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## MACKIE HOUSE - FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY



Mackie House 1939

On 14th December, 1938, the then Governor-General of Australia, Lord Gowrie, opened Mackie House. This was the last of four notable buildings designed by Mr. Philip B. Hudson and erected in the 1930's at the College; they were the Refectory Block, the South and West wings, including the cloisters area, the House of Music and Mackie House.

Mackie was modelled upon an English Manor House and contained several spacious dormitories upstairs, while downstairs there was a study-room and a play-room and many other smaller rooms. It had a flat for a resident Housemaster, also.

'Pegasus' of June, 1939, states; "Architects have unanimously approved the linking up of the grounds placing in the two extreme corners of it the House of Music, and this new boarding house, two Tudor buildings that look across to each other. In beauty and in convenience, in light and air, Mackie House can have few equals in Australian schools. An English headmaster who recently visited the College declared that there was nothing better of its kind in the Empire".

Mackie House was first used as a Boarding House in 1939, under the oversight of Mr. A. T. Tait, the Vice-Principal. In 1940 Mr. John A. Carrington was appointed the first Housemaster and took up residence in the flat with Mrs. Carrington. This was to

be his home until his retirement at the end of 1967.

For more than twenty years Mackie was the home for the youngest boarders in Senior School. A small group of older boys remained in Mackie each year to form a Committee to assist in the running of the House and three or four senior boys lived there as prefects. The students studied in the large study room under supervision of a master each night.

There was a change in 1962 when the "vertical" House system was introduced

and Mackie House became a house of about 75 students drawn from all levels of the Senior School. It formed a unit in the house sports' competition with the colour of light blue. However, in 1974 another change made Mackie the home base of boarders, drawn from each of the sporting houses and the light blue colour was adopted by Coles House.

Subsequent to the retirement of Mr. Carrington in 1967, Mr. A. D. Mahar was appointed Housemaster. Under the influence of the climate of that time considerable changes were made in the interior appearance of Mackie, involving the extensive use of partitions to provide each individual student with greater privacy. The changes did nothing to enhance the appearance of the interior of the building but provided each student with a cubicle in which he could study and sleep. The Housemaster was no longer resident in the building but occupied one of the near-by houses and this arrangement has continued.

Mackie has always been a boarding house for boys. The only time that the girls have used its facilities was during the brief period when the downstairs shower room, play-room and locker room became the changing rooms for all the girls when the Rolland Centre was being constructed.

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The Mackie Recreation Room

# THE PRINCIPAL

## NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS' FUNDING

In 1992 the current eight-year plan of school funding from Federal sources comes to an end. The long awaited Post-1992 Funding Options Paper for schools, produced by the Federal Minister for Education, Mr. John Dawkins, has been circulated in the form of a discussion paper which really offers no options at all. Fundamentally the resources agreement with schools like the College will not alter, so it will now be possible to plan financially in a climate of relative stability.

In summary the proposals in the discussion paper seek to build on the eight-year funding scheme that was put in place in 1984. It cannot be disputed that this scheme has given stability and security to non-government schools in the period since 1984, and it is encouraging to see that the discussion paper proposes to retain the key elements of the existing funding scheme, that is a base per capita grant, needs based funding over and above the per capita grant, and the twelve funding categories.

## STAFF CHANGES

Mr. John Nelson, Director of Curriculum at the Senior School and a member of the College staff for fifteen-and-a-half years, has taken up a new appointment as Vice-Master of Ormond College. In his time of sterling service he has been, amongst other things, Head of a Day House as well as Director of Curriculum. His perception and judgement were impeccable and his presence will be missed. I am confident, however, that his successor, Mr Geoffrey Millar, currently Head of Science at Pembroke School in Adelaide, will fill the position with great distinction, and we look forward to welcoming him and his wife, Cynthia, to the College community at the beginning of 1990.

## NEW COAT OF ARMS

The College of Heralds in England granted letters patent to the College for its Coat of Arms so that the Arms now become the property of the College and cannot be used in part or in whole by anyone without the written permission of the College.

The Arms in their old form did not quite meet the standards of heraldry so they had to be modified slightly. You will notice that the front cover of *Ad Astra* bears the new Arms to the left of the title.

All College stationery will bear the new Coat of Arms, without the mantling and the helmet, when present stocks have been exhausted.

I might also add that the Senior School Parents' and Friends' Association has commissioned a large tapestry of the new Coat of Arms from a local weaver and when completed it will hang in the Morrison Hall.

## NO SMOKING

I was very pleased that the Staff Associations at both the Senior School and Preparatory School took a decision recently to declare all areas inside buildings on College property as 'No Smoking' areas.

Few, if any, members of staff smoke anyway but it is a tangible sign that the staff is committed to this particular policy and it is hoped that visitors to the College will respect the decision, too.

## BUILDING PLANS

The contract for the construction of the Performing Arts and Music Complex at the Preparatory School has been let to Len Bell and Son, Builders. Construction work has begun and, despite the recent long stretch of inclement weather, there is every expectation that the new facility will be in operation at the beginning of 1990.

A newly refurbished play area is under construction at Campbell House, and a new vehicular layby on Aberdeen Street will be constructed soon.

It will be of interest to members of the College community to note, also, that the new Multi-Purpose Room at Campbell House was officially named the 'Joan Sweetman Room' in recognition of Mrs Sweetman's wonderful service on the staff of the College. She was appointed in 1947 and became Director of the Kindergarten, as it was known at that stage, in 1949, a position she held until her retirement in 1978. She was also the first female Honorary Life Member of the O.G.C.A.

## CHAPEL ORGAN

The community will be aware that the College Chapel was dedicated in a service conducted by Sir Ronald Wilson, the President of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia, on Wednesday, 8th March, 1989. The building has been completed and is in use for both weekday and weekend services, as well as for marriage services.

An Old Collegian, Bill Farrow ('61), and his family have generously donated a very substantial amount of money with which the College has commissioned a builder to construct a mechanical pipe organ. This will be a wonderful addition to a very splendid building and it is anticipated that it should be in place by the end of next year.

## VICE-PRINCIPAL



The departure of Mr David Happell after 13 years of sterling service as Vice-Principal saw the appointment of Mr John Gilson as his successor from the beginning of 1989.

John, a Senior Chemistry Master and Master-in-Charge of Chemistry at Haileybury College (one of the eleven A.P.S. schools), came with impeccable qualifications. In addition to his responsibilities outlined above, he was a Group Master (in charge of a Year level of boys), a member of the Curriculum Committee and Secretary to the Housemasters at Haileybury. His curricular interests spread outside the school, too: for some time he had been Chairman of the V.I.S.E. Chemistry Committee (the body setting courses and examinations for Year 12 Chemistry) and more recently V.C.A.B. Chemistry Course Manager (the body that succeeded V.I.S.E. and the one responsible for the implementation of the new Victorian Certificate of Education). His memberships of academic bodies include the Australian Academy of Science "School Chemistry Advisory Committee". Experience at Felsted School in England and as a boarding housemaster at Haileybury add to this impressive list of credentials.

John and his wife, Trish, have three sons who are enrolled now at the College and we take this belated opportunity of welcoming them all to the College community with the wish that they have a happy stay. I feel sure that John will make a significant contribution to life at the school; he has already begun to do so.

## TRIP TO INDIA

A interesting and educational trip to India has been planned as a joint venture with St. Paul's School, Frankston, the school to which Ian Macmillan has gone as Headmaster.

The absolute maximum cost is \$3,000; the trip is planned for January, 1990; further details can be obtained from Lyndsay Morris at the Preparatory School by writing to him or by telephoning (052) 26 3155.

# SENIOR SCHOOL

## STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Carl Jennings (Year 10) and James Nelson (Year 9) were in the Champion Geelong Under 15 Hockey team that won the Victorian Country Hockey Championships.

Sarah Gill (Year 9) who is already a State junior tennis player was recently selected in the Victorian Secondary Schoolgirls' Under 16 Hockey team. Older brother Nicholas (Year 11) has also played in the State Junior Tennis team and is a member of the State Surf Lifesaving team.

The Geelong College team of 10 surf board riders won the Surfriders' Association Victorian All Schools' team event at Phillip Island recently. Damien Wilson (Year 12) also won the Under 19 Individual Championship and Shaun Brooks (Year 8) won the Under 15 Division.

Leigh McCorkell (Year 9) was one of the better players for Geelong in the Victorian Under 15 Schoolboys' Football Championships.

### Speaking Competition

The College won the Schools' Team award in the Geelong Rostrum Club's Voice of Youth speaking competition. Damian Secen (Year 12) won the Under 18 Division and will represent Geelong in the State semi-finals.

### Mathematics Competition

Two teams of five students from Year 10 entered the inaugural Deakin Mathematics contest. There were 22 teams from Year 10 classes throughout the Geelong region. The organiser had contrived a very interesting and challenging programme that included team competitions, individual trials and even a mathematical relay that required speed and decision-making.

One of our teams - Carl Jennings (Captain), Matthew Magarey (2nd overall in the individual section), Trent Neagle, Evette Wenlock and Kim Wheeler, with Mr. Headlam as Manager, won the overall competition, receiving a cheque for \$200 donated by the ANZ Bank, which has since been presented to the Principal.

## NETBALL

A full complement of eleven teams have played in the G.N.A. Saturday competition, and many have reached the finals. The 1sts and 2nds have also played Caulfield, Wesley, Carey, Sacred Heart and Westbourne. The 1sts came fourth in the Western Victorian Independent Schools' Netball Championships, which was won by Westbourne Grammar from Ballarat and Clarendon College.

## MUSIC

Term II ended with a music camp for students involved in the Concert Band, String Orchestra and Vocal Ensemble. The camp was held at the Allfit Camp at Bacchus Marsh, which was one of the most successful music camps we have had. Organised outdoor activities mixed with music rehearsals, provided a welcome variety in the timetable. The camp ended with a long but successful concert back in the Morrison Hall.

Some of the Term III events involving various music groups were :-

Victorian Schools' Music Association competition at the Camberwell Civic Centre for both senior and junior Concert Bands.

The Geelong Eisteddfod for small Ensembles, Orchestras and Bands.

The South Street (Ballarat Eisteddfod) for the senior Concert Band and the Vocal Ensemble.

A major event for the larger music groups is the Annual Education Fund Concert which will be held on Sunday, 27th August, at 2.30 p.m., in the Morrison Hall.

Third term has seen the formation of a Symphony Orchestra of Senior School and Preparatory School musicians which will be an important part of the music programme in future.

## A COLLEGE SUNBEAM

Cate Polhemus (Year 10 - Coles) is now a national identity following an article concerning her which appeared in Woman's Day, 2nd May, 1989.

The initiative, courage and concern of Cate led to the production of a magazine called "Sunbeam" which is distributed to young people, generally under thirteen years of age, who suffer from bone cancer. Cate was diagnosed with cancer when she was eight years old, but just over three years ago went into remission and is determined to stay that way.

Not so fortunate was a friend, Ann Hollier, who died of bone cancer over four years ago when she was twelve. However, Ann and Cate had the idea of the magazine and began its publication. Following Ann's death, Cate continued to edit "Sunbeam" in her memory.

The Woman's Day article has doubled the subscribers list, and help has been needed from the Anti-cancer Council and Red Cross, to help cover costs.

The story of Cate Polhemus is not only an encouragement to her readers through "Sunbeam", but to fellow students at the College who will appreciate Cate and her disease a little better. Cate has considered becoming a journalist, but presently hopes to study law when she gets to university.

## YEAR 12 CURRENT AFFAIRS

Each week of the term, Year 12 students attend a Current Affairs programme designed to inform and broaden their experience and understanding with a variety of topics and speakers.

This year the programme has included Deakin Professor and Quiz Master, Dr. Magnus Clarke, 'Drugs and Associated Problems' with Dr. Jim Rossiter, 'A Business Approach' with Bob Ansett followed by 'Political Views', Mr. B. A. Santamaria.

Term II started with Old Geelong Collegian and Miss Australia, Lea Dickson, and her work with the Spastic Society. Sister Elizabeth Egan talked about her work as Charge Sister of the intensive care unit at Prince Henry's Hospital. John Tonkin provided information about the work of the Marine Research Institute at Queenscliff.

Rev. Morris Chant related some stories involving the Mission to Seamen in Geelong and further afield. The Zionist Movement gave their ideas about contemporary Middle Eastern affairs, then later the Rev. Alan Reid talked about the 'Arab Point of View'.

Councillor Jim Fidge spoke about 'Local Government and Mayoral Responsibilities' and 'The Environment' was discussed with Mr. Bill Middleton. A most entertaining session on football was enjoyed with Ted Whitten, and Mr. John Kaye, the School Bursar, provided information on 'Where Your Dollar Goes', followed by the School Architect, Mr. Neil Everist, who talked about past and present developments within the school. Amnesty International talked of their work for human rights and Mr. Fred Elliott entertained and informed through art and film. Nine other members of staff conducted individual sessions on subjects of their own particular interest with smaller groups of students.

## FOOTBALL

An extremely wet winter and ovals that became more like swamps have made life difficult for coaches and players.

The type of football we would like to engender (i.e., a fast running, skilful type of game to counter bigger and stronger opposition) has been hampered due to the poor training conditions, so in that light, the teams have performed pretty soundly. Despite this handicap, the general approach by all concerned has been excellent!

The results of the football season including practice matches were: 1st XVIII 5 wins, 7 losses; 2nd XVIII 3 wins, 9 losses; 3rd XVIII 6 wins, 6 losses; U/16A 5 wins, 7 losses; U/16B 5 wins, 7 losses; U/15A 8 wins, 3 losses; U/15B 5 wins, 5 losses, 1 draw.

# PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Our annual Easter Service was held in Wesley Church, Yarra St. The Service was led by a number of senior students from the Preparatory School and the choir of 180 voices made a beautiful contribution to the worship. This significant event in the school calendar provides a very appropriate conclusion to Term 1.

## MUSIC

Recently, our Preparatory School musicians have been very active. The "Campbell House Proms" attracted a very big crowd when they were held on 26th May. We had to use Robertson Hall at the Middle School as the venue to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend. It was a wonderful evening with students as young as five years displaying their considerable talents. One feature of the programme was the String Ensemble.

The Middle School students presented a Music Evening on 8th June. There were some superb solo and duet performances, some fine choral work and excellent presentations from the String Orchestra and the Concert Band.

The string orchestra recently gained first place in its section of the Warrnambool Eisteddfod and, in doing so, attracted high praise from the adjudicators.

## CAMPBELL HOUSE ART SHOW

Paintings and collage work celebrating Easter, and created by students in Prep. and Years 1, 2 and 3, were displayed for the Campbell House Art Show.

Mrs Felicity Spear opened the show and in her address, spoke about the commercialism surrounding the observance of Easter. She concluded by presenting one of her own paintings, based on the Easter theme, to Campbell House.



Mrs Felicity Spear presents a painting to Campbell House

## CHAPEL

All students from the Middle School (Year 4 to Year 8) have attended their first services in the College Chapel. We intend to make the journey to Senior School each semester for this purpose.

Our services have been led by the Chaplain, and students and staff have assisted with prayers, readings and music.

## YEAR 8 SOCIAL

The theme for the Year 8 Social for the first semester was 'P'. Enjoying the festivities were policemen, princesses, photographers, parcels and priests. Even the 'Proclaimers' put in an appearance! It was a great night. The music was provided by a juke box, and competitions, prizes and supper punctuated this impeccable party.



Above: Brook Ratcliff (a private eye) and Julian Quail (a punk) check out the scene at the Year 8 Social.

## CURRICULUM EVENINGS

Each year a series of meetings is held for parents during which we outline key aspects of the school curriculum. For parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 the focus this year was on thinking skills; in particular, how we help children to develop skills in critical and creative thinking. Our programmes for the development of thinking skills operate across the curriculum areas of Mathematics, English Language, Social Science, General Science and Computer Studies.

## ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Kym Lardner, a storyteller, author and illustrator, spent a week with us during May. Kym creates and tells stories, mainly for younger children, but his performances and his explanations of how he develops his stories were fascinating for the older children as well.

Below: Kym Lardner, with a little help from Eamon Donnelly, draws Pegasus for the Year 2 storybook.



# PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT CAMPBELL HOUSE.



*Caroline and Graham Harris, at lunch on Grandparents' Day.*



*Stephanie and Tim Driscoll with their Grandparents, Thelma and Ray Hunt and Joyce and James Driscoll*

The children of Campbell House were delighted to welcome the 140 grandparents to a special day on 17th April. The children presented a concert, showed their grandparents around Campbell House, and entertained them with lunch. In the afternoon the children brought their grandparents to the Primary Assembly at Middle School.

## SOCIAL SERVICE

As part of our Social Service programme, the students of 8F invited some children from Shannon Park Special School to a barbecue lunch and a tour of the Middle School. After lunch in the Environment Centre, the Shannon Park children were entertained by 8F's version of 'Red Faces'.

The adjudicator's advice to the various acts was, 'Don't give up your day jobs'.



*Juliette Howdon shows Melissa around the Environment Centre.*

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations are in order for the following students on some outstanding recent achievements.

Sean Saxton (8F), Graham Lethbridge (8J), Nathaniel Ramm (6P), Anthony O'Shea (6I) and William Mills (6P) have gained scholarships to continue their education at the College.

Sally Morris (8F) won a gold medal in the Junior Girls' Tricks events at the Australian Water Ski Championships in Devonport. Mark Jackson (8H) won a silver medal in the Junior Boys' Tricks event. Mark is currently the Victorian Junior Tricks champion.

Shaun Brooks (8G) was a member of the College Surfing Team which gained first place at the State Surfing Championships for schools.

Claude Mocellin (7E) gained second place in the Victoria Under 12 Fencing Championships. In the team events Claude, together with Adam Forbes (7R), Travis Nilson (5A) and Bruno Siketa (5B), gained first place in the Under 12 section. Claude and Jonathan Spear (7) won silver medals in the Under 12 and Under 15 State Schoolboys' Championships, respectively.

Michael Henderson (5) was first in the 11 Year Boys' Victorian Cross Country Championships and will compete in the Nationals in September.

Ainslie Tamplin (7S) won five first placings at the Y.M.C.A. Olympic Gymnastics Levels competition in June.

In the Geelong Show Jumping Club Winter Championships recently, James Paterson-Robinson (5A), won the Under 12, Under 18 and Under 21 sections. He also managed to come second, as well as first, in the Under 12 section...with the aid of a second horse!

Emily Chapple (6Q) and Alistair Smith (7T) both won bursaries in the Mathematics Talent Quest organised by the Victorian Mathematics Association.

## CAMPBELL HOUSE NEWS

On 20th June the new multi purpose room at Campbell House was officially named the 'Joan Sweetman Room'. Mrs Sweetman was Directress of the Kindergarten, and then Campbell House from 1949 to 1978.

Mrs. Sweetman was invited to attend an assembly at which each class presented a small item. She spoke briefly to the children and they read the plaque naming the room together.

A feature of the 'Joan Sweetman Room' is a painting by Felicity Spear which she donated to Campbell House. Mrs. Spear opened the Campbell House Children's Easter Art Exhibition earlier this year and she spoke to the children about the ideas behind her work.

The 'Joan Sweetman Room' always has a display of 'Campbell House Art.' Anyone visiting the Preparatory School is most welcome to call in and view the display.



*Mrs Joan Sweetman*

## BASTILLE DAY

French is a core subject at all levels in the Preparatory School. To celebrate the bicentenary of the French Revolution on the 14th July, and to explain its nature and significance, several special events were arranged in the school.



*Here Simonne Le Grew, Bradley Donaldson, Emily Chakir and Estelle Chapple prepare to re-enact the Terror.*

# PARENTS AND FRIENDS

## SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School Parents' and Friends' Association has maintained a busy schedule of activities that have been well supported by the school community.

The Year 9 Dinner, held in Term I, was a resounding success. The numbers present fully tested the Dining Hall capacity, and the Committee's capabilities. Responses to the night have confirmed its value to new Senior School parents.

The four term system provided opportunity to introduce a Year 10 dinner in Term II. This again proved to be a most enjoyable evening, although the smaller number suggested other options might be considered next year.

The Year 11 Dinner will be on 18th August, the **Boards' Dinner** on 13th September, and the **Year 12 Valedictory Dinner** for students and parents will be held on 2nd November at the Geelong Football Club Social Club function room.

The major fundraising activity has been the Annual Wine Offer. All stocks were sold, with demand outstripping supply.

The Committee has approved the application of funds to the following areas - seating for tennis courts, slide projection equipment for the Geography Department, health education and chairs for the Careers Centre. A major allocation has been made for the manufacture of the "Coat of Arms" tapestry for the Morrison Hall.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parents' and Friends' Association will be held on Monday, 20th November, and will include the election of the Committee. Committee members serve for a maximum of four years and must be parents of Senior School students. Four vacancies will arise from the present Committee.

A **theatre night to "Les Miserables"** has been booked with Trans Otway for Friday, 24th November. Tickets are available, through the Committee (90 only), and will cover refreshments, a basket tea, the return trip and the show.

A reminder that stocks of the College mug, sports bags and key rings are on hand and for sale through the office. Proceeds from sales will benefit the school and your students.

### Parents and Friends - contacts:

#### Campbell House:

President Mrs. Judy Ellis 77 0413

#### Middle School:

President: Mrs. Di Jackson 43 7551

Secretary: Mrs. Jean Di Stefano  
50 2135

#### Senior School:

President: Mr. Rod McCann 22 1451

Secretary: Mrs. Val O'Hara 91 560

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

A social tennis day held in Term II was an enjoyable occasion for those who attended. A tasty basket lunch was provided by committee members, and the successful player of each section was awarded a school key ring.

The profits from several fundraising ventures, including the Country Road Fashion Parade, wine sales, the tennis day, and the Preparatory School Sports Clothing Store, have been used to purchase equipment which is already being well used by students. Major purchases included a television monitor and video for use by the Physical Education Department, a clock for the quadrangle, several pieces of equipment for the Science Department, and an aquarium for use in Environmental Science.

At the day meeting during June, Mrs. Debbie Gill and Mr. Leslie Hatton spoke about the Outdoor Education Programme provided for students from Year 4 to Year 8. The Outward Bound programme for Year 8 was highlighted.

Two guest speakers spoke to a meeting of parents recently about autistic children and their integration with others.

A **day trip to Government House** is being arranged for Wednesday, 23rd October. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Preliminary planning is already underway for our next Fair which will be held during Term I, 1990.

## FOUNDATION

Past benefactors have laid the foundations of the school - the Morrissions, the Presbyterian Church, and many generous Old Collegians, parents and friends.

It is now up to the present College Community to ensure that the school's future is assured in education into the 21st century.

To maintain its present position at the forefront of education, it needs the support of its wider family - the present, past and future College parents, students and Old Collegians, and all other friends who care about the future of the College.

Fees and government funds cover only the running costs and some capital development and loan repayments. Government funding in real terms has been reduced by half in recent years and cannot be relied upon in the future.

The costs of education can only increase. We hope that you, like many others, will remember the College and give financial support.

The Foundation was established in 1987 to provide the focus for support from the wider College family.

## CAMPBELL HOUSE

The College Wine Drive proved to be very successful. All Parents' Associations were pleased with the response and thank the College Community for the support.

The Campbell House Parents' Association Committee has been involved, on different occasions this year, with evenings that staff members have arranged. We have assisted and/or provided supper at the Curriculum Evening and the inaugural Music Prom. Year 3 mothers also, helped in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution, in decorating and assisting with props for the play "Du Pain, Du Pain" on Bastille Day.

The Association has established a French library during the term, using both funds and donations. Madame Lyons will use the books within the classroom to extend the children. A weekend borrowing system is envisaged.

Equipment for 'Netta' the youngsters equivalent to netball, has also been donated as encouragement for all the children.

Lolita Brand, from the Australian Children's Television Action Committee, spoke to the Parents' Association on 12th May, about the use of television and its ill-effects, especially with regard to violence and ensuing behaviour of people, particularly children. Our next speaker, on Friday, 18th August, will be Miss Caroline Rogers, a teacher in Year 2 who is on exchange from England.

On Friday, 25th August, at 7.30 p.m., a **Buffet Dinner** supported by an extended committee is to be held in the Dining Hall at the Senior School for all associated with Campbell House.

## WILL YOU JOIN THEM?

There are now over eighty members of the Foundation who will contribute about \$750,000 thus enabling further development of the College facilities.

A lifetime member contributes a minimum of \$3,000. This may be as a lump sum or subscribed over three years and is an **allowable tax deduction** if paid to the Building or Library Funds, thus reducing the cost to you by half.

But the College is pleased to accept any realisable gift, large or small - bequests, insurance, stock or property. All will help in the development of facilities and offerings of the College for our future generations. Please forward to the Foundation Office or call Bob Grant, The Foundation Director, for further information on (052) 263123.

# HOUSE OF GUILDS

## HOUSE OF GUILDS

When the House of Guilds began in 1935, the College had a large number of boarders and, by the forties, there were four boarding houses on the present Senior School site. The House of Guilds provided facilities for the boys to indulge in a great many activities which taught them skills in the use of timber, clay, leather, textiles, metal, paint and ink and stone. There was scarcely an avenue which was not explored.

Outside the gates the Ramblers' Guild went on hikes and expeditions to many parts of Australia, in some cases making first ascents and adding to the State Herbarium and Museum collections.

The House of Guilds was run by the Warden, who was also the Art teacher, and a council of students, each of whom looked after one aspect of the activities. The senior student was the Sub-Warden and acted as chairman of the regular Council Meetings.

The contemporary House of Guilds operates under quite different circumstances, even to being in different premises. The boarding numbers have fallen by two-thirds and the once strong boarder patronage is substantially reduced.

An even more profound change is that almost all the activities once provided by the House of Guilds only are available to students in the normal school curriculum. For instance, woodwork, photography, painting, ceramics, textiles, printmaking and sculpture can be taken as units of work, or as full-time subjects, and hundreds of students are involved in these, once exclusively House of Guilds pursuits.

The House of Guilds plays host to the Ceramics and Textile classes, with students taking these subjects through to Year 12. In addition, it provides support facilities for a range of subjects



*Mr. Fred Elliott, a long serving member of staff, in the House of Guilds.*

(including Woodwork, Graphic Communication and Painting) as well as being a general purpose workshop for public and school use. It is open for fifty-six hours a week - a fact appreciated by the many non-College members who make use of the facilities offered.

It is unfortunate that the student government of the old House of Guilds could not cope with the full-time demands of the present, for there is now no student participation in the running of the place. In balance, though, the variety of interests and expertise arising from the wider membership base compensates for this and, what is even more important, the House of Guilds now provides a model in the shared use of school resources which other schools in both the private and state systems could well emulate.



*The House of Guilds, old and new.*

## MR. FRED ELLIOTT

Mr. Fred Elliott attended the College as a boarder from 1940 to 1946 and traces many of his present interests back to that time. He was a member of the Glee Club and other choirs, the Orchestra, a founding member of the Brass Band and a member of the Music Committee.

The College had a very strong Church youth group (the P.F.A.) of which he was a committee member and he has maintained a close interest in Church work.

When John Bechervaise returned to the H.O.G. and ran that remarkable series of hikes and expeditions, there was no keener participant than Fred who has spent a lifetime following this interest. He has even over the last two years returned to Rodondo Island (off Wilson's Promontory) and Federation Peak in the south-west of Tasmania two of the great conquests with John, Bechervaise.

Don Webb developed Fred's interest for drawing and painting and he went on to study art at the Gordon and the Melbourne Teachers' College where he gained his T.T.C. (Man. Arts) and Hockey colours. His teaching positions have been at Colac High School, G.G.S. Corio, and Timbertop, where he was in charge of outdoor activities and, for a time, Acting Head.

In 1953, 1955 and 1958 he was a member of A.N.A.R.E. wintering parties at Heard Island, Mawson and Davis and assisted in the establishment of Mawson base in 1954. He was awarded the Polar Medal and Clasp and is proud to have an Antarctic peak named after him.

In 1959 he married Margaret Darby, who, having been a Housematron at G.G.S. Corio, was no stranger to boys' boarding houses when Fred took over Warrinn in 1963. Their daughters, Kirsty and Libby, grew up at College and were among the early intake of girls when the College became co-educational.

He has been back at the College since 1963 teaching a variety of subjects in addition to art and has been both a Boarding Housemaster and a Day Housemaster, Master-in-Charge of Hockey, Cross-Country Running and Outdoor Activities, Warden of the House of Guilds, Director of the Austin Gray Centre and Head of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts. During this period he was President of the O.G.C.A. for two years and was made an Honorary Life Member of the Association. Fred is still the Director of the Austin Gray Centre, which incorporates the House of Guilds and is situated at the old Preparatory School site.

## MACKIE HOUSE

A College Prospectus of the 1940's reminds one of the changes that have taken place in the school since the opening of Mackie in 1939. No longer can Mackie be seen from the front steps of the Dining Hall. The Coles Science Block screens the view. In 1939 there were four boarding houses (and Mackie was the newest); today Mackie is the sole remaining boys' House. Meals in the Dining Hall would appear different for a student who attended the school in the 1940's - now boys and girls sit at the tables enjoying a meal together.

Mackie developed a proud history as the House for Year 9 (third form) boys where John Carrington began to mould raw youths into young men. These days, the staff have in many cases, four years in which to reinforce values, standards and traditions with the boys. The results in recent times have been impressive: in the past four years the House has produced one School Captain, one School Vice-Captain, one School Dux and nine School Prefects. Sportsmen from Mackie continue to make a fine contribution to the school, and in some cases, to local football clubs and the Victorian and Australian athletic scene. There is more to Mackie than this though, for between sixty and sixty-five boys, Mackie is home for 38 weeks of the year.

The House staff bear the responsibility of looking after their charges. Apart from sitting in the Duty Office taking leave, staff involve themselves in House life. This can take many forms, including: excursions to the beach, sport with other schools, arranging dinners and suppers, organising competitions amongst the boys, or simply sitting down to help solve complicated mathematical problems. This staff involvement brings about the good relationship that exists between the staff and the students.



*Mackie House from near the Hospital before the Coles Wing was built.*



*A Dormitory before 1970*



*Sports Showers and Drying Room.*



*John Carrington and the 1962 Prefects*



*Recreation Room*



# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



*A Senior Bed/Study Room*



*The Recreation Room*

Prefects are an important cog in the House. They are appointed from the Year 12 group by the Head of House, in consultation with the staff. Led by the House Captain, they are responsible for the day-to-day running of the House - waking the House in the morning, performing roll calls, monitoring supper, checking boys are in bed and generally setting a positive example to the rest of the House. Most prefects respond to the challenge of the position and once they have left school, it appears to stand them in good stead for later life.

An old Collegian who was in Mackie during the "Jack" Carrington era would notice a number of changes between then and now. We have carpet on the floor, the showers are hot, the dormitories are divided into bed-study cubicles and "prep" is no longer done in the prep-room, which is now divided into Senior and Junior T.V. rooms.

Whilst it may appear that Mackie boys in 1989 have it easier than their forebears, it must be remembered that times have changed. The 1939 Pegasus stated that Mackie was the best Boarding House in the Empire but it has to keep up with changing times and modern standards. This is why Mackie has changed, and hopefully, will continue to maintain its position as a premier boarding house.



*The same dormitory after 1970, divided into individual bed/study cubicles.*



*Staff supervision and assistance is still given.*



*The 'Prep Room' is now two T.V. rooms.*

## Housemasters

J. A. Carrington 1940-67  
 A. D. Mahar 1968-72  
 E. B. Davies 1973-76  
 B. McLeod 1976-81  
 M. H. van Heeswyk 1982  
 J. R. D. Fraser 1983-85  
 N. J. G. Fairbairn 1986-

## Matrons

Sr. E. M. Wilson 1942-46  
 Sr. J. Fergusson 1947-55  
 Mrs. van Bergem 1955-66  
 Mrs. J. Quick 1966-68  
 Miss F. A. Rogers 1969-71  
 Mrs. A. D. Mahar 1971-72  
 Mrs. Reynolds 1972  
 Mrs. R. Oswald 1973-82  
 Mrs. M. Howarth 1983-86  
 Sr. D. Cook 1986-87  
 Mrs. A. Vile 1988-

## MACKIE REUNION

Early Saturday morning, a collective sigh of relief was passed in Mackie. The reason - the day had dawned fine and to the organisers, this augured well for a successful weekend, and what a weekend it turned out to be. Over one hundred and fifty Mackie old boys and partners returned to the College during the weekend.

A display of memorabilia and reminiscences by 1942 House Prefect, Jim Ferguson, revived many memories of Mackie days, yarns were exchanged, areas re-explored and friendships renewed. Nostalgia was replaced with reality; the Dining Hall food was still excellent, the boarders were still well-behaved, the 1st XVIII could still win matches, and the Chapel was definitely a positive acquisition for the College.

Perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the well-attended dinner on Saturday night. Over one hundred people enjoyed a superb dinner in the College Dining Hall and were entertained by Jim Fidge ('54), the Principal ('59), Des Davey and the 1988 House Captain, David Hay ('85).

On Sunday, Peter Sutherland ('48), a friend of John Carrington, and Michael Roland ('50) a Mackie House Tutor, completed it with remembrances of John Carrington and his boarders. Each spoke of the contribution Mackie and her boys have made to the College - each added their desire to see this contribution continue over the next fifty years.

Special thanks should be extended to the unsung individuals of the weekend - Mackie's present incumbents. Their behaviour and friendliness was a credit to them and consequently if this is an indication of Mackie's second 50 years, the House has much to look forward to.

Those who attended were:

Judy and Ian Anderson ('63), Robyn and Stuart Anderson ('63), Colin Blair ('59), Faith and Malcolm Brown ('43), Rod Brown ('72), Karin and Stephen Brunton ('68), Elizabeth and Peter Bufton ('65), Margaret and Hamish Campbell ('55), Adrian Champ ('42), Jessie and David Cole ('60), Julie and Simon Cole ('63), Colleen and Jock Coufts ('63), Muirean and David Curry ('42), Audrey and Des Davey (Staff), Mrs Lillian Davies (73-76), Dianne and Richard Dennis ('78), Lois and Keith Doery ('40), William Doig ('34), Joan and Tony Ennis ('54), Alistair Ewart ('79), Chris and Nigel Fairbairn (Staff 86-), Marney and Gary Fenton ('56), Jim Ferguson ('37), Prue and Jim Fidge ('54), Robert Flavel ('55), Laurie and Ken Fleay ('56), Joan and Scott Fletcher ('63), Marie and Peter Forbes ('46), Jane and Gary French ('59), Robyn and Peter Funston ('60), Sandra and John Gibson ('61), Elwyn and Ian Gordon ('40), Judy and Bob Grant (Staff) ('48), Jack Grummett ('46), David Hay ('85), David Hazeldine ('79), Margaret and James Heard ('46), Heather and Roger Heard ('54), Judith Heard and Ian Holmes ('45), Beryl and John Howie ('49), Alison and Malcolm John ('49), Richard Kerr ('52),



Top: Early arrivals at Mackie on Sunday morning.

Middle Left: Jim Fidge and Robert Robinson  
Middle Right: Walter Paton and Keith Doery  
Right: David Hazeldine, Gary Laidlaw, Alistair Ewart

Lower Right: Des Davey, Ian Gordon, Walter Paton.

Bottom: Jim Fidge, Mrs Ed Davies



Angus and Wally Koch ('60), Jennifer, Janet and Donald Lang ('49), Bob Leggatt ('53), Carole and Peter Lindeman ('72), Victoria and Stephen Mack ('63), John Mawson ('80), Rowena and Alistair McArthur ('55), Bruce McLeod (Staff), Wendy and Graeme McKindlay ('72), Malcolm McPherson ('68), Nola Peters and Roger McTavish ('61), Carolyn and John Menzies ('63), Margaret and Max Neale ('45), Diane and Geoff Notman ('64), Mrs Raye Oswald (Matron 73-82), Ross Paton ('57), Jill and Walter Paton ('39), Anne and Ian Parton (Staff), Vivienne and John Paech ('59), Sue and Andrew Peters ('63), Lachlan Ritchie ('65), Helen and Michael Ritchie ('63), Gloria and Angus Robertson ('44), Margaret and Robert Robinson ('49), Michael Roland (Staff 58-60), Fay and John Schmidt ('42), Anne, Emma and David Sears ('60), Jane and Paul Sheahan (Principal) ('59), Ian Sides ('48), Annabel and Anthony Sim ('64), John Souter ('39), Bill Stephenson ('79), Jan and Garth Strong ('56), Dorothy and Peter Sutherland ('48), James Tait ('55), Ann Vile (Matron 88-), Graeme Wallace-Smith ('46), Donald Walpole ('47), Roger Walker ('59), John Waugh ('49), David Whitcroft (Staff) ('61), Janie and Geoff Williamson ('64), Geoff Wills ('51), Brian Wood ('53), Ann Christie and Geoffrey Wood ('55).

## 1930's REUNION

To those Old Collegians who were at the College in the thirties this was a special time in its history. A time of great difficulty in the mid and post depression. A time when despite these difficulties things happened and building for the future took place. A time when F. W. Rolland was in his prime and his influence immense. A time when the school was small - at its lowest ebb, only 230 students. A time when in such a small school students truly knew almost every other student and a time when special friendships were made.

At the thirties reunion for two days a happy and relaxed group of over 80 Old Collegians and wives reminisced about this special time. Tales were told, exploits embellished and many wives were both surprised and amused by their husbands activities. Tribute must be paid to the ladies for their infinite patience in listening so admirably.

Friday was given over to fellowship to the early arrivals and Saturday became the main day. Morning tea in the Dining Hall saw wonderful presentations of College memorabilia to the Principal. Included was the 1889 Geelong College Cup by Sandy Collins and George Milne presented the cricket balls used to capture the public schools bowling record. After lunch, to a leisurely but detailed walk around the school old and new; from actually standing in FWR's bedroom, now the Alexander Campbell Meeting Room, to a first visit to the new Chapel. The genuine appreciation of all that has happened on the School campus in the last 50 years was most welcome.

Saturday night was the time for a truly enjoyable dinner in the Dining Hall. The Principal was thanked for the excellent hospitality provided and as usual in his well chosen words of welcome brought all present up to date with current developments and plans for the future. It was great to have Bert and Elsie Keith present, a real link with the staff of the thirties.

The highlight of the evening was the address by Jim Ferguson. A skilful blend of nostalgia; humorous anecdotes and very telling recall of the strength and influence of all the values taught at The Geelong College.

On Sunday, after a brief but very meaningful service in the Chapel, lunch was again in the Dining Hall, this time with the boarders. The combination of youth and advancing years was a very happy one - another time of genuine College warmth and fellowship.

A great weekend was enjoyed by all present. The only regret expressed was that all too few old Collegians took advantage of such a friendly time together.



*Ewen McLean, Ron Doig, John Urbahns, John Sloane*



*George Milne, Ian Russell, Don Vanrenen, Lyle Mulligan*



*George Ewan, John Urbahns*



*Outside the Austin Gray Centre - the old Preparatory School*



*At lunch*

### Those who attended were:

Alison and Jack Anderson ('34), Gina and Bob Belcher ('40), Sue and John Brumley ('39), John Cameron ('39), Knox Champ ('32), Vi and Rally Chirside ('41), Lesley and Trevor Collins ('36), Cliff Cooke ('31), Bob Dennis ('36), Lorrie and Alan Duffield ('36), Ron Doig ('33), Barbara and Ian Everist ('40), Betty and George Ewan ('40), Fergus Ewart ('37), Jim Ferguson ('37), Geoff Garly ('30), Des Gaunt ('30), Roy Gough ('34), Pat Grutzner ('39), Elizabeth and Andrew Hardie ('38), Fred Herd ('37), Sandy Kelso ('39), Clive Kirkwood ('33), Harvey Lade ('38), Margaret and Gordon Laidlaw ('37), Austin Lucas ('31), Margaret and Jack Macalister ('31), Lachlan McBean ('37), Joyce and Geoffrey McKinley ('37), Norman Mellor ('30), Marjorie and Kenneth Menzies ('35), Lyn and Lyle

Mulligan ('39), Ken Nall ('37), George Milne ('31), Selwyn Pearson ('38), Jocelyn and Harry Pillow ('41), Heather and Ronald Russell ('37), John Scott ('31), Ces Shinkfield ('30), Jan and John Shuter ('30), Gwenneth and John Simpson ('35), Cedric Sloane ('30), John Sloane ('40), Wilma and Alex Smart ('39), Neil Sutherland ('32), Ken Teasdale ('32), Marilyn and John Urbahns ('40), Don Vanrenen ('39), Bert Vanrenen ('37), Elizabeth and Roy Walpole ('38), Rosemary and Ronald Webster ('37), Moira and Ewen McLean (ex Staff) ('27), Elsie and Bert Keith (ex Staff) ('15), Jane and Paul Sheahan (Principal) ('59), Judy and Garnet Fielding (Chairman of Council), Betty and Geoff Betts (Foundation President), Judy and Bob Grant (Foundation) ('48), David Whitcroft (O.G.C.A.) ('68), Peg and Tom Clark (ex O.G.C.A.)

## MELBOURNE REUNION

The Landy/Guthbert rooms, with a view of a floodlight M.C.G. Oval, provided an excellent setting for the 138 guests who attended the Foundation's Melbourne Reunion Dinner on Friday, 9th June, 1989.

The Principal in a very humorous address, reminded the ladies, who constituted forty percent of those present, that all stories had to be divided by a factor of ten to get anywhere near the truth.

Bill Rogers ('39) maintained the same humorous tone with a very dry and detailed account of the daily life of a boarder during the war years, although we still don't know how the air raid alert at the Hermitage came to be sounded.

David Collins ('43) as M.C., managed to draw together what was a wonderful night, enjoyed by all Collegians young ('74) and old ('28) and by their partners.

Those who attended were:

Philip Aitken ('42), Robert Aitken ('35), Dianne and Brett Amezdroz ('74), Bruce Anderson ('42), Gavin Baird ('28), Neil and John Baird ('22), Jean and Ray Bayly ('40), Sue and John Bell ('56), Bev and Bob Boon ('43), John Borthwick ('43), Bob Bowler ('58), Jayne and Brian Broberg ('41), Bill Browning ('68), Maria and Keith Buchanan ('39), Ian Carmichael ('70), Jacqueline and Michael Carr ('72), Linden Stone and Tony Carter ('70), Lanny and Mick Carter ('72), Norman Charley ('44), Marie and Hayden Cock ('73), Audrey and John Coles ('46), Shirley and Arthur Coles ('39), Jan and David Collins ('43), Richard Crawshaw ('58), Helen and John Davidson ('39), Jay and Graeme Dickson ('67), Lois and Keith Doery ('40), Carmel and Ron Doig ('33), Doris and William Doig ('34), John Durnan ('72), Cam Emerson ('58), Barbara and Ian Everist ('40), Betty and George Ewan ('40), Gavin Faichney ('57), Margaret and Ron Fallaw ('44), Dale Fraser ('68), Don Fraser ('52), Bill Glover ('44), Lesley and Don Grant ('42), Pamela and Alex Gray ('49), Linley and Jim Hooper ('48), John Hurlston

('59), Josie and Ben Johnson ('38), Margaret and Stuart Johnson ('44), Margaret and Harvey Lade ('38), Val and John Lade ('48), Felicity and Don Lawson ('59), Wal Lehmann ('58), John Macdonald ('44), Marga and John Macdonald ('44), Rozeta and Ken Macfarlane ('68), Meg and Donald Macmillan ('41), Chris Malkin ('61), Geoff Manger ('58), Jim Marendaz ('72), Alastair McDonald ('57), Bobbie and Ian McDonald ('36), Dennis McDonald ('60), Merold and Graham Milner ('45), Gillian and Tony Negri ('48), Cliff Peel ('49), Coralie and Dick Reynolds ('45), Jan and Bill Rogers ('39), Lesley and David Salmon ('43), Keith Sloane ('58), Berwyn Jarratt and John Stewart ('40), Helen and Phil Thompson ('70), Libby and Geoff Thompson ('58), Judy and Peter Towt ('59), Joy and Brian Treyvaud ('41), Judy Ann Jones and David Turner ('44), Richard Varley ('57), Joan and Norman Wettenhall ('27), Pam and Lance Wiffen ('70), Edwina and Peter Winter ('68), Lance Woodward ('46), Fred Elliott ('41), Judy and Bob Grant ('48), Elsie and Bert Keith ('15), Moira and Ewen McLean ('27), Jane and Paul Sheahan ('59), David Whitcroft ('61).



*Bill Rogers, Brian Broberg*



*John Davidson, Margaret and Harvey Lade, Josie Johnson, Keith Buchanan*



*Bill Glover, Jan and David Collins*



*Ian Carmichael, Jim Marendaz, Hayden and Marie Cock, John Dornay, Fred Elliott*



*Don Grant, Meg and Don Macmillan*



*Richard Varley, John Hurlston, Bob Bowler, Wal Lehman, Cam Emerson, Geoff Manger*

# OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS

## A.P.S. BOWLS DAY

This annual event, open to Old Scholars and those who have an active connection with Public Schools, is normally held on the last Sunday in March, each year.

As the regular date was Easter Sunday, the date for 1989 was changed, temporarily, to Sunday, 9th April.

Unfortunately several regular Old Collegian players were unavailable on this date, in particular two of those who usually skip were 'hors de combat', - Lex Vivian ('39) (who normally manages the team) had recently had an operation on his leg and Bruce Sloane ('39) had fallen off a ladder and broken his shoulder.

With the help of two substitutes from other clubs, an Old Collegian team was entered and while they did not cover themselves with glory, they did have an enjoyable day. Those who played were:

Bill Oman ('25) Senior Skip, Rod Ingpen ('23), Geoff Higgins ('23), Neil Collyer ('34), Bert (Ike) Gosbell ('30) Skip, Bruce Anderson (Sub), Jim Braden ('54), Arthur Isacso (Sub), George Newton ('26) Skip, Bill Watkins ('38), Peter Evans ('47), Bert Barnes ('18), Tom Clark Skip, Pat Grutzner ('39), Bruce Ditty (Sub), Don Read ('27).

It is possibly advisable that specific team performances not be recorded, suffice to say that the four teams returned a total of 3 wins, 1 draw, and the other 8 games were played in a spirit of good fellowship which, after all is the real object of the day.

## O.G.C. / O.G.G. GOLF DAY

A record field of 118 hit off in fine conditions at the Barwon Heads Golf Club on 27th April for the annual match against the Old Grammarians.

Scattered showers and finishing in the dark for the tail enders failed to mar the enjoyment of the day.

Results:

Silver Salver won by O.G.G., the score now stands at 2 wins each.

The College Cup - Randall Bell ('57), on a count back from Ian Donald ('46) and Hugh Kininmonth ('70), 4 up.

Four Ball - David Gubbins ('72) and Jim Marendaz ('72) 12 up.

Nearest the Pin - R. Delves (O.G.G.)

Longest Drive - J Ackroyd (O.G.G.)

## APOLOGY

R. J. Paton ('69) was incorrectly listed as deceased in the last edition of Ad Astra. The information passed to us in good faith was for another person of the same name, age and district. We apologise for any distress this might have caused his family or friends.

## MARRIAGES

**Sue Graham ('78) to Paul Graham ('77)** May, 1986.

**Mark Evans ('77)** to Karen Lee, East Geelong, 3rd September, 1988.

**Sally Laidlaw ('77) to Andre Langley ('76)** Geelong, 28th October, 1988.

**Craig McKenzie ('71)** to Alexandra Ehrenberg, Melbourne, 5th November, 1988.

**Catherine DeWaard ('82)** to Robert Van Zetten, Geelong, 26th November, 1988.

**Peter Dunoon ('69)** to Robyn Younger, Geelong 13th December, 1988.

**David Sutherland ('71)** to Jacqueline Kurdian, Heidelberg, 30th December, 1988.

**Jillian Van Cooten ('77)** to Kim Forward, Melbourne, 31st December, 1988.

**Peter Batt ('71)** to Susan Ballard, Melbourne, 8th January, 1989.

**Susan Wenlock ('79)** to Simon Brown-Greaves, Kew, 8th January, 1989.

**Ian Mander ('78)** to Sian Edwards, Sydney, 13th March, 1989.

**Carol Baillie ('75)** to Barrie Lawrence, College Chapel, 25th March, 1989.

**Carolyn Louise Harvey ('81)** to David Kent, 26th March, 1988.

**Andrew Scott ('75)** to Jane Inglis, 26th March, 1989.

**Jim Dennis ('74)** to Judy Dettmann, Melbourne, 1st April, 1989.

**Belinda Abery ('76)** to Timothy Burrill, College Chapel, 1st April, 1989.

**Jayne Holt ('76)** to Rimas Liubinas, College Chapel, 8th April, 1989.

**Steven Brunton ('68)** to Karin Gerken, Woolsthorpe, 29th April, 1989.

**Andrew Thoms ('78)** to Julie Stillitano, 6th May, 1989.

## OBITUARY

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

T. L. Carr	('11)
A. B. McRorie	('17)
A. L. Rentoul	('18)
M. F. Sims	('24)
J. H. Bromell	('26)
J. N. Sloane	('31)
J. B. McLarty	('32)
D. J. S. McKellar	('33)
L. W. Cooke	('34)
R. G. Marshall	('34)
I. A. Nicholson	('46)
A. G. Rice	('49)
R. F. Sutherland	('50)
G. J. Myers	('69)
K. L. Parkes	('80)

## HERE AND THERE

**Pauline Butler ('85)** is in her 1st year of Bachelor of Applied Science, Information Services at Victoria College - Rusden Campus.

**Melissa Smith ('84)** has gained full-time employment with Melbourne radio station 3MMM, FM.

**Gillian Smyth ('83)** is studying 3rd year Pharmacology at Melbourne University.

**David Spittle ('82)** after completing an Associate Diploma of Business Course (hospitality, catering) in Queensland is currently touring with **John Phillips ('82)**.

**Anthony Spittle ('76)** is a Concrete Supervisor for B.M.G., Richmond River Area, N.S.W. based at Ballina.

**Libby Spittle ('78)** is a Legal Secretary with Ashton Mining Ltd., Melbourne, where she has been for the past six years.

**Michael Spittle ('84)** is employed by Wormald International (Australia) Ltd. on the Gold Coast as an Electrical Technician.

**Dr. Barrington Thomas ('42)** educational consultant and publisher, is currently Chairman, Victorian Chapter, Australian College of Education. He lives near Point Lonsdale.

**Peter Timmins ('70)** graduated from Architecture at Deakin in 1980. He married Helen Quale in 1982 and they have a son, Nathan, born in 1987.

**Philip Watson ('60)** has joined P. A. Consulting Group as a Senior Consultant in Executive Search and Recruitment.

**John Walter ('51)** and his wife, Ruth, spent three months in East Africa, India and Nepal photographing wildlife also viewing the wonders of Egypt, India and Thailand. Presently they are on an eight month photographic safari to the Centre and Western Australia following the wild flower season.

**Dr. Peter Champness ('67)** is a radiologist with East Melbourne Radiology. He is also a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Australian Naval Reserve and has two daughters, Vivienne (aged 3) and Veronica (3 months).

**Dr. John Theobald ('43)** is presently the Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Education at Monash University. He has just completed 25 years of service, much of that time has been as the Director of Teacher Training.

**Jillian Van Cooten ('77)** is working as a Clinical Biochemist at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton Campus.

**Robert Grover ('65)**, who after four years with the Queensland Grain-growers Association, advising farmers on financial matters, has now bought into the firm Pembroke Financial Planners in Toowoomba.

## OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS

### HERE AND THERE (Continued)

**Bill Farrow ('61)** who heads the large Farrow Corporation in Geelong, has a majority of O.G.C.'s on his small Boards of Management. **David Clarke ('66)** and **Andrew Lawson ('56)** are on the Farrow Board while **Ken Andrews ('57)** and **John Rooke ('51)** are on the Pyramid Board, a subsidiary company which is the largest Building Society in Victoria and the second in Australia. No wonder the Company has grown so big and strong.

**Margaret Gregory ('81)** also works as an internal auditor for the Society.

**Struan Jacobs ('60)** has been in England on Sabbatical Leave, and to receive his Ph.D. at London University. He also spent some time at Trinity College, Cambridge, and now returns to his philosophy tutorship at Deakin.

**Boyd Craig ('66)** has returned to Australia after several years spent in Spain. Now in Brisbane, he is occupied with language teaching and interpreting.

**Brian Marshman ('58)** and brother **Phillip ('60)** saw their Geelong accountancy firm of Marshman's celebrate its 20th Anniversary in May.

**Jane McKenzie ('85)** recently won her Queen's Scout Award.

**Barry Bell ('47)** and **Milton Poulston ('44)** recently reached the semi-finals of the Austrian Veterans Tennis Championships held at Portscach, a resort village near the Italian border. They lost to two Canadian ex-Davis Cup players. **Tom Maltby ('41)** and his wife were there and gave support. Barry met the Guest of Honour, Fred Perry, who enquired after our tennis great, **Jack Hawkes ('13)**. Barry, who is Vice-President of the G.L.T.C. is captain of its Veterans' team of O.G.C.'s which includes brother **Randall ('57)**, **Graeme Williams ('50)** (Club President for 15 years) and **David Jarman ('57)**. It leads its section in the Melbourne Veteran's competition.

**Robert McKenzie ('54)** is employed by Minenco Pty Ltd in their Brisbane office as Principal Project Engineer, Bougainville Projects.

**Craig Tucker ('81)** after graduating from Ballarat C.A.E. in Engineering (Mining) is now working as a Grade Control Engineer for Goldsworthy Mining Ltd, in the Pilbara at Shay Gap, W.A. Brother **David ('85)** is currently doing Arts at Deakin, but proposes to change to Commerce in 1990.

**Jamie Hutchesson ('81)** is currently travelling around Australia.

**Peter Nall ('68)** is the Group Product Manager with Peter & Pauls Ice Cream, based at South Brisbane.

**Catherine Thom ('88)** graduated with a Diploma of Teaching in 1987, is now working for Capital Building Society in Melbourne, of which her father, **Brian Thom ('49)** is the Executive Director.

**Brigadier John "Harry" Hooper ('43)** has recently retired again after three-and-a-half years as Private Secretary to the Governor of N.S.W. He is continuing as a member of the Veterans' Division of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in Sydney.

**Major Ian Revie ('66) R.A.E.** after two years in Hobart and one year on secondment to John Holland Construction in Sydney, is now posted at 19 C.E. Works Randwick as Senior Design Major.

**Rob Hastie ('69)** of the Shibui Salon, Toorak won Schwarzkopf's Australian Hairdresser of the Year Award in May.

**Stanley Fagg ('28)** Managing Director of the family business, has become the first Honorary Life Member of the Timber Merchants' Association, of which he was an inaugural member.

**Randall Jackson ('69)** transferred to the R.A.A.F. after graduating from Duntroon in the Army's aviation wing. In September 1988 he joined QANTAS as a Jumbo pilot.

**Geoff Archer ('68)** is currently Senior Planning and Finance Manager in the Commercial Banking Services of the A.N.Z. Bank. He is married with two sons.

**Alistair McArthur ('55)** now lives in Melbourne after more than 20 years working and travelling overseas. His last position was as Executive Director of the Canadian Outward Bound Wilderness School. He married Dr. Rowena Bright in November 1987 and now operates "Odyssey Consultants" a Management and Outdoor Education Consultancy.

**Abe Crabtree ('20)** has lived at 49, Finch Street, East Malvern, for the past 50 years. Unfortunately his wonderful companion for those years, Violet, passed away in May.

**David Lowing ('60)** returned to Deniliquin in 1983, after 16 years on Riverina merino studs, to reform the Deniliquin Stud Park Merino. This he combined with a sheep classing and stud advisory service. He commutes frequently to his home in Willaura.

**Steve de Jong ('72)** is the buyer for motor accessories for Target Australia.

**Barry Eagles ('66)** has sold the hotel in the Snowy Mountains and is exploring options on the South East Queensland coast.

**Mark Evans ('77)** and **Chris Schofield ('78)** are both working as medical representatives for the Glaxo Pharmaceutical Company.

**Tim Pigdon ('77)** is holidaying in Europe after lecturing in real estate valuation at the University of South Pacific in Fiji in 1988, and at the Queensland Agricultural College in 1986 and 1987.

**Sandy Todd ('63)** is still practising as a barrister in Sydney and invites any classmates to call in at the Windeyer Chambers, 225 Macquarie Street, Sydney.

**Ian Wray ('66)** is a sales executive for Nissan, also in partnership in a boat hire business on the foreshore at Indented Head.

**David Simpson ('67)** was recently promoted from 1st Officer to Captain with Ansett Airlines Australia.

**Tom Leggatt ('81)** now manages the Landscape Division of the Wirruna Nursery in Wallington.

**Professor Donald M. McLean ('38)** who is at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, had his sole-author textbook "Virological Infections" published by C. C. Thomas of Springfield in December 1988.

**Tom Bence ('46)** has once again returned as proprietor of Park Motor Inn, Toowoomba, and assures us that any O.G.C.'s passing through would receive a warm welcome.

**Drew Deppeler ('70)** enjoyed the U.S. ski season in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, before returning to teach at Timboon High School.

**Peter Dunoon ('69)** after teaching in various parts of Victoria, punctuated by travels aboard, has now married and settled, working as a librarian at St. Michael's Grammar in Melbourne.

**Neville Kirwin ('49)** has recently sold most of his horticultural interests near Mildura. He still retains an active interest in the Citrus and Table Grade Industries through his membership of several committees and has recently undertaken the Presidency of Mildura Rotary Club.

**Malcolm Brown ('43)** has retired to Albury after 28 years at Mountain Creek, N.S.W. Son, **Rod ('72)** has worked at the Victorian Arts Centre since performances commenced in 1982 and has been Sound Master since 1985.

**Angus ('75)** has returned to work as a vet in Adelaide after a 14 month working holiday abroad.

**Bill Stephinson ('79)** now works in Sydney after graduating from University of New England. Brother **Tim ('82)** is continuing his B.A. there.

**Andrew Thoms ('78)** is working as an architectural draftsman whilst sharing the building of a mud brick home at Wallington with his new wife.

The Runia brothers are still all on the other side of the globe. After stints in Princeton U.S.A. and Canberra (A.N.U.), **David ('65)** has returned to the Free University, Amsterdam. As a petrophysicist working for Shell, **John ('67)** will be transferred soon from the London Office to Gabon in Central Africa. **Calvin ('72)** works as a mechanical engineer modifying Scania trucks in Zwolle, Holland. **Anthony ('74)** is a free-lance translator with his activities centered in Groningen in the North of the Netherlands.

# OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS

## ARCHIVES

Material from the Archives has been on display for the 1930's and Mackie Reunions in May and July. Several of the Dining Hall tables were used to display all the photographs, publications, records and articles which attracted much interest from those who attended. They were also closely examined by present boarders while they were on show. A larger display was held in the Gallery for a week and many students showed keen interest in the exhibits.

During the 1930's reunion we received several notable donations of articles to the Archives. These were presented at a short ceremony before the Saturday luncheon. **Trevor "Sandy" Collins** ('36) presented a College Cup won by F. Brockwell in 1889. It is a very handsome cup made by the well known silversmith, Edward Fischer. It joins two other recently presented College Cups won by J. H. Campbell (1912) and A. H. McGregor (1928). 'Sandy' Collins also presented other articles connected with rowing such as togs, cap, photographs and newspaper cuttings. **Geoff Ganly** ('30) gave his book prize of 1931; **George Milne** ('31) presented three inscribed cricket balls given to him to commemorate outstanding bowling performances in 1935, **Jack Anderson** ('34) gave an album of photographs of a hike to Wilson's Promontory in 1936, **Bob Dennis** ('36) and **Roy Walpole** ('38) gave material from Glee Club performances, **Harry Pillow** ('41) gave a

silk cigarette-card with The Geelong College crest, put out by an unnamed company before World War I, and **Don Vanrenen** ('37) provided a most interesting document showing the names and duties of prefects as they managed the old Tuck Shop under the Pavilion.

Additional Archival material which was gratefully received from the Mackie House Reunion were from: **Ian Holmes** ('45) - a book "Memoirs of Great Commanders" inscribed by the Headmaster, George Morrison, "To Allan McKenzie, with best wishes from George Morrison, Geelong College, Christmas 1897". **Garth Strong** ('56), a letter from John Carrington inviting Garth to join the Mackie House Committee. **John Waugh** (49) donated his book of newspaper cuttings, photos, and daily weights of the 1953 1st VIII. **Jack Grummett** ('46) produced five 1949 *Chez Nous*, the College Newspaper for a number of years and some interesting postcards of the College 1905 - 1909 including one which was written by Alan Tait, noted scholar and sportsman in his school days (1903 - 1908), and who joined the staff in 1921, was Head of Scots, Queensland, 1931-38, and then Vice-Principal of the College 1939-57.

Another recent acquisition has been of a good number of early copies of *Pegasus* from **John Lamont** ('53).

All these donations of materials are of great value to the Archives and we sincerely thank the donors.

## THE CHAPEL BIBLE



At his farewell function, Bruce Jamieson (College Bursar 1966 - 1988) and his wife Morna, received the "Bruce Jamieson Bible" which has been presented by the College Council for use in the College Chapel. The presentation is being made by Mr. Keith Doery, Deputy Chairman of the College Council.

### The Chapel

There are still some Pews in the Chapel which have not been donated. Each costs \$1,566 and a small plaque bearing the donor's name will be attached.

The Council is also hoping to find donors for stained glass windows.

Donations (made out to the Building Fund) are deductible from income tax. If interested, please contact the Development Office (052) 26 3123.

## AUTHORS

**Jack Champ** ('25) has recently published "The Wind is Free" - a history of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, 1859 - 1988.

Jack loves sailing and has been a member of the Club since 1930 and was co-author of "The Diggers of Colditz".

It is a comprehensive history with 70 photographs, reproductions of old charts and the changes from stars to computers; timber to plastics, and includes touching stories and anecdotes. Available from the R.G.Y.C. for \$25, Leatherbound, \$85.

"But a Heartbeat in Time", by **G. Claude Notman** ('27), the sesquicentennial history of Skipton, Victoria, and the Western Plains.

In a monumental volume, Claude Notman has recast and extended his own 1939 centenary work, "Out of the Past", to give us the definitive history of his home region.

313 pages, \$30 post free obtainable from Angus & Robertson, Sturt St, Ballarat, or from Claude, Mt Widdierim, Skipton.



Trevor 'Sandy' Collins who gave a number of items valuable to the College archives.



Above: George Milne presents to the Principal, the cricket ball with which he broke the A.P.S. record.



Left: Students, present and past are fascinated by the Archival display.

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## HONOURS



The Very Reverend G. A. (Pat) Wood ('26) (above) was awarded general division Medal of the Order of Australia (O.A.M.) in the last Queen's Birthday honours list.

He was awarded an Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) in 1976 which he received for services to the Church as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Victoria and Tasmania and Moderator-General of Australia.

He was on the College Council for 12 years and led the 1950's Preparatory School Appeal with Geoff Betts.

The O.A.M. is for his service to the elderly since his retirement. He was founding President of the Geelong Probus Club and has worked to promote the development of similar clubs throughout the Geelong region. He was also Founding President of Geelong's University of the Third Age and is now its Patron. His many other involvements include Geelong Rotary, the Australian Retired Persons' Association, the Early Planning for Retirement group, and he is Chieftain of the Newtown Highland Gathering. He began, and still conducts, Sunday services at Airey's inlet.

THE GEELONG COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
PRESIDENT'S DINNER  
and J. H. CAMPBELL MEMORIAL LECTURE  
by Professor Geoffrey Blainey,  
in the College Dining Hall,  
on Thursday, 16th November, 1989  
at 6.45 for 7.30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40 per head.  
ALL WELCOME

Bookings to the College Development Office  
in writing, with the cheque please.  
Enquiries: Bob Grant (052) 26 3123.

## EVERISTS ON TOP

Brothers Ian ('40) and Neil ('42) Everist (photo, above left) were in the news recently having won the State award for Engineering Excellence in the Public Works section.

Ian is the Managing Director of Fisher, Stewart Pty. Ltd., the consulting engineers to the Lorne Water Board and Neil, who heads the architectural firm of McGlashan and Everist Pty. Ltd., joined forces on the \$1.8 million Lorne Water Treatment plant.

The project, which was judged on its benefit to the community, its human and natural environment, and its technological excellence, produces clean, safe drinking water using a dissolved air flotation process to remove impurities. The building also houses the Water Board's public offices and is designed to blend in with its bush surroundings.

Neil is the well-known College architect who has designed the recent College buildings with skill and sensitivity.

## ENROLMENTS

Demand for places at all levels at the College has been high and there are many families who will not be able to get their children into the school at their preferred level.

It is in the interest of Old Collegians and others who wish their children to attend the College, to enrol them as soon as possible.

## 1990 1ST XI CRICKET TOUR

The 1st XI cricket squad is planning a tour next June - July, playing games against schools and clubs in the South of England and London.

Phillip Strachan, who is working for R.T.Z. Ltd. in London, has already been very helpful and will arrange a team of Old Collegians and friends to play the XI. He would welcome any contact from Old Collegians in the U.K. (Telephone (01) 930 2399 ext. 2311).

Mark Seeckts would also welcome any assistance or advice re fixtures, accommodation, sponsorship from interested parties.



## CYCLIST EXTRAORDINAIRE

Rod Evans ('71) (above) who will be remembered by many Old Collegians for his cycling exploits in the early 70s, recently came out of retirement to break a world cycling record that many people thought was unbreakable.

In July, Rod wrote his name into the Guinness Book of Records by smashing over 30 days off the 14,000km Around Australia cycling record. Rod's time of 49 days 22 hours and 31 minutes broke the previous record of 80 days set by a four-rider Danish team in 1985 and also broke the 62 day Around Australia relay record. Rod, who was Geelong Amateur Cycling Club Champion and Victorian Junior 50km Road Champion whilst a student at The Geelong College, rode up to 18 hours and often over 400km per day in his effort to break the record.

In trying to overcome the pain bought about on such a ride Rod, at times, had to walk because his feet were too swollen and sore to pedal. Fatigue also caused his vision to become blurred and over the last 10 days of the record, as he struggled to follow the white line on the side of the road, the ride became increasingly difficult as he continually fell asleep while riding his bike.

Leading Rod's support crew of four was his father Peter ('47) a Geelong farmer, himself a former world veteran cycling champion, who slept less than two hours a day for more than 10 days to ensure his son could continue.

Rod who now lives in Perth, says he naturally wants to forget about bike riding for a few weeks, but is already considering future challenges including an attempt on the Across Australia record in 1991 and possible sponsorship offers to attempt to break Sir Hubert Opperman's 24 hour record, a cycling record that has stood unchallenged for over 50 years.



## THE OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of THE OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION INC. will be held at the AMBASSADOR FUNCTION CENTRE, cnr Myers and Gheringhap Streets, Geelong, on FRIDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1989.

The Annual General Meeting will be conducted between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on that evening.

### Business

1. To receive the Minutes, President's Annual Report and Financial Statement.
2. To elect office bearers and members of the Committee.
3. To determine annual subscription and life membership subscription.
4. To elect an Auditor.
5. Amendments to statement of purposes as outlined below:

RULES Article 3B (b) for the term "five (5)" shall be substituted the term "ten (10)". So that it reads "All members of staff of The Geelong College who are serving as full-time staff and who have served in such capacity for a period of not less than ten (10) years, shall be invited to become honorary members for so long as they are serving."

RULE 3A. ANNUAL AND LIFE MEMBERS substitute the term "two" for the term "one" so that it reads. "Membership of the Association shall be by virtue of attendance at The Geelong College as a full-time student for at least two years."

6. Other matters which may be admitted by the President.

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### NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate:

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

for election to the Committee of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association Inc.

Nominated by:

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

Seconded by:

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

I hereby consent to such nomination, dated .....

Signed ..... Nominee

Nominators and nominees must be financial members of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association Inc., and the nomination accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (not necessarily on this form) must reach the Honorary Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the 27th October, 1989.

# O.G.C.A. ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1989

Our guest speaker will be Christina Hindhaugh, a regular contributor to a wide range of Australian magazines and author of "It Wasn't Meant to be Easy" and "I Love a Sunburnt Torso". Christina brings to her public speaking the same rich humour and sharp observation which have proved so popular in her writing.

- Date: Friday, 27th October, 1989.
- Time: 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
- Venue: The Ambassador Function Centre, corner Myers and Gheringhap Streets, Geelong. (Myers Street entrance.)
- Cost: \$45 all inclusive - Life Members  
\$50 all inclusive - Non-financial Members
- Dress: Lounge Suit.
- Bookings Close: Last mail Tuesday, 17th October, 1989.  
NO money or bookings will be accepted on the night of the Dinner. A list of all names of all persons included in a multiple booking is required to be returned with the acceptance slip - the nominator is held to be responsible for prompt payment in full, on behalf of all the persons listed.
- Tables: Be sure of sitting where you prefer - tables of 10 can be booked NOW on payment of the appropriate amount.
- Tickets: Owing to mailing costs, no acknowledgement will be sent - receipt of your cheque ensures your reservation.

## BOOK TODAY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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### O.G.C.A. DINNER ACCEPTANCE

Post to: Executive Officer O.G.C.A.,  
P.O. Box 5,  
GEELONG. VIC. 3220.

R.S.V.P. Tuesday, 17th October, 1989.

I/We .....

Address .....

..... Postcode ..... Year Group .....

Telephone ..... (Private) ..... (Business)  
wish to attend the O.G.C.A. Annual Dinner.

Preferred name for use on name tags if different from above:

Please find my cheque attached for:

- \$45 Life Member  
 \$50 Non-financial Member

Make cheques payable to the O.G.C.A.