

# Adelaide High School Old Scholars Association Inc

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**ADELAIDE  
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OLD SCHOLARS  
ASSOCIATION**

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## 2024 OLD SCHOLARS DINNER

Friday, October 18, 2024  
6.30 p.m for 7.00 pm

### Adelaide Pavilion

corner of South Terrace & King William Road, Adelaide

### Guest Speaker - George Diakomichalis

*Pastry chef, owner of the multi award winning  
Kalymnos Pastries and host of the television program  
'It's All Greek To Me'*

**Pay before March 31  
and pay only \$75 instead of \$85**

Book through trybooking

<https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1143421>

(AHSOSA 2024 ANNUAL DINNER)

*(Pay \$85 on Trybooking and it will automatically charge  
you the reduced discounted rate of \$75)*

Any queries regarding the dinner, please contact  
Kay Koch on 0428 844 441

## ADELAIDE HIGH OLD SCHOLARS ASSOC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, May 13, 2024, 7.00 pm**

Staffroom at Adelaide High School  
First Floor, West Terrace, Adelaide  
(entry through Central entrance and go up the stairs)

As three committee members are retiring (after many years of service), we desperately need new committee members. It is not an onerous task, 10 meetings a year of approximately 1½ hour duration.

**Help keep this wonderful committee going.**



## ADELAIDE HIGH OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

### 2024 IS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONVERSAZIONE

*An invitation is extended to former female students of Adelaide Girls High School  
and Adelaide High School to attend*

**The celebration will be held in the School Hall at  
Adelaide High School, West Terrace, Adelaide**

**on Saturday, August 3, 2024**

**from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm**

***At this stage we are looking for contact detail for those interested in attending the event.***

**Email your information (name, maiden name, email address and years attended) to  
[Patricia.Mibus63@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Patricia.Mibus63@schools.sa.edu.au)**

Your information will be registered on a database and an official invitation will be sent to you  
closer to the date.

If you know any other old scholars who may be interested, please ask them to register as well.

**If you have any Conversazione memories you would like to share, please email them to  
[Patricia.Mibus63@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Patricia.Mibus63@schools.sa.edu.au)**

## Conversazione 2023

Conversazione is held in the School Hall on the first Saturday in August every year and celebrates the happenings which occurred at the school 50 years ago. Some brave ladies got up and spoke about their school experiences. Whilst this is normally an all girls function, this year we were honoured to have Mr Jim Thompson, who attended the school during the Second World War to learn shorthand and typing. He also spoke; a very interesting and spritely gentleman. The School Band entertained us and the Prefects assisted with selling raffle tickets, taking entry money and serving tea and coffee (as well as packing up afterwards). A big thank you to them for their assistance.

After the formalities, we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea catered for by Gawler Royal Flying Doctor Support Group. We always like to support various charities. The ladies then got down to some serious chatter.

2023 was the 99<sup>th</sup> Conversazione, so this year will be the big celebration of our Centenary.



## Seeking Vietnam Vets

A team from the school is currently researching old scholars from Adelaide Boys High School and Adelaide Girls High School who served in the Vietnam War, with a view to placing an Honour Board in the school to recognise their service.

If you served in a military or civilian capacity (ie Red Cross nurses, civilian medical teams, regular Army, Navy or Air Force, or other areas) or know anyone who served in Vietnam, we would like to hear from you.

Please email the name of the person who served, their date of birth and their service number if known to -

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or

[Patricia.Mibus63@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Patricia.Mibus63@schools.sa.edu.au)

## Congratulations

### Jason Lim

### Dux of the School 2023



Jason received a perfect ATAR of 99.95 and a Governor's Commendation. He has been offered a place in the Bachelor of Medical Studies / Doctor of Medicine Degree at the University of Adelaide.

Old Scholars congratulate Jason on his achievements and wish him well in his future studies.

**SIA FURLER [SIA] (AHS 1988 - 1992)** and her husband Dan Bernad were in Adelaide recently to visit family. They were seen dining at Bird in Hand's new restaurant, LVN, in the Adelaide Hills.

Sia is famous for her song 'Chandelier' and as a prolific song writer. She has written songs for Rihanna, Britney Spears, Beyonce, Katy Perry, Kelly Clarkson, Christina Aguilera, Ne-Yo, Celine Dion and Rita Ora.

Sia and Kylie Minogue are collaborating again for the first time in almost 10 years with their new song, "Dance Alone."

Not a bad list for a girl from Adelaide.



## Another AFL Umpire on the Way?

Congratulations to **ELENI TEE (nee' Glouftsis) [AHS 1992 - 1996]** the AFL's first female field umpire and husband Dillon, an AFL boundary umpire, who are expecting their first child.

## Congratulations

**LAUREN NOVAK (AHS 2000 - 2004)**, Education and Social Affairs Editor at the Advertiser / Sunday Mail took out the Gold Award at the SA Press Club dinner in November for her powerful work uncovering child protection failures. She also won Best News Report for her front-page story '60 kids die in secret' and best feature for her story profiling child-protection call-centre workers.

Congratulations Lauren.





# Old Scholars Dinner 2023



This was again held in mid August at the very pleasant venue with delicious food and attentive service, The Adelaide Pavilion on South Terrace, Adelaide.

We had a wonderful turn out of Old Scholars, with their ages covering many decades, including our current Head Prefects, Lilly Green and Lachlan Kelly. We have a tried and true schedule for the evening, starting with the School Band performing for the first hour of the night, then the proceedings opened with the School Hymn. Nearly all the Old Scholars could sing it without looking at the words; what great memories). The fun part of the night is the Roll Call with School Principal, Cez Green calling out the various years people attended the school and old scholars standing up to be acknowledged.



Ms Green then gave an overview of school events in the past year before introducing our Guest Speaker, **Judy Gillet-Ferguson (nee Goss)**, who left School in 1958. She has led an interesting life, both at school and afterwards. At school she was Magazine Editor, on the Debating team, in the Madrigal Choir and took part in the MacRobertson Exchange. After she left school, she became a teacher, then

Principal and in her spare time has been on boards, local council, is an artist and an author. She wrote 'The German Teacher', which was the topic of her talk and described the internment of settlers of German Heritage in the Barossa Valley during the First World War.

The finale of the evening was the War Cry, chanted by everyone in the room with great gusto. Then it was time for everyone to chat and catch up.

One loyal Old Scholar, **Chris Lever**, had such a good time he wrote *'The Dinner last night was the best yet. Whether it was the energy of the Greek table, the food, the music performed by the current students, our own table, the Principal's speech or the guest speaker, the night disappeared with fun, wit and enthusiasm.'*



Top : 1990s graduates

Centre: Peter Burford, Rod Branson, Geoff Dyer, Kent Fuller & Pam Rogers

Right: Guest Speaker, Judy Gillet-Ferguson (nee Goss)



# Vale Max Hodge

Max Hodge passed away in November 2023. Many old scholars will remember Max as Bursar and School's Administrative Officer at Adelaide High School from 1973 to his retirement in 2010. He worked with four different Principals - Bill Bentley, Colin Brideson, Peter Sanderson and Stephen Dowdy.

Max's skills extended beyond the school's walls, earning him respect from staff within the Education Department. He represented ancillary staff on the Public Service Association and played a crucial role in the successful closure of Kidman Park High School, during his secondment in the 80s.

With a remarkable career spanning 37 years, Max's impact was felt deeply by both staff and students. His involvement in various aspects of school life, from coaching cricket and football, including the exchanges, to contributing to musicals and productions, showcased his diverse talents. Max's love and enthusiasm for sport, namely cricket and football, were fundamental drivers in helping support and promote the Australian Five Highs Cricket Carnival, leaving a lasting legacy in school sports.

Max thrived in community service. He actively supported charities and fundraisers, dedicating his time to Sister Janet Mead and the Moore Street Day Centre. His involvement with Fred's Van serving soup to the homeless, reflected his commitment and social responsibility.

Our condolences go to his partner, Wendy Robinson who also worked at Adelaide High School, and his children Matthew and Tessa, both former students of AHS.

Max really lived the Adelaide High School motto – not only for school but for life.



Matthew Hodge, Max Hodge, Wendy Robinson and Tessa Hodge

## 2023 Vitae Medalist

The Adelaide High School Vitae Medal

- Acknowledges Old Scholars who have sustained the School's motto and values through their post-school achievements.
- Encourages greater association by Old Scholars in the life, values and vision of the School.
- Identifies Old Scholars who are exemplars for current students.

The recipient of the 2023 Vitae Medal, presented at the school's Senior Speech Day Assembly, was **MINH TAN PHAM (AHS 2009 - 2013)**.



Minh Tan Pham receiving the Order of Australia Student Citizen of the Year Award from former Governor, Kevin Scarce in 2013.

## Lost Friend

**Dave Townsend (ABHS 1962 – 1966)** has lost contact with **Guilio Vida** who was in Calella a small town north of Barcelona, Spain and who was Head Prefect around 1965.

If any one has contact details, please contact Kay Koch 0428 844 441 who will pass details on to Dave

