Hello all and welcome to the summer 2011 newsletter. This will be my final report as president. I’ve been in the role for three years now, the maximum allowed by our constitution so I’ll be stepping aside and allowing one of the very capable members of the Collegians Committee to take the reins.

The Collegians recently held a mentoring dinner on the topic of ‘Living Green’. It was very well attended by the students and the passionate speakers were: Sky Allen, David Homburg, Eric Nicholson, and David and Penelope Paton. The students were asked for an example of something environmentally friendly they do in their lives now and something to take on board for the future.

Our financial situation is improving (not that it was in bad shape). This is due to the share market being on the up. We are in this position because of the forward thinking of past Collegians Members. We are fortunate for their foresight.

In the background we’ve been working on our record keeping. The Collegians have a long history and as members of the Committee turn over we are finding it important to pass forward all the relevant information. We’re making progress in this area.

There are a lot of young enthusiastic members of the Committee now who will be making a big impact in the years to come.

There will be a twenty year reunion in 2011 for everyone who was at St Ann’s in 1991. If you were, please keep an eye out for an invitation.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their work this year. They’re a fantastic group of people. I would especially like to thank DB and Simon for their continued invaluable input to the Committee. Without their help we would be lost, particularly in the year of my glorious wedding to Katrina.

Mark Jacobs
President

2010 Collegians Committee Christmas Dinner: Simon Stevens (85–7), Dr Shane Durkin (97–00), Chloë Wanklyn (04–7), Eleonora Rubenis, Patria King, Chris Clark (99–02), Dr Rosemary Brooks, Adam McLaren, Alix Phair (05–7) Mark Jacobs (99–02), Katrina Freeman. Already went home: Matt Ormsby (05–7) and Eliza Scott. Off screen in pram: Oliver Rubenis-Durkin
Dr Shane Durkin (97-00) is the Fred Hollows Fellow and will be working in Hanoi, Kathmandu and Alice Springs for two months each then going to New Zealand for a year, saving people’s sight. Go Shane!

Honorary Collegian Bob Kennedy and the partners of Kennedy & Co recently hosted a lunch at the National Wine Centre to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his career. How can one man contribute so much in his life? We all were the fortunate recipients of his energy, acumen, good humour and humanity. Thank you Bob, we pay tribute to you!

20 years ago! The Christmas Wardens who led the tours had not been born when these people were in College. They came from Boston, Brisbane, Melbourne and points closer to home and we so enjoyed their company – until after 3 am!

St Ann’s shone at the Dentistry and Medicine Declarations this year. Of the Dentistry and Oral Health graduates – Aaron Bulner (07-10), Jarrod Dean (06-9), Vyla Ellis (06-10), Jennie Han (06-7), Jeremy Lung (06-10), Connor Meehan (07-8), Sebastian Sekulich (06-7) and Chun Wu (07) – Jennie won the Moore Medal awarded to the student who, in the opinion of the Dean and the School Executive Committee, is an exceptional student. Of the Medicine graduates – Alvin Asan (05-6), Chaitanya Bodapati (05-6), Alice Krige (05), Rob McCusker (05-7), Paroma Sarkar (05-6) and Haran Somehsa (05-6) – Chaitanya won The Barbara Meyler Memorial Prize, awarded in Year 6 to the student who obtained the highest marks in the Year 5 essay on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry which is undertaken as a component of the assessment in Paediatric Medicine. Rob was awarded The Mary Potter Foundation Medal following a selection process that allows all medical students who have had some opportunity to excel in palliative care across the 6 years of the course, to be considered for this award. The recipient is chosen by the Mary Potter Foundation.

New graduates Doug Ball (07-8), Aimee Court (07-10), Bethany Crouch (07-10) and Jason Willson (07-9) are all headed to the Rockhampton region in far north Queensland to commence their careers in their chosen fields. How fantastic to have close friends as support at this exciting time. Good luck to you all!

Daniel Seymour (95-6) will represent South Australia at the Microsoft Regional Innovative Education forum in Thailand next March after winning the 2010 Microsoft Innovative Teachers Award.
Ross McConnell (04-7) and Amanda (Price 04-6) McConnell were married at St Michael’s Anglican Church, Bungaree Station on Saturday 16 October. Amanda is daughter of Linden and Julie Price of ‘Gum Park’ Narridy and Ross is the son of Graham and Karen McConnell of Port Lincoln.

The Ceremony was followed with refreshments and canapés in the garden of Bungaree Homestead, and the reception in the Woolshed.

The Bride was attended by Kirsty Price, Alison Keane and Amy Cooper, while the Groom’s attendants were Brodie Ryan, Richard Kohler and Scott McConnell.

Dr Zoz Brooks (90-5) was in town recently hosting the RiAus Quiz Night and helping the dudes at HackerSpace make an infernal rose-petal-blasting airgun, very entertaining as were the clips of his work with the Discovery Channel series Time-Warp.

Former Council Member Dr Helen Reid AM (83-4) passed away in August and will be sadly missed.

Prem Sankaran (05-9) has his Permanent Residency and Ashley Hams (90-4) has his MBA – well done all!

Dr Chaitanya Bodapati (05-06) and Dr Paroma Sarkar (05-6)

Dr Sommit (98-00) Dan and wife Sarah had baby Asha Vanessa on 24.11.10. All are doing well and following a 12-month stint in Adelaide will move back to Sydney in 2011.
James Chown (02-3) and Megan Rix were married in November.

Community News

James Chown (02-3) married Angela Chamberlin on 12 June 2010 in a lovely beachside ceremony in Port Douglas attended by close family and friends. The couple honeymooned in Palm Cove. The pair met while working at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Melbourne and studying for their Chartered Accountants qualification. Angela now works as a Business Analyst at Wesfarmers and James is a Manager in Corporate Finance at Deloitte.

Amanda (Lipman 94-6) Hamlyn married Darrell Hamlyn in April and many of her St Ann’s friends were there to wish the couple well.

Dallas Ransom (90-4) held an exhibition of some of his work on 14 October at the Tin Cat Cafe on Rundle Street, Kent Town.

Aidan Brooksby (04-6) and Georgie Paschke (05-6) have announced their engagement. Georgie will move to Sydney in January to meet up with Aidan who moved there earlier in 2010.

Daniel Manno (04-6) and Fleur Bethell (04-6) announced their engagement earlier in 2010.

ANY NEWS?

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Elvis with his sidekicks Mr Cool and Ms Sexy at the 2010 VD looking for a wedding.

Rebecca (Morgan 96-8) Smith, Susan Hinze (96-8), Angela (Lavese 94-6) Allen, Amanda (Lipman 94-6) Hamlyn, Sarah Whiteley (94-6), Rebecca (Coleman 93-6) Vandeleur, Paula Heinrich (96-8), Alison Perkins (94-6).

Heath Jobson (99-02) and Megan Rix were married in November.

Alan Rix, Jarrod Carter (98-01) and Heath Jobson (99-02).
The St Ann’s Ball 2010

Held on 21 August the St Ann’s Ball can only be described as a tragedy*. “A tragedy?” I hear you ask. Yes, a tragedy but a tragedy only because the name is not fitting for such a grand night.

From an outsider’s perspective it seems to start some time earlier in the year when a garrison (my collective noun) of conveners is elected. These brave souls toil endlessly throughout the year to create an event of such monumental scale that the Pope himself was forced to perform a blessing. And the amazing part of it is that the conveners manage to pull this off during the year while still completing their studies. Their abilities and selflessness astound me.

But onto the actual night. Having a seat at high table is a bit of a luxury. You get to see the whole night unfold. The students look fantastic in their dresses and suits, clearly these aren’t the same people that we see down at the pub on a Thursday night. The dining room is decorated to a level that one would expect at any gala event with no attention to detail spared. The meals were superb just like in any fine restaurant.

One thing that always sticks with me after each St Ann’s Ball I’ve attended is the level of appreciation the students have for those that have worked to make the night a success. It clearly shows that the student body doesn’t take anything for granted. This not only extends to the conveners but also the kitchen staff who get a boisterous applause.

I was left a little red faced after visiting the dance floor downstairs in the common room. Clearly these young whipper snappers know how to dance and party as well. I couldn’t keep up and was forced to retire for some port and gummie bears in the Principal’s flat.

So on that note I propose that the St Ann’s Ball be renamed the Annual St Ann’s Food and Frocktacular Dance and Party Fest. On second thoughts, maybe they should just stick to what works. It does roll off the tongue a bit better.

Also if someone found a black left shoe, size ten on the dance floor could you please let me know.

* Of course a lowly Engineer doesn’t have as fine a grasp of the English language and certainly not the vocabulary of most people so I couldn’t think up a better term. Please just run with it.

Mark Jacobs

Current residents at the 2010 St Ann’s Ball
Matt Vasey, Jamie Dennis and Zhi Lin Oh

No idea who the hell these people are because they are all covered in green stuff.

2010 Tutors at the VD in their Fairy Tale costumes!
1990 reunion—20 years on

Nicole (Koenders 91-4) Hams with Cate Heinrich (95-6)

Chairman of Council Jim Howard AM RFD

Andrew ‘Zoz’ Brooks (90-5), Graeme ‘Horse’ Jackson (90-4) and Cameron ‘Shaft’ Foster (91-3)

Dallas Ransom (90-4), Ben Haslett (90-2), Andrew Leibe (89-91) and Anna Klemm (90-2)

Cameron ‘Shaft’ Foster (91-3)

Dave Bastians (89-91) and Martin Hawkins (90-2)

Anna Klemm (90-2), Russ Fink, (90-2) and DB

Cameron ‘Shaft’ Foster (91-3), Russ Fink (90-2), Cate Heinrich (95-6) and Graeme ‘Horse’ Jackson (90-4)
1990 reunion—20 years on

Tom Trigg (88-90)

Dal and Russ baring their souls!

DB, outgoing Senior Tutor Vyla Ellis (06-10) Simon Stevens, and incoming President Steven Smith (08-)

Andrew ‘Zoz’ Brooks (90-5) contemplating the lost years

Ben Haslett (90-2) telling it how it is

Troy Forrest (92-3) and Ash Hams (90-4),

Ash Hams (90-4), Andrew Leibe (89-91), Nicole (Koenders 91-4) Hams and Linette (Spencer 88-91) Walker

Mel Wu (89-93), Cameron ‘Shaft’ Foster (91-3), and Dave Bastians (89-91)
Once again the time to shake off the cold weather and bring out the formal wear in the name of supporting College was upon us. This year the venue for the Annual St Ann’s Gala Dinner was the Adelaide Convention Centre with the theme being Las Vegas. The Collegians committee was represented strongly this year with 7 of us flocking up for the occasion and inviting several ex-Collegians to join us. With the entire room filled with smartly dressed people I can say with pride that contrary to popular belief Baboons can swerve it up.

The evening began with some catchy piano music played by some talented students to set the chilled and fun atmosphere, before the Vegas-themed stage show began. The stage show was spectacular with classy outfits and great singers who spread an epidemic of big grins and catchy tunes through the crowd. A speech from Dr Brooks explained the dynamics of College and the role College has to provide for students, specifically country students. The highlight of the speech was the game of “where are they now” where Dr Brooks showed a picture of collegians 20 years ago and then circled different members and spoke about what they are achieving currently. This really showed us all what students can achieve if you provide them with a sound foundation, supportive network and an inspiring environment such as at St Ann’s.

St Ann’s was once again privileged to have a huge array of items donated for both the silent and main auctions. Between speeches and food the discussion revolved around bidding techniques, which people were bidding on what and who they were trying to sneakily out-bid. Both auctions proved a great success thanks to the generosity of our guests and a considerable amount of money was raised for College. The whole process was made very smooth with the help of the College staff and tutors and was made possible by those who donated items, attended, bought items and helped run the event. Thank you all for an excellent evening.

Chloë Wanklyn

Investments

As you may be aware the St Ann’s Collegians Association holds shares in Argo Investments Ltd and Australian Foundation Investment Company.

Over the past year the total value of these investments has decreased. For the period January 2010 to November 2010 the total value declined 9.18%. However in saying the above from June 2010 until November 2010 we have seen a slight improvement and the investments have increased by 3.22%.

Donation

As the value of the investments has decreased over the past 12 months, there has been no election to provide a donation to St Ann’s College. The St Ann’s Collegians Association is however monitoring the fluctuations in share prices and will review this position in the future.

Budget

The finances have remained on budget and there has been a surplus of funds for the past year.

Future

The Collegians Association will look to maintain our current investment strategy and wait for the share market to rally and consider proposals from the College and students about future donations.

Matt Ormsby

1991 - 2011

As Bryan said back in ‘91:
(Everything I Do) I Do it For You

Don’t do it for me do it for St Anns!
We are looking for 3 co-conveners for the 1991 reunion show
(It’s a no-brainer)
Email: sste-vens@tne.net.au
Green Future

St Ann’s Mentoring Dinner – Green Future

What do you do for the environment? The Collegians hosted St Ann’s students on September 2 2010 for the Mentoring Dinner Green Future and encouraged guests to ponder just that. A diverse collection of presenters shared their knowledge, prompted each person to think about the environment, their impact, how this impact can be reduced and how to have a positive impact.

Sky Allen (00-4), with expertise in landscape architecture, explained that we are fortunate to be educated and that we are in the best position to make positive changes, not only individually, but on a community level. Sky described most people as willing to help if the problem is in front of them, however many environmental issues are not seen by the majority of the population.

David Homburg (86-89), who was involved with the building of the 6 green star-rated SA Water building, shared some of the techniques used to make this building green. These included air conditioning that came from below, using gas turbines with 100% of the air from outside, using minimal PBC products, wool carpets, windows with dots for insulation and paints with less volatile compounds. David shared the idea of getting back to basics when designing structures, such as north facing windows, and trees that provide shade in the summer and shed leaves so that there is sun in winter. David explained that the way communities are designed influence how people interact and influence the environment, such as community gardens or local stores that reduce the need for driving.

Eric Nicholson, with a keen interest in reconstructing past environmental conditions, continued the theme of community environmental change. Eric explained about the concept of a city farm and how this encourages people to be active environmentally whilst expanding their knowledge of their neighbours. Eric reported that making changes such as changing light globes is easier and acknowledged that bigger changes are more difficult, for example diet, however agreed that the best time to change is now.

Penny Paton AM, who is passionate about the environment, particularly ornithology, prompted us to think about waste and how many things are thrown out, from food to clothes. She asked us to consider “What makes life valuable?” and we agree that it’s the interactions and experiences a person has in their life, not the “stuff”.

Attendees were asked what they would hope to change and responses varied from shorter showers, to learning to preserve jam, considering a wardrobe that has least harmed the environment, design in buildings, solar panels and finally convincing a friend to be aware and make change. So the question I present to you is, How can you work towards a green future, and when are you going to start?

Penny Paton AM, Abbey Turrell, Sky Allen (00-4), Mark Jacobs (99-02) and Eric Nicholson

David Homburg (86-9) [centre], with current students in front of the wonderful work of Sam Hignett (87-8)
Founders Day was again a wonderful day at St Ann’s College with many students being involved and the College having numerous guests including members of Council and the fellows of College. The grave site of Sir Josiah Symon was attended to celebrate his birthday.

Following this, it was a quick rush back to College in peak-hour traffic to be in time to attend the service in the oratory. Zhi Lin Oh was outstanding on the piano during the service with many other students contributing with readings and prayers. Pre-dinner drinks in the tutorial rooms gave invited guests the opportunity to mingle and view the art displays put forward by many artistic students. A lovely dinner was served with guests and students in the dining room together.

After dinner it was down to the common room for a hot drink and to see talented students perform for the guests. This year’s performances included solo and duo singing, using guitar, piano and percussion. It was a wonderful concert with many enjoying the gummy bears and chocolates provided during the concert. All in all another fantastic Founders day for St Ann’s College.

Nora De Bono
Student Representative
2009-10

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 16 February 2011 AT 7.00 PM

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM and matters arising therefrom
3. Treasurer’s report
4. President’s report
5. Election of committee and office bearers
   President
   Vice-President
   Secretary
   Treasurer
   Committee Members (5)
   Representatives to the:
   College Council
   Education Committee
   Public Officer
   Auditor
6. Correspondence
7. Program for 2011

Student News
This Christmas the pass rate is 95%, there are six people with first-class honours so far, three prizewinners in Dentistry and Medicine, a partridge in a pear tree and they’re just the ones I know about!

Well done BABOONS!

Baboons Abroad
Travelling overseas and saying loud and proud?
Send us a photo of yourself in St Ann’s gear telling us where and when and you could win our undying admiration.