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St. Ann's Collegians Association Inc.

187 Brougham Place, North Adelaide, SA 5006

President's Report

Our Strategic Planning Session in May was very successful and has helped the committee redefine the manner in which the Collegians can serve members and support the College.

We examined factors that affect the effectiveness of the Association. Dual careers mean there is less discretionary time amongst members to support alumni activities. In the past the average time from graduation to marriage was five years - it is now 10 years - and raising children occurs later and family

focus is longer.

We hope therefore to focus the committee's efforts to build relationships with current students and enhance our communication with our current members.

Please note the Special General Meeting on June 28th to once again update our constitution to prepare for Australia's new tax system.

Simon Stevens
2000 President

2000 Functions



Quiz Night: at the College on *Friday 11 August*. Come along and bring your friends.



Founders Day: 6 pm for dinner and 7.30 pm for the concert on *Wednesday 13 September*.



Collegians Port & Chocs: 6 pm for dinner on *Monday 16 October*.



French Day: 12 Noon for picnic lunch in Mackinnon Parade Park *Sunday 22 October*.

Community News

To clarify news on the good **Dr Rachael Murphy (88-91)**: she is engaged to David Tscharke, another ex-Adelaidean she met post-docing in Oxford shortly after she arrived. Although they have a mutual friend and both studied science at Adelaide, they had to come all the way to Oxford to meet! The rest, as

they say, is history! They are getting married in Adelaide in December. So is **Ravi Mahajani (87-91)**.

Amanda Cowham (89-90) and Steve are engaged and have bought a house in Sydney where Amanda works in marketing for Australian Consolidated Press.

Natasha (Edwards 87-9) Penno has recently been promoted to Laboratory Manager in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Adelaide.

James Lenon (91-3) and Carolyn Anderson (83-8) with prizes following the phenomenal Websiteinoneday in



March.

Community News continued

Check it out on :

websiteinoneday.com

As reported last time **Bonne Lee (87-91)** was married to Lisa in Sydney. Bonne's wedding photos are at: <http://sites.netscape.net/guslogie/2nddec1999>



Bonne and Lisa in Miyako Japan



Junichi and Isabelle in Miyako Japan

Gabriel Kok (86-7,90-1) arrived late for Bonne's wedding and missed the ceremony though he did partake in the duck confit later on. He is booked to go to Wimbledon in June. Both his brothers are back so Gabriel's monopoly of all facilities in the house (including the bathroom) have gone the way of Bill Gates. He sends his regards to everyone at St Anns': "Give my regards to your family and the tennis court."

Bill James (90-1) and his band Proton Pill played at the Open Show in May. Bill has been generously coaching the football team to two victories out of three this year.

Robyn (Haddow 93-5) Hamilton has a daughter, Amelia Sophie, born last November. **David Homburg (86-9)** and **Kate Millar (86-8)** have a daughter, Hannah.

Angela Fisher (65) [right] was recently honoured with the Award of Excellence of the United Nations Society of Writers and Artists following release of her superbly photographed book *African Ceremonies*, which documents the living traditions and cultural splendour of the African continent. Other holders of the Award are Norman Mailer, Arthur Miller, Willem de Kooning and Erica Jong.

Erin Hoye (97-9) is working with Beezer Marketing.

Look who's graduating! **Dr Matt Schneemilch (91-2)** PhD in Civil Engineering, **Lisa**



Morell (93-4) Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography, **Carolyn Anderson (83-8)** MBA, **Monique Burke (93-5)** Bachelor of Management (Tourism and Hospitality), **Paul Crawford (73-5)** Graduate Certificate in Business (Marketing), **Sally Adamson (93-5)** Bachelor of Physiotherapy, **Dr Henry Detmold (90-1)** PhD in Computer Science.

Big exodus to London: **Bec Morgan (96-8)**, **Paula Heinrich (96-8)**, **Dave Batty (95-7)** before returning to embark on his PhD, **Angela Robinson (94-5)**, **Tim Ballantyne (95-7)**, **Dave Waller (92-5)**, **Natasha Heikkila (93-5)**, **Junichi Tamakoshi (93-7)** after finishing his two-year assignment with the Sheraton in Fiji, **Isabelle Morissette (97)** to study for her masters at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, following a year in

Collegians Prize 2000

The Collegians Prize this year has been awarded to:

- ◆ Megan Koh; (Medicine) for her involvement and contribution to community life through debating
- Congratulations and best wishes to all prize winners.

Founders' Day 2000

Founders Day is on Wednesday **13 September 2000.**

- ◆ 5 pm Graveside
- ◆ 5.45 Service
- ◆ 6.15 Drinks
- ◆ 6.30 Dinner
- ◆ 7.30 Concert

Let the College know if you are coming to din-

2000 Committee

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Miss LILIAN BUSH MA (Edin.) 1910-2000

Principal of St Ann's College 1953-1961

Miss Bush was the eighth of nine children. All the girls became teachers and two of the boys went to Cambridge. At the time of her appointment to St Ann's she was head of the modern languages department at the school of St Mary and St Anne in Staffordshire, England. She had been a colleague and friend of Dr Harding and had taught in New Zealand in 1937-40. She was on the staff of Woodlands Church of England Girls' Grammar School for two years from 1941.

Margaret (Laycock 50-3) Lockstone writes:

When Miss Bush arrived, I was in my fourth and final year at St Ann's. Perhaps because of this greater maturity, aided no doubt by the fact that I was studying for the Honours degree in French – Miss Bush's own subject – I found the new Principal very approachable. Conversation at High Table became easier, and requests for a "late key" were granted somewhat more liberally. Miss Bush



continued the practice of inviting overseas graduates to the College, and warmly welcomed the students who came under the Colombo Plan from India, Singapore and the Malay States. Thus all the College was enriched by getting to know young women from different countries, learning to appreciate their diverse backgrounds, even developing a taste for Asian cookery.

One of the major achievements of that year was the College Crest. After several alterations, a satisfactory design was accepted, and at the end of 1954, it became reality. One way in which Miss Bush encouraged the pursuit

of excellence was by her whole-hearted support of the tutorial system which St Ann's shared with men students from St Mark's, Aquinas and Lincoln. Further opportunity for social contacts occurred during intercollege debates, drama productions and the annual College Ball. Miss Bush also supported the newly formed Collegians Association (YAY!) and advocated the inclusion of a Collegians representative on the College Council and on the Foundation Committee. (As the then President of the Collegians I had the privilege of serving in this capacity for the first year in 1960.) At

the personal level, our shared interest in French proved a bond ripening into friendship which lasted well beyond Miss Bush's retirement and eventual return to England. From her cottage near Kendal, Cumbria, she followed with interest the development of the College and the fortunes of many of its students. Whenever a Collegian visited the Lake District, Miss Bush would delight in showing her around. My husband and I stayed there for a week in 1975 and were most royally entertained.

If I were to select one quality above all others which characterised Miss Bush, I would suggest enthusiasm. She encouraged us to pursue academic goals with passion and discipline; she inspired us with a desire to travel, to experience different lifestyles, and to value each other's attributes. She enjoyed life, and enjoyed sharing her enthusiasms with us. I am grateful that I knew Miss Bush first as mentor, then later as a friend. Her contribution to the life of St Ann's College has been considerable.

Sharon Ryan – New committee member

It is 12 years since I left St. Ann's at the end of 1988 and I graduated with my Bachelor of Social Work in 1991. Since graduating I have been fortunate enough to have some great work experiences both here and overseas.

After 18 months working as a Youth Worker for a local Council in Adelaide, I relocated to Alice Springs and experienced some unforgettable things while working for Territory Health Services as a Social Worker. I had the privilege of spending extended periods of time on remote Western Desert Aboriginal communities working mainly with women and children. I remember heading out bush, hunting for bush tucker with the women and kids, sitting out there for hours while the women patiently walked about searching and digging for food. One elderly woman staying with me and telling me her story of a son taken into Alice Springs by the Welfare and never returning to the community. So much for the supposed non-existence of the "Stolen Generation".

I spent one year in England, on a Work Visa,

traveling around Western Europe and into Northern Africa. Doing the usual cheap hostel, cheap travel, cheap food, cheap beer, cheap everything year away. I also spent 3 amazing months traveling around India with a friend.

After being back in Australia for a short time, I was offered a position through Australian Volunteers International to live and work in the Republic of Maldives, the 100% Muslim island nation off the South West coast of India, for 12 months as a Social Worker in a Drug Rehabilitation Centre. I lived and worked for the majority of my time on an island about 1km wide and 2 kms long, and being the only non-Maldivian person working for the agency. It was a strange experience to always be in the cultural minority and to generally feel misunderstood and isolated. This year gave me a new insight and sensitivity into what it must be like for immigrants arriving into Australia and the difficulties of trying to adapt to a culture very different than their own.

I was then accepted as a Social Work intern work-

ing at a Drug Free Residential Treatment Agency in New York for 3 months with people in long-term drug-free residential programs. I learnt so much from the residents and their personal struggles with drug addiction. Again, I felt very lucky to be in a situation where people shared so much about their lives.

Well, I'm now back in Adelaide and working for the Aboriginal Health Council as a project Officer. I am happy to be a new member of the Collegians committee and hopefully will have the opportunity to contribute in some way.

I look forward to catching up with old acquaintances throughout the year at all the upcoming events.

Sharon Ryan

Notice of Special General Meeting

With the advent of the GST, the Association's tax status comes into question.

To qualify as a non profit association the constitution of the association must contain clauses that prohibit a distribution of profits and assets among members during the lifetime of the association and on its winding up.

**Notice of a Special General Meeting of the
St Ann's Collegians' Association Inc.
187 Brougham Place, North Adelaide
Wednesday 28th June 2000**

Meeting Opens 6.30pm in the Tutorial Rooms

- 1) Present/Apologies
- 2) Proposed resolution that the clause:

"Article 5 - Non Profit

The assets and income of the Association shall be applied exclusively to the promotion of its objects and no portion shall be paid or distributed directly or indirectly to members of the Association except as bona fide remuneration for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association."