



CHESSMOVES

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CHESS MEETINGS:

4th June

16th July

13th August

10th September

8th October

12th November

4th December*

*Annual Xmas break-up party - to be held at the Rose Hotel, Fitzroy - details later in September CHESSMOVES.

Meetings are held at CHS (except school holidays) at a staff room opposite the main entrance from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. All ex-students are welcome.

Welcome to our second edition for 2001. The reunion for the 60 years of CHS was a very successful event with many thanks due to the principal Elida Brereton and her team. Further reports are in this CHESSMOVES.

Our most recent CHESS meeting voted in favour of our financial support to a tree planting scheme organised by assistant principal Glen Linton.

With our new editor I urge members to email any news of ex-students to us so that we may include interesting news to members.

The results of our AGM are as follows.....

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Bernard Corser
Class of '71

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**Send all articles to Debs at her address on page 2 or via email on
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We welcome any contributions from past students. Please contact Deb by post or email with any written articles. Also, if any CHESS members wish to place ads, please

**contact
Bernard.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Currently, there are a wonderful range of happenings, all of which demonstrate the care and commitment of staff, the exceptional opportunities offered to students and also the vitality of life at Camberwell HS. Highly committed and competent students (and staff) continue to rehearse around the clock for **THE WIZ**...to be held in late May. Also 165 of CHS students have sat for the Australian Schools Science Competition....tribute for this fine response must go to the Head of Science, Greg Rickard. The Senior Debating Team won Round 2 of the Debating Association of Victoria school series...and are to be congratulated warmly. Ken Tenner presented last year's Year 11 Dux, Matthew Kotros, with the prestigious Monash Prize, which includes \$500, a framed certificate and \$500 upon entering a course there. CHS conducts tours for interested families on a regular basis throughout the year, and praise for the peaceful atmosphere, liveliness in classes and our new buildings is virtually universal.
Elida Brereton

CHESS SNIPPETS:

CHESS membership is steadily growing but we need your continued help to support the school as we have done in the past.

CHESS will hold an end of year function for the outgoing Year 12s in October in the new VCE Centre.

Our latest contribution (\$1200) has been for an avenue of 20 birch trees, leading from the park to the back of the sports hall...to be called CHESS WALK. Vice Principal, Glen Linton, will be organising a special plaque.

We are purchasing more filing cabinets, which will hold the records of all past students. This is quite an achievement for a school to still possess such comprehensive records.

There have been some queries made to us when annual membership starts - it has always been our policy to run the membership from January 1st to December 31st.

The 60th Reunion was a great success for those who attended. Unfortunately, the lead-up time was not great and a few people had to miss out before of prior engagements. In October 2002, we will be holding reunions for past students from the 80s and 90s. We will notify everyone by way of CHESSMOVES in the big mail out that we do every March.

The Committee

60 years on!

By Allan Paull (1946-49)

The Herald-Sun newspaper notice said it all. "Camberwell High School is turning sixty and has never looked better!" The notice went on to say that the reunion would take place on Saturday 31st March.

In fact, the celebrations really started on Friday, 30th March, at 4pm when over 200 people gathered to tour the new Arts/Technology/VCE/Music/PE Building, prior to the official opening by the Federal member for Kooyong, Mr Petro Georgiou MP and the State Member for Burwood, Mr Robert Stensholt MLA.

The new complex cost over \$2.4 million. Of that, \$1.45 million came from the Federal Government and \$773,487 from the State Government. But the sum of \$400,000 raised by the school community, to me, is the most significant number. It highlights once again why our school family is without peer, working closely with the school administration in the pursuit of excellence. As Elida Brereton, the Principal of CHS, said, "This is a time for celebration, thankfulness, optimism, togetherness and genuine enjoyment of a wonderful new facility for your children."

A celebratory champagne and 'yummy' nibbles prepared and served by students followed the opening and networking of past students, commenced in readiness for the 60th birthday reunion.

Next day, before the 'barrier' went up at 2pm, Principal Elida was busy 'blue-tacking' the length of the main corridor with memorable photographs from the earliest years. Later on, a photographer was on hand to 'snap' some of the students from the 40s, 50s, 60s, etc.. On a beautiful autumn afternoon, with the same frivolity but perhaps a little slower, with a little encouragement we lined up in the traditional manner once again.

A magnificent 60th Anniversary cake, appropriately decorated, was then cut as amateur photographers gathered to record the occasion. Over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake, tales of old were exchanged with a promise to do it again soon.

Time passed so quickly for many, the afternoon merged into the 'birthday' cocktail party at 7.30pm. Again, the guests were treated to excellent finger food prepared and served by students from years 7 and 8 Home Economics, while members of the PFA made sure that everyone was well looked after. To everyone involved in making it such a memorable occasion - take a bow!

Allan Paull

MEMORIES FROM PAST STUDENTS

Greetings from Barry George - Shanghai, China. Feb '01

Dear Ex-Camberwellians,

I have enjoyed reading CHESS over the years, and congratulate the CHESS committee in managing to keep such a magnificent publication arriving hot-off-the-press to my door step, wherever I've crash-landed!

I'm sending this from my construction site office in Jinqiao, Pudong, a new development zone, east of the main downtown Shanghai, where I'm Project Manager on a large industrial job which started in June 2000. Having now survived the civil / structural works, we're now into the exciting

Process Installation phase where my 300 local colleagues and I are trying not to blow ourselves up with various combinations of steam, LPG, solvents, acids and high voltage electrical power, etc . So far, so good...my "how-to" notes from Mr Mitchell's Year 12 1971 Chem class have been invaluable of course, and are now translated into Chinese for use on site.

I've been here in China over 3 years now (this trip), spending the first two years building the China Europe International Business School - also in Jinqiao. With over 700 of my Comrades on site, it was never a dull moment, all with their own ideas of what an International Business School should look like. All's well that ends well, and it's now full of students heading for their MBAs and beyond....where ever that might be?

Upon leaving CHS's hallowed halls in 1971, I did Civil Engineering at Monash Uni, then worked as a structural engineer in Melbourne, UK, Hong Kong, Maroochydore / Noosa (since '81), 2 years in Beijing on the Australian Embassy Project (87/88), and a year in Taipei working on the structural design of the underground tunnels & stations for their Mass Transit system.... (much of that design is based on Mr. Rickard's Year 11 physics lessons taught from a horizontal position on the back bench.) Also had an interesting (hot) 2 years in Brunei 94-96, doing all sorts of projects, ranging from a road fly-over bridge to some "palaces" for the Sultan's cronies*.

One of the advantages of Structural Engineering, is that you can always see the tangible result of all your efforts - *if* your buildings remain standing. Of course the flip side is, any mistakes are very obvious to all.... (refer to Miss Rusden's year 12 Physics notes on forces, pressures, acceleration etc.) When mistakes occur, it's wise to follow Mr Jenkin's Phys Ed advice on the best techniques for sprinting.

Apart from work, music has been a big part of my life, and having started out in my short pants learning the flute in 1966 from Mr. Trevare, I have kept playing music as much as possible (flute/ banjo / guitar) and have played in several Aussie / Irish Folk bands with my (English Teacher) wife since our Monash days. Our latest claim to fame has been playing for the Shanghai Hilton's two week Australian Food Promotion three years in a row, and the Shanghai Aussie Consulate's '98 Australia Day celebrations !

I'd better go...

Best Regards to All,
Barry George - Class of '71.

**Editor's note - cronies in the Macquarie dictionary means close companions.*

Hooray! I climbed up into our roof storage and found Barry in my Form 3A photo! (Bazza, are you going to kill me?)

CHES TREASURER'S REPORT

from Neil Bouvier

TAX OFFICE GST RULING - MEMBERSHIPS/FUNCTIONS

On 16/02/2001 the Australian Taxation Office cancelled the GST registration of CHES effective as of 1 January 2001, due mainly to the turnover falling well below the required tax threshold of \$50,000. The decision means that CHES will not be charging GST for any subscriptions or

functions and correspondingly we should not be charged, if at all possible, GST for costs that we will have to pay for. As a consequence no BAS returns (thankfully) will need to be lodged in the future.

MERCHANT BANK

CHES applied for an ABN principally to conduct business as a Bank Merchant so as to accept credit card payments. These credit card bankings used to be handled by CHS on our behalf prior to the new GST tax laws. Since inception date 01/10/2000, it has cost \$143 - made up of an initial set up fee of \$68, ongoing imprinter fees of \$2.20 pm over 6mths and floating fees of \$13.01 charged @7.65% on the value of deposits. Our ABN is 54 448 712

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CHES FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED 14 MAY 2001

There was a net deficit of \$1009 over the year as our payments of \$10843 exceeded total receipts of \$9834. Our opening bank balance was \$8704 so our closing bank figure is \$7695 made up of \$2695 in the cheque a/c and a long term (one year) deposit of \$5000 maturing on 16/11/2001.

The main revenue items were subscriptions of \$6440 (\$4680 year 2000 and \$1760 so far for 2001), donations \$2708, bank interest \$86 and webpage advertising \$600 made up of two clients @ \$300 each.

The costs/payments were high mainly because of the 4000 total ex-student mail outs being conducted twice in the financial year ie. in the June 2000 ChessMoves and the March 2001 ChessMoves. The date has been brought forward for subscription renewals to line up more with the start of the calendar year. Postage, which was discounted down to an average 40c as opposed to 45c, cost \$3591 and printing \$2680 (which Creffield Productions kindly waived the GST on) over the two mail-outs.

Other high cost items were the Webpage development, advertising in Prospice and assisting the school with the CHS 60th birthday celebrations (since there was no re-union), ongoing building and grounds maintenance projects, subsidising award nights for VCE students and a BBQ get-together for VCE students who leave school at the end of the year. Also we gave \$500 for a CHS ISC students trip to Greece last year.

VALE...

Ian Phelan
Dr David Cran

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