

The Old Geelong Collegians' Association

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Boarding at the College



Above - Mackie House. Boarder enrolments for 1984 are now being processed. Story page 2.



A broker of power

Be it Liberal or Labor, the College has had its share of men at the top.

Now it is Senator John Button ('46), Minister of Industry and Commerce.

From Ballarat, he attended the College as a boarder from 1946 to 1950 when he matriculated. was captain of boats and coxed the first VIII which won the losers' final

He was awarded honours colours, was editor of Pegasus, and was a cadet corps corporal.

A lawyer, and partner in Australia's most famous industrial law firm, Maurice Blackburn and Co, Senator Button is no ordinary politician.

The Melbourne Herald recently described him as the "Prince of the power brokers"

This was a reference to his membership of the Participants, an influential group of ALP members, mostly lawyers, who have played an important part in the party's recent improved fortunes.

OGCA DINNER

This year the Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, October 21, at Sladen House, Pakington Street, Newtown, Guest of honour will be Senator John Button. Seating will be limited so early booking essential, Cost \$22. Full-Time students

A bus will run from Melbourne. Reservations: The Executive Officer or Committee

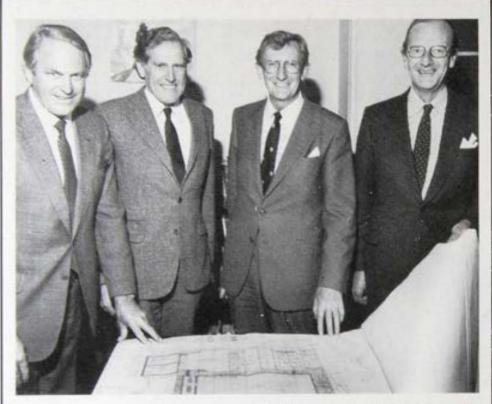
NOTICE OF MEETING

In accordance with the constitution of the associa tion, notice is hereby given that the 82nd Annual General Meeting of the association will be held in the meeting room (above general office), Talbot Street, Newtown, on Tuesday 28 June 1983 at 8

Business: To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting: to receive the annual report, financial statements and auditor's report; to elect office-bearers, committee and auditor for the ensuing year, 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. 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 21 June 1983.

M.J. BETTS, Honorary Secretary.



ROLLAND CENTRE, STAGE 2

In 1968 the College Council accepted, readily, a conceptual plan for the development of a total Physical Education Centre to be constructed in the area previously occupied by the Pavilion.

The concept provided for a three stage development, Stage 1, completed in 1969, including a training gymnasium, changing facilities for boys, offices for the P.E. staff and a Tuck Shop.

The second and third stages were seen as providing a full sized totally enclosed gymnasium and a fully enclosed 25 metre heated swimming pool.

During 1982 a Planning Committee, including members of the P.E. staft, and the College architect, recommended to the College Council a proposed design for Stage 2 to provide the following facilities

 A gymnasium area adequate to play netball/basketball with appropriate marking for three badminton courts and a volleyball court.

- Installation or relocation of appropriate gymnasium equipment.
- Conversion of the original boys' locker room to changerooms, especially for girls – the final design will greatly reduce crowding when large numbers of football and hockey teams are playing simultaneously on Saturdays.
- Closure of the open court at the upper level above the changerooms to provide a suitable area for jazz ballet, aerobics etc.
- 5. Two squash courts

The Council accepted the recommendations and, subsequently accepted a tender submitted by Len Bell Pty. Ltd., for \$451,841.

The development will greatly enhance the present P.E. programme for senior students as well as providing much needed indoor sporting facilities for both girls and boys.

It is proposed that the facilities will be available for community use with the squash courts being open to the public during out of school hours.

The architect, Mr. Neil Everist, has designed the building to complement the existing buildings in such a way as to complete the central northern courtyard of the Senior School.

Above (left to right) - Builder Mr Barry Bell, architect Mr Neil Everist, chairman of the school council, Mr Garnet Fielding, principal, Mr Peter Gebhardt.

MEMORABILE

Recently Miss Olive Lamble presented to the College Archives the Military Cross awarded to her father, Captain Roy Lamble, on June 3, 1918, "for conspicuous services."

Roy Lamble enrolled as a student in 1897 and was dux of the College in 1900.

He was a member of the teaching staff from 1903 to 1915 when he enlisted, returned to the staff in 1928 and retired in 1947. He commanded the Cadet Corps from 1932-47.

We thank Miss Lamble for her gift and are proud to have the medal on show, together with a photograph of Captain Lamble, in the Archives display cabinet.

Head groundsman retires

Stuart Rankin, who has tended the college grounds since 1935, retires at the end of June.

It is remarkable that in the 122 year history of the College there have been only four head groundsmen, and they have all been related.

They were:- Hugh McKay (1861-1910), "Teddy" Rankin (1904-1941), Leslie T ("Snow") Hobbs (1931-1967) and Stuart E. Rankin (1935-1983).

Generations of Collegians are indebted to the groundsmen for the beauty of their environment, for the splendid quality of the grounds and pitches, and for the quiet, good natured way in which they were treated.

The College community says "Thank You, Stuart", and expresses the hope that his health will improve and that he enjoys retirement.

AT THE COLLEGE

COMPUTERS

This year has seen an increase in the formalization of computing in the Senior School.

- All Form IV students have one period a week of Computer Studies.
- There is a new subject at the Form V level Computer Science (it leads to the VISE Group 1 subject - Computer Science).
- Students taking HSC Applied Mathematics and General Mathematics are able to take a Computer Application Option.
- There is offered at Form V level a subject -Mathematics with computing, which taken with Mathematics I can lead to HSC General Mathematics.
- Units of computing in Mathematics at Form III, Form IV.

This increase has led to an expansion of facilities. Room C27 is now the computer centre and has been divided into two sections.

The rear section, partitioned by a glass partition and door houses 8 'VIC 20' computers, 3 'Dick Smith' computers and one fixed 'Apple' Computer.

The old computing room, next to the Mathematics Faculty Room, is used by HSC students and contains 4 Apple' computers.

MUSIC

With an increase in the number of students learning instruments the overall programme has been altered.

Besides the private lessons, students taking music as a subject are divided into various ensemble groups (eg. string, brass, woodwind, vocal) that operate together during the class periods. It has been possible to have all Form IV, V and VI classes together so as to enhance the ensemble work.

The choirs and concert band rehearse regularly and the members of the concert band have had a week long music camp at Anglesea.

Another avenue of music making for some students is the Geelong Regional Youth Orchestra which is based at the Austin Gray Centre.

Examination Results

College candidates at the 1982 HSC examination were again very successful, nearly 80% satisfying the VISE requirements, with some individual results outstanding.

Michael Redpath was classified A in five subjects, with 99% in physics.

Michael Bell, Michael Johns, Kathryn Manwaring, Andrew Patrick and Katharine Supina all obtained four As

Scores of 100% were made by Kathryn Manwaring in Pure Mathematics, Katharine Supina in English Literature, Barrie Edwards in 18th Century History and Andrew Lomas in Biology.

In English Literature all 15 students passed, eight with A classification.

BOARDING

Boarder enrolment applications for the academic year 1984 are now being dealt with.

Boarding is provided for students in Years 9 to 12, Forms III to VI, subject to the availability of places.

Interested parents are invited to telephone or write to the Principal's Secretary, Miss D. Williams, telephone 052 21 1940, to obtain further details.

Dr. Peter Thwaites, D. Litt.

At the latest conferring ceremony of Deakin University. Mr. Peter. Thwaltes, former principal of the College, received the degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris cause) for distinguished service to education and the University". He was the University's first chancellor.

Those who knew his keenness, vision and vigour, as applied to the College from 1960 to 1975, will appreciate the rightness of this award. But in addition Dr. Thwaites has been associated with Deakin and events leading up it for 22 years, as well as playing a leading part in National Council of Independent Schools, the Victorian Institute of Secondary Education and the Victorian Post-Secondary Education Commission. He was awarded the OBE in 1977, also for services to education.

Congratulations to Dr. Thwaites on his great work. now formally recognised.



Albert Bell

The death last December of Albert Bell was a sad occasion for former College oarsmen.

He coached 27 crews for the Head of the River, winning in 1955-56-57-59 and 1960.

But win or lose, Albert Bell was a great man, and he inspired others to greatness.

No College oarsman who rowed under Albert gave anything less than his best.

He ruled firmly but with a warmth which won respect and admiration.

His principles were high, and he gave College rowers something to carry with them through

Association notes

Because of difficulty in fielding teams in Melbourne, the Geelong Amateur Football Club has withdrawn from the Victorian Amateur Association and entered a Geelong district competition with all matches played locally Contact Lin Bullen 21 7847.

Collegians living in Melbourne still play for Old Geelong in the VAFA Contact Graeme Dickson (62 1551, business hours). Incidentally Graeme is the first OGC president of OGFC, and Rob Vickers-Willis is the new coach.

Katy Millard, who has done so much in the founding of the netball club, entered the Police Force in May and Robyn Humphreys will take over as co-ordinator.

The Cricketers' Club is gaining strength, particularly with younger players. Members are kept informed by the club newsletter. Contact Graham Hallebone.

Barwon Heads is again the venue for OGC golf day, September 21, with the APS meeting at Royal Melbour November 15, Contact Executive Officer 21 1939.

The OGCA spends/wastes time and money chasing missing persons, especially when copies of Ad Astra return from the Dead Letter Office: PLEASE advise the Executive Officer of your change of address. (His has not changed, and you know it.)

REGALIA

The following items may be purchased by Old Collegians:

Woollen Tie (10 cm)	2 9.00
Polyester Tie (10 cm)	\$ 6.50
Badge (lapel, screw-in)	\$ 3.00
Brooch (bar type)	\$ 3.00
Tie Bar (crocodile clip)	\$ 4.00
Cuff Links (pair)	\$ 6.00

The following are available to all: Car Stickers .60

History of College 1861-1961 \$10.00

Obtainable from:

The Executive Officer, O.G.C.A., The Geelong College, P.O. Box 5, GEELONG, 3220

HONOURS

Brigadier John Hooper (143) was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Military

Squadron-Leader Bert Milne ('60), C.O. of Townsville RAAF base, received the Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air.

Congratulations to both these officers on their new

The Editor welcomes personal notes. So do your friends out there. Just drop us a line.

It is increasingly difficult to obtain lists of graduates from universities and colleges, but we print a few individual results which have filtered through. Information

Whilst visiting Wagga, Vice-President Syd Weddell is calling on Harley Spittle (52) with a list of those resident in the area with a view to a reunion later this year. Harley can be contacted on (069) 226208; he may need some

Hamilton branch have settled on August 20 for their reunion to be held at the Hamilton Club. Contact P.A. Baulch (055) 786346 or Alex Baulch (055) 752595.

The annual Canberra branch reunion, to be held later in the year, will take the form of a buffet dinner at the home of the president, David Berryman, 13 O'Rourke Street, Weetangera, 2614, phone (062) 543739. Ladies are invited and each couple is asked to contribute a plate. Details will be circulated. A highly successful barbecue was held last month on the pleasant shore of Lake Burley Griffin,

Sydney branch dinner - The New Chevron Hotel, 81 Macleay Street, Potts Point, June 17. Contact John Cameron Bus. (02) 2320366 or A/H (02) 4273469.

NEW OGCA LIFE MEMBERS

1966 - Dr H.G. Seward

1967 - D.A. Mckenzie.

1969 - J. McL. McKenzie. 1970 - S.Mcl. Chirnside.

1976 – Vivien Webb. 1978 – K.L. Baillie, J.C. Parker. 1979 – H.B. Allen, P.K. Allen, K.L. Armstrong, L.R. Banks, M.K.J. Barber, M.M. Bell, G.A. Bowden, J. Calvert, G.B. Clark, P.J. Cox, J.B.P. Cummins, C.G. Daniel, S.K. Evans, A.F. Ewart, A.T. Gault, A.D.T. Gay, B.M. Gorell, A.B. Green, S. Green, K.M. Greeves, D.M. Helle, J.L. Hay, M.C. Hay, M.L. Hegarty, D. Herbert, A.J. Hobbs, A.S. Hocking, S.D. Holloway, C.H. Hunter, L.N. James, M. Lebert, A.G. Hunter, L. Hunter, L. Hunter, L. Hunter, L. H LM. Johns, A.G. Laidlaw, D.M. Lamont, T.A. Lee, P.J. Le Griffon, F. Leong, G.T. McClelland, A.J.M. MacLeod, A. McNaughton, R.H. Maltby, M. Liza Mantzaria, K.E. Manwaring, J. McL. Morris, S.G. Mulligan, D.G. Nagle, A.J. Nancarrow, E.A. Neely, L.A. Ord, A.J. Patrick, M.D. Pickering, R.J. Pretty, R.N. Quali, M.R. Redpath, R.C. Robertson, J.L. Rooke, M.R. M.H. Hedpath, H.C. Robertson, J.L. Rooke, M.R. Scholz, R.G. Simpson, S.C. Splatt, W. Spratt, W.R. Stephinson, K.S. Stevenson, T.J. Stevenson, D.J. Tarr, M.D. Tavaria, D.P. Taylor, R.J. Thomson, K.A. Tucker, D.J. Walden, S.J. Walsgott, S.R. Webster, S.J. Wenlock, G.J. Wickham, P.A. Williams, 1980 - D.F. Burn, J.E. Demko, J.R. Gregory, C.R. Jackman, Lebester, T.E. L

I.E. Johnson, T.E. Lee, S.C. Leigh, T.S. Lord, P.A. Ord, C.J. Parker, E.D. Peel, J.C. Peter, J.L. Sherry, G.W. Strange, E.J. Weiser, 1981 – J.G. Jackson, L.J. Mitchell, T.J. Parsons, 1982 – C.S. Marchello, S. Tucker,

1983 - A.P. Jones. 1984 - C.A. Smyth.

1985 - J.R. Hildebrandt, S. Wilson.

1991 - E.C. Mason.

OBITUARY

With regret we record the deaths of our fellow Collegians and extend to their bereaved families our sincere

R. Robertson L.C. Tulloch	(104) (10)	T.A. Cozens B.R. Payne	(32)
AL Backwell KA Wilson JA Knowles	(11) (12) (18)	J.R. Williams R.D. Hurley	(35) (47) (76)
I.A. Saw	(30)	D.S. Vile	(78)

Miss Lily Addison, remembered by Collegians of the 1920s as Sister Addison, died last December, aged 97 years.

In 1910 Miss Addison won the Australian women's tennis championships.

Mr Alex Hillhouse who taught at the College in 1931 and 1938-9, died in March, aged 77.

He represented Australia as a middle distance runner at Empire and Olympic Games.

WEDDINGS

Andrew Warland to Hasanti Perera, Ripponlea,

Peter Timmins to Helen Quayle, Queenscliff,

Simon Gillett to Barbara Griffiths, Geelong.

Christopher Crawford to Heather-Lea Macdonald.

Terri Powell to Andy Middlekoop, Geelong, December. Timothy Mulligan to Deborsh Pearson, Ocean Grove,

Michelle Quigley to Jeffrey Chapman, Carlton,

Andrea Pullin to Stephen Sutcliffe, Belmont,

Tracy Wellam to Mark Sodomaco, Newcomb,

Stewart Gray to Delwyn Brewster, Melbourne,

Simon Taylor to Jan Harris, Geelong, January 22. Robert Doyle to Jennifer Ramsden, Melbourne,

Rhonda Sutcliffe to Peter Sutas, Barwon Heads,

John McKenzie to Anne Forster, Geelong,

John MacLeod to Jacqui Gaylard, Batesford,

February 12.

Peter Nall to Jane Davey, Ivanhoe, February 19.

James Marendaz to Gaylene Salt, Geelong.

Lyndsay Weston to Amal Isac, Geelong, February 26 Alex Baulch to Gwendoline Robinson, Warrnambool.

Peter Schofield to Alison Doherty, Arbuckle (U.S.A).

Helen Tarr to Stephen Hannan, Geelong, March 5. Ashley Payne to Jean Franklin, North Geelong. March:15

John Wardle to Susan Ryan, Kew, March 19. Lee Warren to David Willder, Belmont,

David Millard to Joanne Grills, Geelong, March Robert Lawry to Sue McGrath, Brisbane, April 2 Christopher Maltby to Jennifer Murray, Geelong,

Peter Logan to Sue Coates, Highton, April Barry Fagg to Jan Mort, Geelong, May 21.

HERE & THERE

Adrian Howden (*55) after being on the missing list for about 10 years, has turned up in South Australia as branch manager for Comeng Industrial Equipment.

ian Johnson ('80) has obtained a boat building apprenticeship with the Port of Melbourne Authority.

John Woodburn ("37) a collector of radio equipment since 1946, is a foundation member of the Australian Radio Historical Society. For those who want to catch him on the airwaves his call sign is VK3-AGB.

Harvey Ritchie ('59), manager for Pyramid Building Society in Werribee, keeps spare-time boredom at bay with the Lara fire brigade, canceing and golf.

After nine years with the Forests Commission at Orbost, Peter Fagg (1960) is researching weed control methods in Melbourne.

Paul Bladen (*64) teaches mathematics and physics in Harare, Zimbabwe, under the Australian aid scheme. He loves the job, but does not like waiting up to a week for a tank of petrol.

Max Lowe ("36) is managing director of Ford Malaysia with his base in Kuala Lumpur. Since joining Ford in 1941 he has been particularly concerned with finance, planning and production.

Lawrence Wright (*51) with his viola has had an interesting career in Australia and Europe. He is now in the German city of Blelefeld, teaching and playing in the local orchestra. His linguistic talents find ample scope in German, French and the Scandinavian languages, especially Danish. Old friends visiting Bielefeld could phone Lawrie at 66353.

The contribution by Lex Rentoul (*18) to rowing has been recognised with the christening of a new training eight. He was a member of the firsts in 1922 and 1923, continued rowing with Ormand College and university crews, and had success as a coach with university and state crews.

Graham Hardie ('41) is reader in music at Sydney University. A specialist in musicology, he has been to Italy in search of new material on Neapolitan opera.

Alistair McArthur ('55) has been travelling through Africa on his way home after ten years in the U.S. and Canada working for Outward Bound. In passing, he has gained a B.A. and the Master's degree in Education.

Peter Hosford ("60) can be found with the Lutheran World Federation, Nairobi, Kenya.

Dr. David Runia ('65), lecturing in Ancient and Patristic Philosophy at the Free University of Amsterdam. Henry Jacobs (*15) of Highton and Clarrie Robins (*14) of Hopetoun arranged a reunion in Horsham to talk over College days 1912-18 and all the years between

Ian Mackay ('73) has graduated in medicine and is completing his internship at Royal Melbourne.

In the Sunraysia area Don Mackay ('39) is president of Riverside Golf Club, and Keith Mackay ('50) president of Red Cliffs Football Club.

Robyn George ("77), having graduated from a course of beauty therapy, is practising her art at "Images", Geelong.

Andrew Warland (173) after majoring in Arabic and French, is now with the Department of Defence (Arabic section), moving to Canberra in December.

Graham Hair ("55) and Peter Webb ("60) have had compositions featured in recent national broadcasts.

Andrew Webb ("68) graduated from Lincoln House, Melbourne, as B.Sc. (O.T.) and has been appointed to Gordon House.

The Australian Retired Persons' Association has Rev. Pat Wood ('26) for chairman and Harvey Lade ('39) as chief executive.

John Paech ('59), who has served Corio Shire for ten years as deputy shire secretary, becomes director of administrative services at Camberwell City.

Pet Grutzner (139) was a member of the recent trade mission visiting Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh as part of the Australian government assistance program.

Don Kendell ('43) keeps on flying, with his own Kendell Airlines, which has 20 pilots and carries more than 80.000 passengers a year. Melbourne is the hub of the services, but administration is still in Wagga Wagga.

GRADUATIONS

As the Universities do not send us lists of graduations, we are not able to publish graduations unless we are informed about them by graduands. We have been informed of the following:

MB, BS - Ian Mackay.

LLB. - P.A. George, S.J. Laidlaw, T.D.G. Neilson (Hons), B.A. - P.A. George, R.J. George (Hons), Heather F. Johns (Educh) Carolyn Kent-Hughes (Educh), Robyn K. Taylor, M.E. Pavia (Hons).

B.Sc. - Birgit Wieland (Hons), Dianne M. George, B. Comm - A.J. Cole, R.G. Kroger.

P.A. George was awarded the John Madden Exhibition (Succession) for 1982.

With Zeal and Integrity

This is the title of a recently published tribute to Sir Arthur Coles, Old Geelong Collegian and former chairman of the College Council, whose death was recorded in our last issue.

The book deals with some important aspects of Sir Arthur's role in the development of Australian retailing, air transport and science, as well as his outstanding contributions to public life. However it is not a biography in the full sense and relates only briefly his magnificent service to the College.

It is beautifully produced by Queensberry Hill Press for private distribution in a limited edition of 1500 copies, of which 750 are for private sale at \$25 per copy.

Whiteside country

There is a strong Whiteside contingent at Sydney OGCA affairs these days.

Tony ('51), a civil engineer returned from aid projects in S.E. Asia, is a director of Civil and

Andrew ('73) is B.Sc. in architecture, and after a study tour of Europe is working for the B.Arch, degree.

Timothy ('73) backed up his chemical engineering studies at Sydney University by spending the last long vacation on the bauxite-alumina plant at Gove in Arnhem Land.

Last year Tony and his wife Judy (ex Morongo), hosted a Sydney OGC barbecue at their Wahroonga home.

A tasty drop

Bruce Hyett (37) is back in the news-this time as a wine maker.

In the last edition of Ad Astra he featured as a Prince Philip design award finalist in the furniture industry.

Since then the Melbourne Age has sought him out for an article on his vineyard and winery at Waurn Ponds near Geelong, which he runs with Neil Everist ('42).

They operate the Prince Albert vineyard on land which formed part of the vineyard of the same name before it was wiped out by phylloxera in the 1880s.

One variety of vine is grown in rich red soil over pure limestone and they produce one of the best pinot noirs in Australia.

It wasn't easy, and there were some disasters, but for those with a taste for fine wines, the 1978 is nearing is peak and the 1981 is drinking beautifully.

Bottom of Garden Mystery

Conscience strikes again! One of the College treasures, a fine shield with silver plaques on blackwood, awarded for inter-form and inter-house running between 1908 and 1932, disappeared from the dining hall some time back. Recently it surfaced in the front garden, fortunately in excellent condition. Thanks to those fairies, good or bad, who "minded" it for a white.

Such restorations are always pleasing, showing as they do that maturity has finally dawned.

SLICING THE WORLD CAKE

Allan Rogers ('42) says he is basically a baker.

As president and chief executive officer of Kitchens of Sara Lee International he directs operations in Britain, Canada, E. and S.E. Asia, the Middle East, the Pacific, Australia and South Africa from his home base at Gosford, NSW.

Not surprisingly, he is keen on expanding business in Europe and South America.

And then?

Done for fun

For those of you who know the geography of the country, a hike from Mt Kosciusko to the coast is no mean feat.

But that's what James Turner ('71) accomplished through Outward Bound Australia.

The 26-day course in bush survival started at Jindabyne and involved hiking 200 kilometres with an 18 kilogram pack, 30 km without a pack, paddling 60 km in a cance, and finishing with a 14 km run on the Ninety Mile Beach to Cape Conran.

He rested his blistered feet at night as he slept under a plastic sheet, and by the fifth hiking day had lost both big toe nails.

Despite the ordeal he has no regrets but offers this advice for those contemplating the same - be fit and wear broken-in hiking boots.

Western District woolshed festival

Charles Laidlaw ('41) and his wife, Pat, have now experienced their fourth art and craft festival, an event fast becoming famous in the Western Distrct.

The festival takes place over three days, usually in March, in the historic woolshed at Gnarpurt, Lismore.

As well as promoting the work of local artists, it encourages participation by schools. There is also a number of stalls.

This year's proceeds benefited bushfire relief and the Warrnambool Art Gallery.

Well Bowled, Bob!

Readers are aware that Bob Merriman (48) has a fine talent for peacemaking on industrial, national and international levels, whether at the Ford plant, in the Arbitration Commission, or on the world cricket scene.

London's Sunday Times has printed an article on this "dynamic Australian" who "knows the score" "Let us hope", it concludes, "that English cricket gets a man for tomorrow and not one of yesterday's. He should certainly jump on a plane and meet Bob Merriman."

Domestics of yesteryear

A grandmother, writing over a pseudonym in a Melbourne paper, seeks news of her friends on the College domestic staff of 1941.

She mentions Olive, Hazel, Rosa, Grace and Sylvia. Where are they now?

She recalls, too, the hard work and aching legs - at 22 shillings a week.

Those good old days!