



# Adelaide High School Old Scholars Association Inc News

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## OLD SCHOLARS DINNER: FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Hurry up as time is running out to book your table/seat for our entertaining and exciting Old Scholars Dinner to be held on Friday June 1 at 7:00pm for 7:30pm at the Adelaide Pavilion, situated on the corner of South Terrace and King William Street. There is ample parking available (entrance from South Terrace, just south of King William Street) and the tram stop is adjacent. It will be a great night and we look forward to seeing you.

Our guest speaker is a very entertaining and vibrant man. Fotis Kapetopoulos now conducts his business, KapeCommunications, which specialises in cultural communications, arts management, audience development and international engagement. He also lectures in cultural and arts branding at various institutions. His interests are many and varied and I am sure you will enjoy his talk. There will not be a dull moment.

Contact your friends and form a group for a table of 10 or, if it is only one or two of you, we can seat you with similar aged (or similar interests) people.

Forms are attached for you to register and pay your membership.

## ANZAC DAY AND HAREFIELD UK

I have written about this before and I still find it quite stirring to think this association between Adelaide High School and Harefield School has been going for over 100 years. It started during the First World War when Adelaide High students made up comfort parcels and sent them to Harefield School. Our soldiers who were convalescing at Harefield House, a hospice adjacent to the School, and those who unfortunately did not survive, were buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. The Headmaster at the time was distressed that their coffins were not draped with a flag, as is the norm for persons who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, so he gave his school's Union Jack. At the end of the war, this flag was donated to Adelaide High School and some years ago was repaired and now is proudly displayed in a special cabinet in the foyer of Adelaide High School. If ever you are passing the School, it is worthwhile paying a visit to inspect it.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on Monday May 7 in the Staffroom at the School. Prior to the meeting, quite a few people availed themselves of the invitation to take a tour of the School, ably hosted by the current prefects. We were very pleased to welcome a new Committee person, Heather Smith. Thank you Heather and welcome; the average age of the Committee has now dropped!

The Committee is still much the same. Margaret Nyland is our Patron, Steven Mitchell- President, Flora Rumbelow- Vice President, Peter Burford – Secretary, John Tretola- Treasurer. Sue Morris, Glen Uzzell, Sinclair Mann, Malcolm Allen also make up the Committee. The Newsletter Editor continues to be Kay Koch and ex officio's are Peter Sanderson, Anita Zocchi, Stephen Dowdy and of course our very energetic and enthusiastic Principal, Cez Green.

## OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER



### Heather Smith (née Brock) AGHS from 1964 – 69.

Heather spent an additional year at school in the one year intensive commercial course provided for general stream students, as extra study. (This was held in the church hall across from the girls' school and proved to be very useful 30 years later when she needed to touch type on a computer!)

Heather began teaching in 1973 and has taught mainly as a specialist in Performing and Visual Arts in various primary schools. (Ingle Farm, Camden, Stirling East, Highgate and Ascot Park.) She is now retired from primary school teaching.

Heather is continuing her work as a Senior Instructor for the Tai Chi and Chi Kung Institute, teaching both public and corporate classes. She has trained at the Beijing University of Sport in Tai Chi since 1996 and in Chi Kung since 2000. Her next training trip to the university will be this September.

She is an executive member of the World Academic Society of Medical Chi Kung (WASMQ) and demonstrated several sets of Chi Kung at the WASMQ world conference in China in 2010.

Heather is passionate about social justice and in particular public education.

## JOHN DOWIE

It is hard to believe, but it is 50 years since the Victoria Square Fountain was officially turned on by His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh. The fountain, designed by John Dowie, was commissioned to commemorate the visit of the Queen and the Prince Philip in 1963 and was officially called the Three Rivers Fountain, depicting the three rivers from which Adelaide draws its water. They are the Murray, depicted by an Aboriginal man, the Ibis, the Torrens by a woman and a black swan, and the Onkaparinga by a woman as a heron. The centre piece of the fountain is bowl in a crown shape, representing the Royal visit. Originally located close to the GPO, the fountain has been moved since the Square has been revamped.

John Dowie, a former student of Adelaide High School, who passed away in 2008, was very fond of Adelaide High and generously painted portraits of three former Principals, Mr. A.E. Dinning, Mr. Wybert Symonds and Mr. Peter Sanderson.

He also donated some bronze statues which are on display at the School.



*Sculptor John Dowie at the Victoria Square Fountain in 1999. Courtesy of The Advertiser*

## OUR NEW WEBSITE: [ahsosa.org.au](http://ahsosa.org.au)

After a few years and a lot of effort we have finally achieved our aim to have a workable and people-friendly website. It has been difficult, as most of the Committee are not into (or understand) modern technology and we were blessed to have the assistance of the wonderful Matthew Ralph (Five Quarter Designs), a recently graduated student of Adelaide High, who made everything achievable and understandable. Matthew, thank you so much for your efforts and understanding of the Association's needs and also taking the time to explain it all. It is very much appreciated.

## LOOKING FOR GIRL GRADUATES OF 1968

I have been contacted by Georgia Bray née Kapsalis, Phone 02 6255 6677 and email [Georgia@homemail.com.au](mailto:Georgia@homemail.com.au). She is coming to Adelaide to attend the Conversazione on August 4 at 2:00 pm (in the School Hall) and would love to catch up with old school friends and acquaintances when she comes from interstate. Please feel free to contact Georgia direct.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

The old Railways Oval, situated across Glover Ave from Adelaide High School and the scene of many a sports battle when the Boys' School leased the oval (it was given back quite some years ago), has undergone a great transformation and has been taken over by the South Australian Cricket Association and will be named the Karen Rolton Oval in

honour of the South Australian Cricket great. A far cry from the original building, the three storey high complex includes six changerooms, incorporating state-of-the-art women's facilities, tiered seating, sculptured viewing terraces, a function room and player viewing areas.

## NEWS AND IMAGES FROM THE SCHOOL



### **Boys' First 4+ Win Cudmore Cup**

**Congratulations to the Boys 1st 4+ who won the Cudmore Cup at the Head of the River Regatta. The crew of Finn Castrique, Thomas Verbart, Miller Backman, Stevan Hinic, Cox: Rahul Ashokkumar and coached by Daniel Ralph and Rory Lee-Hammatt are the first AHS crew to win the Cudmore Cup since 1993.**



### **1st XI Cricket Team win All-Schools Knockout Final for the Chappell Trophy**

**Congratulations to the 1st Boys Cricket Team on their win over Prince Alfred College in the School Sport SA All-Schools Knockout Cricket Final.**



### **Evzones**

**On Thursday 19th April, Adelaide High School hosted the Presidential Guard of the Hellenic Republic. The highly esteemed Evzones were welcomed by our students who took time out of their holidays to honour the soldiers.**



### **International Understandings Assembly**

**"Every day at Adelaide High School is an intercultural experience. We, as members of this school, have each come from different corners of the globe, travelled different journeys and met at the crossroad we call Adelaide High School. International Understanding is more than just sharing knowledge about cultures, it's about acceptance of one another, despite being so different."**