



# Adelaide High School Old Scholars Association Inc NEWS

A periodical summary of news from the A.H.S.O.S.A. Inc.

## From the President

June 2012

Since the last newsletter, the Adelaide High School Old Scholars Association held its Annual General Meeting, on 7th May, 2012 in the staffroom of our school, at 7pm. Once again, it was well attended by a broad cross section of our membership, demonstrating genuine interest and care. I am pleased to report that in the main, the committee has been re-elected. For professional and personal reasons Michael Leikas, Natasha Volkov and Bianca Volkov chose not to re-nominate for the committee. In the short term, we wish them well in their new endeavors, however in the future, the Association would be very pleased to have their services again. I am pleased to officially welcome Sarsha Itzkovich, Brendan Jones and Matthew Loveder to the new committee. I have no doubt, that the three new members will all be valuable contributors and team players, as they are young, enthusiastic and talented!

Last year, the committee on behalf of the Association, agreed to fund a new, significant award, the Dux of the School. In its inaugural year we had joint winners: Quincy Geary and Linh Kahn Van. Congratulations and best wishes to you both and we hope to see you at future Old Scholars functions!

I am pleased to inform our membership and the broader Adelaide High School community, that the class of 2011 maintained high scholastic standards. Eight students received perfect scores. One student received merits in two subjects. 43 students generated an ATAR of 90% or greater, and 79 students generated an ATAR of 80% or above, equivalent to 42% of students who sort an ATAR. Over 86% of our students received a first round offer from a tertiary institution. Congratulation to the students, staff, parents and members of our community, on a wonderful achievement and a job well done!

Both the Dux of the School and the inaugural Adelaide High School Vitae Medal were presented at the Leadership Assembly during Term 1, 2012. The AHS Vitae Medal was posthumously awarded to Mr Colin Brideson. His family members were in attendance to receive this prestigious award. The AHS Vitae Medal recognises and acknowledges Old Scholars who have sustained the school's motto and values through their post-school achievements. Mr Colin Brideson is a most worthy recipient of this award. In the next issue of our newsletter, it is envisaged that the Principal, Ms Anita Zocchi, will explain in greater detail, the meaning, purpose, process and timeline for nominating future AHS Vitae Medalists.

As most of you are aware, this year, our Annual

Old Scholars Dinner will be held at Adelaide High School, in the hall, on Friday, 20th July at 7:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Nick Scopelitis. He was SRC President in 1971, Head Prefect in 1972 and currently he is a Vice President of the Old Scholars Association. We are confident that Nick will be an entertaining, captivating, illuminating and forward looking speaker. As this dinner may well be a sell out, I strongly encourage you to book and pay for your dinner ASAP. The strategy of table captains is working very well. Please continue to accept responsibility and demonstrate leadership by virtue of becoming a table captain and organising nine friends or family members to join you. Email our competent and hardworking Secretary, Scott Jones: [adelaidehigholdscholars@hotmail.com](mailto:adelaidehigholdscholars@hotmail.com) for the relevant forms or download it from the website. The cost of the three course dinner is \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. Please note that dinner payments are non-refundable. As the dinner is less than a month away, I urge you all to book and pay promptly to ensure your attendance.

It is imperative that the collective community of Adelaide High School comes together for our Annual Dinner on the 20th of July, 2012 to honour and celebrate one of our living legends, 'Mr. Nick' (guest speaker) and the first female Principal ever appointed on merit to Adelaide High School, Ms. Anita Zocchi. I am looking forward to sharing a great night with you all.

**Paul Volkov**  
President

## ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER 2012

FRIDAY 20th JULY  
7:30PM

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL HALL  
SPEAKER - NICK SCOPELITIS

\$60 for financial members  
\$70 for non-members

Includes a 3-course meal, pre-dinner nibbles  
and a drinks package.

Email Scott Jones to book:  
[adelaidehigholdscholars@hotmail.com](mailto:adelaidehigholdscholars@hotmail.com)

Bookings close Sunday, 15 July, 2012



### **PATRON**

Dr James Katsaros

### **VICE PATRONS**

Mr Peter Sanderson  
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### **COMMITTEE**

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Mr Sinclair Mann  
Mr Cameron McAnsh  
Mr Max Rattley  
Ms Flora Rumbelow  
Mr Aaron Searl  
Mr Charlie Thomas  
Ms Amy Worswick

#### **Ex-Officio**

The Principal  
Ms Anita Zocchi

## Dux of the School and Vitae Medal Winner

**Right: The Vitae Medal was awarded posthumously to Mr Colin Brideson OAM and was accepted by his wife, Mrs Pat Brideson, and his son, Mr Tony Brideson. They are both pictured here with Head Prefects James Porter and Abbey Bowman, SRC President Rahul Pradhan, Principal Anita Zocchi, and Leadership Assembly guest speaker and old scholar Ms Susan Schodde**



**Dux of the School Recipients  
Linh Van and Quincy Geary**



### From the Editor

**Closing dates for newsletter articles**, to reach me at [sin999@bigpond.net.au](mailto:sin999@bigpond.net.au) or 6 Stow Court Highbury 5089, will fall on the following,

Term 3: 10th August 2012

Term 4: 1st November 2012

All articles should be a word document but if this isn't possible, send it as email text and I will cut and paste it into a word document.

All photos should be 300dpi and 12 cm width. Please try to reduce the size of photos from digital cameras to this size as the files straight from the camera are usually very large and take a while to download. Old photographs, sent for interest, may be sent by post with a return address and these can be scanned to form a digital image.

**Sinclair Mann  
Newsletter Editor**

### Cricket Report

Our 1st X1 cricket team has followed up its triumph at the Australian 5 Highs Cricket Carnival in Perth in 2011, by continuing to play an excellent brand of cricket in 2012. I am pleased to report that our 2012 1st X1 cricket team beat Mt. Gambier High in a highly competitive match, with one ball to spare, to win the much sought after Les Burdett Shield for the 3rd year in a row. In 2010 we defeated Unley High and in 2011 we beat Henley High.

On winning the State Schools competition, we were pitted against the top ranked Private School - Rostrevor College. I am pleased to report that Adelaide High, in a high quality match

came away with a win. Adelaide High has now won the prestigious Chappell Shield 3 years in a row as well. In 2010 we defeated St. Michael's College and in 2011 we beat Sacred Heart College.

Les Burdett Shield - Mt Gambier 6/214 off 45 overs. Adelaide.6/215 off 44.5 overs.

Chappell Shield - Rostrevor 10/120 off 34.1 overs. Adelaide 7/124 off 42 overs.

Congratulations and well done to the team and the wonderful support staff.

Australian U/16 Team - Congratulations to Michael Cormack, a year 9 student. Michael, as an off-spinner, was the

highest wicket-taker at this year's National U/15 Cricket Carnival, which was held in Tasmania. Subsequently, he has been selected in the U/16 Australian Team, which will play international matches in Dubai, in October of this year. Michael follows in the footsteps of recent Adelaide High cricketers who have represented Australia at U/16 level: Cameron Valente and Jeremy Allison. Congratulations to Michael on a wonderful achievement! We are confident that he will have a successful series in Dubai.

**Paul Volkov  
Director of Cricket**



An invitation is extended to former students of  
Adelaide Girls' High School and Adelaide High School  
to attend the annual

## CONVERSAZIONE

to be held on  
**Saturday 4th August 2012**  
**2.00pm to 4.30pm**

In the Adelaide High School Hall  
Cost - \$10 (includes afternoon tea)

Put the date in your diary now and get together a group of your  
former school friends.

Prefects and House Captains of 1962 will be acknowledged.

Currently we do not have contact information for the following  
members of the 1962 group:

Helen Eglinton	Carol Mills
Brenda Claire Moody	Helen Richter
Dorothy Ann Waterman	Cynthia Reiss

Please contact the school on 8231 9373 if you can assist with any  
contact details.

## Adelaide High Old Scholars Bowling Club Annual Report – 2011/2012 Season

The 2011/2012 season was again quite successful although a mid-season lapse saw the Club being unable to maintain second position in the Metropolitan Division 3 East at the conclusion of the season.

Similar to the 2010/2011 season, this season has been a roller coaster one with some very close losses and good wins. In a very tight pennant competition the Club hovering between 2nd and 4th for most of the season, eventually finishing in 3rd position.

As a Club with only one team, we often came across teams bolstered by players who have been dropped from higher grades for various reasons, which made for a very interesting competition.

Club Captain Mark Hyland won this year's Club Singles Championship with a win over Mike Blackeby. Mark also undertook the role of Club Selector very capably.

Management was effectively and efficiently undertaken by Club Secretary Bill Ryan, with the Club being represented on the ABC Board by Silvija Svencis.

Treasurer Paul Young again enabled the Club to have sufficient funds to meet all our obligations and have a good reserve. This was primarily achieved by the Saturday raffles, with particular thanks to Dave Young for organising the ticket sales, Mark Hyland for the draw and Paul Zerella for the donation of wine as prizes.

Additionally thanks also to our principal sponsor the Arab Steed Hotel and supporting sponsors, the Hutt Street TAB, Gerard McCabe Jewellers and Blind River Marlborough Wines and for those who organised their sponsorship.

The Club undertook a number of social events which were well attended, further enhancing the camaraderie displayed throughout the season. This important part of the Club ethos was reflected by all members.

In particular the Club is proud of its tradition as being the only Old Scholars Club playing pennant competition in Australia, and the traditions established during the 15 years of competition.

President:	Will Sawley
Secretary:	Bill Ryan
Treasurer:	Paul Young
Club Captain & Selector:	Mark Hyland

## Letter to the Editor

I have read with interest Letters to the Editor in your last edition, written by old scholars, Geoff Dyer and Alan Field. I was a student at the Adelaide High School in the mid 1940's and my Class Teacher was a fine gentleman, George McKay. His classroom was next to another class which was in the charge of Miss Pollnitz whose Christian name escapes me, however I do remember that both teachers were held in high esteem.

A fine man by the name of Mr Cotton was allotted the task of teaching our class and others the memorable School War Cry which had the first line, 'Kooringa Ronga Ringa, Kooringa Ronga Roo' and to say the least it was a stirring morale lifter. Once again, the actual spelling may not be perfect, however, the War Cry was loved by all new students and we were lifted when we were able to give it full voice on special occasions such as team games or interschool sports days.

Mr Reg West was the Headmaster in my era and I also remember the names, Edmonds, Harvey my English teacher, Phil Read and Alby Jones whose talents included being co-author of the maths book, Searle and Jones.

I spent my first years at Currie Street and my most vivid memories include the obnoxious smells which exuded from the West End Brewery, which was next door to the back of the School.

In closing, I must make mention of some of the notable people who either worked at or attended the School in my era. Magarey Medallist, Mr Jeff Pash was a respected teacher whilst a champion footballer. John Marriott and Bob Hank also were students at different times. I am sure there were other champion athletes who passed through, however the above are the ones vivid in my memory. However, I cannot close without mentioning one ex-teacher, Mr Keith Michell, who later became a famous Shakespearean actor in England and I believe was knighted for his services.

Looking back, they were memorable days for me and my schoolmates, many of whom I have kept contact with over the years. Without a doubt, Adelaide High School has a magnificent history and should be regarded as an icon in South Australian history.

**Bob Henschke**  
**Adelaide High School, 1944 – 1947**



## Vale

### Barbara Robertson 1921 - 2011 Teacher, Adelaide Girls' High School

We say farewell to Barbara Robertson, a renowned painter of portraits, including the portrait of Elsie Morriss, Headmistress of Adelaide Girls' High School from 1959 until 1962. Barbara kindly donated that portrait to the school last year.

Barbara studied at the SA School of Arts, and then began teacher training at Adelaide Teachers' College in 1942. She taught at various suburban high schools from 1945. She was supported by her friend Vita Macghey, (then also a teacher at Norwood High School with Barbara), to study in Melbourne at the National Gallery School, and subsequently submitted portraits for the Archibald Prize. In 1952 Barbara returned to teaching and was appointed to Adelaide Girls' High School where Vita Macghey was now Headmistress (1951-1958). Barbara retired in the seventies and continuing to paint until 2000.

Interviews with former students for her biography by Lorraine McLoughlin indicate that she was remembered with love and gratitude, and fellow teachers revered her educational wisdom and abilities. We thank her again for the portrait of Elsie Morriss and say our final farewell.

### Flora Rumbelow Archivist

*(With thanks to The Advertiser Obituary of 31 Dec, 2011, and to Lorraine McLoughlin, author of Barbara Robertson, An Australian Artist's life, a copy of which was donated by Lorraine to the school Library.)*

### Bob Hank June 1923 - June 2012

We say farewell to Bob Hank, Old Scholar and football legend, who passed away on Thursday 14 June 2012.

According to Rex Jory in The Advertiser of 4/6/1999 Bob was 'one of the nicest gentlemen on earth' and 'a modest, considerate and articulate man' whom 'a few superstars could learn a bit about humility from'.

Bob Hank was a student at Adelaide High from 1936 to 1939, and was described in the school magazines as an outstanding player first in the 1936 magazine as an Under 13 A football team member, and then a very valuable rover in the Under 15 team of 1937. The comment about him in the magazine article about the First Football team of 1938 was that 'If some of the larger players had as much pluck as Bob, we might have done a little better this season'. He also played in the First Cricket team from 1937 until 1939.

From 1944 until the late fifties he went on to play for, captain and also later coach the West Torrens Football team, winning Magarey Medals in 1946 and 1947. He was in the All Australian team 1950-53 and played 29 games for SA, seven as captain.

### Flora Rumbelow Archivist

*(With thanks to Rex Jory, The Advertiser 1999)*

### Dr Isobel Koch (nee Speed) March 1931 - May 2012

Isobel Speed was a Leaving Honours student at Adelaide High in 1948 and was elected as a Prefect that year. She was a member of the Literary and Debating Society and the Theatre Guild, and played in the A Hockey team. She featured in the General Honours List for academics for 1948, gaining first in Botany, and was awarded a Leaving Honours Bursary.

She began the study of Medicine at the University of Adelaide in 1948, and went on to have a distinguished medical career as a specialist in Pathology, and had a long association with the Adelaide Children's Hospital, the Queen Victoria Hospital and the IMVS. She was also a founding member of the Committee which set up the Variety Club in SA and the first Life Member of Variety. She was responsible, as the subcommittee Chair, for the fundraising of \$750000 to establish the Child Health Research Unit at the Women and Children's Hospital in 1988. In her retirement she researched and wrote the history of the first years of Variety in SA.

Her name has long been perpetuated at Adelaide High in the Isobel Speed award, which she donated, and is still awarded annually to the best Adelaide High girls' hockey player.

### Flora Rumbelow Archivist

*(With thanks to The Advertiser Obituary June 16 2012)*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Ian Mannix for recognition of public service by being a recipient of a Public Service Medal.

Ian has been recognized for outstanding public service in establishing and managing the delivery of the ABC's emergency broadcasting services.

Ian's award relates to his role as the ABC's Emergency Broadcasting and Community Development Manager where he has demonstrated outstanding commitment, leadership and innovation in delivering local and national emergency information to communities Australia-wide via emergency broadcasting, ABC TV and ABC online. Ian has driven the development of the ABC's capability as an emergency newscaster and has pioneered partnerships with local authorities, developed strong processes and instilled

training in preparation and learning from the consequences of emergency challenges. He manages the relationships with key stakeholders in various State and Territory emergency services. His determination and vision has been proven as ABC Local Radio is now on the front-foot to respond quickly in a time of crisis.

Ian was a scholar at Adelaide High School from 1975 to 1979 and was the recipient of the Old Scholars Prize in 1979. Ian has continued his connection with the school as his daughter Hayley is currently in Year 12. Ian has also given generously of his time and skill to the school's rowing program, and has been the Chairman of the Friends of the Rowers Committee for many years.

### Anita Zocchi Principal

## 1979 -1980 Reunion

This is a call for expressions of interest for a school reunion for Year 12 in 1979 and 1980.

I would like to create an email list so posts can be sent to [mbyrne@uow.edu.au](mailto:mbyrne@uow.edu.au).

Please pass this message through your network of friends who may have completed Year 12 in 1979 and 1980.

**Dr Mitchell Byrne**  
Senior Lecturer  
Clinical and Forensic Psychologist

