailing barge, a North Sea fisherman, whaler, soldier, professional soccer player and latterly, on a year's visit to Britain, has made his own set of Northumbrian pipes, which are elbow rather than mouth operated bagpipes.

Report of a "Bookperson-In-Residence" Experience at The Geelong College

by Walter McVitty, Senior Lecturer in
Librarianship, Melbourne State College

After being honoured to be asked to speak in The Geelong College public lecture programme one evening last March, I was asked if I would consider coming back to the College later in the year to act as a sort of "bookperson-in-residence", to give talks and conduct discussions on literature with students. As a lecturer on, and reviewer of, literature written expressly for young people, this seemed a good idea, because it offered the chance to share information rather than merely impart it.

The invitation was made by Mrs. Pat Wood, The Geelong College librarian who is well known throughout the profession for her active promotion of enjoyment through reading. Mrs. Wood arranged a programme of a combination of talks to the whole of the Third and Fourth Forms, alternating with discussions, held in the library itself, with small groups of ten or twelve students. At the Preparatory School a similar programme was arranged, including one session with the teaching staff.

The one-hour sessions with the large assemblies of Third and Fourth Forms consisted mainly of readings of appropriate passages from such splendid books as Jane Gardam's *A Long Way From Verona* and some introductions to some of the most appealing of modern picture books, with their humour, magic and artistry. The students were particularly taken with Raymond Briggs' hilarious/revolting (according to one's taste) guide to Bogeydom, *Fungus the Bogeyman*. Considering the lengthy time period and the large numbers of students involved, the degree of interaction was pleasantly surprising, although, of course, discussion is much more appropriate to smaller groups (in which, the amount of discussion depended on the composition of the group — girls in older groups were more vocal and had more to offer than boys, it seemed).

A very interesting and rewarding session was a short, sharp Forum conducted by the Second Form and enlivened by a barrage of interesting questions fired by a number of students.

As a basis for discussion, I had brought with me a very large box packed with books which I felt would have strong appeal to young readers. Many of these books were paperback editions — something which is, in itself, of more appeal to the young. Most of the books were the work of very popular young authors such as Judy Blume and S. E. Hinton. Most have appeared only in the last decade. One of the readings I enjoyed most was from a book which won't be published until March, 1980: William Mayne's *Salt River Times* (set in Footscray, by the Patrick White of children's literature). This range of material proved to be a good focus of interest: certainly, the collection was besieged by students (and teachers) at the end of most sessions.

I feel that the venture was most successful and I think that many children would have since sought out some of the newer titles which appealed to them personally. However, the experience of just talking about books and sharing one's enjoyment with another teacher or fellow student is a worthwhile experience in its own right.

What I can report on with confidence is my own impressions of the quality of the educational life at The Geelong College, as I experienced it as someone new to the school. Before arriving on November 13th, I knew little or nothing of the school other than what had stayed in my mind so firmly since meeting the English staff at the evening lecture in March — which was how well these teachers knew the range of excellent contemporary literature available for the young and, even more importantly, how enthusiastic, they were about it. It is exceptionally rare to encounter even one such English teacher, let alone a whole department. The English staff at The Geelong College would be leaders in this field and their wide reading programme sets the standard by which other schools might well be judged.

It seemed logical to assume that the knowledge and enthusiasm of the teachers would be reflected in the attitudes of the students, and this certainly proved to be so. A love of literature is more often caught rather than taught, and that's what seems to be happening at The Geelong College.

Furthermore, I knew that in order for this state of affairs to exist, the school would need an excellent library, where a large range of interesting, exciting and up-to-date collection of quality fiction would not only be freely available to teachers and students but would be promoted by knowledgeable and enthusiastic librarians. This, of course, is immediately obvious to anyone visiting the school.

Over-riding all this is the universally-observed truth that such open-minded, active, vigorous reading programmes only exist in schools where such activities have the positive support and encouragement of the Principal, as at The Geelong College.

On all these counts, The Geelong College is a most fortunate school. It is a place which seems to be permeated by reading — and the love of reading. There are very few schools anywhere where this is so much in evidence and in such a pervasive and sustained way. I was delighted to find that a music teacher came to sit in on one of the small discussion groups, and teachers from other areas (notably drama and physical education, I am pleased to say) were interested in my work at the College.

It was an exceptionally easy and pleasant task to talk freely to teenage students of either sex about books. The students at The Geelong College have something to say, as a result of the reading programme at least, but what was perhaps even more delightful was the confident articulateness of most of the young people who spoke with me. It was also most pleasant to be greeted with warmth and friendliness by students as I walked informally about the grounds. The politeness of the students was always evident — even down to opening doors for teachers!

In my capacity as a lecturer at Melbourne State College one of my roles is to introduce first-year students (intending teachers) to various aspects of schooling. The Geelong College offered its facilities to my group of students during my "residence" and so I extended my stay to an extra day. It was

most interesting for me to observe how the staff at morning tea made my own students feel perfectly at home, just as they did for me three days earlier. This again is an unusual experience, as I well know from visiting a good many schools each year. The teachers at The Geelong College really go out of their way to be helpful and friendly. One of my students said to me during morning tea, "Look at these teachers — they're all smiling!" There's nothing facetious about that comment; just as it was meant to say something positive about the College, it reveals much about the prevailing mood of too many other schools.

It is little wonder that there appears to be, to the outside observer, such a trusting, human rapport between teachers and students at The Geelong College. This seems to be accomplished without need for officiousness of any kind. The atmosphere is certainly not authoritarian — a state in which order is too often maintained at the expense of freedom. Nor is there freedom without order but a happy co-existence of the two, mixed with responsibility and civility.

Churchill, I think, said that man shapes his buildings and then the buildings shape the man. Although it is not directly concerned with my work at the College, I feel it worthwhile to say something about the general physical environment. One cannot help being struck by the unity which exists in spite of such diversity, in the visual sense. At every point is the distinct impression of space, of buildings which seem almost to grow out of the ground, as though naturally belonging. The over-all mood is one of tranquil order and harmony and I have no doubt that this is reflected in the confidence and calm of so many of the school community.

I was pleased to encounter various sitting-places, nicely designed to be inviting areas in themselves. Some of the vistas are splendid. The view across to the Boarding House is obviously impressive but even more so is the view back towards the oldest part of the school from the precincts of the art centre, which is in the process of being rebuilt, again in perfect harmony with the whole. The most striking thing about the visual environment at The Geelong College is the liberal feeling of open space and distance.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my three days spent at The Geelong College were exceptionally rewarding for me in many ways. It was such a pleasure to work with so many warm and enthusiastic students and teachers in such an educationally and socially mature environment. The Geelong College has much to commend it and its students are fortunate to be part of such a stimulating, progressive, innovative educational life. One hopes that it will continue to grow in an open-minded way, responsive to the inevitable changes of the 1980's yet finding time to sponsor and encourage many sides and aspects of human existence (witness its splendid poet-in-residence scheme, its new art gallery, the extension of student personality through drama — I was fortunate to watch a Fifth Form performance of a play before a Fourth Form audience; both actors and audience were a credit to the school). From my brief experience, I cannot speak too highly of the students, staff and educational programme at The Geelong College.

OLD COLLEGIAN ACTION

"TOM"

COMMITTEE NOTES

- The following have joined the General Committee: **Kirsty Elliott** and **Graeme Wallace Smith** (both previously co-opted); **Syd Weddell** (re-appointed); **Sam Coulson** (now co-opted). **David Jarman** comes on to the Executive Committee.
- **Andrew Lawson**, appointed to Canada, had to relinquish his position as Vice-President. His contribution to the Association, particularly to the Albert Bell Club, has been very significant.
- With the disappearance of the position of Executive Officer, as previously constituted, it has become necessary for committee members to accept additional duties, and the following appointments have been made to date:
Office Management: Ian Everist, Brian Thom, Bill Farrow, Fred Elliott.
Ad Astra: Bert Keith, Bill Farrow.
Branches: Ian Everist, Bert Keith.
Old Collegians' Day: Ian Everist, Bill Farrow, Brian Thom, Fred Elliott, Vicki Law, David Jarman, Graeme Wallace Smith.
Address File: Bert Keith.
O.G.C. Golf Day: Bill Wishart.
A.P.S. Golf Day: Don Carmichael.
- Many Collegians of a generation ago will be pleased to learn that the moneys raised for a memorial to "Maggie" (Miss Mary McOuat) have been applied to matron's quarters at Mossiel to the satisfaction of the committee.
- Organisation of Branch re-unions is by necessity to be decentralised to the Branches, but help will still be provided as required.
- Life and Annual Membership have been reintroduced, as set out in the enclosures with this issue. (Special attention should be given to the Application Form).
- Ian Everist is well named our "roving President". Business in Gippsland during the day, O.G.C.A. affairs in Geelong later, and then representing the Association at a Melbourne function — such is becoming a normal pattern.

IN THE BRANCHES

A.C.T. Leads

Canberra opened 1980 with a successful barbecue on Graeme Stephinson's place at Captain's Flat and aims to maintain its leadership by having two functions in the year. A dinner was being arranged for 7 June.

The little band of the faithful centred round the University of New England, **Armidale**, N.S.W., are to have their third annual reunion in mid-June, and **Gippsland** probably on 27 June.

Sydney, which manages its own affairs very efficiently, will hold its annual dinner on 6 July, hopefully with a visitor from the General Committee in Geelong.

Hamilton and **Bendigo** have both chosen 4 August, the only possible difficulty in this arrangement being the organisation of deputations from Geelong.

Fixtures later in the year are shown in the calendar on page 8, and members in the various regions can expect due notice, provided their current addresses are known.

Outposts

Our farthest outposts — **Tasmania**, **Perth**, **London** — may be low in numbers, but are definitely high in hospitality, especially when someone from Geelong ventures into their territory. Who will be next?

The **Shepparton**, **Albury** and **Deniliquin** regions may be said to be dormant, but we think they are light sleepers.

And Again!

Camperdown always puts on a happy mixed function under the rule of **Gary French** (pres.), **David Gibson** (sec.) and **Judy** (the sec.'s sec.) The dinner on 16 April was no exception, and well attended, **Mr. Everist** (pres. O.G.C.A.) bringing a party from Melbourne and Geelong which included **Barry Maddern**, the guest speaker.

IN MELBOURNE

More than 50 people attended a charming Cocktail Party on 6 May at the Kew Golf Club, where Havel Rowe is Captain. Norman Charley supplied motivation on the Old Collegian side. Guests of honour were former staff members Messrs. Des Davey and George Logie Smith.

A BIG HIT

The inaugural dinner of the Old Collegians Cricketers' Club was held on Tuesday 5 February, the culmination of hard work by an interim committee which believed that cricketers would welcome a club like that of their rowing counterparts. The date co-incided with the traditional O.G.C.A. v College cricket match at the opening of the school year, and the proposal generated so much interest that two matches were necessary to satisfy all the players offering.

At the business meeting a motion was passed "That a club be formed, to be known as The Old Collegians Cricketers' Club". The election of office-bearers resulted:

President: Graeme Wallace Smith

Vice-President: Bill Farrow

Committee: Michael Gretton-Watson, Roger Mulligan, Robert Sheringham, Randall Bell, Crichton Collins

Secretary/Treasurer: Graham Hallebone, 114 Camden Road, Newtown, 3220.

The club now has a membership of seventy-seven. Those interested in playing competition or social games should contact Mike Gretton-Watson (861-6877) or Rodger Mulligan (82-1231) in Melbourne, or Graeme Wallace Smith (54-2580) or Graham Hallebone (9-3147) in Geelong.

Tom Clark retired in February from the position of Executive Officer to the O.G.C.A. He was a loyal officer, became a good friend of Old Collegians and parents who visited the College, and was known throughout the A.P.S. as an integral part of our Association.



Tom was appointed in 1971 and contributed in many areas beyond running a very smooth, orderly and reliable secretariat. He was part of the various sporting days, such as bowls and golf, and on the annual cricket day was always there in his role of organiser and "drink waiter".

Thanks to Tom have been expressed in various ways; the esteem in which he was held has been typified by the standing ovations he received at functions immediately prior to his retirement.

LIFE OR ANNUAL?

Be In It!

The O.G.C.A. reversion to financial memberships, though announced rather late last year, has met with a swift response from those who intend to have a permanent link with the College.

To the date of our going to press, the following 1979 leavers have taken up Life Membership:

Nicholas Allen, Richard Annois, Ronnie Atlas, Jennifer Barrett, Amanda Bell, Katherine Cameron, Nicholas Carr, Penelope Dadds, John Douglas, Sholto Douglas, Dianne George, Robert Gregory, Peter W. Hill, Anthony Hodgson, Jayne Holt, Peter Howarth, Anthony Jackson, Katrina Kelso, Andrew Laidlaw, Douglas W. Laidlaw, Anthony Light, Lim Voon Khen, Alastair Lyall, Lyndsay McKendrick, Iain McLeod, Christopher Mortimer, Lindy Mulligan, John Neely, David Nelson, Bradford Phillips, Lisa Plumridge, Elwyn Pickup, Ashley Smith, Jeffrey Stevens, John Waterhouse, E. Annie Wilson, Karen Savery.

There is also a number of annual subscriptions.

The Lost Years

Already some Collegians of that long gap, those who left school in the years 1965-78 inclusive, have made up for lost time by becoming Life Members:

John Watson ('75), Andrew Urbahns ('73), Gregory Plumridge ('71), J. Sydney Weddell ('66), Philip Hocking ('59).

To be in it, read the enclosed letter from the President (Mr. Everist), then use the application form which accompanies it.

THE ROWING SEASON

Albert Bell Club

1980 is an exciting year for the Club, which now has 300 members pledged to support the College. It is worth noting that membership is not restricted to Old Collegians or to ex-oars, but is open to all who support College rowing.

Tangible evidence of support for the Boat Club has been the provision of a rowing machine to assist in teaching novices the fundamentals of rowing, as well as six power megaphones so that coaches may be heard clearly on the river.

This year the Club organised a barbecue on the evening of the Barwon Regatta, which was attended by parents and friends as well as members. The success of the function ensures that it will be an annual event emphasising the Club's involvement with current rowers.

The Annual Dinner was held on the Friday night of the Boat Race and this year 136 attended. Lex Rentoul, a College oarsman of the early 20's, told of boating two Australian eights in the Commonwealth Peace Regatta at Henley in 1945. The annual meeting was handled expeditiously so that those present had the opportunity to mingle and reminisce.

The Club needs a number of enthusiastic committee people, resident in Geelong or environs, who have rowing connections from the 1960's and 1970's and the enthusiasm to help the Club continue to assist College rowing.

The services of Tom Clark, formerly Executive Officer of the O.G.C.A., have already been greatly missed. In appreciation of Tom's assistance to the Club he was Guest of Honour at the Annual Dinner.

Victorian State Champions

Three of the four members of the Corio Bay Junior IV, which won the Victorian Junior IV championships, were Old Collegians. The cox was a Collegian in Form VI and the coach (an Old Melbourne) has coached College crews for several years.

Andrew Egan ('74) was stroke and with him were Glenn Amezdroz ('70) and Bruce McNaughton ('75). The cox, Stephen Pearce, was also cox of the College second VIII, while David Olliff coached the winning IV as well as the College seconds.

This four won at Rutherglen, Barwon, Yarrawonga, Nagambie, and their final victory at Wendouree gave Corio Bay its first State Championship since 1962.

A Strong Catch

At the Australian Championships Don Cooper, Andrew Cassidy and John McKenzie were in the winning quadruple scull.

Robert Leach rowed bow for the Australian champion Youth Eight.

Simon Gillett is again selected in the Australian lightweight four to contest the world title in Belgium.

Andrew Cassidy also won the single sculls at the national university titles in Canberra.

HOCKEY

With David Baker as president, Ian Sayers secretary, and Stephen Davey coach, Old Collegians again have three strong teams in the G.D.M.H.A. competition.

Co-operation with the College is taking place at two levels: Old Collegians provide umpires for school matches on Saturday mornings, and half of the places in one O.G.C. team are allotted to present boys — moves which should help in future recruitment of school leavers.

GOLF

After two years managing the A.P.S. annual golf day, Don Carmichael is President of the Association and maintains his interest in O.G.C. participation. This year's event is set for 18 November. Don can be contacted on (03) 25-4130.

Bill Wishart is undertaking preliminary arrangements for our own O.G.C.A. golf day at Barwon Heads on 24 September. Phone (052) 9-9740.

It should be remembered that lunch is usually obtainable on these occasions, and that the organisers are glad to know as early as possible the numbers involved.

Regular players in these events will be notified; others are invited.

BOWLERS!

In the Sir James Darling lawn bowls trophy contest at Kew on 30 March, College was represented by two rinks:

- Lex Vivian, Ike Gosbell, Geoff Higgins, Aub. Barber.
- Bill Oman, George Newton, Reg Reynolds, Rod Ingpen.

It is hoped that four rinks can be entered next year. Contact Lex Vivian (43-4438), George Newton (9-9109) or the O.G.C. office (21-1939).

PHOTOGRAPHS

More than a dozen sports and Form VI photographs which were ordered by students during 1979 are still being held at the College. They have been charged on term accounts and are the property of the students who ordered them.

It is preferable that these photographs be collected and not mailed, owing to their size and the possibility of damage. They may be obtained from the general office during normal business hours.

Although we enjoy frequently looking at these photos, those who ordered and paid for them should want them more than we do.

And we need the space.

HONOURS

Member of the Order of the British Empire

Robert R. Aitken ('35), whose services to rowing include the coaching of the Australian VIII, winners of the bronze medal at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics; he served the College as stroke of the 1940 crew.

MARRIAGES

Christian Sutherland to Phillipa Hawke, 28 May, 1979
Roderick Carmichael to Sally Walscott, Casterton, 24 November

Trevor Witcombe to Dianne Tucker, Geelong, 24 November

Tim Collins to Sue Foster, Geelong, 24 November
Peter Betts to Kerry O'Beirne, Geelong, 30 November
Christopher Anderson to Susan Ramm, Parkville, 1 December

Geoffrey Cowan to Janet Lang, Hamlyn Heights, 19 December

Keith Fagg to Heather Neyland, Ringwood, 1 January
Jennifer Cross to Daryl Hauenstein, Geelong, 11 January
Lyle Bartlett to Elizabeth Thomson, Geelong, 12 January
Charles Moodie to Sarah Latimer, Box Hill, 2 February
Murray Witcombe to Heather Daher, Inverleigh, 8 February

Simon Fairnie to Donna Backwell, Geelong, 23 March
Ronald Lees to Melanie Rogers, Albury, 29 March
David Sunderland to Karen Strauss, Leopold, 19 April
Hugh Seward to Claire Gilchrist, Adelaide, 6 April
Gregory Donald to Elizabeth Parrott, April
Gary Harris to Helen Fidge, Noorat, 26 April
Adrian Holbrook to Marion Howard, Geelong, 9 May

OBITUARY

Information relating to the deaths of the following Old Collegians has been received since publication of the previous issue of 'Ad Astra'.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

H. C. Evans	('03)
J. R. McKindlay	('14)
E. G. N. Brooke-Ward	('21)
R. D. Birdsey	('22)
G. F. Waugh	('22)
A. Sanderson	('23)
L. J. James	('28)
J. R. F. Millar	('28)
P. N. Smith	('33)
B. C. Theobald	('45)
D. McL. Gregory	('49)
J. E. Winkelman	('51)
P. H. Glover	('57)
R. J. Schmidt	('57)
G. W. Strickland	('74)

F. White — Member of Staff (1964-74)

GRADUATIONS

Notice of the following graduations has been received. Unfortunately, details are not received from all possible sources. Information of graduations, with specific detail of degree and the date conferred, may be sent to the editor for inclusion in the next listing.

B.Sc.: M. Gray-Thompson, P. J. Batt, C. E. Amery (Hons.)

B.V.Sc.: A. J. Bullen (Hons.)

Ph.D.: I. D. Bishop (Environmental Studies)

M.Sc.: C. M. Lamb (Mining)

B.Com.: D. M. Holt, H. J. N. Lees

Dip.Ed.: D. M. Holt

Dip.Aud.: M. Gray-Thompson

LL.B.: H. J. N. Lees

B.D.Sc.: A. R. Wood

B.Surv.: A. D. Thom

B.E.: M. E. Williams (Agriculture), R. W. Marshallsea (Civil)

M.A.: I. W. Macmillan

B.Ec.: D. S. Sutherland, P. J. Graham, R. K. Richardson, J. R. Stevenson

B.A.: G. D. Deppeler

B.Bus.Stud.: T. J. B. Hede

Marcus Oldham Agricultural College: Certificate in Farm Management: M. N. Mulligan

Mr. Justice Maddern, better known to friends as **Barry Maddern** ('50), was sworn in as Deputy-President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. His Honour's whole career has been slanted to industrial problems, on which he related some good stories to the Camperdown Branch in April.

Bob Merriman ('48), enters the arbitration scene as a Commissioner after several years as industrial relations manager with Ford Australia.

Professor Alan F. Davies ('36) is to have a year at Harvard as visiting professor of Australian Studies, a change from his Melbourne work in political science and the analysis of dreams.

Jennifer Cross ('73) is no longer Jennifer Cross. The first Old Collegian girl to take the giant stride into matrimony, she married Daryl Hauenstein, of the teaching staff at Melton High School. Mrs. Hauenstein is now doing her honours year in inorganic chemistry, having completed B.Sc. at Melbourne.

Craig McKenzie ('71) spent seven months at the R.A.A.F. Base, Pearce, W.A., where he completed his pilot's course and was awarded his wings in December. He is now with the School of Air Navigation, East Sale.

Hugh Torode ('67) was M.O. with the Australian Cricket Team which visited Pakistan in February-March.

Stuart Blake ('66) has been for some time in New Zealand where he and his N.Z. wife are farming in Otago. Stuart extends a welcome to Old Collegians who may visit his district, particularly those of the mid-sixties.

We want to inform your friends of important events like graduations, promotions, weddings, but we cannot guess the facts.
Please let us know!

Janine Langevelt ('74), of the Geelong "Beejays" netball team, was adjudged best and fairest in her grade at the recent Y.W.C.A. interstate carnival.

Jennifer Logan ('76) has launched into her chosen profession at the S.S. Cameron Laboratory of the Animal Research Institute, Werribee, and is taking the animal technician course at Footscray Technical College.

Keith Fagg ('69) spent 1979 travelling around Australia investigating the residential care of isolated children, under the auspices of the Australian Inland Mission. He is now working in Darwin with the Uniting Church Aboriginal Advisory Service.

Barry Fagg ('66) who is still with Hamersley in Dampier, W.A., has again shown his sporting ability by winning the Sportsman of the Year award.

Philip Hocking ('59) is editor and senior partner of *Stylus Publishing*. In 1979 he published a cook book, a guide to Melbourne's night life and a guide to canoeing on the Yarra, and has an interesting programme for 1980. He would welcome manuscripts from Old Collegians.

Doug Roydhouse ('60) F.R.A.C.S., F.R.A.C.O., completed the specialist eye surgery exams at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and is continuing in ophthalmology at Cambridge.

Dr. Graham Hair ('55) previously of Latrobe University, was chosen by the Australian Embassy in Paris as composer in residence there. Then while on a visit to the U.S. he received an invitation to be senior lecturer in composition in the Conservatorium of Music, Sydney, a position which will also involve conducting and hopefully some concert performances of contemporary two-piano works with his sister Margaret.

Malcolm Marquardt ('51) of North Geelong High School is spending an exchange year at Vicking H.S., Alberta, Canada, as a Victorian International Teaching Fellow.

Garry Roydhouse ('66) is this year's Geelong District Governor of Apex.

Andrew Lawson ('56) moved to Arnprior, near Ottawa, Ontario, to be president and general manager of Huyck, Canada.

Anne Benjamin ('76) is studying stage management at the National Institute of Dramatic Art, Sydney, after an impressive audition which earned her one of the ten places sought by about six hundred applicants.

OGCA TIES AND INSIGNIA

The following items may be purchased by Old Collegians:

Woolen Ties (10 cm)	\$7.50 ea.
Polyester Ties (10 cm)	\$5.50 ea.
Badge	
(Lapel type — screw-in)	\$2.50 ea.
Brooch (Bar type)	\$1.50 ea.
Tie Bars (Crocodile Clip)	\$3.40 ea.
Cuff Links	\$6.00 pr.

The following items are available for purchase by all:

Car Stickers	
(The Geelong College)	.50¢ ea.
History of College	
1861/1961	\$10.00 copy

Orders may be addressed to:
O.G.C.A.,
The Geelong College,
P.O. Box 5,
GEELONG, 3220.

Please enclose remittance and goods will be sent post free.

IN VINO VERITAS

Daryl Sefton ('40), ex-veterinarian vigneron, has enjoyed not only producing and quaffing his idyl wines at Moorabool, but also reconditioning and operating a monster grape-picking machine which, he says, must be the only one in the world operating on a twenty-hectare property.

Tom Maitby ('41), the rival firm at Anakie Vineyard, however, enjoyed the larger piece of advertising on the cover of 052 region 'phone book for 1979-80.

A newcomer to the wine scene is **David Sutherland** ('71), operating on the business side at Milawa, Victoria.

Ross Forsyth ('66) completed B.Com. in 1973 and worked for two years as an accountant. He then undertook Theology at the Baptist Theological College in Brisbane, graduated in 1978, and has been working with the Far Eastern Broadcasting Company, a non-denominational missionary radio station, which broadcasts in more than a dozen languages. He expects to return to Australia this year.

Glenn Hunter ('67) did not move very far from Camberwell to Kew, but it was five years before he was located and re-entered on the Old Collegian files.

David Peck ('48) wrote to give his latest address and requested the last three or four copies of *Ad Astra*. With a little luck, we managed it.

About 75 of the 5,000 copies of each *Ad Astra* mailed are returned unclaimed. The Editor has broken his crystal ball, so please notify address changes.

Jenny Cook ('76), in search of a career in ballet, is on a three-year course covering a wide range of dancing at the Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne.

Warrick Henderson ('63) has taken on international motor racing, beginning with a strong second place at Palm Beach, Florida.

Dr. Geoff Donnan ('63), of the University of Melbourne's Department of Medicine, takes up a coveted research scholarship to pursue his studies in neurology at the Mayo Clinic, Minnesota, U.S.A.

Robert Gundlach ('66) took his B.A. in Economics at Washington State University in 1974 and has now become a police officer in Aberdeen, Washington.

The story of Campbell House in our last issue prompted **Alan R. David** ('25) to send some additional notes for the College archives. He was one of the first occupants of the original building when it opened as part of the senior school in 1925.

Lachlan McLean ('66) is studying for a year at the Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin, under the sponsorship of A.P.M.

Chris Malkin ('61) has become company secretary of Masport Pty. Ltd. in Melbourne.

Joseph Saba ('55), still on the right side of 40, commands a large piece of the rag trade with music, health foods and travel as spare-time (if any) interests.

Dr. Christian Sutherland ('67) is taking the second part of his F.R.C.S. studies at Edinburgh.

John Finlay ('69) included in his grand tour a few months' cycling in Britain, further months in Europe and the Middle East, some archaeological digging, and work on a kibbutz. He made history as the first person to cross into Egypt on a visa issued by the Egyptian embassy in Israel.

Harley Dickinson ('52), who has farming and vineyard interests at Bannockburn, was recently appointed Registrar of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. This will involve attention to 230 parishes and welfare and other agencies. He took up duties at St. Paul's Cathedral in March.

An Invitation

The President and Committee of the O.G.C.A.
invite
ALL OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS
to attend the

Annual Reunion and Dinner on Friday, 4 July, 1980

Programme:

6.00 p.m.: Annual General Meeting in the Austin Gray Centre ("Old Prep." area), Aphrasia Street, Newtown, followed by inspection of Centre.
7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.: Drinks and Dinner, Kirrewur Court, 77 Prospect Road, Newtown.

FEATURES OF DINNER

FOCUS: The Toast of the College, with special reference to the House of Guilds and the House of Music, both now incorporated in the new centre.

FEW SPEECHES: No Guest Speaker.

AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRATERNISATION, REMINISCENCE, NOSTALGIA
Other details in Adjoining Column.

R.S.V.P.

Please complete your order for dinner tickets on the enclosed application form and forward to the O.G.C.A., P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220, to arrive if possible by Friday 27 June.

**Subscription \$18
(Full-time student \$14)**

Tickets may also be obtained from members of the General Committee and other agents.

Telephone orders will be accepted as late as possible, provided places are still available. Ring (052) 21-1939.

This is your final notice of the Annual Dinner and prompt action is recommended.

Old Geelong Collegians' Association

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Article 5.12 of the Constitution of the Association, notice is hereby given that the 79th Annual General Meeting of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association will be held at the Austin Gray Centre ("Old Prep." area), Aphrasia Street, Newtown, on Friday 4 July 1980 at 6.00 p.m.

Business:

1. To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.
3. To elect Office-Bearers, Committee and Auditor for the ensuing year.
4. To consider such recommendations as may be submitted by the General Committee for the election of Fellows and/or Honorary Life Members and to proceed to such election.
5. To consider any other business that may be properly brought forward.

Nominations of Office-Bearers, Members of Committee and Auditor to replace those retiring must be signed by the nominee and two financial members and received by the Honorary Secretary on or before 27 June 1980.

R. W. FARROW,
Hon. Secretary

CALENDAR 1980

Term II 28 May — 14 August.
Term III 10 September — 4 December.

O.G.C. Reunions and Sport

27 June Gippsland, O.G.C. dinner
4 July O.G.C. Day, Geelong
1 Aug. Hamilton, mixed company dinner
1 Aug. Bendigo, mixed company dinner
8 Aug. Gramplains, O.G.C. dinner
18 Sep. O.G.C. Golf Day, Barwon Heads
20 Sep. Mildura, mixed company dinner
3 Oct. Ballarat, O.G.C. dinner
18 Nov. A.P.S. Golf Day

Arrangements for some Branch functions are not yet complete.

G.C. Football (at first-named school)

21 June G.C. v G.G.S.
28 June M.G.S. v G.C.
5 July G.C. v B.G.S.
19 July W.C. v G.C.
26 July G.C. v X.C.

Athletics

18 Oct. Quadrangular Sports
22 Oct. Combined Sports Heats
25 Oct. Combined Sports

Parents and Friends

13 Oct. Annual General Meeting
6 Nov. Form VI Parent-student dinner

THE AUSTIN GRAY CENTRE

The initial term of operation has shown that the concept of this multi-purpose creative activities centre, open to the public as well as College students, is soundly based.

All courses have been well attended, and Annual Membership is growing steadily with members from High Schools, Technical Schools and Tertiary Institutions as well as adults.

Courses for Term II include Photography, Dressmaking, Ceramics, Woodwork, Music and Play Direction.

Professional interest has been indicated by visits from Methodist Ladies' College, Wesley College, Melbourne State College and the Moderating Committee of the Geelong Technical Schools.

100 Years Ago

In the summer heat of early 1880, George Ernest Morrison, the Doctor's eldest son, took the first of his famous long walks, the 1100 km by coast from Queenscliff to Adelaide. On the way he celebrated his eighteenth birthday, lost a good deal of weight, and killed many snakes, as was then the done thing.

His diary of the trip has just been published.

ANNIVERSARIES

50 Years Ago

The "new" dining hall, which came into use in 1930, was one of the dreams-come-true of the Rev. Frank Rolland, who was intent on beautifying the physical environment at the College.

The original 1871 dining area was in the centre of the old block, part of it now used as common rooms.

25 Years Ago

In 1955 Victoria was preparing feverishly for the Olympic Games of '56.

Don Macmillan was at the height of his powers as a middle-distance runner, taking his fourth Australian title for the mile and his third for 880 yards, run in the record time of 1 min. 51.9 sec.

OLD COLLEGIANS' APPLICATION FORM

I. MEMBERSHIP OF O.G.C.A.

Life \$50
Annual \$20
Full-time Student \$5

The O.G.C.A. invites Membership (Life \$50, Annual \$20) from Old Collegians not already financial members. (Full-time student concession \$5 annual.)

HON. SECRETARY, O.G.C.A., P.O. BOX 5, GEELONG, 3220:

Please enrol me as Member. I enclose subscription of \$

Name and Address

PLEASE PRINT

Signed

2. BUILDING FUND & ENDOWMENT FUND

Supporting
the College

The Building Fund speaks for itself. Gifts are tax deductible. (Amounts of \$20 and more may be credited as Annual Membership.)

The Endowment Fund is outlined in Ad Astra.

HON. SECRETARY, O.G.C.A., P.O. BOX 5, GEELONG, 3220:

Enclosed is my gift of \$ to the Geelong College **BUILDING*
ENDOWMENT* Fund.**

Name and Address

PLEASE PRINT

* Cross out as required

Signed

3. REUNION DINNER

Friday 4 July
1980

See programme for Old Collegians' Day in Ad Astra. Dinner tickets \$18. If necessary give list of names and addresses on back of sheet.

HON. SECRETARY, O.G.C.A., P.O. BOX 5, GEELONG, 3220:

Please forward Dinner Tickets at \$ each. I enclose \$

(Phone Orders: 052 - 211939.)

Name and Address

PLEASE PRINT

Signed



OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

THE GEELONG COLLEGE,
P.O. BOX 5,
GEELONG, 3220.
'PHONE: GEELONG 21 1939
(S.T.D. 052)

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT,
MR. I.C. EVERIST

Dear Old Collegian,

The theme of this letter is change. As always, we are now in a period of transition, and I wish to discuss with you the future direction of our Old Geelong Collegians' Association.

When the Association became actively involved in fund-raising for the material benefit of the College in the early '60s, arrangements were made to employ a full time Executive Officer with an office at the College, the whole organisation being financed by the College. The constitution was amended so that life and annual memberships were abolished, and a gift to the College Building Fund made the contributor a financial member.

IN THOSE FUND-RAISING YEARS OLD COLLEGIANS AND OTHERS PERFORMED WONDERS IN PROVIDING THE COLLEGE WITH BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT TO KEEP IT IN THE FRONT LINE OF AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION.

But change is a part of life: the fund-raising era has now ended; no such project is planned for the foreseeable future and the rather luxurious conditions we have enjoyed can no longer be justified. In addition, Mr. Tom Clark, who has been our Executive Officer for eight years, retired in February.

Management.

As from this year the following conditions apply:

1. Members of the General Committee of the O.G.C.A. are undertaking responsibility for several Association activities.
2. The College continues to provide office facilities and clerical assistance, at the College.
3. If and when an Executive Officer is appointed, he will act on a part-time basis, employed by the Association.
4. Mrs. McKeown, who was clerical assistant to Tom Clark, continues to attend to Old Collegian matters and can be contacted at the Association office at the College - phone (052) 21 1939 - on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Association Membership.

Under a revision of the O.G.C.A. constitution in 1979, annual and life memberships have been reintroduced, and I urge Old Collegians of any year, who are not already financial members, to consider this matter seriously as part of their practical support for the Association and the College.

THIS QUESTION THEREFORE APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO THOSE OF YOU WHO LEFT SCHOOL IN THE PERIOD 1965-78.

THE PRESENT SUBSCRIPTION FOR AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS \$20 AND FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$50.

(Annual Membership through a contribution to the Geelong College Building Fund still applies. These gifts are tax deductible.)

Our Charter.

The Association's formal constitution is widely comprehensive, but still based on the simple propositions adopted at its foundation in 1901:

1. To promote the welfare of the Geelong College.
2. To unite those who have attended the Geelong College and to foster good fellowship among them, and between them and the College.

To maintain our standards as a live organisation we need active backing, of which financial support through membership is only the beginning. In Ad Astra you will find information on Committee business, our branches and sporting clubs, the Endowment Fund, the latest College building projects and the Annual Meeting.

I REFER YOU ALSO TO THE ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FORM WHICH SHOWS HOW YOU CAN ASSIST YOUR ASSOCIATION - OR THE COLLEGE DIRECTLY IF YOU PREFER - AND ALSO, ON A LIGHTER NOTE, JOIN ME IN A HAPPY SOCIAL OCCASION AT THE ANNUAL REUNION DINNER ON 4 JULY.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Jan Everist

PRESIDENT.