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## SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF:



The new library is architecturally complementary to the Sir Arthur Coles Science Block. In the foreground some shadow is cast by the classroom block to the north.  
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## THE NEW GEORGE MORRISON LIBRARY

For those who have dreamed about, talked of and planned for the new George Morrison Library, 1973 is a very special year. The new 'resource centre' becomes a reality. For many years the school library has been an essential part of the school programme and the need for larger quarters and better facilities has become more obvious from year to year. The increasing demand for more resource material for teacher and learner alike, the recognition of differences in the way each individual learns and the different pace at which he works make an adequate resource centre a necessity, not a luxury. The new library has therefore been planned to meet immediate pressing needs and to continue to provide services and materials as they grow in volume and complexity in the years ahead.

The building itself is exciting and attractive, fully carpeted to reduce noise and designed to allow flexibility in use. The fittings and furniture can be rearranged if the needs of the library change and small units have been selected which can be used singly or together rather than in large inflexible masses.

The whole library is planned to provide suitable areas in which varied activities may take place without one unduly dis-

turbing another, and where the wide variety of materials housed in the library can be used and enjoyed to the best advantage. Individual differences have been catered for by providing alternative ways in which boys can read and work and they will be encouraged to select the type of material and study method which help them most.

Provision has been made by the inclusion of sound-proof discussion rooms for small group activities which may involve some noise, to take place within the library. In these rooms staff and boys can hold discussions, listen to a recording or watch a film or slides together without disturbing other library users.

The 'informal' area, where the fiction collection, periodicals and newspapers are all arranged, is one of the most attractive areas of the library and it is hoped that this will encourage many boys to read widely in surroundings in which they can relax undisturbed.

In the past there has been insufficient room to maintain a right atmosphere for wide reading. Opportunity for personal assistance in selecting books, discussion about books and other factors involved in the wide-reading programme will now be adequately provided for.

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#### INFORMATION SHEET

giving detail of arrangements for the Formal Opening of the new George Morrison Library

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#### YOUR OLD BOYS' CALENDAR FOR 1973

Please keep it handy for reference

The mezzanine floor of the library will be used as a study area for Fifth and Sixth Form boys, where individual carrels will provide an ideal working situation. On this floor another discussion room has been included and boys will be permitted to talk in this room only.

A teachers' preparation room, which is an essential and most valuable asset in a resource centre such as this, has been provided with facilities for review of all types of teaching material.

Another major area in the library is the audio-visual section which consists of eighteen audio-visual carrels with control and special work room. The school has used audio-visual materials for some years and the staff has had time to evaluate the types of material and the most efficient equipment for their use. The library will allow use of this material either by individuals or by small groups and provision for 'whole class' viewing or listening has been made in the main school block. There is a minimum of fixed audio-visual equipment and this will allow flexibility of use as well as individual borrowing.

The collection of materials in the library is steadily growing as all those people who helped with the moving 'from old to new' are well aware. Many will be impressed to learn that in addition to all the equipment which has been mentioned the imposing array of study materials contained in the library is in the vicinity of:

10,000 books, 2,000 pamphlets, 100 periodicals  
350 filmstrips, 500 photographic slides, 100 maps,  
and charts, 100 cassette and video tapes, 30 art  
prints.

The new library, with its expanding materials and services offers a wealth of resources which will play a significant part in the education of every boy who passes through the school.

# Audio-Visual Facilities in the new George Morrison Library

(Incorporating observations from investigation overseas by Mr. D. D. Davey)

In addition to the extensive book stock and other printed material in the new library, facilities have been provided to make it a truly effective Learning Resource Centre.

In recent years, educationists have emphasised the fact that students learn by a variety of resources: 'print', (books, magazines, newspapers) and 'non-print', (pictures, films, recorded sound). It has been shown that some aspects of the learning process indeed may be better tackled by recourse to listening and looking than by limiting the learning process to the printed page.

Of course, in the past, the teacher was, above all, the elucidator, the explainer, the demonstrator. While these roles are still included in the teacher's professional skills, development of modern electronics has enabled the well-organised teacher to diversify his teaching programme by including films, film-strips and slides and video- or tape-recordings of programmes, either specially prepared for his discipline or taken from current television output, both local and international.

Hitherto, limitations on the effective use of such media arose chiefly from the lack of accessibility and mobility of the reproducing devices and lack of suitable viewing areas. There were also academic problems of organisation. Integration of audio-visual material into the syllabus required skilful advanced planning by the staff and complicated arrangements for preview of programmes and replay, etc. Furthermore, the requirements of an examination-oriented syllabus seemed to leave little time or inclination to indulge in 'awkward extras'.

Now, however, the stranglehold of the exam. room has been relaxed and the quantity, quality and accessibility of programmes and reproducing devices have improved to the extent that, logistically speaking, education can make sensible economic use of the new media.

From a careful examination of overseas facilities it became clear that cost factors, as well as some educational considerations, would limit the range of facilities at the College. Methods such as computer assisted instruction, the use of micro-form readers and electronic extraction of material from data banks are not yet justified at secondary level.

Nevertheless, an exciting extension of educational experience will be possible.



All audio-visual services have been centred in the new Morrison Library. Planning has had as its dual objectives the avoidance of problems such as mentioned above and the achievement of as flexible and as student-proof a service as is consistent with reasonable economy.

The heart of the audio-visual programme will be the special control room in which will be stored all equipment, tapes, films, strips, etc. The control room will also house a switch panel from which records, video and audio tapes, radio and television programmes may be connected to eighteen booths. Each of these booths is provided with five audio channels through a selector switch. Otherwise the booths will have only a volume control and headphone plug.

Most audio material will be on cassettes, students may borrow cassettes, replaying units and headphones for use anywhere in the library. Overnight, these items may be booked out as normal library materials. Records and reel-type tapes will be handled by 'licensed operators' only—senior boys who are trained in the use of technical equipment.

The video-tape recorder in the control room will provide a programme source for the distribution of television programmes by co-axial cable to one physics laboratory and to rooms 'P' and 'O' in the cloisters area. Ordinary television sets can be used to view programmes. Provision is being made to extend these facilities to other rooms later, as required. Along with the co-axial cable is a telephone cable which will enable inter-communication facilities to be maintained between the video-tape recorder operator and the classroom teacher.

Two video outlets will be provided in the library near the booths. These will

## OBITUARY

With regret we record the deaths of the following Old Collegians and extend to the bereaved families our sincere sympathy.

J. McRae (1890)  
R. R. Grigg ('01)  
F. T. Beamish ('03)  
E. Eccles MacKay ('12)  
W. L. Langslow ('14)  
H. Macmillan ('17)  
W. J. Read ('19)  
R. Mack ('19)  
G. W. Lang ('20)  
H. H. South ('22)  
A. R. Griffiths ('27)  
R. W. Tippet ('28)  
J. W. Chisholm ('29)  
J. M. Knight ('38)

Correction—Issue March 1972:

G. McA. Cochrane ('28)  
(It is regretted that this entry was previously incorrectly recorded as: J. McA. Cochrane)



enable individuals or small groups to view programmes and to hear sound through headphones. Next to the control room is a teacher preparation room in which staff members may carry out, undisturbed, the preview of audio-visual materials and the integration of this material with the printed and graphic material which forms part of many assignments. In this respect, incidentally, staff may now take advantage of the effective duplication by offset printing of much of their material.

All of the facilities in the control room may be inter-connected for recording and copying purposes and the operator may over-ride any outgoing audio programme by microphone.

Although the day-to-day supervision of the audio-visual department will be under the direction of Mrs. J. Gibson, the Library Assistant, overall supervision and direction will be provided by Mr. R. Salen, a member of the Science teaching staff, who designed and installed the equipment. The College is fortunate to have an electronics engineer of the capacity of Mr. Salen on its staff. His skill and ingenuity have been invaluable.

OPEN DAY  
November 19, 1972

Almost two hundred people took advantage of the opportunity to visit the College on this day.

The visitors assembled in one of the Day-Boys' Common Rooms below Morrison Hall, where architectural plans and perspectives of the school and grounds, the new library and other sections of the school were displayed.

During his welcoming remarks, the Principal invited everyone to view these plans to be well orientated for the inspection tour (particularly those with no previous knowledge of the school lay-out). Groups of twenty-five to thirty were then accompanied by a member of staff as they inspected the whole school area.

In the classrooms, physical education centre, House of Guilds and boarding houses, other members of staff were stationed to explain more fully the particular nature of activities undertaken in the various parts of the school.

Visitors also had the opportunity to visit and inspect the Preparatory School on this day, and quite a number were able to visit both Senior and Prep. schools during the course of the afternoon. The many expressions of appreciation showed that the occasion was an enjoyable and valuable one.

## Project Pegasus & Annual Giving

These are two separate yet related areas of capital fund raising undertaken as a joint responsibility of Old Collegians with other members of the school family.

Since Project Pegasus was launched early in 1970 more than fourteen hundred Old Boys, Parents and other friends of the College have committed themselves to subscribe a total of \$334,650 to make possible the continuing necessary capital additions and improvements to the College which will ensure that it continues as a leader in education.

Actual donations received to mid-December, 1972, have totalled \$187,250, which is \$7,350 less than that promised for the same period. Understandably, circumstances can change and sometimes gifts cannot be made by the dates previously nominated. Those who find it necessary to vary their initial intention, either in amount or time, are urged to contact the Administrative Officer (P.O. Box 5, Geelong), in order that such information may be properly recorded. The College Council hopes that it will be possible for Project Pegasus to continue to its conclusion on this very sound basis.

The Annual Giving Programme is more specifically supported by Old Collegians, although contributions from others who did not have earlier opportunity to support Project Pegasus are welcomed. The Constitution of the Old Collegians' Association provides that all who subscribe to the College Building Fund are financial members of the Association during that year. Many have retained their financial membership by their support of Project Pegasus. During 1972 there have been one hundred and thirty-four contributions to the Annual Giving Programme which have amounted to \$1,233.25.

## Prep. School News . . .

### Harrietteville

Ninety-seven Second Form boys, together with four masters went on the annual excursion to Harrietteville in north-east Victoria, in September last year.

A classroom can be anywhere you please if learning takes place. This makes the scope enormous. The annual excursion to Harrietteville centres the focal point for educational activity in an area that holds a wealth of interest. Take a quick look at the programme:

- Visit Snobs Creek Trout Farm.
- Travel through the catchment area for Melbourne's water supply.
- Travel through a rain forest.
- Inspect a mixed farm, forestry plantations, a sawmill, the geology of Mt. Buffalo.
- Study the history of a gold mining town (Beechworth).
- Hike to the summit of Victoria's second highest mountain (Feathertop) and look for miles across the Great Divide and High Plains.
- Collection of plant samples at various altitudes.
- Inspection of Epsom Pottery and Central Deborah Gold Mine (Bendigo).

The week is a crowded one but facts and ideas are grasped so much more readily in the real life situation. Comments made help to bear this out:

"Say, that many cusecs would take us a while to use at home!"—"Growing a pine forest is much more than just planting trees."—"Boy, they sure worked hard for their gold."

Learning together has its added advantages; understanding each other, helping each other, tolerance, and so the education process goes on. Unorthodox? Maybe just a little. But eyes are opened to the wonders that surround us and new situations are explored. And living together as a community has developed new senses of responsibility.

Cost? \$37, an early start the first day, a little perspiration, a little loss of sleep and sometimes weariness from travel, and a pile of washing for Mum! Value? Inestimable! Discoveries made, ideas enlarged, vision broadened, friendships made or strengthened. All firm foundations for growth in the days ahead and not able to be assessed in monetary terms.

These are substantial figures, which clearly indicate the high regard so many have for the College and its well-being. The need for additions and improvements to the College is an on-going and never-ending programme. The College Council continues to plan ahead for these additions and improvements firmly confident that this programme will receive the on-going and never-ending support of Old Boys, Parents and other friends so that the College may continue to offer education and pastoral care of the high quality which has been maintained throughout the past 111 years.

## PREP. SPEECH DAY-1972

Speech Day—a time for reflection. The year is reviewed and awards for success are made. Speech Day 1972 revealed highlights and progress during the year past as indicated in Mr. Watson's comprehensive report. Our honoured guests for the day were Mr. Gordon Murray, Mr. David Barkley and Tim Williams. Mr. Murray, who presented the academic prizes helped us to see the value of reviewing the past and drew on his experience as an Old Collegian to make his point. The opportunity to present his son, Peter, with a social studies prize (pictured) practically demonstrated his appeal that boys make high resolves for the future. David Barkley presented the sports prizes and brought with him all the vigour of a recent Old Collegian who has excelled academically and at sport. Tim Williams, as a Senior Boy having an association with the school extending back to Campbell House days, read the prize lists.



—Courtesy Geelong Advertiser

## Living Education

Nature study and group activity were the basic elements of a week-long excursion to Anglesea by the boys of Grade 6, in 1972.

Walks were arranged which allowed study of trees, birds, wildflowers, marine life, shells, etc., and a visit to the Anglesea open-cut coal mine.

Several members of staff, together with a member of the Geelong Field Naturalists' Club, supervised the project.

The art of living together, sharing the fun of specimen seeking and also sharing in the daily routine of cooking and cleaning was, in itself, a valuable lesson.

The outdoor lesson was carried to a logical conclusion in the classroom, where maps of the walks were drawn, specimens arranged and identified, and charts prepared for display.

The boys from Grade 6 can now testify that there's more at the seaside than just sand and surf.

## STAFF - PUPIL IMPROVED FACILITIES

In planning the rearrangement of internal space in the original 1871 building particular attention has been directed to provision of much needed additional space for staff, improved living conditions for senior boarders and areas where staff and boys may meet for discussion.

The large room on the east side of the main entrance hall will become a sitting room for staff. There will be a connecting door through from this staff sitting room to the Principal's office area.

The roof of the old Morrison Library will be removed so that this area will become an inner court-yard and light-well, and this will provide the staff with a small private outdoor area.

The present Common Room will be extended by the inclusion of the eastern end of the old library extension, so that each member of staff may have adequate working conditions.

The western end of the old library extension (once Senior House day-room) will become the conference room for meetings of staff and boys, and for all the many consultations necessary in the sharing of responsibility for the life of the College.

Part of the area upstairs is now occupied by our greatly improved hospital and the balance of the upstairs area, which formed the old Senior House, is being subdivided into bed-study rooms, some single and some double, for occupation by Sixth Form boarders and some single resident staff. These boys, together with those in the Refectory Block, will form the Senior Resident Group. They will have a sitting room downstairs on the west side of the main north entrance, with a small television and pantry room adjacent.

## ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The re-siting of the library and the transfer of the Principal's office to the north-east corner of the original school building has made possible the re-location of academic and business offices to more suitable situations within the administrative block.

The whole of the academic administrative complex will be housed in the south side of the building opposite the new library. This will include offices for day Housemasters, the Academic Secretary, the Deputy-Principal, the Vice-Principal and the academic clerical staff.

The whole of the business administrative staff will occupy the south-eastern area, which was once the Rolland House recreation room. This includes space for the Bursar, Accountant, clerical staff, telephone switchboard, duplicating equipment, etc.

The Old Collegians' office will move into what has been used for some time as a Committee Room (formerly Rolland House study room). These changes may be more readily followed by reference to the adjoining floor plan and key legend.

Old Collegians and parent visitors to the College, whoever they may wish to see, should now approach by the main drive from Talbot Street.

## THE OLD BECOMES NEW AGAIN

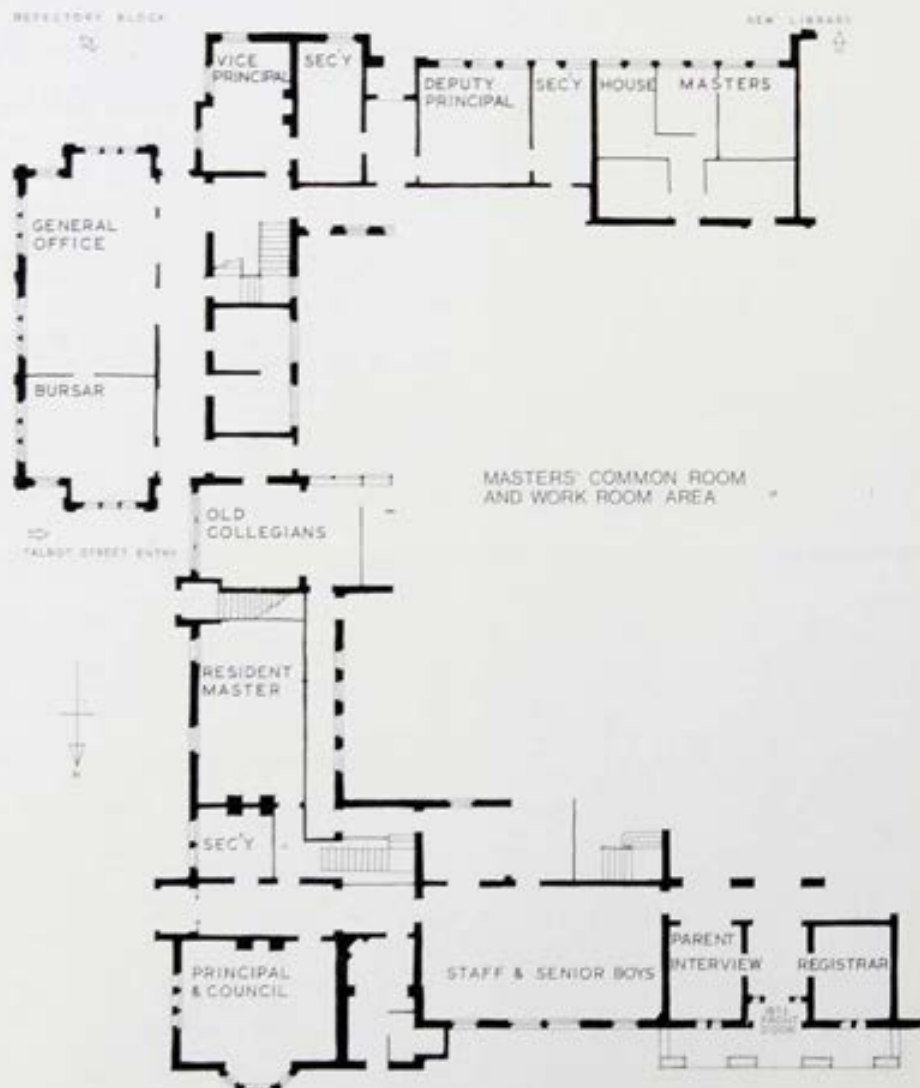
When George Morrison first planned and watched the construction of the original College buildings, he could hardly have imagined how they would be adapted and added to over the next century. However, he did make sure that they were well sited, well built and well able to endure with dignity and beauty the changes to which they would be subjected. From that small beginning has grown one of the most attractive schools in Australia. Care has been taken throughout the great Rolland era, and in the more recent period of expansion, to preserve the idiom and style of those early buildings.

Now with the transfer of the George Morrison Library to its new home, and the rearrangement of the boarding facilities, the opportunity has come to restore the original building to its role as the main entrance and administrative centre of the College. Extensive internal rearrangements and renovations have already commenced and will continue throughout most of the year.

The Council and the Principal, with his secretary, will have offices in the ground floor north-east corner area which, for nearly a century, until the building of the new Principal's House, was the front entrance and sitting room of the Principal's residence.

The rest of the old residence will remain a flat for a married member of staff who will assist in the supervision of boys living in this area.

The original north entrance (the 1871 door) near Morrison Hall, will be restored as the main approach to the College. On the west will be the Registrar's office (Mr. E. C. McLean) and on the east a parent interview room. The hallway inside will become both a waiting room and a display area for College trophies and other material of historical interest. The old boarders' lockers will be removed and, we hope, replaced by the carved book-cases from the Morrison Library.



Floor plan of new lay-out of the original school building

# A Space Yarn

Recently an Old Collegian arrived footsore and weary at the O.G.C.A. office having spent some time being assured by well-meaning people that he "couldn't miss it". When he opened the door he thought he was still lost as this was apparently where waste-paper was stored until collected by the Red Cross.

He was surprised to hear a muffled voice, and then astonished as the face of Tom Clark came to the surface in a far corner. Tom said a really funny thing: "Come in."

The Old Collegian laughed heartily and this disturbance caused some cardboard boxes, a stack of "Pegasus", a 1936 car, several framed photographs and an elderly suitcase to fall from the top of a tall cupboard. The doors swung open and a mixture of O.G.C.A. ties, balls of string, printers blocks and assorted stationery oozed out.

Embarrassed and confused, he launched into the reason for his intrusion. "Tom," he said, "Just a couple of things. I want to know how many Old Boys we could rope in for a re-union in my district. I want their names, addresses, phone numbers, years at school, nicknames, colour of hair, occupations, war-service records, physical or mental disabilities and marital status."

Tom shifted two small tables and a filing cabinet, opened a drawer and then clambered over the debris clutching a sheet of paper which he handed to his visitor, complete in every detail.

"Thanks, Tom. Now the other matter is that I have a few interesting things that the family would like to give the College to be stored and looked after. There is a set of the original architect's plans for the school, a letter from George Morrison's second cousin to Bert Keith's great-great-uncle, a fly-switch plaited from the tail of Hugh McKay's horse and a cricket ball that Lindsay Hasset hit through the window of a passing tram. They're out in the car, so I'll go and get them."

"You may be interested to know," said Tom, "that the old hallway at the main front entrance is going to become a storage and display area for records and relics."

"Is that so? Well, in that case, if you can make sure it's properly displayed, you can have the gold-mounted tooth Dad used to have on his watch-chain. Cargie Greeves had it knocked out in a house-match and Dad picked it up and shaved it into his sock. He didn't know at the time, of course, that Cargie was going to end up winning the first Brownlow Medal."

"Also," continued Tom, not to be distracted by even the most fascinating orthodontic gossip, "the O.G.C.A. office will be in what you probably remember as the Rolland House study, later the committee room."

"If you come in from Talbot Street it is straight ahead of you. It's big enough for me and all the O.G.C.A. files and there will even be room for visitors to come in and sit down."

"Sounds pretty good. Where exactly is it?"

"You can't miss it," said Tom.



Mr. J. G. W. Urbahns

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES DEGREES CONFERRED

- B.D.:** A. R. Webb  
**LL.B.:** G. T. Bigmore, D. I. W. Lawson,  
 R. J. Hobday, T. A. Hinchliffe, G. B. Wettenhall  
**B.Sc.:** B. N. Anderson, R. G. Walter  
**M.A.:** D. G. Williamson, D. M. Gibb  
**B.D.Sc.:** G. B. Senior  
**M.B.A.:** D. R. Walter  
**B.Com.:** P. J. Maloney  
**B.Ec.:** P. C. Birrell, P. N. Wood  
**M.Ec.:** A. G. Henderson  
**B.A.:** G. B. Wettenhall  
**M.Eng.Sc.:** A. D. Proudfoot  
**B.Arch:** C. G. Seward

### Gordon Graduates

- Textile Technology:** D. A. Johnstone  
**Civil Engineering:** B. A. Hope  
**Mechanical Engineering:** I. F. Sayers

### Marcus Oldham Farm, Agricultural College Graduates

- E. J. Coope  
 P. F. Laidlaw  
 I. R. Smith  
 E. A. Sutherland  
 D. F. Koch  
 A. J. Sim—A. S. Rodda Award for Plant Production

## THE YEAR — AS I SEE IT

While my term of office as President of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association extends until June, I believe that the beginning of the new calendar and school year is an opportune time to take stock of our performance in the immediate past year.

By continued solid support of the College Building Fund, through Project Pegasus and Annual Giving, members of our Association have materially assisted the College Council to proceed with its progressive programme to fulfil the ever-increasing demand of present day educational requirements.

The most prominent recent improvement is, of course, the new library; but this is only one of the many improvements which have been carried out during the past year. We, in turn, are most grateful to the Principal and staff of the College for their continuing interest and enthusiasm in the work of our Association.

The Branches today are a vital part of our Association. I have had the pleasure of attending a number of re-union functions and have been delighted to note the degree of interest shown by large numbers of Old Collegians at these functions.

One of the most pleasing aspects of this particular area of activity this year has been the formation of the Bendigo Branch with a successful dinner in November. Other Branches are thriving, some by their initiative in promoting different types of re-unions and others by their ability to continue creating new attendance records. I would like to pay a special tribute to the untiring and dedicated work of our Executive Officer, Tom Clark, who has done so much to foster the development of our Association and whose advice and assistance to me personally have made my own job so much easier and more effective.

This year, in accordance with established custom, a meeting was held following the Valedictory Dinner to welcome school-leavers as new members of the Association. The Year Chairman for that year (Anton Pusztal) and his committee were elected at the meeting.

It is pleasing to note that newly-elected Year Chairmen are showing a very live interest in maintaining contact with members of their year group thereby strengthening the ties between the College and Old Collegians.

The General Committee of the Association has held meetings regularly each quarter and I feel that particular mention should be made of the fact that young men of high calibre are taking a very active part in the management of the Association.

The enthusiastic support of so many Old Collegians in so many avenues of service ensures that the Association will continue to fulfil its objects:

- (a) to promote the welfare of The Geelong College;
- (b) to unite those who have attended The Geelong College and to foster good fellowship among them, and between them and the College.

The College and the Association are interdependent; let us continue to do our part.

J. G. W. Urbahns,  
President.



The O.G.C.A. Office — You can't miss it

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## OLD COLLEGIAN WEDDINGS

In his address on Speech Day, the Principal (Mr. P. N. Thwaites) drew attention to the recent and continuing change in the climate of ideas of those adults who most influence the next generation.

Until relatively recently, he said, almost all adults involved in the education of the next generation assumed, and were quite clear in stating, that moral responsibility and loyal service to a cause, above and beyond personal interests, were essential to the happiness and well-being of mankind. But, he continued, today we are reaping the harvest of a diminished sense of the importance of responsibility and service.

We now so often imply that because we know why someone tends to behave in a particular way he can no longer be held responsible for his actions. Surely we should draw precisely the opposite conclusion as today we are in a better position to take more responsible action about them, both within ourselves and in helping others.

We continually proclaim the virtue of individual freedom, but do not adequately define the framework within which such freedoms must be exercised. True freedom can be exercised only within a structure of order which inevitably places some restrictions upon the extent of that freedom. The balance between law and order and individual freedom can be achieved only by a proper understanding of the nature of man and his environment.

Despite our relatively comfortable circumstances in Australia this is not a happy generation. Today there is growing evidence of a breakdown in the sense of responsibility. Parents often blame schools for being too permissive and schools often blame parents, but essentially the trouble lies with the confusions amongst adults. The essential nature of boys and girls has not changed but the assumptions which adults make about them, and their own assumptions about life, have changed and have become highly confused and often quite depressing.

If this analysis is right, said Mr. Thwaites what must we do and what are we trying to do in this College? Firstly, the acquisition of knowledge and learning how to study and how to think clearly are basic to the programme of any school and demand the best possible facilities and professional staff. The academic programme and facilities, however basic they may be, are only part of a much wider process which goes on within a school like this, however. Mr. D. D. Davey has recently been promoted from the position of Vice-Principal to that of Deputy-Principal and Director of Studies, so that he may concentrate his attention particularly upon our academic programme. Mr. D. W. Stott, formerly of St. Peter's, Adelaide, has been appointed Vice-Principal to take particular responsibility for the community life of the College. Both these men have had recent opportunity to observe and think about the broad pattern of educational development overseas.

Without in any way reducing or altering our concern for the sound academic development of the College, we will now be able to concentrate particular attention on the relationships within the school community and with the outside community, and especially upon the matter of re-awakening a genuine sense of responsibility and mutual concern for one another.

Practical steps are now being taken in this direction. In the redevelopment of the areas of the main school building,

vacated by the old library, provision is to be made for a suitably furnished meeting room for the great variety of staff and staff/boy groups which need to consult from time to time. It is often in such consultation that responsibility is learnt. Provision will also be made for a parent interview room and for the storage and display of material illustrating the College heritage.

Most of the upstairs area of the main building, apart from the section now occupied by the hospital, will be converted to single and double bed-study rooms for the use of Sixth Form boarders, who, together with boys in rooms already available in the Refectory Block, will form the Senior Resident Group. Detailed planning is well advanced for the total transfer of Warrinn House to the south side of Noble Street, however, a substantial proportion of Warrinn boys will continue to sleep in the old Warrinn building for most of 1973. Some work must also be done in Mackie House to ensure that the living and study conditions of Sixth Form boys who remain in Warrinn and Mackie will be at least as good as those provided for the Senior Resident Group.

Some alterations will also be made to the servery equipment in the Dining Hall and kitchens so that meal arrangements for boarders can be more flexible and also so that the whole adult staff can share meals with the boys.

These material and organisational changes can be judged and justified only by their long-term effect upon the well-being of the boys and the College community as a whole.

Mr. Thwaites concluded by saying that there seems to be some failure in our adult leadership in so far as we make, or allow the young to make, various false assumptions about the way community decisions should be made. Amongst these could be included the curious ideas:

- a) that everyone should have 'freedom of choice'.
- b) that decisions should be made by popular vote.
- c) that those in authority must first consult everyone else before making any decision.
- d) that 'experts' need not be taken seriously because everyone makes mistakes.
- e) that the 'old-fashioned' virtues of loyalty, obedience, respect and humility have been superseded by 'thinking for yourself'.
- f) that the criterion to be adopted in judging any proposal is the short-term one of 'what the people concerned want'.

Many boys have shown a capacity for responsible leadership. The best of them have been puzzled by the irresponsibility of others and they need help and guidance. Parents and staff must work together to provide this guidance. Perhaps we have all been affected by the confusion in our assumptions and must now learn from our mistakes. We must recognise that not one of us is free from the temptation to choose the evil rather than the good and

- Eric Soon to Effie Chin, Melbourne, Dec. 11, '71.  
Bill McIntyre to Jan Hannah, Torquay, March 4.  
Philip Kidd to Margaret Gloster, Hawthorn, March 11.  
Gary Sutherland to Lorraine Cozens, Geelong, March 11.  
Donald Lawson to Felicity Andrew, Melbourne, March 24.  
Stuart Anderson to Robyn Dawson, Emerald, March 24.  
Richard Eagles to Rhonda Hall, Ballarat, April 1.  
David Alexander to Christine Gough, Bronxholme, April 8.  
David McArthur to Pam Trehwella, Geelong, April 14.  
Robert Carstairs to Margaret Owens, Armidale, April 21.  
Peter Keays to Glenis Crump, Geelong, April 22.  
Garry Bigmore to Helen O'Neill, Parkville, April 22.  
Kenneth Gowdy to Carol Williams, Geelong, May 5.  
Kenneth MacLean to Fay Balharrie, Geelong, May 13.  
Robert Davies to Helen Tribe, Ocean Grove, May 13.  
Rodney Williams to Lorraine Bowden, Geelong, May 13.  
Stuart Jacobs to Anne Seward, Highton, May 16.  
Tim Orchard to Christine Bryers, Hampton, May 22.  
Richard Crawshaw to Margaret Crobb, Melbourne, July 9.  
Graham Owens to Christina Apled, Geelong, August 5.  
Graham B. Hair to Mary Larsen, Cheltenham, August 18.  
Ken Hirst to Linda Beckley, Geelong, Sept. 23.  
John Casbault to Julianna Jones, Geelong, Sept. 25.  
Harry Fleay to Lyn Griffiths, Geelong, Oct. 6.  
Lance Asplin to Julie Wilson, Geelong, Oct. 7.  
John Day to Joy Fincham, Pt. Elizabeth, Oct. 7.  
Robert Piggan to Marie Andjelkovic, Geelong, Oct. 14.  
Robert Lawler to Helen Davis, Geelong, Oct. 20.  
Craig Partington to Anne Todd, Geelong, Oct. 21.  
John Roszbach to Jill Laird, Melbourne, Nov. 18.  
James Boydhouse to Elizabeth Poice, Essendon, Nov. 18.  
Derek Scott to Wendy-Anne LePage, Gardiner, Dec. 12.  
Aubrey Cherry to Julie Walker, Geelong, Dec. 18.  
Michael Ritchie to Helen Oxley, Penhurst, Dec. 30.  
William Thomas to Yvonne Blanche, Malvern, Jan. 5.  
Bruce Hambling to Kim Birchmore, Perth, Jan. 11.  
Malcolm Wood to Ruth Daniels, Canberra, Jan. 12.  
Mark Romanic to Janet Duncan, Geelong, Jan. 20.  
John Coope to Colleen Durbridge, Kororoit, Jan. 20.  
Edward Collins to Clare Rogers, Geelong, Feb. 2.

### STAFF :

Relatively few changes of academic staff occur at the College. Nevertheless, some are inevitable.

Mr. I. R. Watson, Headmaster of the Preparatory School, will be away on long service leave during 1973.

Mr. D. Webb will assume this responsibility, during his absence.

Mr. D. W. Stott has been appointed Vice-Principal at the Senior School. As mentioned in the Principal's report, his particular responsibility will encompass the community life of the College.

Mr. R. C. Tate (French) and Mr. D. A. Egan (Art) joined the staff in August, 1972.

At the end of the 1972 school year Mr. A. D. Mahar (English), Mr. K. Diradji (Indonesian) and Mr. B. F. Kemp (Art) accepted other appointments.

Miss J. Honman (Assistant Librarian) has returned from overseas.

New appointments at the Senior School are:

Miss E. H. Macleod (Indonesian), Mr. J. Murphy (Languages), Mr. D. Roffey (Social Sciences) and Mr. H. Jeanjean (French).

Mr. M. S. Brand has joined the Preparatory School staff.

that we are all therefore dependent upon the discipline of order, conscience, obedience, loyalty, humility and the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit if we are ever to choose the good and find happiness.



# THE GEELONG COLLEGE

The Geelong College Council and the Principal  
extend to all

Old Collegians, parents & friends of the College  
an invitation to attend

the formal opening of the new

## GEORGE MORRISON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

on 25th. April, 1973, at 3.30 p.m.

To facilitate preparations, those intending to accept this invitation are requested to complete and return the attached slip by 9th April, 1973.

The Principal,  
The Geelong College,  
P.O. Box 5,  
GEELONG. 3220.

I expect to attend the formal opening of the new George Morrison Memorial Library on 25th. April, 1973, and to be accompanied by..... persons.

Name .....

Address .....

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## OLD BOYS

**Robert Robertson ('04)** "Robbo"—retired from King's School, Parramatta, in December, 1971, after fifty years of unbroken service to that school.

A museum will be erected, to be named the Robert Robertson Museum, to house the many relics of the school's past which "Robbo" has safeguarded. Many of his own original paintings and drawings will also be displayed.

**Public recognition came in the award by Her Majesty of an M.B.E. for services to education.**

He now lives in the picturesque Sydney suburb of Elizabeth Bay.

**Leslie Reid ('14)**—has moved from Roseville to New Lambton Heights, near Newcastle, N.S.W., after twenty years service to the Association as President of the N.S.W. (Sydney) Branch.

**W. M. (Mac) Troup ('23)**—received recognition for long and distinguished service to Victoria in local government and community activities by the award of an O.B.E. in the New Year honours.

**Rev. G. A. McC. Wood ('26)**—is the second Old Collegian to have been appointed Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

**George Milne ('31)**—is back in Australia, having relinquished his position as general manager of Merlin Hotels, Malaysia. He has been appointed general manager of the new international Boulevard Hotel which is part of the first stage of Westfield Towers, a three acre development project in William Street, Sydney.

**Sandy Kelso ('39)**—sailed his ocean-racer "Boomerang" to second place in the inaugural Melbourne to Hobart race.

**Dr. Peter Campbell ('42)**—will deliver the Swift Memorial Lectures in Pediatrics at the Royal Children's Hospital, Adelaide, in August.

**William Beith ('45)**—was transferred to Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands in March, 1972, to open a new branch of the Bank of N.S.W. Tarawa, the scene of one of the major Pacific battles of World War II, is a series of coral atolls. They surround a deep water lagoon and no part is more than six feet above sea level. Life there can be idyllic or boring according to personal temperament. Bill and his wife thoroughly enjoyed their stay and returned to Australia in April, 1972. At present he is manager of the bank's Reservoir branch.

**John Stockel ('48)**—recently left Maffra in the Gippsland district to live on the sunshine coast at Caloundra, Queensland.

**Anthony Whiteside ('51)**—is stationed in Kuala Lumpur with the Asian office of the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation.

**Dr. Ian Scott ('51)**—after a year at Monash as a visiting lecturer has returned to England where he is a member of the Law faculty at Birmingham University.

**John Vautier ('51)**—continues as coach of the Geelong Amateur Football Club first team, which is busy preparing for a hard season in A grade after winning the B grade premiership, 1972.

**Russell Morris ('57)**—completes the "College" partnership, and will again be in charge of the reserves.

**Michael Keating ('53)**—is working for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris. His mother's comment: "I'm afraid he's going to stay—he loves it."

**Rodger Bodey ('53)**—is a golfer of some note. In 1972 he won his eighth Barwon Heads Championship and his second Geelong Championship. He was captain of the G.D.G.A. Country Week side which reached the semi-finals.

**Ian Redpath ('54)**—returns to the Australian Test Side and has been selected for the tour of the West Indies. He and his wife have recently opened an antique shop in Geelong West.

**Allistair McArthur ('55)**—has returned to his home town Camperdown, after a period of globe trotting.

**Andrew Lawson ('56)**—is currently on a business trip to the United States. On his return he will assume his now role as managing director of Huyck Australia Pty. Ltd.

**Robert Baker ('56)**—who was recently awarded a Doctoral Fellowship in Sociology has now married the lass who was awarded the only other such Fellowship in that year. No detail of her name has been received, but she is apparently a Canadian as his was the only non-Canadian award.

**John Read ('58)**—has been a Research Agronomist with the Department of Agriculture, Leeton, since completing his Bachelor of Rural Science at the University of New England. He is now preparing for his Master's degree.

**Paul Sheahan ('59)**—found it necessary to withdraw from the test side to visit the West Indies, in order to take up his new appointment on the staff at Geelong Grammar. He scored 1000 runs in first-class cricket this season, a feat which admits him to the ranks of the immortals.

**John Day ('61)**—recently returned with his wife from South Africa and is now living at Hawthorne. He is now a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

**David Read ('63)**—has completed his degree as Bachelor of Rural Science and is continuing at the University of New England to do a Diploma of Agricultural Economics course.

**Ian Bishop ('63)**—has won a Research Scholarship in Geo-Physics, for twelve months, at the University of Hawaii.

**Geoff McAdam ('65)**—spent the second half of 1972 at St. Phillip's College, Alice Springs, where he assisted with the high school tutorial programme.

**David Laidlaw ('66)**—completed a two year diploma course in Farm Management at the Glenormiston Agricultural College in 1972. Other Old Boys with him at Glenormiston were: **Tom Woodburn ('65)**, **John Spiers ('67)** and **Sandy Dennis ('66)**.

**Chris Lamb ('66)**—gained his B.Sc. (Melb.) and is working at Greenpowder Creek Copper Ltd. in North Queensland.

**Fred Soon ('66)**—is President of the Overseas Students' Association of Swinburne College of Technology.

**Peter Cameron ('68)**—was granted a cadetship with the Department of Agriculture to study Agricultural Science, and is resident in Ormond College. He coxed the Ormond viii to victory and later coxed the Melbourne University lightweight iv

which won the Schonell Cup at the University Regatta at Taree.

**Peter Griffiths ('69)**—has been working on a cattle property in South Australia. A sojourn in the Queanbeyan district and in Queensland will probably result from his keen interest in cattle.

## O.G.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB 1972 SEASON

Two teams were fielded regularly throughout the season. The first team came very close to contesting the finals.

Foundation member, Ken MacLean, retired after three years as Club President. His efforts in developing the club have been greatly appreciated and although he married recently, members hope that Ken will still take the field regularly.

Ian Keith is the newly-elected President, Roger Nation is again Secretary and Bill Spencer was elected Treasurer.

A greater number of social activities were held during the year and these were well supported. Play for the season ended with a social match against army officers at the Staff College at Queenscliff — a pleasant event, as usual.

Presentation night was at Dave Baker's beach house. Club awards were won by:

Mike Bowden—Best and Fairest.

Rob Armstrong—First to play 100 games for the club.

Dhru Jones—Club service and dedication.

Congratulations to Mike Bowden who was also awarded Best and Fairest in the Geelong Association. This is the first time a member of the club has won this award.

Social activities for 1973 began with a party at President Ian Keith's home. The second annual wine bottling is now being planned.

Some team rebuilding will be necessary in 1973 as club captain Mal Anderson is off to explore Europe, increasing family commitments will prevent Mike Bowden taking the field regularly, and several pending marriages may also affect playing numbers.

New members are always most welcome.



Ed Collins acknowledges wedding gift from club members

The editor will be glad to receive notes of the activities and achievements of Old Collegians



## O. G. C. A. IS EXPANDING

Many Old Collegians will be surprised to learn that there are now fifteen country and interstate Branches of the Association. There are eight in Victoria, located in districts most suited to the population density of Old Collegians. Just over the border, in N.S.W., are the Albury and Deniliquin Branches and all States (except Queensland) and the A.C.T. have a Branch which maintains contact with Old Boys.

On Wednesday, May 9, yet another Branch will be added to the Victorian list when Old Collegians in the Camperdown district will hold an inaugural dinner. Old Boys from near and far will be most welcome and a phone call to the Executive Officer will ensure that the organisers (Stewart McArthur '51 and Rodger Mulligan '55) know who is coming.

Interstate Branches have problems in mustering their flocks. In Western Australia they are scattered between Broome and Kalgoorlie. Nevertheless, the College is always represented when Old Boys of the Associated Public Schools of Victoria hold a re-union dinner in the West and in Tasmania. Our own Branch re-unions in Sydney and Adelaide are always well attended.

Special mention is made in other Branch notes, published on this page, of the formation of the Bendigo Branch, and the re-union dinner held in London, in June, 1972, gives some indication of how far afield the O.G.C.A. extends.

As in Western Australia, Old Boys in Queensland are scattered widely but records show that thirty-five, or perhaps more of the sixty-five Queensland residents live in the Brisbane-Gold Coast area. The Executive Officer would gladly provide a full list of names and addresses to anyone who would initiate the formation of a Branch in this State. A full measure of support would be given by members of the O.G.C.A. General Committee and the administrative staff.

## FOOTBALLERS—STILL KICKING

Old Collegians figured prominently in the Geelong Amateur Football Club's 1972 premiership win. This team will contest the A division this year for the first time since 1950.

Jim Fidge ('54) completed his third year as President, John Vautier ('51) coached the victorious team and Russell Morris ('57), as coach of the reserves, missed completing the double when his team lost the grand final by only three points. Other Old Collegian members of the team were Kenneth Andrews ('57), who is club treasurer, Robert Lawler ('59), Philip Marshall ('60), Lyn Bullen ('64), Peter Betts ('64) and John Casboul ('64).

These and other Old Boys in the Reserve and Under 18 teams continue the tradition begun by foundation members of the Club. V. H. Profitt (first captain and coach), K. W. Nicolson and P. L. Williams.

## WELCOME — BENDIGO BRANCH

For some time it has been evident that Old Boy numbers in and near Bendigo were sufficient to warrant formation of a Branch in this district.

On his way back to Geelong from the Mildura re-union early in September the Executive Officer met Ian Sides and Leigh Bennett in Bendigo to discuss this proposal.

Two weeks later an interim committee met in Bendigo to formulate plans for an inaugural re-union dinner and this was held at the Shamrock Hotel, on Friday, November 10.

There was never really any doubt that the function would be a success as the reaction of those Old Boys in the area who were contacted personally indicated a full measure of interest and support.

The night itself proved that the committee had done their job well and also justified their confidence that such a function would be well received. Nearly forty Old Boys attended, among them were the O.G.C.A. President (John Urbahns) together with Des. Davey and Ed. Davies of the College staff and several members of the General Committee and Year Chairmen.

The smorgasbord meal was sumptuous and the good fellowship which prevailed indicated that Bendigo Branch may well become an O.G.C.A. strongpoint.

Dr. Ian Thomas ('43) was elected Branch President. Ian Sides ('48) is Vice-President with John Powell ('54) Secretary, Leigh Bennett ('65) Treasurer and Ian Mackay ('47) and Geoffrey Williamson ('63) committeemen.

Advance Bendigo.

## HORSHAM BRANCH

For the second successive year the re-union dinner-dance at Horsham, which was held on Saturday, October 7, clearly indicated that Old Collegians in the Wimmera like to share their entertainment with their ladies.

La Fontana was the venue. The meal was excellent and the music sufficiently varied to cater for the young-at-heart of all ages.

In a few well-chosen words of welcome, Branch President Kevin Officer particularly mentioned several visitors and expressed pleasure that they, with John Urbahns (O.G.C.A. President) had joined with members of the Branch to make the evening such a success.

Fifty-six people enjoyed the opportunity to revive old friendships and meet others connected with the College. Much credit must go to Mrs. John Kumnick for a well-organised and most enjoyable evening.

## MILDURA BRANCH

Unfortunately, a number of those who 'never miss' a Mildura re-union had other commitments on 2nd September, and numbers were small. Nevertheless, those present enjoyed every minute of the evening. Hon. Secretary, Alan Scott was there to represent the Association. Ray Wagstaff ('41) was elected President, with Neville Kirwin ('48) and Ian Kneebone ('46) in the supporting roles of Secretary and Assistant Secretary, respectively.

There was strong support for the President's suggestion that those who attended this re-union should all play a part to ensure that the 1973 re-union is well attended.

## YEAR GROUPS What's been going on?

During 1972 the General Committee conducted a review of year groups. As numbers in the years prior to 1940 are fewer than those of later years, a sub-committee recommendation that these be grouped in suitable numerical strength was adopted. Year Chairmen for these new groupings are now being arranged by contact with Old Collegians of the relevant years.

Year Chairmen have now been appointed for all years from 1940 onward. Many of these are keen to maintain contact with their contemporaries and a number of newsletters have been sent in recent months.

Several successful year group functions have been held. There is no set pattern as to when or how often functions of this nature should be arranged. In order that Old Boys may have the opportunity to get together from time to time, the General Committee has suggested that one or more year groups should gather, informally, at intervals of about three to five years.

With the revitalising of year groups, there is a distinct possibility that a number of Year Chairmen will take the opportunity to organise a special table of members of their year at the Old Boys' Day Re-Union Dinner. Others have indicated that they are considering separate year group functions supplementary to the Re-Union Dinner. The success of these activities will depend on the measure of support which they receive.

The Old Geelong Collegians' Association is a force within the College and all can help to keep it so by active participation.

## Boat Race Ball

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