President’s Report

It’s been another busy year in 2006 for the St Ann’s Collegians Committee. We farewelled Ben Hartley, the previous President of the Collegians Committee, as he has moved to Melbourne for work. He’s really enjoying it over there and has been joined by his partner Angela Matthews. Ben was President for 3 years and will be missed by all members of the committee.

The Collegians were responsible for holding two mentoring dinners this year. The first was for dentistry students and the second a general theme entitled “Life-Long Learning”. Both of these were a huge success and really enabled the committee to give something back to the College. We are always looking for interesting guest speakers, and if anyone is willing to speak they are welcome to contact us.

Each year the Collegians Committee is responsible for giving out the Collegians Scholarships. We awarded four scholarships this year, the winners of which we got to know better over a bottle of sparkling wine at a committee meeting. All four winners were excited about their time at College, many commenting that it was a great way to make friends and that it provided a very supportive environment. We wish them the best of luck.

This year the Collegians decided to make a donation to the College. Previous donations have included a bust of Dame Roma Mitchell and a room in the new Wood Wing. We felt this year that a more tangible gift to be enjoyed by the students would be more appropriate. Based on feedback from the students and Dr Brooks we decided to make a donation of $12,000 for the resurfacing of the tennis court. This is a space that benefits the entire College and is used heavily. We will be unveiling a plaque in early 2007.

2007 is the 60th (or Diamond Jubilee) Anniversary of St Ann’s College. We are looking forward to a big year helping the Foundation with the various events including bi-decade dinners and the cocktail party on 16 March.

The Collegians Committee attended various College events this year. The Foundation Dinner at the Hyatt was fantastic, and spurred on by the Vice-President Shane Durkin we bid for and won a Cocktail Party at the College and the Blue Wrens evening at Dr Brooks’s house at Oakbank. We attended the Cocktail Party recently and it was a great night enjoyed by all. I also attended the Founders Day concert. Highlights from this were the St Ann’s Choir and the Jamming Band. The Classic Hollywood Ball was another enjoyable night (apart from the DJ not playing any Sir Mix-alot). The Collegians will be finishing up the year with a dinner at the Rising Sun Hotel on the 1st of December.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee – Shane Durkin, Travis Olds, Daniel Krips, Mark Jacobs, Simon Stevens and Leah Englefield. Sadly Leah has left us to live in London. I would also like to thank Dr Brooks for all the help and encouragement she gives us. Lastly I would urge any people interesting in joining the committee to come along next year. It’s a lot of fun!

James Lenon
President

President James Lenon (91-3) aka Arthur Miller is seen here with Marilyn Monroe aka Katie Cameron at the 2006 St Ann’s Classic Hollywood Ball—Wild Horses could not evict him from the Flat at the end of the evening.
Community News

Miranda (McClelland 88-91), Brett, Antoinette Bozanic (88-91), and Sirinart Thanissorn (88-90) are all the best of friends. Miranda will attend the wedding of Phil Rudd (88-91) and his bride Sara in Hobart on New Year’s Day, along with Phil and Sara’s 4 children – George, Bonnie, twins Nicholas and Patrick. Now that’s doing it in style!

Jarrod Carter (98-01) and Anne Crozier (99-02) are engaged!

Dave (92-5) and Natasha (Heikkila 93-5) have a daughter, Amelia Joy, to keep Thomas company.

Beau Murfitt (96) (pictured below) married Dr Zanna Wurst at St Aloysius Catholic Church, Sevenhill in April.

Lex Williams (99-01) and Renee have a baby daughter, Amity.

Luke Jamieson (98-00) is a partner in a start-up web-page design business in the city. Leah Ayles (00-1) has been admitted to the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Richard Cheung (89-93) and Paul Dosanjh (93) are both men about town working in the vicinity of the Santos Building in the city.

Dr Helen (Broinowki,58) Caldicott was awarded the inaugural Australian Peace Prize in Melbourne in July.

Dr Mary Wade (47-51), whose family were farmers on Thistle Island near Port Lincoln and who was later described as a Living Legend of Australian Paleontology, died at Charters Towers on 13 September 2005. She discovered remains of the Jurassic Sauropod Rhoetosaurus.

Sandra Lew (02) would love to get in touch with St Annians of her year. Darwin’s the place to be for Sally Adamson (93-5) as Kosha Jhalla (01-06) and Shane Durkin (97-00), with their interpretation of Classic Hollywood at this year’s Ball!

Belinda (Procter 85-88) Hoult and her daughter Eliza in Darwin.

Sirinart Thanissorn (88-90) and Kirin, Antoinette Bozanic (88-91), and Miranda (McClelland 88-91) Brett and Benjamin and Toby.
Lisa (Jacobs 96-7) Florence and her brother Mark (99-02) took part in the 50km Trailblazer challenge. They finished in a little over 11 hours. (11h.11m.11s) Pretty fit, no?

Duncan McKellar (86-91) is in the third year of the post-graduate medicine degree at Flinders University. He has three children aged 11, 10 and 2 and his wife, Lois, is doing her PhD in midwifery at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

Bec Evans (02-5) won a medal in her final year at St Ann’s and is working as an agronomist with Elders in Tasmania, turning grass into meat. How? You go to the shearing shed, look at a fleece, see what it needs from its characteristics, put that in the fertiliser, the grass grows up, the sheep eat it, and bingo, better meat. Neat, hey! She is taking her horse, Lucy, home across the Tasman as a brood mare.

Reunion for Sam’s exhibition in Hobart: Bonne Lee (87-91), Oliver, Lisa and son, Simon Stevens (87-9), Sam Hignett (87-8), Dr Rosemary Brooks

Nicole (Couch 88-90) Lucas together with husband Stuart and son Jack are a busy family with Nicole starting a business with her friend trading in custom-made fabric wall panels and framed Japanese papers.

Emma McSporran (95-8) is combating youth decline as a serious issue for the Upper North Farming Region where she has joined the Regional Health Services Program.

Frances The (86-8) was here during the Festival as a violinist with the Amsterdam Sinfonietta, a supreme chamber ensemble. She also does Dutch-English legal translation as a service in Holland.

Sally (Bawden 87-9) Willmington with Henry Willmington—pre-baby in HK.
News from the St Ann's College Foundation:

As of June 2006, the Foundation has a new Chairman for the Executive Committee, Peter Register. Peter succeeds Jim Howard who served as Chairman for the last six years. During this time Jim was instrumental in guiding the Foundation through the major fundraising activity associated with the Dame Roma Mitchell Building program. Jim will remain on the Foundation.

Peter has recently returned to Adelaide from Asia where he had been living and working; in particular Singapore, South Korea and Japan. In addition to Peter bringing his business experience to the Foundation he has also been a St Ann's parent to Jane Register (01-2).

Peter Register new Chairman of the Foundation and father to Jane Register (01-2).

Jane Register (01-2). Jane is now working in graphic design in Copenhagen, Denmark.

This last quarter will be a busy one for the Foundation as we put in place planning for the events that will help celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of St Ann's College in 2007. Among the events planned in 2007 are a formal Cocktail function at St Ann's on 16 March, an Open Day, also in March, and early in the year a Lord Mayoral reception at the Adelaide Town Hall.

Olfaction was treated to the luscious scent of fine perfume and cologne mixed with the delicacies of the kitchen. Great ballads played in the background to treat the ears and the taste buds were sated by one of the finest and most delectable menus on offer in Adelaide. The tactile senses didn’t miss out! Those overwhelmed on all other fronts took on a partner to dance in the dining room, in anticipation of the more risqué moves that might be employed on the rightful dance floor downstairs.

And downstairs the party continued. This part of the Ball was closed to the press, but it is believed that there was not one guest who did not report having a great evening. There were many people who should be acknowledged for the stellar effort that went into putting on such a fine night. So on behalf of the Council and Collegians’ Committee I would like to thank the kitchen staff who put in a sterling effort, securing a standing ovation from all the celebrities in attendance. The Ball Conveners once again did the College and themselves proud. Their attention to detail was astounding and culminated in a very memorable evening. Congratulations!

The Ball was held on the 19th August and was celebrated in glittering celebrity style, true to its Hollywood theme. The paparazzi lined the corridors outside the library and Gilmore sitting room whilst the guests enjoyed pre-dinner drinks and canapés. Everyone mingled, from esteemed Hollywood producers, through to the great actors that have given Hollywood its fine tradition in screenplay excellence. It was also notable that many Hollywood stars (perhaps having turned up to the wrong party) were warmly welcomed and enjoyed the evening with the other revelers.

Fashion was, as always, one of the most keenly observed elements of the evening. Hasn’t been one columnist who hasn’t noted the undying appeal of Marilyn Monroe look-alikes in their elegant gowns or the traditional simplicity of a well-groomed gent dressed as Bond, James Bond.

People soon moved into the dining room where the guests were treated to an event for each of the senses. There was a visual extravaganza with fantastic decorations, and the glittering of the finely polished silver and crystal ware.

ANY NEWS?
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St Ann's College Foundation News

The Ball: Classic Hollywood
The clock never stops and as the year rolled on our favourite day September 13th was upon us again, the day when College stops for the spectacular event that is Founders Day. Founders Day is not only important in our history but has the great tradition of the after-dinner concert, where the talented students of St Ann’s are let on the loose to strut their artistic ability. Their nerves are put to the test, their skills put on show and ultimately their dream of performing, making the ‘big time’ and being in the spotlight becomes reality.

In the great spirit of tradition a large number (around 30) students participated performing a total of 12 audience-jaw dropping acts. Performances ranged from classical masterpieces to jazz and jamming medleys, with several acts stepping away from the norm with participants composing, rearranging or choreographing pieces for the night. Once again the St Ann’s choir put their best foot forward to close the night on a high note.

A new tradition was added to Founders Day this year with the inclusion of a dram of fine single malt whisky at the grave of Sir Josiah Symon. The benefactor of the College was born at Wick which brags of Scotland’s most Northern Distillery and which produces The Old Pulteney! We are sure to see many more at Sir Josiah’s graveside next year to sample this deep amber, red-gold whisky with a medium to high intensity and complexity. Dry, medium bodied and smooth with a clean, dry finish: faintly salty with a slight sherry note:

“An unequivocally vivid and evocative maritime-influenced dram, a malt that could only be produced in this exceptional geographical location.”
Several years ago the Collegians decided to start mentoring dinners as a way of giving something back to the students at the College.

The idea behind the dinners is to bring together students studying in a particular area with people working or with experience in this field. The dinners are quite informal and allow the students to mix with mentors and hear their stories. They have been a big success and we are always on the lookout for additional speakers.

This year the Collegians hosted two mentoring dinners. The first dinner was for Dentistry students. Our two speakers were Dr Kaye Roberts-Thomson and Dr Vince Brazier. The students were treated to entertaining speeches from Dr Brazier about his work in dentistry and private practice, and from Dr Roberts-Thomson who spoke about the different directions that dentistry can take you and about doing aid work. It was an enjoyable night.

The second mentoring dinner was more generally themed “Life-long learning”. Our guest speakers were Rex and Gerald Lipman, Catherine Anderson and BJ Cartledge – a current student at St Ann’s. Rex Lipman has held a variety of careers including wartime commando, dentist, merchant banker, travel agent, author of 18th century bodice rippers and founder of the International College of Hotel Management (ICHM). He gave a fantastic speech covering his life and the continuous learning he has undertaken. Gerald Lipman and Catherine Anderson followed up with speeches that highlighted both the importance of learning and also of finding something that you are passionate about. BJ finished up telling us about his already varied experiences and university courses. This was the second general purpose mentoring dinner we held after the working and travelling overseas dinner in 2005.

These evenings have been very successful and are a great way to expose current students to education in a broader sense and the importance and value of life-long learning and growth.

2006 has been another year much like any other - not that that's a bad thing. We've been active in our tight financial management while also active in our activities. Mentoring dinners, as has been the norm of recent years, have been a major highlight, and it has been great that we have reached the point where we can support them well. We have still been on the lookout for more member events, but the scaling back of the committee over recent years has shown that we are stretched to a limit and must focus our effort. Lets hope that as we move into the activities of the events throughout the college that the fever spreads. On financial matters, in the current booming times, all is well although we must not rest on our laurels and must continue to work hard. Especially, if we wish to continue as we do with the events we now wish to continue and the donations we continue to make - which on that note I shall end by mentioning the fact that the committee has resolved to donate $10k towards the recent refurbishment of the tennis court surface by financial years end. We can only hope that this continues in our tradition of supporting college as we do.

Travis Olds
Treasurer
Did anyone else out there take part in the Credit Union Christmas Pageant? At last count there were Sarah Cutbush (87-8), Jodie McDonald (85-6) who is marketing manager for the whole thing, Bernard Kierns (86, 95) playing the bagpipes, and Simon Stevens (85-7) and Dr Rosemary Brooks as clowns.

Mark Riddle (99-01) aka Bear lives in Taiwan and has a tattoo on his left arm that says, “Left Arm”.

Pete Hammer (01-5) auditioned for a play with the Burnside Players and was given the title role, taking everyone by storm.

Victoria Herde (03-4) [pictured above] is working on the Farmsafe Health and Safety Campaign in an effort to make people aware of the dangers of accidents involving four-wheel motorbikes.

Danny Krips (00-3) is working for Mr Nimrod Mkono & Co, Advocates in Dar es Salaam.

Sky Allen (00-4) and Jarrod Harkness (00-2) are now living in lovely Brisbane. Leah Englefield (99-01) has moved to England.

Alice Krige (05) is a stand-out star as a rural health scholarship winner.
NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF ST ANN’S COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC
TO BE HELD AT THE COLLEGE IN THE TUTORIAL ROOMS ON
Wednesday 7th February 2007 at 7.00 PM
AGENDA

1. Apologies.

2. Minutes of the 2006 AGM.

3. Matters arising from those Minutes.

4. Treasurer’s report.

5. President’s report.

6. Election of committee and office bearers.
   - President
   - Vice-President
   - Secretary
   - Treasurer
   - Committee Members (5)
   - Representatives to the:
     - College Council
     - Education Committee
   - Public Officer
   - Auditor

7. Correspondence.


9. Any other business.