



# 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

May 2013

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2013! It was envisaged that our newsletter would have been out earlier, however we did encounter a number of hurdles. Our Editor of recent times, Sinclair Mann, has relinquished his duties and has decided to travel the world. We wish him well in his travels and thank him for his past work and fantastic service! We have been fortunate that Wendy Robinson, at short notice has accepted the role of editor. We all very grateful to have her on our team!

As always, the beginning of a new year is hectic. However, it would be remiss of me, if I did not briefly reflect on the wonderful Old Scholars dinner that we had in 2012. Over 200 AHS Old Scholars attended the dinner, which was held at school in our great hall. It was truly a celebratory event, where happy faces, warm laughter and fantastic story-telling, dominated the evening! Our Guest of Honour and speaker was Nick Scopelitis. He was Head Prefect in 1972 and SRC President in 1971 and is currently the Vice-President of our Association. Nick proved to be a captivating,

illuminating and highly entertaining speaker. He demonstrated an ability to engage deeply with his audience. Nick was able to reminisce and reflect with great clarity, on the role that Adelaide High School and its community have played in his life. Moreover, looking forward he continues to live the school's motto: Non Scholae Sed Vitae. Nick is grateful for the education and opportunities that he received at Adelaide High School and in turn he is one of our great ambassadors, supporters and investors! On behalf of our Association and community, I thank you for everything that you continue to do!

An event such as this, cannot succeed without the commitment, hard work and support of the AHS Old Scholars Committee, Table Captains, Donors of raffle, goods and services, AHS Community and the Principal, Ms Anita Zocchi.

Congratulations to all concerned, it was a great team effort!

I am proud to inform our membership and the broader Adelaide High School community, that the class of 2012 maintained high scholastic standards. There were 307 A grades awarded by the SACE Board. Nine credits were awarded to eight of our students and these students were acknowledged at a Reception at Government House. 58 of our Year 12 students gained an ATAR of 90 or above, this equates to 27% of the cohort. 104 students gained an ATAR of 80 or above, this corresponds to 49% of the cohort. 141 students gained an ATAR of 70 or above, which equates to 67 % of the cohort. In the first round of tertiary offers, 89% of the cohort received an offer, with 63% receiving their first choice. Congratulations to our students, staff, parents and members of our community, on a wonderful achievement and job well done!

Both the Dux of the School and the Vitae Medal were presented at the Leadership Assembly during Term 1, 2013. Huyen Trinh was Dux of the School 2012, whilst James Katsaros was the recipient of the AHS Vitae Medal for



Guests were entertained by Nick Scopelitis, while Scott Jones was one of the MCs at the 2012 Old Scholars' Dinner.



## ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 13 May 2013 at 7:00pm  
Adelaide High School Staffroom  
Light refreshments and nibbles will be served.



### PATRON

Dr James Katsaros

### VICE PATRONS

Mr Peter Sanderson  
Mr Stephen Dowdy

### COMMITTEE

#### President

Mr Paul Volkov

#### Vice-Presidents

Mrs Kay Koch  
Mr Nick Scopelitis

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Ms Sarsha Itzkovich  
Mr Brendan Jones  
Mr Matthew Loveder  
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

## President's Report (cont)

2012. The Vitae Medal recognises and acknowledges Old Scholars who have sustained the school's motto and values through their post-school achievements. James Katsaros is definitively a most worthy recipient of this prestigious award. Congratulations to both Huyen Trinh and James Katsaros. (Please refer to accompanying articles in the newsletter for more information). On behalf of the AHS Old Scholars Association and the broader community of Adelaide High School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank James Katsaros for his many years of leadership, professionalism, hard work and support of our great school!

At our recent committee meeting a number of strategic decisions were made:

- The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Adelaide High School Staff Room, located on the first floor, on Monday, 13 May 2013 at 7.00pm.
- The Annual Old Scholars dinner will be held at Adelaide High School in the Hall, on Friday, 26 July at 7.00pm. The Guest Speaker is to be advised. The same caterers as 2012 will be used. The cost for the three course dinner will be \$65 for members and \$80 for non-members which includes a complimentary drink on arrival. Where possible, our preference is for Table Captains to organise their table of ten for the dinner. Please email our secretary, Scott Jones at [adelaidehigholdscholars@hotmail.com](mailto:adelaidehigholdscholars@hotmail.com) if you would like to be a Table Captain.

As the dinner may well be a sell-out, I strongly encourage you to book and pay for your dinner as soon as possible. A significant number of old scholars have already indicated a willingness to be table captains. As such, where possible please organise tables of ten. The sub-committee organising the dinner will be contacting all table captains in due course. The best method of communication is to email our highly skilled and hardworking secretary, Scott Jones at [adelaidehigholdscholars@hotmail.com](mailto:adelaidehigholdscholars@hotmail.com).

In closing, I extend a warm invitation to our old scholars and the collective members of the broader Adelaide High School community to our Annual Dinner. It is an opportunity to come together, to reminisce, to celebrate, to honour and to continue value-adding to our great school!

**Paul Volkov**  
President

## Class of 1972 School Spirit Still Alive

A recent reunion of the ABHS 1972 Class and others of the era, was a resounding success with 26 old school mates attending and keen to make it a yearly event. After 40 years of ambition, drive and endeavour they were keen to engage with their classmates and reflect on their lives since their time at ABHS.

A social meeting of Trevor Vlassis and Peter Ahladas was the catalyst and a common desire to reconnect with their classmates. A list of names started to be compiled with an aim to reunite as many as were keen and available to the class reunion. Various contacts and long term friendships since 1972 enabled the contact list to expand and spread the word, with all looking forward to the occasion.

Held at Zaks Restaurant at West Lakes with live Greek music in the background (after all ABHS was known as Athens Boys High), the night began with lots of chat and engaging of their classmates and peers. Year books from 1968 to 1972 inclusive were keenly perused, pointing out their involvement and

contribution to the schools many activities.

Speeches from Trevor Vlassis set the scene and Peter Ahladas to thank all for their attendance and what it meant to be at ABHS. The night culminated in a loud and enthusiastic rendition of the old school war cry which was the true highlight of the night. Group photos were taken for distribution. All who attended were committed to keep the school spirit and friendship alive by enthusiastically agreeing to attend next year's reunion.

Many others of the era were unable to attend or could not be contacted and the mission this year is to locate and re-establish contact for next year's event. Others agreed to catch up sooner now that contact was established.

We all were grateful and reminisced about the school in our developing year and proud to be an old scholar of this great school.

**Peter Ahladas**



## ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL DINNER 2013

FRIDAY, 26 JULY, 7:00PM  
ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL HALL  
SPEAKER: To be advised

\$65 for financial members, \$80 for non-members  
Includes a 3-course meal, pre-dinner nibbles and a complimentary drink on arrival.

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

Bookings close Sunday, 21 July, 2013

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 3rd August 2013**

**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.

It is 50 years since the 1963 students graduated, so they will be acknowledged.

Currently we do not have contact information for the following members of the 1963 group:

Vicki Anderson	Rosemary Bottomley	Heather Burchell
Denise Conway	Claire Errington	Helen Gladstone
Beth Harding	Lorraine Lindsay	Helen Lohe
Carol Mills	Claire Moody	Kay O'Shannassy
Josephine Peterson	Anne Smith	Yvonne Wade

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

## 2012 Dux of the School Award

The 2012 Dux of the School Award was presented to Huyen Trinh.

Huyen was an outstanding scholar from the time of her enrolment, excelling in National Mathematics and Science competitions. She participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Premier's be Active Challenge

Her commitment to the co-curricular life of the school was equally impressive. Huyen participated in a range of school sports, represented the school in debating, was an active and long standing member of Interact, and packaging Birthing Kits for Zonta and fundraising for the Save the Children Foundation. She was a student who epitomised the international perspective of our school, not only because of her studies in language but also because of her wider commitment to global perspectives and human rights.

This year Huyen has been accepted into an Advanced Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Adelaide and we know that she will continue to refine her intellectual powers and scholarship. Her commitment to her studies and to the ethos of the school distinguishes Huyen as one of Adelaide High's finest graduates.



Guests enjoying themselves at the 2012 Conversazione.



2012 Dux of the School Huyen Trinh with Principal Ms Anita Zocchi and AHSOSA President Mr Paul Volkov

## Adelaide High School Old Scholars Cricket Club Season Review 2012/13

The past cricket season proved to be a challenging one for our great club. As with all challenges, so come opportunities. With the transition well under way to the next generation of cricketers, the club continues to focus on its long term sustainability rather than just short term success.

With four senior teams, including a youthful A Grade in its 10th year of Premier Grade cricket, the season had both its highs and lows.

With the retirement of a few senior players, the A Grade began the rebuilding of both team unit and culture, headed up by second year Captain, Jake Carrick-Smith. Although sadly the team was relegated to the second division by the season's conclusion, there is no doubt a new depth of talent now exists.

With the appointment of Senior Coach, Warren Mitchell, aptly supported by Jim Rankin as Assistant Coach, we now have the structure in place to mould the next generation of AHOS cricketers.

Off the field we continue to build upon our clubs "Trademark Behaviours" to ensure we create the club that both the players and the wider community can be proud of. We are also striving to build stronger ties directly with the school to ensure improved community involvement and social mobility.

I would like to congratulate the C Grade on reaching the grand final this year, albeit having to settle for second place. Mark Davis as Captain has proven to be a great find as both leader of his team and club supporter.

I, along with the committee, believe strongly that focusing on the future is a must. So as we look to the coming season, our priorities continue to be on quality player recruitment, widening our supporter base and playing group and ensuring we are proactive with the cricket program and involvement with Adelaide High School.

Special mention must again go to Paul Volkov for his tireless, and often unrecognised, commitment to the excellence that is cricket at Adelaide High School. Undoubtedly, his commitment to ground preparation and development of young minds is an integral part of the future of both the school and Old Scholars' cricket programs. On behalf of the club, thank you for your continued service. I would also like to thank the members of the committee for their time and application in ensuring the success of our club both now and for many years to come.

I would encourage those of you who are able to support or actively get involved in the club to do so. Feel free to contact me direct on 0401 654 800 should you like to discuss this further.

### Office Bearers for Season 2012-13

President	Matthew Loveder
Chairman	Paul Volkov
Treasurer	Damith
	Abeyagunawardena
Secretary	Craig Patterson

**Matthew Loveder**  
President

## Don Beard AM

Old Scholar Don Beard AM (Colonel Ret'd) with the late Ben O'Dowd (Colonel Ret'd) and Corporal Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC.

Both Don and Ben served in Korea. Don was the Regimental Medical Officer of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, during the crucial battle at Kapyong.

Photo courtesy of John Wellfare, Army Newspaper Unit, from the cover of 'Duty First'.



## FROM THE EDITOR

**Closing dates for newsletter articles**, to reach me at [m.hodge29@gmail.com](mailto:m.hodge29@gmail.com), will fall on the following,

Term 2: 21 June 2013  
Term 3: 23 August 2013  
Term 4: 7 October 2013

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 to Old Scholars Newsletter c/o Adelaide High School West Tce, Adelaide, 5000 with a return address and these can be scanned to form a digital image.

**Wendy Robinson**  
Newsletter Editor

## SEEKING TABLE CAPTAINS

### AHS OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, 26 July, 7pm, AHS Hall

Our preference is that Table Captains organise their tables of 10 for the dinner.

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Bookings close  
Sunday, 21 July, 2013.

## Adelaide High Old Scholars Bowling Club Annual Report 2012-13

The 2012/2013 season was again quite successful, although a number of close losses by 5 shots or less, has us currently mid table with the possibility of advancing to 4th with wins in the last two matches.

This year we have competed in Metropolitan Division 3 Central and as a 'one team only' Club we often come across teams bolstered by players who have been dropped from higher grades for a number of reasons which made for some very interesting competition.

We also meet quite a number of Old Scholars playing for other Clubs and it is very gratifying to see their pleasure that the Old Scholars was fielding a bowling team in pennant competition.

Former 'B' grade Old Scholar football coach Mark "Gully" Hyland has very capably led as Club Captain and Selector. Dave "Crab" Young, through the running of the raffle when playing at home, has enabled the Club to be on a sound financial footing. We also appreciate the continued donations of wine by Paul "Zac" Zerella as raffle prizes.

Management has been effectively and efficiently undertaken by President Will Sawley, Club Secretary Bill Ryan and Club Treasurer Gary "Gazz" Hagen, with Silvija Svencis representing us on the ABC Board. 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 enhancing the camaraderie throughout the season, this being an important part of the Club ethos which was reflected by all members of the Club.

In particular the Club is proud of its

16 year tradition of being the only Old Scholars Club playing pennant bowls competition in Australia.

President: Will Sawley  
 Secretary: Bill Ryan  
 Treasurer: Gary Hagen  
 Club Captain & Selector: Mark Hyland



Old Scholars Bowling Club Members 2012-2013

### Sri Lankan Cricket Fundraiser



A good time was enjoyed by all at the Fundraising event for Sri Lankan Cricket. Old Scholars in attendance were Paul Volkov, David Harris, Craig Ridley and Warren Mitchell, meeting with Mahela Jayawardene, Captain of the Sri Lankan National Cricket Team.

### 1961-1965 OLD BOYS REUNION

Colin Best is organising a 50 year reunion in 2015 for students of those years and would be interested to have contact from anyone in the Leaving Honours Class of 1965 or the 4A Class of 1965.

If you are an old scholar from those years, or know of anybody who was, please contact Colin Best on 0418 476 931.



## 2012 Vitae Medal

### 2012 Vitae Medal recipient: Doctor James Katsaros

- Patron of the Old Scholars' Association of Adelaide High School
- Old Scholar 1963-1967
- Head Prefect 1967
- Sir Hugh Cairns Memorial Prize recipient 1967
- Old Scholars Prize 1967
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, University of Adelaide 1974
- FRACS, Fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery 1983

The Old Scholars Association of Adelaide High School, with immense pride and unanimous conviction, announces that Doctor James Katsaros is the recipient for the Vitae Medal for 2012. Since his schoolboy days he has maintained a lifelong involvement with the School and has shown the best of school spirit in his devotion to quietly and selflessly helping others without wish of acknowledgement or fanfare. His credentials are indeed impressive and in his life's work and everyday interactions, he powerfully typifies and honours the values of his old school.

Doctor Katsaros is a leading and widely respected figure in the community, being actively involved through his charity work, his professional roles and his voluntary associations. Doctor Katsaros is an original Life Member of the Adelaide High School Old Scholars Association and current Patron. He has served with unstinting vigour, love of the School and well-known generosity for decades. He has maintained an ongoing close working relationship with the Old Scholars' Association, engaging in its regular meetings, contributing with fundraising, attending School functions, appearing as a guest speaker at the School's Leadership Assembly and 'going in to bat' as an advocate for the school on many important and critical occasions in the School's history.

Dr Katsaros is widely admired by people from all walks of life. He has given his time and expertise for other people's benefit. He has been involved with INTERPLAST (Australia and New Zealand), a non-profit organisation that supports teams of volunteer surgeons to perform operations and assist underprivileged patients, predominantly children, in countries such as Laos, Thailand and Nepal. The esteem

in which Doctor Katsaros is held is amplified by his attractive personal qualities, foremost among them being modesty and large-hearted generosity. Despite his many commitments, being a leader in his chosen field, he is known as a 'people person', giving generously of his time and effort to his family and community and being active in times of need.

The Old Scholars Association of Adelaide High School believe that Doctor James Katsaros' achievements, initiatives, support for the School and spirit of giving and involvement in the community render him a worthy candidate for the Vitae Medal.

### Biographical Details:

- Examiner: Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, RACS
- Senior Visiting Consultant: Royal Adelaide Hospital
- Private Practice
- Patron, Adelaide High School Old Scholars Association
- Clinical Senior Lecturer, Department of Surgery, University of Adelaide
- Supervisor of Plastic Surgery Training, Royal Adelaide Hospital
- 1978-1979 Registrar in Plastic Surgery, Royal Adelaide Hospital
- 1980 Registrar in Plastic Surgery, Canniesburn Hospital, Glasgow UK
- 1981 Fellow in Plastic Surgery, Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine Norfolk, Virginia USA
- 1982 Christine Kleinert Fellow in Hand Surgery, Louisville, Kentucky USA
- Amelia Brown Frazier Fellow in Microsurgery
- 1983 Senior Registrar in Plastic Surgery, Royal Adelaide Hospital
- 1984-1993 Consultant Plastic Surgeon/Consultant Burns Surgeon, Royal Adelaide Hospital
- 1993-1997 Honorary Plastic Surgeon, Adelaide Women's & Children's Hospital
- 1993-1998 Board Member, Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery of The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- 1997-1999 Chairman, National Board of Studies, Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- 1995-2002 Senior Visiting Plastic Surgical Consultant, Flinders Medical Centre

- 1984-2011 Private Practice, Ward Street, North Adelaide
- 2001-2011 Examiner, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, RACS
- 2003-2010 Director, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Department of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- 2003-2011 Supervisor of Advanced Training in Plastic Surgery, Royal Adelaide Hospital
- 1974-present: Australian Medical Association

An extract from Surgical News Vol.9 No.8 showing Doctor Katsaros' involvement with INTERPLAST.

- 1981-1996: INTERPLAST – Malaysia, Indonesia, Tonga, Mauritius & Philippines
- 1985-present: International Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery
- 1988-present: Australian Association of Surgeons
- 1988-present: Australian Hand Surgery Society
- 1988-present: Australian Cleft Lip & Palate Society
- 1989-present: Australian Society Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons
- 2006-present: Honorary Member of the British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons

Information on the criteria, and nomination forms for future nominations can be found on the Old Scholars Association website.



2012 Vitae Medallist Dr James Katsaros with AHSOSA President Mr Paul Volkov

