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Front cover image: In February, students attended the commencement service at St Paul's Cathedral.

Editorial

I don't receive a lot of feedback through the mail, but last year I

received a letter to which I did not reply at the time, because the issue it dealt with needs, I think, a public response. In essence, it drew attention to how we select material for this magazine. The letter was not in any way antagonistic – in fact, the tone was courteous, respectful and full of goodwill towards what we seek to achieve in this publication – but pointed towards a publishing conundrum I have felt as well. Let me share a few extracts:

While most assuredly the reports of past students who are "high achievers"... are certainly well merited...these would number possibly 25% of the student body over the many years of Wesley...There appears to be little recognition attributed to, or acknowledgement of, the greater number who make up the remaining 75%.

These students equally absorbed the "Wesley spirit" (there's no disputing that) which very clearly encouraged them...From this group came the doctors, solicitors, accountants, all other professions, merchants, farmers, tradesmen etc. These are also the major group which provides the strength of local communities...with their personal and financial support" (and who could disagree?)

This indeed nails a dilemma facing a publication of this kind, and one I have felt keenly. Is there something here for the silent majority leading worthy lives hidden from more extensive public view? The first answer is that we are hamstrung of course by what comes over the desk, who we know, who communicates their stories, and so on. For many of that silent majority, their time at Wesley is a fond memory, an enjoyable but peripheral reality in their present lives, and they are happy to leave it that way. But this alone does not resolve the very real dilemma raised by the letter writer.

The only marginally better answer I can provide is that we need to drag everyone – past and present students and their families, all with multiple interests – into that big Wesley bear-hug, by helping them touch base with something that triggers a range of affectionate memories. In essence, stories of individuals or even groups become metaphors for an individual reader's own Wesley experiences. Other faces are recalled, other times re-visited. I can only attest that when I hear of the achievements of former students, I rarely think of just the individual involved. Different faces intrude. The pleasure of a whole other time is evoked. There is a recognition that others' stories help illuminate our own.

I'm not certain I've entirely convinced myself about whether this resolves a valid problem when dealing, as *Lion* does, with a place like Wesley with both past and present complexities. At best, we can only deliver fleeting glimpses of the whole. But that does not diminish the prevailing power of the "Wesley spirit", with which my correspondent so thoughtfully engaged.

Dawson Hann | Copy Editor and Features Writer

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Principal's lines



The marvellous celebrations for our 150th, enjoyably exhausting as they were, are now behind us. I found it to be a most exhilarating year, chiefly in what was demonstrated time and again about the Wesley spirit, and the pride we take in our very real sense of community. This expressed itself in the participation of OWs, present students, parents

and staff, and in all kinds of events designed to help us connect with a school that generates palpable affection. But that was then, and this is now. The future beckons, and so it was appropriate that a document setting out our plans for the future of this great school should have been introduced at the very end of the sesquicentenary. No time for standing still!

Framing the Future of Wesley 2017–2030, featured in an article in this edition of *Lion*, sets the direction for next generational development of the College. The response to the plan has been gratifying, and the document is both aspirational and realistic in its objectives. It can be accessed on the College portal for those who might like further details.

This year's theme, something we have established to give a particular coherence and focus to each school year, is *Learning in an Expanded World*, and is derived explicitly from the *Framing*

the Future document. The world is expanding on our doorsteps, almost on a daily basis, as a result of our being ironically brought much closer through the varieties of digital media. Expansion through contraction would not have made sense a decade or so ago. Without our even going out of the door, the internet has enormously expanded our access to information and networks of other people who now no longer need to be living close by. There are endless streams flowing into and through our lives: friends on Facebook, renters on Airbnb and Uber, opinions on Twitter, commerce through Amazon and Alibaba, music through Apple, Pandora and Spotify, knowledge through Google, the ideas of others through instant text messaging and email and so on. It seems to be a brave new world, and is both beguiling and bewildering. And all this is bringing new challenges for schools and educators generally. How students learn, and indeed from whom they learn, is being radically transformed. Not just at Wesley, but globally. Decisions have to be taken about being selective: what no longer works, and what, in this "shock of the new", will enhance learning? As usual, the answer is not definitive and lies somewhere in the middle. There are risks and challenges with which we must critically engage.

The world of work is also dramatically changing. My generation was certainly encouraged to find a work or career destination and more or less stay put for the duration. It was conservatism emerging from a different historical time. This is no longer the case. For many, the future work force will be flexible, adaptable, and likely to change directions several times in a working life. As the *Framing the Future* document establishes, we must be right on the ball in preparing our students to meet many new practices, and to ensure that as far as possible they leave



St Kilda Road Year 6 students demonstrating robot soccer in the library



Partnership meeting in the Real Madrid boardroom with (L-R) Jorge de la Calle Martin, Director of Global Development and Internationalisation, GSD Schools, Malcolm McKenzie, Head of Keystone Academy, Helen Drennen, Principal, Emilio Butragueño, retired striker for Real Madrid and Isaac Quist, Executive Director Curriculum and International Strategy



Year 7 students building 3D shapes

school with certain attributes (outlined in the document) that we think will be essential. Our educational programs will involve a more extensive engagement with industry and universities, with new technologies in both the science and the arts, and with other schools around the country and across the globe. Schools will expand in tune with the evolving world of which they are a part.

But for me schools, and Wesley especially, must focus on what we think is central to education in any era, and with renewed passion: the provision of a set of humane values that promote humility, integrity and mutual respect within a sustaining and nurturing community. And, perhaps more than ever, as digital isolation threatens to drive us further from human interaction, an enduring sense of the joy of living in the company of others. We have prided ourselves throughout our history on this aspect of our school. It is embedded in our culture, and may have never been more important.



Elsternwick students find a rhythm in their music class

An up-to-the-minute metaphor for this conviction is already with us in the new *Learning in Residence* at Glen Waverley: the world is coming to us as we reach out to it in a powerful and transforming way. And how appropriate that this is the first new project for “the next 150 years.”

With best wishes

Helen Drennen

2016 Scholars and Duxes

Glen Waverley



Jadene Yip (IB DP)*
Walter Powell Scholar
Year 12



Benjamin Warren (VCE)
Judith Paterson Prize for English
Year 12



Michael Simpson (VCE)
Walter Powell Scholar
Year 12



Julia Johnston (IB DP)
Lance Pilgrim Family Scholar
Year 12



Ratanak Pisey Hong (IB DP)
General Excellence Dux
Year 12



Jordi Shahab (IB DP)
Draper Scholar
Year 11



Jingwen Kitty Liang (VCE)
General Excellence Dux
Year 12



Tara Anderson (VCE)
Draper Scholar
Year 11



Alexandra Parr (IB DP)
Alexander Wawn Scholar
Year 12

St Kilda Road



Ronlee Korren (IB DP)*
Walter Powell Scholar
Year 12



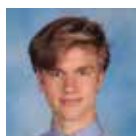
Andrew Nguyen-Dang (VCE)
General Excellence Dux
Year 12



Jemima Montag (IB DP)*
Walter Powell Scholar
Year 12



Laura Gilbertson (IB DP)
Alexander Wawn Scholar
Year 12



Cameron Pollaers (IB DP)*
Walter Powell Scholar
Year 12



Caspian Nicholls (IB DP)
Alison Arnold Scholar
Year 12



James Allan (VCE)
Walter Powell Scholar
Year 12



Amelia Holland (IB DP)
Draper Scholar
Year 11



Juliette Gardiner (IB DP)
General Excellence Dux
Year 12



Esten Narum (VCE)
Draper Scholar
Year 11



William Howard (IB DP)
General Excellence Dux
Year 12

* Recipient of the highest possible result of 45 – an ATAR score of 99.95

Academic excellence 2016

Students from many backgrounds, countries, religions and cultures have chosen to study at Wesley College over the past 150 years because of our excellent educational reputation, outstanding results and exceptional support for students.

Wesley College places the highest value on academic excellence and encourages each student to aspire to achieve excellence in all areas of learning.

Academic achievements of the Class of 2016

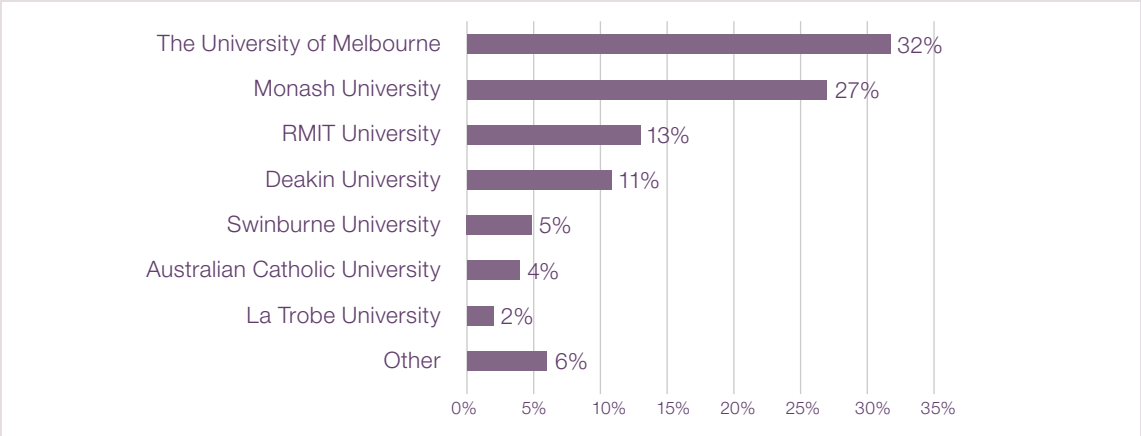
In 2016 54% of our Year 12 students studied the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), and 46% studied the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP).

- The Wesley combined median ATAR for VCE and IB DP was 88.15
- 43% of VCE and IB DP students achieved an ATAR of 90.00 or above
- The percentage of 40+ (or equivalent) study scores for VCE and IB DP was 34%
- The IB DP median ATAR was 94.60
- 4 IB DP students achieved the highest possible ATAR of 99.95 and a perfect score of 45
- 21 Wesley IB DP and VCE students scored in the top 1% of Australia, achieving an ATAR greater than 99.00
- 188 perfect study / subject scores were attained across the combined VCE and IB DP cohort
- 98% of VCE and IB DP students received a first round tertiary offer

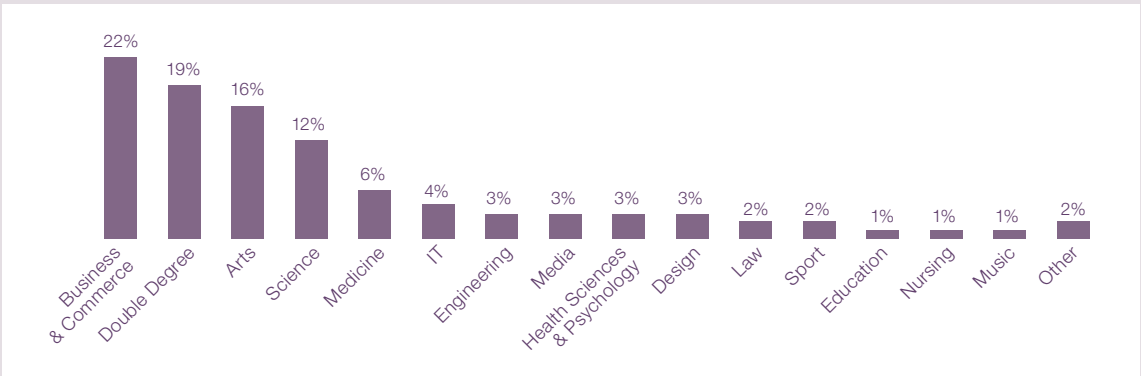
Tertiary course offers

Many of our Year 12 students have received their first choice university offers from Melbourne's top universities. With nearly 60% of our students attending The University of Melbourne or Monash University, this reflects the high academic standard of teaching and learning at the college.

Tertiary destinations



Fields of study



From Wesley's past to Framing the Future

The 1,500 plus guests at last year's 150th Anniversary Dinner were treated to an unexpected appearance by Wesley's first pupil, Freddie Binks, at the beginning of the evening. He looked in surprisingly "good nick" for 159, and he had a few words to say about how lonely he was on that first night, with nothing much in the way of settlement between the new Grey Towers and "that Grammar School" (his words) down the road. He could never have imagined the Wesley College of today and the planning that has informed *Framing the future of Wesley: Wesley College Strategic Plan Framework 2017–2013*.

The first intake (a term that might have bemused Freddie) of Wesley students included 64 Wesleyan Methodists, 15 Anglicans, nine Presbyterians, two Baptists, two Independents, two Quakers, and a Jew. Wesley's history as a non-sectarian, non-discriminatory and non-selective-entry institution was underway. Nearly 100 years later it would be non-gender-specific too.

The founders of the Methodist Wesley believed in the power of education to improve the world (nothing has changed there), emphasising social action and social equity, and to speak on behalf of the poor and the dispossessed, notably Indigenous people. How approving they would be of the studio school at Yiramalay as a demonstration of effective action. We are surely starting to see why the 159-year-old Freddie was feeling comfortable at the sesquicentenary gala event. Very different on the surface, no doubt, but similar to the school he knew in so many ways.

Even the prospectus and curriculum were not, in essence, so remarkably different. Had he remained at the school (Freddie actually completed his secondary education at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide), he would have studied Holy Scriptures including Evidences of Divine Revelation and Greek Testament and, while it looks like it belongs to other times, spiritual development based on multiple faiths remains a core teaching value. Then Freddie might have chosen from subjects ranging from modern languages (French and German), Maths, natural sciences (including Chemistry), English, commercial and general studies (including Geography) and even dabble in the arts, like Music and Painting. Yes, the present curriculum has diversified according to contemporary demands, but Freddie's academic life is not so radically unfamiliar after all. Just the means of its delivery (and perhaps the objectives).



Freddie as a young man



Freddie Binks (centre)

As Freddie's ghost dissolved amongst the splendid tables set for the celebratory dinner, thoughts about the next 150 years certainly did not. For make no mistake, once a landmark historic moment is acknowledged, you are back at Year 1, so to speak, and ready to set the course for the immediate future. The long term will take care of itself, if the planning is good. The College Council and the College Executive have been planning Wesley's future direction and this planning has involved the wider Wesley community. Based on comprehensive feedback, *Framing the Future of Wesley: Wesley College Strategic Plan Framework 2017–2030* has been released.

Framing the Future of Wesley expressly focuses on the clarity of Wesley's vision and its translation into practical reality. The continuing story of Wesley's history provides an inspiration for dynamic responses to a changing world under five main strategic priority areas:

- Maintaining continuity in a world more fluid than fixed
- Learning in an expanded world
- Enriched learning through collaboration with partners
- Connecting school, family and community
- Ensuring sustainability in a world of accelerating change.

Under these five areas, 15 objectives have been established to inform the next stages of Wesley's evolution to prepare our students for a world very different from the one with which Freddie Binks was so familiar.



Framing the Future: Wesley College Strategic Plan Framework 2017–2030

More information on our strategic plan and actions commencing in 2017 can be accessed on the Strategic Planning page of the College portal.

(Copy Editor's note: Freddie was understandably a bit hazy about some of his early days at Wesley. He was especially vague about the curriculum, but perhaps no more so than any nine-year-old. I therefore relied upon, as ever, Andrew Lemon's splendidly comprehensive *A Great Australian School: Wesley College Examined* to fill the memory gaps.)



"Freddie" singing at the anniversary dinner

A long life well lived



Hilton Nicholas (OW1943)

Hilton John Francis Nicholas AM OBE (OW1943) passed away on 25 January at the grand age of 92. His memorial service in Adamson Hall on the afternoon of 3 February was a celebration of a life comprehensively lived. Platoons of extended family and many old friends were on hand to see that he received a send-off appropriate for one who served his old school, other people, and his country, so generously and wholeheartedly.

The leader of the service, the Rev Denis Oakley OAM (OW1955) ensured that the tone was that sublime mixture of the reverential and the joyous; a homage to a life well lived, and at the same time a touching and often amusing journey into both a Wesley, and an Australian, past. Hilton had a deep affection for Wesley, Denis informed us, never stronger than when he had left.

For those who know their Wesley history, it was a touching reminder of the march of time that Hilton Nicholas was the son of George, one of the two brothers whose success with a popular white family medicinal (in a pink box) called an Aspro underpinned the extraordinary re-building of Wesley at St Kilda Road in the 1930s. We still walk daily amongst the outcomes of the Nicholas bequest, at the time the largest single benefaction received by a school in this country.



Hilton Nicholas in his air-force days

The eulogist, Professor Geoffrey Blainey (OW1947), provided some evocative reminders that the past indeed is a foreign country and that they did things differently there. Not only did George and his brother Alfred take personal charge of the Wesley re-build, but it was all completed over one summer holiday, with as many as 900 working on the project to ensure its completion for the return of the boys. Today, this is not merely unimaginable but simply impossible. It is a story too, then, of the Great Depression.

Professor Blainey enthusiastically informed us that Hilton – who had gone straight from school into the air-force and was only 20 at the end of the Second World War – broke the evangelical mould. He was very much a “club” man, joining, it would seem, as many as he could to enjoy the conviviality they provided. This endured for a lifetime. He could produce race horses on the one hand, and a new edition of a Methodist Bible on the other. What historian wouldn’t be enthusiastic about this illuminating contradiction? In a slide show that delivered some lovely images of a by-gone age, as well as of an individual fully engaged with life, a can of Foster’s seemed regularly within reach. But it was primarily a life thoughtfully lived too; he hated injustice, and was recalled by so many as that simplest but often most elusive of beings, “a good man, and a generous man.”

Geoffrey Blainey gave us a compelling image of a man from another time, the material provided initially by Hilton’s second wife Marjorie. He was, it would seem, a “leaner” – not in the pejorative sense intended by a former Federal Treasurer – but merely against inanimate objects strong enough to take his weight: a car, a gate, a veranda post. Leaning is now out of fashion. Where is the time anymore? This engaging memorial service reminded us that even in a life as energetic and active as Hilton’s, there was time for a bit of leaning. He knew that “being active” meant many things.

This service, as warm and embracing as the man whose life it commemorated, concluded with an eloquent tribute from one of Hilton’s grandsons, James Fitzpatrick, who engaged us with numerous adventures with “G-pa”, especially on the farm beloved of Hilton and Marjorie. The energy of the man was once again the prominent theme. The service concluded somewhat unexpectedly with a quite rousing rendition of “God save the Queen”, beloved of the man who was a friend of both royalty and the common man. For a moment, we shelved our modernity, and it seemed right to do so, honouring a life that had taken us so poignantly and joyously to another Australia, another school. Hilton had always loved the “crowd singing” of Adamson Hall, and he got it right to the end.

Further details about the “long and full life” of Hilton Nicholas are contained in the Foundation section of this edition on page 26.”



Hilton at Shirley Park stud



Hilton Nicholas

New role for our new residence



Aspiring players enjoying the tennis clinic

Everyone knows that January in Melbourne is tennis month. It is hard not to be aware of what is happening at Rod Laver, Margaret Court and surrounding arenas. For the first time Wesley has pushed itself out into the Australian tennis community more widely, in the process making profitable use of the outstanding *Learning in Residence* facilities and associated sporting amenities at Glen Waverley, thereby profiling the school during the January “lay-off” season. Wesley parent Greg Evans, assisted by his sons Jackson (OW2014) and Carlos (Year 12, St Kilda Road), promoted the event for aspiring top-shelf tennis players, who came from six interstate schools to enjoy, not just the tennis clinic, but also being in Melbourne during “tennis heaven”.

The program was expressly focused on students, 15–17-year-olds, and involved not just elite coaching and innovative tournament play, but of course a trip to the Australian Open. Wesley’s Head Coach of Tennis, Craig Miller, was also associated with the planning, and different people had an opportunity to help fine-tune the overall concept, which, for a first-time event, was a spectacular success. The goal of Greg and his planning team was to give the participants a “best week of my life” experience, and based on the enthusiastic feedback, they seem not to have fallen too far short of this lofty goal. Perhaps not even the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra provides this quality of accommodation with such close-by sporting facilities, and this experience is thought to be the only sporting camp in the world linked specifically to a grand slam event.

And everyone agrees, there is potential for growth, with other camps envisaged when the facilities are vacant. Everyone is a winner when no field is left fallow. Greg Evans has grabbed the

initiative by already talking with basketball Olympian and former Wesley student Natalie Porter (OW1998) about a similar program for basketball; he is looking to speak with the Melbourne Stars too for cricket, possibly in 2018. And doubtless part of the latter coaching clinic would be at the MCG for some hectic Big Bash action.

The Grand Slam AO Tennis Experience is perfectly in tune with the broader concepts of *Learning in Residence*; namely, that while these beautiful facilities are primarily there for the academic year, they may also provide a way for us to engage with non-Wesley communities as well. We are regularly sending Wesley students out into other parts of Australia and the world – what a perfect opportunity to bring some other small parts of the world to us.



Doubles at Glen Waverley



Fitness training with American professional athlete Jay Washington



Refuelling over lunch in the Hartnell dining room

Australia Day honours 2017

Many Old Wesley Collegians and members of the Wesley College community featured in the recent Australia Day honours. The College congratulates each of them on their achievements and the contributions they have made, and continue to make, to the community.

Companion (AC) in the General Division

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Marion Dessau AM (former Vice President of the Wesley College Council & past parent) for eminent service to the people of Victoria through leadership roles in the judiciary, to the advancement of economic ties and business relationships, and as a supporter of charitable, sporting and arts organisations.

Officer (AO) in the General Division

Paul Maurice Kelly (past parent) for distinguished service to the performing arts and to the promotion of the national identity through contributions as a singer, songwriter and musician.

The Reverend Alistair James MacCrae (former member of the Wesley College Council) for distinguished service to the Uniting Church in Australia through executive and ministerial roles at state and national levels, and to the promotion of ecumenism, interfaith dialogue and reconciliation.

Professor Colin Louis Masters (past parent) for distinguished service to medical research through international and national contributions to understanding Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases.

Dr John Graeme Sloman AM ED (OW1944) for distinguished service to medicine, particularly to the specialty of cardiology, as a clinician, through advisory roles with a range of medical organisations, and to the community.

Member (AM) in the General Division

Dr Noel Ami Alpins (past parent) for significant service to ophthalmology, particularly to the development of innovative refractive surgery techniques, and to professional associations.

The Honourable Justice Kevin Harcourt Bell (past parent) for significant service to the law and to the judiciary, to native title and human rights, and to the community.

Stephen Philip Knott (current parent) for significant service to the resources and energy industries, to the advancement of women, and to industrial relations.

Aija Gundega Thomas (past parent) for significant service to architecture, particularly in the area of health facility planning and design.

Jennifer June Williams (past parent) for significant service to the community through leadership roles in the public health sector, and to NGO governance.

Medal (OAM) in the General Division

Raymond Arthur Allsopp (OW1952) for service to sport, particularly for school children.

Andrew Niven Creek (past parent) for service to business, particularly to the domestic gas industry.

Thomas John Morris (past parent) for service to the building and construction industry.

John Alexander Shalit (past parent) for service to the community, and to the construction industry.

Janet Patricia Spooner (past parent) for service to the community through charitable organisations.

Robert Fraser Ward (OW1955) (past parent) for service to business, particularly to the motion picture industry.

The late Dr Allan Hyam Zavod (past parent) for service to the performing arts as a musician and composer.

Australian Police Medal (Victoria)

Assistant Commissioner Debra Joan Abbott (past parent) for distinguished service as a member of the Victorian Police Force.

New Junior School Head in her dream place

If the new Head of the Junior School at St Kilda Road, Sabeena De Bono, ever needed an incentive to front up for work – which she most surely doesn't appear to – it would be amply provided by her six-year-old son, Chase, a very happy and engaged student at the school, as is younger brother Ethan. He didn't even want her to take off a recent public holiday. You can't have a day off, he emphatically told her. You are the Head of Junior School! Sabeena needs no such urgings to get to a place she so clearly loves.

Sabeena has been at Wesley since 2008 in a variety of roles, all of them ideally suited to someone who is flexible and imaginative about education. After four years in the Pembroke Junior School in Adelaide, she moved east with a new husband and a lot of energy. She began as a Year 5 Homeroom teacher at the St Kilda Road campus and, immersing herself in the culture, she quickly found herself in a number of other positions as well; firstly, as the Wesmob coordinator, which she found inspiring, and then in more conventional curriculum roles, as the campus IB Primary Years Programme coordinator, and then later performing the same role at a College level. She was racking up the experience in numerous areas, all of which will prove invaluable in her recent appointment to oversee the Junior School. She finds it hard to disguise the joy she is feeling in this position, and anyway, why should she? Schools run on this kind of buoyancy.

Sabeena is unequivocal about what she has loved most about the school for which she left her still-loved hometown – that celebrated Wesley notion of community which underpins the best of everything about us. Sabeena truly values the support



(Back row – L-R) Ella Atkinson – Year 2, Hamish McNab – Year 4, Sabeena DeBono, Grace Ring – Year 4, Jessie Field – Year 3, Matty Ursini – Year 3 (Front Row – L-R) Katie Martin – Year 2, Jenson Ciabotti – Prep, Coco Zhang – Year 1, Lila Sullivan – Prep, Grace McLennan – Year 1, Steven Zhou – Year 4

she has always felt. She says she felt the pulse right from the start, and can't really imagine being elsewhere right at this moment. And while she has developed skills negotiating some of the tricky avenues of curriculum management and administration, her contentment with her present role is palpable. It's the intimacy she loves, and the chance to interact closely with children and adults all the time, and in countless ways. No questioning that as a default position for any wise educator.

International women's day at Fitzroy crossing



Kaylea Fearn, Ellie Martin, Christopher Lee

One of the extra special opportunities Induction Group 26 had while at Yiramalay involved contributing to the International Women's Day celebrations in Fitzroy Crossing. Our local Years 11 and 12 girls took the lead, designing and applying face paint on the day. The Melbourne students joined the rest of the local students in serving food and drinks, and picking up litter.

The whole Yiramalay community was delighted that our Principal, Helen Drennen, was there to share in the festivities. It was bittersweet for many, as the community farewelled June Oscar AO as she leaves the Fitzroy Valley area to take up her role as the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner. June has a special place in the hearts of all Yiramalay staff and students, as she is the current Chair of the Yiramalay/Wesley Studio Steering Committee.

When reflecting on the impact June has had on the Fitzroy Valley, Dr Drennen said, "June has been inspirational in bringing about positive change for children and families in the Fitzroy Valley and beyond. She is a role model for us all in leadership for social change".



Samara Munda, Will Mulcahy, Isabella Besen

Designing for a culture



Year 8 Girls and their Mothers at Elsternwick's International Women's Day



Zulfiye Tufa shares a female perspective

As guest speaker for International Women's Day at Elsternwick, Benevolence speaker, Zulfiye Tufa, connected with the community through reflections on her life experiences as a student within the Muslim culture. Of Turkish and African heritage, Zulfiye is an Australian blogger and fashion designer, creating attire that is modest, therefore reflecting Muslim values, but at the same time fashionable and unique. In addition to being a Hijab Stylist, Zulfiye also works as a pharmacist and blogger.

Quick to comment on, and show appreciation for, Wesley College's embracing of international-mindedness and celebration of diversity, Zulfiye spoke about the role of women in today's society, challenging stereotypical views and affirming inter-cultural understanding of the Islamic culture. We loved that she lives by the mantra: You can never be over-dressed or over-educated. Through sharing the challenges she faced growing up, and how she responded to these, as well as those of her own role models, Zulfiye inspired us all as females to be comfortable with who we are and to be confident in taking risks to achieve our dreams.

Music to remember

On a near-perfect autumn evening in early March, more than 220 Glen Waverley students from Years 5 to 12 performed in 17 different ensembles in the Prest Quadrangle in the Senior School for this campus's annual autumn concert. The range of music encompassed a wide selection of styles from Verdi's *Grand March* from *Aida* by the Wilkie Orchestra to *Snarky Puppy's Outlier* by the Senior Guitar Ensemble. Beginning in the early twilight of 7.00pm

until the rock concert-like lighting effects nearer the end of the evening, the capacity crowd enjoyed a near constant ballet of ensembles who presented their music from alternating stages (north and south of the quad). Food and drink flowed freely, both from picnics brought from home, and from the substantial range of fare, so ably cooked by our PGPA and Friends of Music. It was a night to remember.

A music man's unexpected pathway

Dennis Freeman, who recently retired as Head of Marketing and Communications, is a man of many talents. He is a skilled trombonist who has played with both the Adelaide and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras, has taught trombone at various tertiary and secondary institutions, was a former member of a jazz/funk group *Fullhouse* and spent two years with the Orchestra Filarmonia Veneta in Treviso, Italy. Dennis has worked with international artists such as the Bolshoi Ballet, Jose Carreras, Luciano Pavarotti, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, and even toured Australia with the Melbourne Symphony, backing Elton John on a national orchestra-supported tour.

In 1993, Dennis began his 23-year service to Wesley as a trombone teacher at Elsternwick. Sensing a demand for after-hours music programs, he quickly established the Elsternwick Community Arts Program, and led its development. During his time at Wesley, Dennis went on to hold senior roles including Director of Wesley's Community College (1999–2004), Community Relations Manager (2004–2007), and Head of Marketing and Communications (2008–2017).

Dennis's leadership, his energy, insight and deft entrepreneurial skills were decisive in helping Wesley to form positive connections with both the business world and the wider community.

Dennis's professionalism, skills and work ethic have benefited Wesley in numerous ways; in particular, his contribution to the editorial management of Wesley publications including *Lion* has been invaluable, and will be greatly missed.



Dennis Freeman

Our musicians help to party in the park



Saxophones in Big Band

Each summer, the Glen Eira City Council presents a series of family events called Party in the Park, with activities, stalls and performances from community groups. The Wesley Elsternwick Big Band played at the Party in the Park, at Princes Park, on Sunday 19 February. The band entertained a small, but appreciative, audience with a selection of well-known jazz and rock standards. The weather was regrettably wet, but the performance was well-received and the audience demanded an encore. Members of the band included students from Years 7–9 who practised twice a week and played to school audiences before this public performance. It was a successful day because the band members had to put in a lot of effort to perform in public so early in the year.

The Wesley Elsternwick Violin ensemble played at the March Party in the Park at Allnutt Park. Students in the violin ensemble all learn through the Suzuki method and have a large repertoire of much-loved classics and folk songs. Wendy Tooke has been directing the violin ensemble for many years and this year's large ensemble enjoyed a huge crowd for their performance in beautiful, sunny weather.

Designed for living and learning



Year 4 students enjoying working in the newly renovated quad



(L-R) Alice Hardisty Year 2, Olivia Fulfaro Prep, Hanaa Korji Year 1

The Junior School at the Glen Waverley campus has some wonderful new facilities. New classrooms, recreational areas and learning spaces have been built. Each building and landscaped area has been thoughtfully designed. Maximising the learning, comfort and enjoyment of students and teachers has been the priority.

Walking through the Junior School now, sunlight, space and modernity are dominant features. The architectural designs encourage student collaboration, even whilst directing the collective gaze of the student body outwards, and towards a natural environment. With its emphasis upon collaboration, curiosity about the world, and international mindedness, the Primary Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate is thus embodied remarkably in the physical space of the Junior School.



Board game fun during our first House activity for 2017 (L-R) Anika Kuyumcian, Year 1, Amy Miller, Year 4, Jacob Bulic, Year 3, Harry Barker, Year 1

White water wonders

St Kilda Road student Robert Janiszewski has had a very busy and successful summer, performing some wonders in the water in his canoe or kayak. At the Australian Wildwater Championships, Robert won the Australian Wildwater C1 (single canoe) both sprint and classic, thereby beating seniors outright too. This is the second year he has won this event. His success has seen him selected in the Australian Junior Wildwater team to compete in the World Championships in Austria in late July.

At the Australian Whitewater Slalom Championships, Robert won the Junior K1 (kayak single), making him the Junior K1 champion, and he has subsequently been selected to represent his country in this event in New Zealand, in April.

These are exceptional achievements and take Robert into waters across the world. And the more turbulent they are, the more he seems to like it.



Remembering Kokoda Track

Seventy-five years ago, Australia was engaged in a brutal military campaign that ebbed and flowed across the peaks and valleys of the Owen Stanley Ranges. The inexperienced and poorly-equipped Australian militia faced 10,000 battle-hardened troops of the Japanese Imperial Army. Despite facing overwhelming odds, the Australians held on long enough for reinforcements to arrive and, over the next six months, claim victory against the Japanese in this location.

To explain why the Kokoda campaign resonates with so many, a group of direct descendants of the *Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels* (those of the native population who were impromptu medics and stretcher bearers) visited the Glen Waverley campus. Senior history students were engaged and entertained by the recollections and experiences of the modern day Kokoda Track porters. Students heard reflections on the Kokoda Track, and received insights into modern day Papua. The visiting guests included songs in their presentation, answered questions, and presented some footage of the modern-day trek.

Amongst the many lasting impressions, was gratitude to those Australians and *Angels* who have gone before us, paving the way for the freedom that we enjoy.



Kokoda Track porters with Glen Waverley students

Never too young to learn about leadership



Middle School leaders addressing the Year 4 students

The Year 4 College Leadership Day is an annual event that brings together all Year 4 students to explore the concept of leadership. This exploration includes much collaboration amongst all students to refine their own understandings of what it means to lead.

A valuable inclusion in the program this year was the involvement of Wesley's Middle School captains. Elsternwick's Middle School leaders, Julius Gottstein and Evelyn Dow, were excited to take part and offer their insight into what it means to lead, answering many questions from the Year 4 students, including: What makes it hard to be a leader? Which leader do you admire? What is the most difficult decision you have had to make as a leader?

Julius and Evelyn reflected on this experience:

We thought it was a great way to share some experiences we have had as leaders. We had the chance to answer some of the questions the Year 4 students had about leadership, which required us to reflect on the attributes a leader needs to have, and the challenges we've faced as leaders. By participating in this day we were able to realise how far we have come as leaders and how much we have learnt from our experiences. The Year 4 students were very engaged in the discussions, and each of them added something to make the experience valuable.

The College Leadership Day was a success on a number of levels. The Year 4 students left with a broader understanding of what it takes to lead, including the challenges they will face. The Middle School students demonstrated why they have been elected to a position of responsibility, sharing their knowledge with confidence and eloquence.



Year 4 students work together to refine their understanding of leadership



Charlotte Hudolin sharing a prayer during the Chapel service to begin the Year 4 leadership day

Yiramalay dreaming



Pastor Kaylea Fearn and Corey Aitkin

The Poetry Of Yiramalay

English teacher Paul Munn has returned from three weeks in the Kimberley.

The sensory collage that is the Kimberley in the wet season has a firm hold of me even as our Perth-bound plane lifts into the steamy Broome air.

A green-yellow goanna scuttles up a tree trying to evade grasping brown hands...water shunts up to the bonnet as my troopie pushes through a swollen creek...a boab tree spreads huge against a storm-grey sky... limestone rocks bake under the sun...heart-shaped leaves stick to the wet earth...a crayon green frog leaps from my hands...teenage laughter cuts through the louvres as I try to sleep in the thick warm air...

The Kimberley is grippingly physical, natural and beautiful, but at the centre of my collage is the intense human experience that is Yiramalay.

Kate and Charlotte reach out to connect with their shy indigenous housemates with wonderful maturity...charismatic Wylie, so hard to understand when he speaks, decides for some inscrutable reason to call me "Mr Ribs"...Ned directs me to hug the horse I've just dismounted "because we all need to be hugged"...one boy calls me something unpleasant under his breath then, days later, shyly asks if he can swim downriver with me back to the picnic spot...I sit across from Helen in the dining room, tell her my departed colleague admired her for being "crazy brave" in establishing this partnership, tell her I get why this is so important...my troopie is full of Indigenous teenagers laughing and singing along to gangsta rap blaring from the stereo...Memphis from One Arm Point can't start his journal, then I ask him to show me about his home on a map and he won't stop showing me things...Ralph and other elders sit beneath a tree with us and share their knowledge of country... hilarious Tommika sits taking selfies, subtly adjusting her expression for each shot...warm, funny Corbyn stuns me with the brilliant rap song he recorded, and before we leave gives me his wristband, "yellow and black like Richmond"...sweet-natured

Kasey, Indigenous version of my Auckland niece, is in tears saying goodbye to us at the airport...

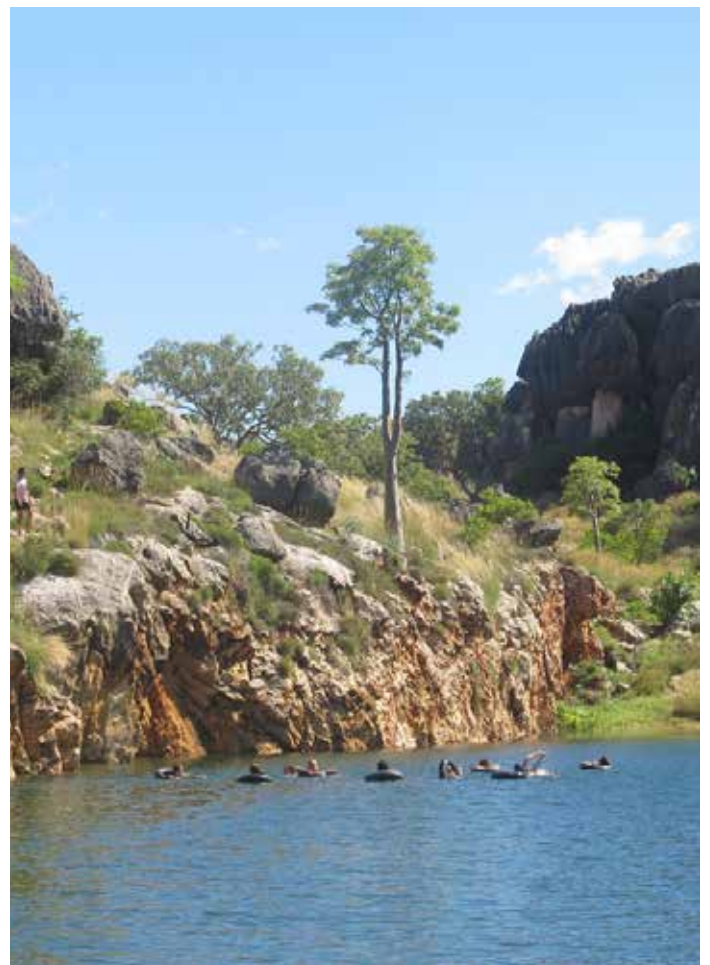
I feel exhausted, I feel blessed, I feel proud to be part of a school that's created such a powerful learning experience. The Kimberley in the wet season. Water races past sheer limestone cliffs, narrows down to pass through Windjana Gorge, through the cave at Tunnel Creek. To me, Yiramalay is the narrow pass you ride through to reach another culture, to reach your brothers and sisters.

A Chaplain's Yiramalay Reflection

For Pastor Kaylea Fearn at Elsternwick, a visit to the Yiramalay/Wesley Studio School was a profound experience.

The Kimberley is an inherently spiritual place. While some people look for God in grand cathedrals and other places of worship, the majority would say that they feel most connected spiritually in the great outdoors. The breathtaking beauty of untouched nature takes us to a place of wonderment and awe.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have continued to nurture their connection to land and community for tens of thousands of years in a most profound way.



Cooling off at the quarry

Since arriving at Yiramalay I have learned from the local Bunuba elders and people from other local language groups about their connection with the Creator Spirit. For me, their stories really brought to life a significant resolution at the Uniting Church Assembly in 2009, where the church decided to update the preamble of their constitution to reflect more accurately, and acknowledge, the ongoing relationship between Indigenous Australians and the Creator God.

The Revised Preamble of the Uniting Church constitution (2009), states that, *The First Peoples had already encountered the Creator God before the arrival of the colonisers; the Spirit was already in the land revealing God to the people through law, custom and ceremony.*

As a Chaplain at Wesley College as we strive towards meaningful reconciliation, it has been humbling to listen and learn from the Bunuba elders as they share so generously about their law, custom and ceremony. It has also been humbling to walk on

this magnificent country, bathe in its sacred waterholes and sit alongside tomorrow's future Indigenous leaders as they discover their part in the story of humanity. This is the blessing of Yiramalay.



Pastor Fearn connecting at Yiramalay

Prefects learn from one of the best



Sandro sharing his experience with Glen Waverley prefects

The College Prefects Dinner, held at Glen Waverley, was a resounding success. Along with the Principal, the Heads of Campus and the Executive Director of the Yiramalay/Wesley Studio, College prefects had the privilege of listening to, and getting acquainted over the evening with guest speaker, Dr Sandro Demaio (OW2003).

Sandro's career is most instructive in relation to the values Wesley students take into the wider community. Sandro studied medicine at Monash University, then proceeded to become a pioneer in global public health, with an emphasis on disease prevention. He also holds a PhD in non-communicable disease. These achievements, and others, were all attained by the age of 31.

However, for the prefects, the most admirable and interesting facet of Sandro's conversation was his reflection on his time as a Wesley student and his acknowledgement of mistakes both small and large along his journey, both at school, and post-Wesley. Sandro's humanity, his care for the health and wellbeing of people, shone through with his every utterance. For example, Jordi Shahab, one of Glen Waverley's school captains, asked Sandro about his ideal medical practice.

He answered with the analogy of an ambulance at the bottom of a cliff – prevention is always better than cure.

Tom Moncrieff, another prefect, inquired about what mechanism did Sandro have in place to balance his professional life with his personal life? Sandro freely admitted to a lack of balance. He worked, without regret, seven days a week. Sandro used an anecdote to explain his attitude. A dying patient, he said, gave Sandro a piece of advice: We only look back and regret omission, never acts of commission. As Jordi remarked in summing up this encounter with such a distinguished OW: *This was certainly inspiring, particularly in a room full of prefects with not only a huge year ahead of them, but a huge life ahead of them. I have no doubt that each person in that room was further motivated to keep working hard and making the most of every opportunity.*



Dr Sandro Demaio with prefects Jordi Shahab and Mia Dugandzic

Sports stars shine in different firmaments



Christina Kamenev poses with grace

Sport at Wesley College is designed to be inclusive and relevant in a modern world, giving our students real-life opportunities to work in a team and for a common goal, and develop as well-rounded individuals. We also encourage our students in a sporting realm outside of the formal APS system. Some of our Elsternwick students have seen success at the state and national level in their chosen sports, taking on some of the best in the country and scoring outstanding results.

Christina Kamenev (Year 8), was part of a team of dancers that were age-group national champions in 2016 for the jazz and lyrical dance category. Her team, *Mathis Sapphires*, was also second overall across all the age categories.

Tali Uliel (Year 8) is now the current Oceania champion in her weight and age group category in the sport of taekwondo. She took on, and defeated, a competitor from Canberra, in the final bout, and now has this title to defend for the upcoming year.



Tali Uliel competes with commitment

Luka Simic (Year 7) won gold in 1 metre, 3 metre, and 10 metre platform at the State Diving Championships, thereby qualifying for the upcoming national championships to be held later in the year. An impressive effort, to take out the title in all three competitions.

Hugo Hanak (Year 7) competed in the State Track and Field Championships and scored a bronze medal in the 90m hurdles event. Again, this result qualified him for the national championships to take on the best in his age group, later in the year in Sydney.

These four students embody the success some of our students have experienced in the sporting arena. We have also seen national level archers, state team hockey players, and many outstanding dance and gymnastic results. We celebrate the achievements of all our high achievers as well as every student who takes on the challenge of being part of a Wesley squad each week, both at mid-week training and weekend matches.



Luka Simic diving spectacular



Hugo Hanak runs ahead of his game

New building for a new age



The “new” Wesley c. 1934



“State of the art” science labs

So many renovations, on perhaps a smaller scale, start with something small that needs improving. In 1933 it was the Front Turf that needed work, and Alfred Nicholas expressed an interest in helping. Then the family architect, Harry Norris, was brought in, and after discussions with his brother George, a plan was conceived, and “its vastness came as a bolt from the blue”. Many saw what transpired as a memorial to LA Adamson. In the late 1920s and very early 1930s both Alfred and George had their sons enrolled at the school. Hilton Nicholas AM OBE (OW1943) (see separate feature article), second son of George, started in 1932, and would have grown up with a school under construction.

The old grey towers were nearly 70 years old when reconstruction began at the end of 1933. The number of boys exceeded the space available, so new classrooms in the present Holt and Menzies Wings were constructed, ready for use when the boys went back to school in February 1934. The students also gained new science labs with a dark room for photography, a new improved and expanded boarding house with new kitchen, Adamson Hall was refurbished, there was a new swimming pool and gymnasium with hot showers and lockers, iron railings were installed along the Moubray Street and St Kilda Road boundaries, while a new Junior School, with its own boarding house, was built.



The much enlarged Dining Room after reconstruction

Work continued through 1935 with the building of a new chapel with pipe organ, while the repairing of the Front Turf capped off the “new” Wesley College.

The construction provided much needed work for depression-era labourers. At times 900 men worked on the site and, as a result, it was built in a matter of months. The original donation doubled to allow the works to continue. An estimated £200,000 was needed to pay for it all. At that time, a junior teacher’s wage was as low as £156 per year, or looking at this another way, such a sum would have paid the school fees of 5,500 day pupils. It was an astonishingly generous gift.

The style of the building was very modern, synonymous with the 1930s – Art Deco. Wesley remains one of the key examples of this style. The chapel, in particular, has many original features. Harry Norris was a leading architect of the time, and some of his other buildings are the Majorca building in Flinders Lane, and Burnham Beeches in Sassafras – Alfred Nicholas’ home, which has similar features to Wesley, replete with Ionic pilasters, colonnades and Doric capitals.

The buildings were finished in record time, the landscaping done, the boys had moved in and were at home in their new surroundings. The official opening by the Governor of Victoria,

Lord Huntingfield, was set for 1 March 1937 but on 26 February Alfred Nicholas died unexpectedly of heart disease at Burnham Beeches. The opening had to be postponed while the family, and school, mourned the loss of a great man. The new school was subsequently opened by the Governor on 11 May 1937. The commemorative plaque remains at the front doors of the St Kilda Road campus.

To this day it is still unclear as to why exactly the Nicholas brothers gave so much to Wesley, but we are forever grateful that they did.



The first floor front cloister looking towards the Science Block

The Binks family: more than just Freddie



Rev William Binks

Wesley's 150th anniversary shone a bright light on our first student, Frederick Binks. However, Freddie's father, Rev William Binks, also deserves attention, being a shining example of a Methodist minister who came to the Australian colonies to tend to the spiritual needs of the locals. Along with other achievements, he was involved in the founding of three major Methodist schools.

As a young Yorkshire lad, in 1841 he entered the Wesleyan ministry and in 1843 was sent to British Guyana and the West Indies as a missionary. He married Sarah Howse in 1848 at St Vincent, West Indies. Of three children born to them in the West Indies, two died of yellow fever. Sarah and William were lucky to survive the disease themselves so with son William Howse Binks (b. circa 1848), they left the West Indies and returned to London in May 1853.

After a year in Cornwell he was called to take charge of the Wesleyan Methodist ministry in Melbourne. Arriving in November 1855 on the *Aberfoyle* he was immediately involved in the decision to sell the existing Methodist church in Collins Street and build the Wesley Church in Lonsdale Street. Building of this church was commenced in late 1857 and was completed in August 1858. He was the minister in various Melbourne and country areas including Geelong 1863–64 and Ballarat 1865–67.

He was a founding member of the 1858 committee to establish and operate what became Wesley College. As William was located in Ballarat in 1866, his and Sarah's first Australian-born

son, Frederick Lawrence Binks was sent to board at Wesley College.

In 1868 Binks was transferred to the Archer Street Church in North Adelaide. He was then heavily involved in the establishment of Prince Alfred College, being its first President from 1869 to 1871. Young Freddie, now living in Adelaide with his parents, along with his younger brother, Albert, become one of Prince Alfred's first intake of students in 1869. It's not every day you get to be the first student at two famous schools.

In 1869 Rev Binks was the President of the Australasian Methodist Conference held in Sydney and President of the South Australian Wesleyan Methodist Conference in 1874. When he moved back to Melbourne in 1876, his two younger sons also attended Wesley – Albert Binks (OW1876) and Arthur Binks (OW1879). Later, Arthur married Emily Draper, the granddaughter of Rev Daniel Draper, one of Wesley's acknowledged founders.

Not content with being involved in the establishment of Wesley and PAC, Rev Binks was appointed to the 1879 committee that resulted in the founding of Methodist Ladies College on "Kelly's Paddock", Kew in 1882.

He died at his home, *Lartington*, Brighton on 30 May 1890, being 71 years old. His wife Sarah died on 6 December 1902. They are both buried at the Brighton General Cemetery. The Australasian Methodist Ministerial General Index of 1896 obituary describes Rev Binks as "an Australian Methodist prince. His fame is one of the historic treasures of our church". The inscription on the memorial to him in Wesley Church, Melbourne describes him as "An able minister, a faithful pastor, a wise administrator, a judicious counsellor, he won the confidence of all who were associated with him in Christian work".

Glen Waverley Middle School redevelopment



(L-R) Jessica Yu, Helen Drennen, Peter Pan

The Foundation is most grateful for the support of the growing number of parents from the Glen Waverley campus who are supporting our capital fundraising campaign. This \$15m project is predicated on the Foundation raising \$5m so we urge you all to get behind this fundraising campaign as every donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

As of March, we have secured more than \$1m towards our target of \$5m. Parents are being offered opportunities to be personally briefed on this significant development and this process will continue throughout the year.

Two families who have generously supported our campaign are Arthur (OW1985) and Effie Charlaftis and Peter Pan and Jessica Yu. They are delighted with the scale and multi-faceted nature of the redevelopment that will provide so many benefits to current and future students including a new library, Years 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 centres, language centre, chapel, MYP Design studios and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) classrooms.

Arthur and Effie's two oldest children, Nicholas and Cassandra are alumni and Madeleine is in Year 6. In addition to contributing to current and future students through his family's benefaction, as an



Arthur and Effie Charlaftis with Principal Helen Drennen and Business Manager Cameron Maroney

alumnus, Arthur is also conscious of the benefits he received from his Wesley education that enabled him to lead a successful professional career.

Peter and Jessica have two children at Wesley, Leo in Year 11 and Erica in Year 9. Peter is well-known and highly respected in his role as Co-President of the Purple and Gold Parents Association and, in particular, has done an extraordinary job in helping to bring our Chinese families together and making them feel part of our vibrant multi-cultural community at Glen Waverley. As parents, they recognise the importance of continuing to develop the campus to provide students with contemporary learning spaces that will enhance their educational outcomes. They also recognise the critical importance of supporting this fundraising campaign and encourage all families to consider whatever tax deductible donation they can manage to assist this important project.

The Foundation is most grateful for the generous support of these two families and looks forward to the continued support of Glen Waverley families to ensure the success of our capital campaign. For further information, please contact Jack Moshakis on 8102 6385 or email jack.moshakis@wesleycollege.net or Debra Stiebel on 8102 6121 or debra.stiebel@wesleycollege.net

Crothers' family boathouse gift

The families of William (OW1974) and Grant (OW1976)

Crothers have made a very significant gift towards the Boathouse Capital Campaign to honour the memory of their father WB (Bill) Crothers (OW1947). This project provided the ideal opportunity to support the Foundation and to commemorate their father's association with Wesley and with the sport that was such an important part of his life as a student at the College:

Bill Crothers left Stanhope in the Goulburn Valley in 1936 to board at Wesley at the age of seven. It was a pre-WW II era, school pockets were sewn up and the cane was commonly used as a form of corporal punishment. Cricket and football

were the most popular sports and boxing was part of Physical Education, but whilst Bill was average at these sports, it was rowing that appealed to him. As soon as he entered Senior School he started rowing. After rowing in junior crews for his early years, in 1946 Bill rowed in the First crew in the 2nd seat and then in 1947, in his final year at school, he was Head Prefect, Captain of Boats (again in the 2nd seat) and Wesley won the Head of the River



William Crothers Senior as a Wesley student

before a crowd of 50,000 spectators. The following year the Head of the River was moved to the Barwon River in Geelong.

In 1962 the next generation of Crothers entered Wesley College. William (OW1974) did not row; however, Grant upheld the tradition and rowed in the First crew in both 1975 (5th seat) and 1976 (2nd seat). William and Joanne's sons all rowed – Will (OW2002) in the Third crew (3rd seat), Nick (OW2004) in the First crew (bow seat) and Hugh (OW2006) in the First crew (bow seat). Will and Nick also coached Wesley students in rowing after leaving school and enjoyed the camaraderie and team building that rowing fosters. The fourth generation of Crothers is yet to emerge.

William and Grant conclude...*All the family enjoyed the rowing facilities provided by prior generations of benefactors of Wesley and spent many hours at the sheds rowing, coaching,*

fundraising and socialising. We are proud to be making a donation to the redevelopment of the boathouse so that Wesley rowing may flourish and continue to provide first class rowing facilities for all those eager to endure the challenges and lifelong satisfaction of rowing.

In recognition of William and Grant's benefaction, a significant space in the redeveloped boathouse will carry their father's name. Additionally, two boats will be named in honour of William and Grant and their families. The Foundation acknowledges, with enormous gratitude, the generosity of the Crothers family in assisting this capital fundraising campaign.

For further information on tax deductible donations to support this project, or to discuss naming opportunities, please contact Debra Stiebel on 8102 6121 or debra.stiebel@wesleycollege.net



Front row: Helen Drennen, Margaret, William and Joanne Crothers
Back row: Will, Nick and Hugh Crothers and Peter Harrison



(L-R) Marianne Stillwell, Piper Crothers, Amanda Walton and Grant Crothers

Rowing parents support group – what a night!



Guests enjoying the function

The annual Wesley Rowing Parents Support Group cocktail function was a great success this year and raised more than \$20,000 to support Wesley rowers. The function was very generously hosted by Lyn Rockman, who also covered the catering costs, and Marianne Stillwell again donated the wine and champagne. Lyn's home, overlooking the Yarra River and minutes from the Wesley Boathouse, provided the perfect setting for a great evening of fun and fundraising.

Once again, the organising committee did an outstanding job sourcing a large range of items for both the silent and main auction that was conducted by Wesley parent and Foundation sponsor, Jeremy Fox (OW1979) from RT Edgar in Toorak. The MC was the redoubtable, Richard Stubbs (OW1975) who regaled guests with tall tales and true from Wesley's past and his more recent experiences as a Wesley parent. The music was courtesy of a talented band of Glen Waverley students who were a great hit and really added another dimension to the evening.

A bespoke exhibition from the Cato Collection at the Australian Club

In the early 1980s Wesley College received a magnificent gift of over one hundred paintings from Alec Cato (OW1900). It was the intention that these paintings should be shared with College community and the public alike. Over the years exhibitions have been staged in regional galleries all over Victoria, New South Wales and in metropolitan Sydney and Melbourne. Works have also been loaned for special exhibitions across the country.

The collection boasts household names from the world of Australian art covering the late colonial to mid-twentieth century including Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton, Hans Heysen, Frederick McCubbin and Penleigh Boyd. An exhibition of a selection of the works has been recently displayed in the historic and unique setting of the Australian Club and has been warmly received.

The exhibition, held in the Gallery Dining Room, looks stunning and certainly has attracted favourable comments from diners. The display of works in this type of setting is not new as a selection of paintings were displayed at Stephanie's Restaurant in Hawthorn for many years. The College has been able to hold a number of special events at the Club for the Foundation, Society for the Arts and *The Sapere Aude Bequest Society*. This exhibition honours the wishes of Alec Cato to share his much-loved collection of art with the community.



(L-R) Hon Paul Guest OAM (OW1957), Ian Thomas (OW1982), Margot Vaughan, Ross Bastiaan AM (OW1968) and Kenneth Park at the Cato Exhibition Dinner



Some of the artwork from the Cato Collection

Hilton Nicholas – A life well lived, part 2

Wesley College was honoured to host a celebration of the life of Hilton Nicholas AM OAM (OW1943). See the story of the memorial service on the Features page earlier in this edition. The Foundation also pays tribute to his patronage of the *Learning in Residence* project and his membership of *The Sapere Aude Bequest Society*. Hilton is a shining example of the spirit of generational benefaction from the Nicholas family. The following tribute by his wife, Marjorie Nicholas OAM, is based on the eulogy delivered by Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Blainey (OW1947):

Hilton was born on 26 February 1925, the youngest of the four children of Nicholas Aspro founder, George Nicholas, and his wife Ruby (nee Campbell). He joined his older siblings Betty (11), Lindsay (8) and Nola (6). Hilton was born into a family of Cornish mining stock – simple Methodist folk, from the Victorian goldfields, but a family that, from humble beginnings, had already become a household name in Australia.

With the advent of the First World War, medications previously imported from Germany could no longer be sourced. One such product was aspirin, then manufactured by the German pharmaceutical giant, Bayer. In 1915 Hilton's father George, a pharmacist working in his shop in Punt Road, Windsor, and later at St Kilda Junction, had succeeded in replicating the formula for aspirin, and George and his older brother Alfred went into business manufacturing the white tablet in pink packaging, which they named *Aspro*. Over time, Nicholas Aspro became the most famous Australian product throughout the world's shops and pharmacies.

Alfred and George Nicholas were strongly motivated to share the wealth that came their way through the success of Nicholas Aspro. They were extremely generous benefactors to many organisations and maintained a particular interest in the education and welfare of young people, as witnessed by their extraordinary contributions to Wesley College, Methodist Ladies' College and the Lord Somers Camp, to name but three. It is not so widely known that during the Depression years, George, together with his friend Herbert Brookes, purchased a large plantation of mountain ash near Noojee in West Gippsland, providing paid employment to several hundred young men and helping them to regain a sense of personal worth during those difficult years.

When Hilton was only 18 months old his mother died and, as was often the case in those days, the aunts – George's sister Nell in particular – were called upon to help care for Hilton and his older siblings.

Hilton was just four years old when he had his first experience of overseas travel. With the expansion of Nicholas Aspro into international markets, George needed to be in England for business reasons, and on this particular occasion he took the whole family, including the aunts, with him to the United Kingdom. They travelled by ocean liner, and then in convoy by car around England, and that was the start of Hilton's lifelong fascination with travel – which was just as well, because over

the years to come he was required to do a great deal of it in the line of business.

As a student, Hilton attended Wesley College, Melbourne, initially as a day boy and then, during his secondary school years, as a boarder.

Despite some early misgivings (he was conscious of the role his father and uncle had played in financing the entire rebuilding of the College some years previously, and was anxious that he should not be accorded any special privileges in consequence of this) he quickly came to enjoy and appreciate the life of the boarding house. In later years he often remarked how grateful he was for his experience as a boarder. It gave him a deep sense of the value of personal relationships shared with a wide mix of people. He enjoyed the sporting opportunities, too – cricket, tennis and swimming in particular – and he was a keen track athlete.

Hilton's second overseas trip, some nine years after his first as a four-year-old, took him to London with the family for the marriage of his sister Nola to the already world-famous violinist Yehudi Menuhin, and thence to Los Gatos, California, to attend the wedding of his brother Lindsay (also an Old Wesley Collegian) to Yehudi's sister, the young, highly-talented pianist Hephzibah Menuhin.

As it turned out, boarding at Wesley probably stood Hilton in good stead for what lay ahead. The Second World War came and Darwin was bombed in February 1942. A year later, on turning 18, Hilton went straight from school to enlist in the Royal Australian Air Force. After training in Australia as a pilot, he was posted overseas before the European war entered a crucial stage with the Allied invasion of France in June 1944. Based in England, he flew Hurricanes, eventually being seconded to the RAF as an instructor of naval aviators. He was not yet 21 when the war ended and he was discharged.

Back in Australia, Hilton joined the family firm, Nicholas Pty Ltd, of which his father was the head. He was tossed in at the deep end. Given no privileges, he learned the hard way. Older employees delighted in playing practical jokes on him – as the boss's son, he was fair game. Happily, Hilton proved equal to the task. He learnt quickly and gained experience in all aspects of the business, and especially the international operations with which he felt a special affinity.

It was whilst living and working in England that Hilton met his first wife, Brenda Reis. They were married in London in 1951. Returning with his bride to Melbourne, he bought a property called *Yarrowee* in Rosehill Road, Lower Plenty, where he and Brenda set up house. There Hilton ran cattle, cut hay, indulged his love of dogs and horses, delighted in his large, eclectic garden and played polo with what has been aptly described as "an enthusiasm bordering on wild abandon".

At the same time he continued to take on an ever-increasing level of responsibility within Nicholas Pty Ltd, and upon the merger of the Nicholas and Kiwi companies in 1980 he became the deputy chairman of this major corporation.

Hilton's love of horses was something he inherited from his father who was a noted breeder of thoroughbreds and served on the committee of the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) for nearly 20 years. When his father died in 1960 Hilton took on the thoroughbred stud Shirley Park, Woodend, which George had established some 20 years or so earlier, and over the ensuing 30 years he achieved many notable breeding and racing successes.

In that same year, 1960, he stood for the vacancy on the committee of the VRC created by his father's death. He was successful in a contested election and for the next 33 years he served as a committeeman, vice-chairman and, from 1982 to 1986, chairman of the VRC. He retired from the committee in 1993. Sadly his wife Brenda died during his term of office as chairman.

Hilton was totally committed to ensuring integrity in all aspects of the thoroughbred industry, racing and breeding alike, and the welfare of both the horses and the humans involved at every level was at the forefront of his thinking. As a leader in these fields he was instrumental in the creation of a number of initiatives to further those objectives, including his collaboration with the late Professor Blood of The University of Melbourne in the establishment of the Australian Equine Research Foundation.

The VRC continues to recognise Hilton's contribution to the club and to racing as a whole with the annual running of the Hilton Nicholas Handicap at Flemington Racecourse. His success as a breeder is similarly recognised through the Begonia Belle Handicap, run on Victoria Derby Day each year, and named in honour of his exceptional mare.

For sixteen years Hilton was the Chairman of the Totalisator Agency Board (TAB) in Victoria, succeeding the inaugural chairman, Sir Chester Manifold, in this role. He served on the board of St Vincent's Institute for Medical Research for thirty years, the last five as chairman, and he was immensely proud of the discoveries made at the Institute and of the growing prestige of Melbourne as a world-class centre of medical research.

A member of the Athenaeum Club from 1946 until his death, he served as a highly regarded president from 1977 to 1979. Warm hearted in greeting people, he listened carefully when they spoke. His services in many spheres were officially recognised by the award of an OBE in 1976 and an AM in 2000.

In 1989 Hilton married again. Whilst in later years spending more time with his wife Marjorie at their property in the Southern Riverina, he continued to enjoy city life as well as his rural pursuits.

Hilton maintained his interest and involvement in aviation long after his discharge from the Services. He and his brother Lindsay established Nicholas Air Charter in Melbourne, and it was this company that provided the first air ambulance service in Victoria. With his longstanding friend Richard Cavill he set up South Australian and Territory Air Services (SAATAS), flying through inland Australia, Darwin and the islands to the north, and his private air charter company, Nicholas Skyways, enabled him to continue to indulge his love of flying until well into his 70s.

In public life Hilton was a true son of his father – a generous benefactor and supporter of so many organisations, sometimes with money, sometimes with personal effort and often with both. In private life, though not having children of his own, he nevertheless followed the progress of his extended family with great interest and affection and took much pride in their accomplishments.

In delivering the eulogy Professor Blainey, who knew Hilton well over a span of many decades, told the large, representative gathering:

If Hilton believed in a cause he was unstinting and even passionate. Many heard his indignant voice when an injustice aroused him. He was steadfast and determined. He was demanding of himself and of others. He was soft-hearted and also vulnerable, outgoing and also introspective. He was fiercely independent but loyal, and proud and also humble. In short, he was somebody.

How would you sum up such a man in a single sentence? Peter Nixon, who served as a federal minister under four prime ministers, said to me on hearing the sad news, "Hilton was a generous man."

One person, very close to Hilton, said simply, "He was a good man."

Vale Hilton Nicholas AM OBE



Hilton Nicholas (OW1943) and Peter Harrison (OW1969)

President's report



As always, it's been a busy first part of the year for us at the OWCA, with a number of reunions and events being held, and more in the planning. After the big anniversary year for the broader College community last year, our oldest and largest affiliate is also having a celebratory year, as Collegians Football Club turns 125 in 2017. Quite

amazing to think that the footy club has been around for so long, particularly when you think that the club is older than the Victorian Amateur Football Association itself. There is a lot to celebrate down at the Harry Trott, over and above just a big birthday year, with the launch of a women's team. Many of us will have seen the success of the AFLW through February and March and all involved are hoping that the women's amateur competition is as much of a success. Given the importance of coeducation to Wesley's ethos, the launch of the women's teams is a great initiative.

There have also been some changes in personnel at Collegians, with Wayne Dyer (OWCA Honorary Life Member) handing over the presidency to Rodney "Rocket" Nancarrow (OW1982) and Mark "The Ghost" Hibbins (OW1978). Wayne had been president for some 17 years and it is telling that it took two people to fill his shoes, such was the time, commitment and enthusiasm both he and his wife Amanda (OWCA Honorary Life Member) put into the club seven days a week. Collegians had a great season launch lunch in March at Zinc down on the river, and we wish everyone at the club a successful 2017.

On the anniversary front, it is also the 150th year for the Head of the River. As part of the festivities, we had a number of OWs participate in alumni rowing events at the Australian Henley

regatta in February. A big thank you to those who participated and clearly loved getting back on the water, as well as to our rowing affiliate, the Alan Mitchell Club, and the school, for help in organising this event. On the rowing front, it's also worth noting another great night was had by all attendees at the annual Boat Race Dinner on 20 March.

On the back of the success and great feedback we had from OWs who attended the 150th Anniversary Dinner last year, we are really excited to be relaunching the Founders' Day Dinner, in addition to the Founders' Day Lunch. The dinner will be held on Friday 26 May at the Park at Albert Park.

Finally, we are really excited to announce the launch of a new program, the OWCA Leaders series. I have written previously about how we love hearing of the successes our OWs have in all walks of life. The OWCA Leaders Series is intended to celebrate these successes and to be a platform for OWs to hear and learn more about some of the great achievers and their achievements. The first event under this program was a presentation and networking evening with Hugo Davidson (OW1982). Around 70 attendees heard all about innovation and the challenges of launching and running a start-up from Hugo, who is the founder and CEO of Knog and Catalyst Design Group.

On a personal note, I will be retiring as President at the Annual General Meeting in May. It has been an absolute honour and privilege to have led the OWCA and to have met so many OWs who have great memories of their time at school, and who acknowledge that their Wesley education, in all its aspects, has given them the best opportunities in life.

Go Wesley – The Best School of All!

Scott Hudson (OW1993)

OWCA executive

President

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Jack Ayerbe (OW1963)

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Frank Opray (OW1963)

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Ian Thomas (OW1982)

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Yana Podolskaya (OW1993)

Chris Foster-Ramsay
(OW1999)

Belinda Danks (OW2004)

Jimmy Kus (OW2010)

Jack Moshakis (OW1973)

Mark Hibbins (OW1978)

If you would like to get involved with our alumni association, please contact Ian Thomas, College Head of the OWCA on 8102 6475 or ian.thomas@wesleycollege.net

Welcome back, Melanie

The OWCA is delighted to welcome back Melanie Stergiou to a new part-time role as Alumni Relations Officer. Many alumni know Melanie from her time working with Greg Wilkinson (OW1969) and Bruce Gregory (OW1944) (dec) and also as a Wesley parent to Joanne Stergiou (OW2008).

After several years supporting senior executives in strategic roles at Swinburne University, Melanie returns to Wesley to be a part of the dynamic alumni office.

I am really looking forward to exciting times ahead, to engage with alumni at a greater level, to renew friendships, and to immerse myself in the Wesley culture that is very dear to me. I was thrilled when Ian Thomas (OW1982) was appointed College Head of the OWCA last year and knew he would bring new ideas, energy and passion to the role. Having experienced the grand celebration of the 150th Anniversary Dinner with the

1982 alumni, I feel privileged to be returning to Wesley at such a great time.



Melanie Stergiou, Alumni Relations Officer with OWCA Vice President, Jack Ayerbe (OW1963) and Ian Thomas (OW1982), College Head, OWCA

Collegians women's football



The girls listening to coach Nick Hibbins' (OW1982) inspiring words

The first-ever Wesley Collegians women's football team has begun with great success. Collegians are 125 years old in 2017 and to be starting in the inaugural Victorian Amateur Football Association women's competition in our 125th year is special for the girls.

We have approximately 20 girls training each night and would like to increase this to 25 or even 30 girls to enable the team to get through the first season.

The OWCA has contributed a \$10,000 grant to help get this women's team up and going, and also to help the club improve

the change rooms, showers and toilets for female sport. The facility is outdated and is in need of a makeover; the introduction of women's football presented an opportunity to get some works done and the OWCA contribution has made part of this happen. We are very grateful for its contribution.

The girls have all come down with a positive attitude, ready to learn the skills and rules of AFL. The pre-season has been full of drills, fitness and confidence-building activities. Coach Nick Hibbins (OW1982) has been giving the girls key insight into techniques and skills necessary to compete in AFLW.

Even though many of the girls are not from an AFL background, their skills and confidence have nevertheless improved dramatically. Many have high levels of fitness and are developing their kicking, marking and handballing skills. They are dedicated and passionate, and the more they practice, the more they are improving.

Our first game was a lightning premiership on Saturday 1 April. We are looking forward to playing our first season together and continuing our historic journey as the first Women's Football Team in the 125-year history of the Collegians Football Club.

Round 1 started on 8 April and the season is 14 games, with finals to follow.

We are always looking for more players, so if you have been as inspired as we have been by the AFLW, come down and give it a try.

Contact Coach Nick Hibbins (OW1982) on 0499 949 605 or co-President Rodney Nancarrow (OW1982) on 0412 687 430 to join this great team.

Go Lions!



The inaugural women's team at practice



Training drills for the women's team

Row past to mark a milestone



The 150th Head of the River celebrations began down at the Yarra River on Saturday 25 February with the historic row past on the Henley Course. These legendary and very happy OWs formed two fours as part of a timeline, representing our first Boys IV in 1871 and later with our first Girls IV in 1986. As smooth as ever, and with much applause from the river bank were (L-R) Lana Ryan (OW2015), Georgia Bowman (OW2015), Nicole Nabout (OW1987), Rodney Nancarrow (OW1982), Harry Norman (OW2016), Julian Peters (OW2014), Mark Stephens (OW1965), Jodie Dobson (OW1987), Jacqui Dobson (OW1988) and Eliza Hobba, who joined them from the Alan Mitchell Club.

Memorabilia donation

Ian Wansley (OW1969) kindly donated a number of original photographs of his time at the College, as well as his blazer, which features the first Cross Country Colours in 1967/68. Ian's father, Col Bert Wansley AM (OW1938) is one of Wesley's oldest alumni and lives in Queensland and his twin brother Grant (OW1969) is a former Wesley parent.

Ian was a champion triathlete at school at a time when this involved running, swimming and rifle shooting. He broke the

record for the Yacht Race around Albert Park Lake when he was only fifteen, and went on to gain Honour Colours in athletics and swimming. He continued as a champion triathlete after leaving Wesley.

After a career spanning 42 years at GJ Coles, Ian is actively retired and we hope to see more of him at OWCA events and activities.



John Siddons – a “granda man” would be hard to find



John Siddons

The first session of the House of Representatives in 2017 at least began on a note of accord and unanimity, when the Speaker called the House to order for a minute's silence to honour the service of former Australian Democrats senator John Siddons (OW1945), who passed away in September 2016, and whose memorial service was held at the Ivanhoe Uniting Church on 7 October.

It was a touching recognition of just one aspect of John Siddons' service to his nation, which was so much more than just a political contribution, significant as this was. The jingle advertising one of his manufacturing icons has stayed with us at least as long as the tuneful reminder that Vegemite “puts a rose in every cheek”. “Ya canna hand a man a granda spanna / Than a Sidchrome, that's the brand that you should use” got well inside the head of two generations. It seemed to define an Australian “can do” confidence.

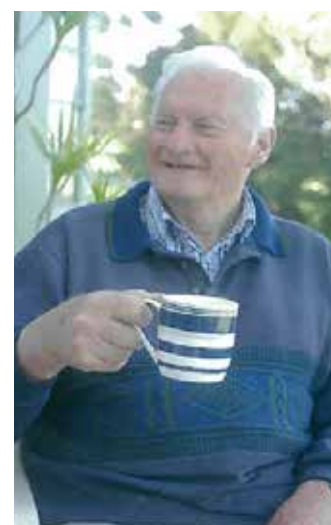
But, of course, John Siddons' contribution to Australian industry and society generally expanded well beyond the “granda spanna” of every Mr Fixit's dreams. John was in every sense a progressive industrialist at a time of widespread strikes and militancy, and was truly visionary in his ambition for a workplace of shared responsibility between bosses and workers. He had been especially impressed by what the Swedes were accomplishing in this area, and sought to transfer some of their practices to the workplace here. Raised a devout Methodist during the Depression and the Second World War, his own workplace practices were embedded in his background, and so he fought long and hard for the paradigm shift which would focus on a greater shared responsibility between operators, trades and professions in the industrial scene. What he was

advocating was a departure from an “us and them” mentality, a cultural transition he termed “Industrial Democracy”. In seeking to modernise Australian industry he sought to tap into the Australian spirit through enlightened industrial practice.

John Siddons wholeheartedly believed in a competitive manufacturing sector which would preserve our sovereignty, but in a thoughtful and non-aggressive way. He could not see his vision of industrial democracy getting much traction in either of the two main political parties, and discovered a third way, through Gordon Barton's progressive Australia Party, of which he soon became national convenor. He contacted an old friend from teenage years, Liberal Don Chipp, and over time was born the new Australian Democrats, which attracted huge town hall rallies. The electorate was clearly hungry for a third way. John was one of the new party's prime movers and architects, and he served as an Australian Democrats senator from 1981–83, and again from 1985–87.

While serving in the Senate, John continued working on innovation, and in addition to designing his rotary prototype engine, he also championed the design and development of Australia's first solar-heat-sourced hot water unit, the Siddons Solar Plus, later re-named Quantum Energy. After 50 years on the board of Siddons Ramset Limited, John Siddons left to concentrate on the new Quantum Energy project, which he had previously bought from the firm to run as a family business. And this is where the boys stepped in; to help their father in a new undertaking of real foresight in the global urge for more sustainable power, Chris (OW1974), Tony (OW1976), Jon (OW1980) and Michael (OW1983) formed Siddons Solarstream Pty Ltd to commercialise the technology, and which is, along with its sister company Siddons Greenpower, a leader in solar applications for agriculture and industry.

In a condolence letter to the family, present Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MHR, summed it up: “your father's legacy will remain his unfaltering commitment to Australia's economic prosperity and advocacy for Australian manufacturing.” John loved Australia's innovative spirit. He was a true industrial reformer and a renewables pioneer. He long ago wielded that “granda spanna” with flourish, and things just took off from there.



Singing is the best medicine

In November 2012, Alexandra Cameron, Head of Music at Elsternwick, and her partner Doug Heywood were approached by a local resident to see if they could give her any advice about establishing a choir for people suffering from Parkinson's disease. That local resident, Heather, wife of Michael Jobling (OW1957), had suffered from the disease for some time and had heard that singing would be of assistance to those suffering from the condition. She felt that if a choir could be established, and people could be given exercises to assist with their breathing, singing could help to retain the strength of the vocal cords.

Both Alexandra and Doug agreed to attend and participate in choral workshops on a monthly basis and so the ParkinSong Choir was established. For that one hour each month the participants would do breathing exercises and sing a variety of songs that would extend their vocal range, their breathing and articulation of difficult words.



Heather Jobling

Alex and Doug observed from the beginning, keeping in mind that members of the group were at different stages of the disease, that at the end of the hour, they were much more competent with their speech and felt that they had gained confidence using their voice. They noted, when observing singers during the rehearsal, that many of the external features of the disease, such as tremors and shaking, appeared less apparent.

Although group singing is not a cure, it does provide a positive and encouraging environment for Parkinson sufferers and their carers to share their understanding of the disease and greater awareness of the importance of maintaining vocal strength and breath control. According to Heather, The ParkinSong Choir, provides some joy and laughter in this disease. Michael is a driving force behind the ParkinSong Choir, contributing in no small way to the acquisition of grants to provide a keyboard, computer and projector for the choir. The group is of such interest that it was featured on the Channel 9 news.



ParkinSong Choir

A Chorus Lion

You may not know that we have a Wesley Community Choir for men and women, A Chorus Lion, which began in 2009 when a group of Wesley parents decided they would love to sing. A Chorus Lion has grown and changed over the years, and we continue to sing, laugh and enjoy our experience together all these years later. Our members include current parents, past parents and teachers. We would welcome Old Collegians to join us. We sing every Wednesday evening during the school term from 7.30pm-9.15pm in the Stillwell Recital Room in the Music School at St Kilda Road. There are no auditions and your first visit is free. No prior experience, or music knowledge, is necessary.

We are led and taught by the amazing Douglas Heywood OAM, and accompanied by the beautiful playing of Carl Stevens.

We sing an eclectic mix of songs and harmonies, and have a few performances each year: a concert, performing at residential homes, and at Wesley functions such as the Wesley Pride AGM. Our main aim is to sing purely for the joy of it. It is a very inclusive group, and all are invited to join us for post-singing beverages at a venue across the road after most sessions.

A new book and film club, A Story Lion, has recently evolved from our membership as well. For more information on how to get involved, please contact Lisa Woolf (past parent) on ljwoolf@gmail.com or just come and try one Wednesday evening. We look forward to meeting you.



A Chorus Lion performing at Christmas

A Wesley family linkage across time

The December 2016 edition of *Lion* included an obituary for Bruce Williams (OW1950), who passed away in June 2016. Bruce was a former member of the Wesley College Council and President of the Wesley College Foundation.

At Bruce's funeral at St John's Anglican Church Toorak in July 2016, the letter of farewell below from his best friend Gordon Newton (OW1950) was read. It depicts not only the very strong relationship between them, which began even prior to school days at Wesley, but also the strong bonds between the two families which continue to this day. Not only were Bruce and Gordon great friends, but so too were their fathers Wilfred (Bill) Williams (OW1920) and Lauri Newton (OW1918). Additionally Bruce's and Gordon's sons, depicted in the photo, are also good friends.



(L-R) Richard Newton (OW1977), Philip Newton (OW1983), Bruce Williams (OW1950), Simon Williams (OW1979), Gordon Newton (OW1950), Rob Williams (OW1986)

To my dear friend Bruce

Many thanks for a wonderful 83-year friendship from playpen to last Tuesday 28 June when you passed away. And what about our last whisky together only a few days earlier? It was great.

The many fun days, and also in times of need to always support each other.

I shared a desk with you in 1940 when I started at Wesley, and we left on the same day at the end of 1950.

The 8th Malvern Scouts, then chasing girls together.

Both in the retail industry, most importantly our visits on our way home from our respective offices to discuss the day's activities over a glass or two.

We were best men at each other's weddings, and with our wives Anne and June we enjoyed many happy times over the years with our families, especially at Mt Macedon and Mansfield.

Only on Friday I thought of ringing you as was our custom over many years, but you were not there anymore!

Well done to you as a great friend to me, but as a gentleman at all times.

Farewell my friend. Rest in Peace.

Love Gordon

2017 Boat race dinner



On Monday 20 March at Leonda By The Yarra, a record audience of almost two hundred were entertained by Master of Ceremonies, Cam Williams (OW1982) from the First VIII crews of 1981, 1982 and 1983



Former coaches Roger Bade (OW1977), winning crew of 1977, and Peter Benjamin (OW1970), winning crew of 1970, with Katherine Horne (OW1989), Girls First IV 1989, and winning 1987 Girls First IV crew members, Michele Achermann (OW1987), Jodie Dobson (OW1987) and Jacqui Dobson (OW1988) with 1986 inaugural Girls First IV crew member Nicole Nabout (OW1987)



Head of the River Winning First VIII crew members Jim Kidd (OW1947) and John Fielden (OW1949) who made the Toast to Past Crews



Will Crothers (OW1974) with 1948 First VIII crew member Colin Hunt (OW1948)



Victorious 1977 First VIII crew members, including former Captain of Boats, Tony Hall (OW1977), Mark Busby (OW1978), Doug Goodwin (OW1978), Ian Wood (OW1977), Richard Newton (OW1977), Antony Guss (OW1976), Jon Sharp (OW1977) and Roger Bade (OW1977)

Lest we forget

During his recent visit to Europe, Peter Dickinson, Head of Glen Waverley campus, visited Malta and took the opportunity to visit the Pieta Cemetery where two OWs who died following injuries sustained in the Gallipoli campaign are buried. The first is Arthur Douglas (OW1904) who was evacuated to Malta

after being wounded on 23 November, and who died of pneumonia on Christmas Day 1915. Due to the ground conditions at Malta he is buried in a grave with two others. The second is John Vasey (OW1907) who died as a result of infection from wounds incurred on the first day of the August Lone Pine assault.

He has a special memorial that was paid for by his father, George (OW1872). OWs might recall the small Blackwood table that used to be in Adamson Hall, but which is now in the Wesley History Gallery, and which was donated in memory of John.



The graves of Arthur Douglas (OW1904) and John Vasey (OW1907) in Malta

Affiliate news



Collegians Football Club

Collegians Football Club – 125 years and going strong

The men's pre-season training is now heading towards the pointy end and the playing group is looking fit, motivated and ready to go for the upcoming practice matches. The pre-season camp was held on the foreshore at Rosebud in mid-February. More than 50 players attended the camp, which was a great opportunity for the boys to put in some really solid work from a fitness, strength and football perspective. It also allowed for the playing group to spend an extended amount of time together, to get to know each other better. The club has recruited more than a dozen new players to the senior playing group this season, which has really lifted the spirit of the club. It should make for an exciting 125th season. Senior Coach Shane Joyce was extremely pleased with how the weekend went, and sees it as a pivotal part of the group's preparation towards Round 1.

As we head towards the practice match season Joyce said he *couldn't be more pleased with the way the new players are fitting in*

with the existing group and with the list basically injury free, we look forward to seeing the boys have a solid practice match series before our Round 1 clash with old rivals St Bedes Mentone Tigers.

For fixtures for all five teams, including four men's teams: Senior, Development, Thirds and Under 19 teams and our first-ever women's team visit www.collegiansfc.com.au

The club is under new leadership this year with Mark Hibbins (OW1978) and Rod 'Rocket' Nancarrow (OW1982) joining forces as co-Presidents. Both have been heavily involved in the club for many years – Mark as a player, and more recently as the coach of back-to-back premiership sides. 'Rocket' has been around the club for just as long, serving on the Committee for more years than anyone can count. Whether as secretary or runner, there are few people who have been more dedicated to the club over the years. No two people are more qualified to be at the helm in this exciting year.

To help celebrate the club's 125th Anniversary there are some signature events you should put in your diary:

- 6 May: 125th Anniversary game and lunch at Wesley College Glen Waverley v Old Melburnians
- 20 May: Night game at Harry Trott Oval v St Kevin's 7.00pm
- 12 August: 125th Anniversary Ball

For membership or other enquiries contact Melinda De Matteo – Events & Membership Coordinator at admin@collegiansfc.com.au or call 0409 850 102.

Mark Hibbins (OW1978) and Rod Nancarrow (OW1982)

ACT Dinner

Commemorating the centenary of the award of the Victoria Cross to Robert Grieve VC (OW1904)

Venue: Australian War Memorial

When: Tuesday 18 July

Enquiries: Ian Thomas on 03 8102 6475

Email: ian.thomas@wesleycollege.net



OW updates

Jack Howard (OW1976) has been teaching at St Kilda Road since 1998. In fact, he also taught there for three years from 1984–86.

He is the current Head of Brass, teaches trumpet, and runs various bands, including the jazz ensembles and the Stage Band. He is also a member of one of Australia's great bands, *Hunters and Collectors*. The band officially broke up in 1998 but

had a remarkable comeback tour in 2013–14, when they played at the AFL Grand Final, headlined their own *Day On The Green* shows, and supported Bruce Springsteen and the *Rolling Stones*. He is the only trumpeter in the ARIA Hall Of Fame. Jack has also been releasing his own fine CDs since 2001. His latest is the beautiful six-track EP, *The Passing Parade*. Check his music out at jackhoward.bandcamp.com



Jack Howard (OW1976)

You can also catch his *Epic Brass* and *Bacharach* shows around town. This year is shaping up to be one out of the box for Jack. He's taken a year off teaching to tour the world playing trumpet with *Midnight Oil*. The tour kicks off in April in Brazil before moving on to the USA, Canada, Europe and New Zealand. The tour ends with a bang in Australia in October. Jack and *The Hunnas* have a very close connection with *The Oils*, touring the world with them in 1990. Jack will be back at school with a spring in his step in 2018.



Zion Mitchell (OW1992)

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joined Wesley half way through Year 9 as a student who had very little belief in himself or his abilities. This dramatically changed with inspiring role models from new peers, but more importantly the teachers and leaders at

that time, David Shepherd and Robert Renton. It was these peers, leaders, and teachers of the school who encouraged diversity, guidance and belief in any talent you had, focusing on both strengths and weaknesses to balance the individual preparation for the workforce and the future. Zion was voted as School Captain, Tennis Captain, Year 12 Prefect, and gained Honour Colours for basketball, tennis and drama. "The school would make you believe in yourself", he reflects, "when no others would", and Zion's life has been full of blessings ever since. He has worked as a professional tennis coach, Hayman Island Activities Manager, received a USA tennis scholarship, completed a Bachelor's Degree at Melbourne University, was part of the ABC documentary *Rewind* about being adopted, ran his own tennis business, was a Vice-Principal, Asia Pacific College, art teacher at the International School Ho Chi Minh City

and is currently Director of Tennis and an art teacher at St Monica's College Epping. Following his passion has resulted in happiness in life. "I can't thank you enough Wesley College. Praise of W-E-S-L-E-Y Wesley now and always."

Nick Sautner (OW1994)

was recently named Inspired Adventures' Adventurer of the Month. Nick's enriching experience in Tanzania earlier in his life allowed him to return in November last year to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in support of the Prostate Cancer Foundation. He says the



Nick Sautner (OW1994)

experience of the climb, and raising money for a cause close to his heart, was deeply rewarding. Having lost his father to cancer at an early age, Nick understands only too well the importance of early detection and awareness. Nick took on the challenge of conquering Mount Kilimanjaro to raise vital funds for research for prostate cancer and, along with his group from around Australia, raised more than \$80,000. Importantly, he managed to make it home safely to get married to his now wife Eliza at St Paul's Cathedral in December.



Alexandrea Malishev (OW2003)

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was recently recognised as the winner of Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) *Outlook & ID Land Young Professional Award* at the 21st UDIA Awards for Excellence ceremony, attended by over 1,100 of her colleagues, peers and fellow property professionals. The award was actually presented to her by fellow Collegian, Peter Lazer (OW1995). Alexandria

has accumulated a wealth of experience in creating new communities in Victoria. She has demonstrated persistence and resilience while working on complex and multi-faceted projects, which exemplifies her current contribution to the development industry and her strong future potential. In her role as a senior strategic planner at the Victorian Planning Authority, Alexandria has played a significant role in the development of Victoria, both in the growth areas and the urban renewal national employment clusters, managing key precincts. Beyond this, she has taken the initiative to join with multiple industry organisations, and has been dedicating her time, energy, and intellect to the UDIA's Outlook Young Professionals Committee since 2012.



Georgia Hammond (OW2009)

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recently graduated from The University of Melbourne with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, and has accepted a two-year contract with the Buchan Veterinarians in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. She writes, "If you combine two years kindergarten, thirteen years of school and seven years of university, what

does it get you? Well it got me a stethoscope, a pair of wellies and a ridiculous number of letters after my name! It was in Year 3, at the prep school, during one of Miss K's amazing classes, that I realised I wanted to work with animals. Fast forward 12 years and there I was on my first day of my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine course wondering how I'd made it this far. Looking back it was by my knowledge, determination and a strong belief that veterinary medicine was my vocation, and I wouldn't be content to do anything else. There were times during my schooling and university years that I questioned whether being a veterinarian was for me, but once you've experienced your first cow rectal examination, you can never go back! My adventure continues today as I was lucky enough to be offered a full-time position during my extramural placements abroad at a clinic based in rural, rugged Scotland. I've only been working for a few months now, but I am loving every day. I'm not sure what the future holds but I know I still have a stethoscope and my trusty wellies, and an incredible life ahead of me."

Charles Terrier (OW2009), actor

turned director/producer, is one half of a young Melbourne duo "going into battle" in support of other up-and-coming Aussie creatives through their debut indie war feature film *A Little Resistance*. From scriptwriting and acting to building sets and digging trenches in backyards, the Melbourne creative duo are getting their hands dirty producing a "Cinderella meets Platoon" war film themselves, aspiring to make their mark and shake up the Australian film industry. As with many independent films, *A Little Resistance* is a passion project and has been a DIY affair over the past 10 years, with the duo doing most of the work and funding themselves – until now. They've turned to the



Charles Terrier (OW2009)
with Michael Loder

public to help get the project across the line, through crowd-funding. Featuring a strong female lead and a unique take that ditches typical love story notions – combined with a passionate blend of Baz Luhrmann meets Quentin Tarantino – the film's original and conceptual approach has already resonated with the 50+ crowd funding backers, not to mention fellow peers, designers and artists, many of whom have donated considerable time and talents to the project.

Katherine Hymer (OW2012)

writes music that intertwines melodic lines with dark and foreboding undertones, culminating in a sound best described as hauntingly beautiful. With her pure amalgamation of classical piano and Victorian gothic inspired costume, audiences often draw parallels between her shows and musical theatre, with *Tongue TV* calling her *The First Lady of Dark Pop*. When Katherine was a student at Wesley College, she was a familiar face at the music school. A member of the Big Band, musical theatre orchestra pits, choirs, jazz ensembles, international band tours (China 2008 and Europe 2010), concert bands, and completing music as a subject as a part of her International Baccalaureate Diploma, Katherine is extremely grateful and proud to have been a part of Wesley's music program. Now an alumnus of The University of Melbourne's Conservatorium of Music (Bachelor of Arts Criminology Major and Diploma of Music), in addition to performing, Katherine orchestrates a small private piano teaching school where she continues the traditions of classical piano. Katherine has recently recruited an electric guitarist and bassist to generate a wall of sound to immerse audiences in her live shows. Having performed at events such as the internationally acclaimed White Night Melbourne (2017), and curating the first *Dark Femme Night* to celebrate females in alternative music, Katherine is looking forward to developing her music project with future events. If you are interested in staying up-to-date with Katherine's journey, you can listen to her debut EP *Monsters* on Spotify and iTunes and follow her Facebook page at *Katherine Hymer Music*.



Katherine Hymer (OW2012)

Founders' Day Dinner

Venue: The Park, Albert Park

When: Friday 26 May

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OWCA functions – 2017

May

Friday 26	Founders' Day dinner	The Park, Albert Park	6.30pm – 10.30pm
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June

Friday 2	Glen Waverley 2007 10 year reunion	Union Hotel, Prahran	7.00pm – 10.30pm
Friday 16	St Kilda Road 2007 10 year reunion	Union Hotel, Prahran	7.00pm – 10.30pm

July

Friday 21	Glen Waverley 2002 15 year reunion	Coates Pavilion	6.30pm – 10.30pm
Friday 28	St Kilda Road 2002 15 year reunion	St Kilda Road	6.30pm – 10.30pm
Tuesday 18	ACT dinner	TBA	7.00pm – 10.30pm

August

Friday 11	Glen Waverley 2012 5 year reunion	Union Hotel, Prahran	7.00pm – 10.30pm
Friday 25	St Kilda Road 2012 5 year reunion	Union Hotel, Prahran	7.00pm – 10.30pm

September

Friday 8	1977 40 year reunion	Cato Room	6.30pm – 10.30pm
Sunday 10	Elsternwick 1947 reunion	Prest Room	12.00pm – 3.00pm
Friday 22	Golden Lions lunch	Cato Room	12.00pm – 3.30pm

October

Tuesday 10	Mornington Peninsula lunch	Montalto Winery	12.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 13	Glen Waverley 1997 20 year reunion	Coates Pavilion	6.00pm – 10.30pm
Wednesday 18	Business networking evening	Cato Room	6.00pm – 8.30pm
Friday 20	1987 30 year reunion	Cato Room	6.30pm – 10.30pm

November

Sunday 12	MLC Decades reunion	Fitchett Hall	12.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 17	Glen Waverley 2016 1 year reunion	Union Hotel, Prahran	7.00pm – 10.30pm
Friday 17	Geelong lunch	TBC	12.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 24	St Kilda Road 2016 1 year reunion	Union Hotel, Prahran	7.00pm – 10.30pm
TBA	APS golf day	TBA	all day

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Recent reunions





1. 1992 25 Year Reunion 2. Geelong Regional Lunch: Andrew McCutcheon (OW1949) and Peter Clark (OW1960) 3. Geelong Regional Lunch: Simon Torok (OW1985) with Queens College Chaplain, Rev. Sally Apokis, in the State Rose Garden 4. Geelong Regional Lunch: The Pavilion at Werribee Park Mansion Hotel and Spa 5. Elsternwick Decades Reunion: Jacinta Janssens, Head of Campus, Elsternwick, Joan Boothey (1956), Ian Thomas (OW1982), College Head, OWCA, Helen Kroger (1976) and Pastor Kaylea Fearn, Chaplain, Elsternwick 6. SKR 1997 20 Year Reunion: Chloe Planinsek, Sally Walshe and Dirk Luff 7. SKR 1997 20 Year Reunion: Natalie Fraser, Simon Grant and Simon Davey 8. SKR 1997 20 Year Reunion: Melissa Lewis and Julia Griffiths 9. SKR 1997 20 Year Reunion: Andrew Kerr, Trent Knox, Darren Rubenstein, Paul Silberscher, Sammy Rees, Nick Harrison, Nick Brass, Micheal Ostroburski 10. GW2015 1 Year Reunion: Serene Moon, Kim Potter and Rebecca Johnson 11. GW2015 1 Year Reunion: Nick March and Aimee Bowles 12. GW2015 1 Year Reunion: Tom Morton, Nick March, Lana Ryan, Georgia Martin and Tim Cleaver. In front is Tayla Mutz and Jack Hibbins 13. GW2015 1 Year Reunion: Tim Cleaver, Steven Widdop, Pat Ryan, Jarrod Pitoni, Cameron Ensor and Jack Turner



Ian Campbell's recollections

Bruce Duffy (OW1963) has researched and produced a fascinating video of Ian Campbell recalling his times and contributions as Housemaster of Adamson House, Wesley's boarding house, 1956–63. For enquiries or to obtain a copy please contact Frank Opray on frank.opray@wesleycollege.net

Birth notices

ABRAHAM

To Anton (OW1995) and Katie on 1 November 2016, a son, Axel, a brother for Max

ALBERT

To Matthew (OW1998) and Emily Forbes on 20 September 2016, a son, Leo Ronald Forbes, a nephew for Nadia Albert (OW2001) and Al Oldfield (OW1999)

ALEXOPOULOS

To Marino (OW1994) and Nadia Pitisano on 6 February 2016, a daughter, Pia, a little sister for Katia and Poppy

ARMSTRONG

To Rachel (OW1997) (Fullerton) and Morgan on 2 November, 2016, a son, Rex Mateo, a brother for Felix, and a nephew for Keith Fullerton (OW1999)

ATKINSON

To Jay (OW1996) and Christabel Kelly, on 18 April 2016, a son, Oscar Kelly-Atkinson, a nephew for Kit (OW1999)

BARTRAM

To Hugh (OW2002) and Liz Ascroft on 16 June 2016, a son, Louis John Ascroft, a grandson for Hugh (OW1968), a nephew for James (OW2003), Edward (OW2005) and Alice (OW2009)

BAXTER

To Andrew (OW1996) and Alison on 7 October 2016, a son, William James, a nephew for Matthew (OW1993), Nicholas (OW1998) and Timothy (OW2004)

BRAUDE

To Natalie (OW2000) (Hoenig) and Michael on 8 January 2016, a son, Ethan, a nephew for Mark Hoenig (OW1997)

COHEN

To Judith (OW2000) (Schwab) and Raymond on 8 September 2016, a son, Jordan Asher, a brother for Oliver

COLEMAN

To Sophie (OW1999) and Chris Yates on 24 September 2016, a son, Henry Nicholas

CURTIS

To Aaron (OW 2002) and Erica Vlavianos on 20 October 2016, a daughter, Ilya Jane, a granddaughter for Leigh (OW1967)

DODD

To Jonathan (OW1997) and Andrea, on 18 September 2016, a daughter, Abbey Jean, a sister for Lachlan

DUNCOMBE

To Russell (OW1995) and Jennifer on 4 August 2016, a daughter, Juliette Iris

EVANS

To Kate (OW1998) and Matt Parker on 19 November, a daughter, Riley, a niece for Carl (OW2001)

EU

To Amelia (OW1995) (Horsfall) and Sam on 24 November 2016, a daughter, Phoebe Jane Lillian, a granddaughter for Barry Horsfall (OW1954)

FREDERSDORFF

To Jeremy (OW1995) and Cate Darcy on 11 November 2016, a son, Charlie Kelvin

GAVIN

To Brad (OW1994) and Caroline (OW2005) (Bertrand) on 12 December 2016, a son, Gabriel Gaston

GERNER

To Alexandra (OW2002) and Claude Di Rosso on 20 October 2016, a daughter, Mila, a niece for Jesse Gerner (OW2001)

GIOTAS

To Georgia (OW2003) (Barbayannis) and Gary on 14 August 2016, a daughter, Maria Demi, a granddaughter for Michael (OW1973), a niece for Andrew (OW2000)

GOLDSMITH

To Jonathan (OW1996) and Dora Banyasz (OW2001) on 25 September 2016, a daughter, Gabrielle Sara

GOLDTHORPE

To Annabelle (OW1999) (Wilde) and Thomas on 17 October 2016, a son, Oliver Albert, a brother for Charlotte

GRAINGER

To William (OW2003) and Amanda on 31 May 2016, a daughter, Charlotte

GUY

To Jane (OW1999) (Kelly) and Luke on 30 December 2015, a son, Murphy Justin, a brother for Jackson and Eleanor, a nephew for Christine Kelly (OW1995)

HABERSBERGER

To Kate (OW1995) and Graeme Scott on 11 January 2017, a son, Louis Peter, a brother for Archie, a grandson for Peter (OW1958), a nephew for Jonathon (OW1993) and Andrew (OW1998)

HAYDON

To Gareth (OW1999) and Simone on 3 December 2016, a daughter Milla Rose, a niece for Rebecca Fett (OW2001) (Haydon)

HICKEY

To Adam (OW2000) and Jess on 11 November 2016, a daughter, Lucy Margaret Annie, a niece for Joseph (OW1998)

HUNTER

To Emma (OW1997) (Galbraith) and Malcolm on 5 September 2016, a son, Angus Colin, a brother for Charlie and Jack, a nephew for Jamie Galbraith (OW1999)

HOWDEN

To Megan (OW1996) and Christopher Hawken on 18 July 2016, a daughter, Mila Jade, a sister for Jack Xavier, a niece for Ben (OW1987) and Claire (OW1991)

KATZ

To Adrian (OW2003) and Melanie on 11 December 2016, a daughter, Eva Rose

KIRBORG

To Emily (OW2005) (Kronborg) and Gus on the 20 October 2016, a son, Owen Sai, a grandson for Ian Kronborg (OW1966), a nephew for Harry Kronborg (OW1998) and Erik Kronborg (OW2001)

KORENKO

To David (OW1997) and Michelle on 3 February 2017, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Layla

KRELTZSHEIM

To Kristy (OW1999) (Brown) and Michael on 16 November 2016, a daughter, Olive Gwyndalyn, a niece for Lisa (OW1996)

LANDS

To Simon (OW2000) and Alicia on 5 September 2016, a daughter, Eden Letitia Jane, a niece for Justin (OW1998) and Tiffany (OW2010)

LEONG

To Adrian (OW1998) and Myna on 1 October 2016, a daughter, Madison, a sister for Brooklyn, a granddaughter for Stanley (OW1964)

LIM-MILLER

To Elaine Lim (OW1996) and Mark Miller (OW1996) on October 2016, a son, Hugo Lim-Miller, a nephew for Justin Lim (OW1993), Selina Lim (OW2003) and Julia Miller (OW1999)

MORAN

To Chris (OW1994) and Clarissa Lapuz on 31 July 2016, a son, Edward John Lapuz

OLSEN

To Sumi (OW1995) (Triggs) and Thomas on 23 December 2016, a daughter, Liv Saga Triggs, a sister for Freya, a niece for Maya Triggs (OW1997)

OSTROBURSKI

To Michael (OW1997) and Gemma (OW1997) (Redhouse) on 24 March 2016, a daughter Arielle, a sister for Toby

PEARCE

To Tom (OW2001) and Emily on 19 October 2016, a son, Felix, a brother for Oscar, a nephew for Matt (OW2003), Sam (OW2003) and Nick (OW2008)

ROBERTS

To Leigh (OW1998) and Emma Marguard on 17 February, a daughter, Ottavia, a sister for Auggie

SCHMIDT

To Luke (OW1997) and Lyndal Hartley on 28 December 2016, a daughter, Emmersyn, a sister for Darcy

STEPHENSON

To Ryan (OW2002) and Sabrina on 26 October 2016, a son, Oscar Tan Stephenson, a grandson for Terri (past staff), a nephew for Tyler (OW2005) and Britt (OW2010)

TAFT

To Shura (OW2000) and Gemma Goorjian, on 20 January 2017, a son, Edward Alexander

Births

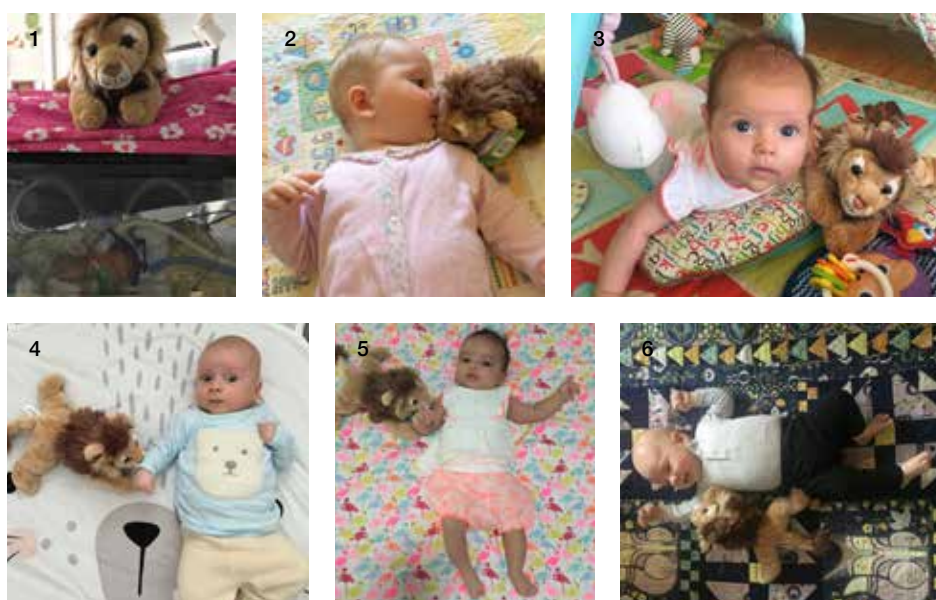


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Lion cubs

Another busy few months as the fecundity frenzy continues! We love sending out soft lion toys to the newest members of our community. Please let us know your happy news by contacting the OWCA office on 8102 6475 or email lucy.gilfillan@wesleycollege.net

Please note that, as an OW, the application fee to enrol your children at Wesley is waived. Visit the Wesley College website www.wesleycollege.net for more details.



1. Tiarna Zannah Kirk, daughter of Tamlyn (OW1995) (Bottrell) 2. Abbey Dodd 3. Eva Katz 4. William Baxter 5. Amelia Eu 6. Henry Yates (Coleman)

Engagements

MITROS – ALEXANDER
Bethany (OW2004) to Dean



Marriages

BRENKER – BATSAKIS

Jason (OW2007) to Stephanie (OW2007) on 7 January 2017

CLARK – MALLETT

Megan (OW2002) to Cameron (OW2007) on 5 March 2016

CONWAY – SOHN

Jason (OW2007) to Tarryn on 12 March 2017

ROSENBERG – CLEANTHOUS

Tom (OW2007) to Jasmine on 21 January 2017

SAUTNER – EGAN

Nick (OW1994) to Eliza on 23 December 2016

SCOTT – GRISBY

Andy (OW2004) to Tegan on 21 January 2017

SEREDA – LATTA

Katherine (OW2003) to Ross on 25 January 2015



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Death notices

BRUCE

Scott McDonald (OW1992)
on 7 November 2016

CLARKE

John (Jack) William OAM (OW1938) on 13 December 2016, father of Peter (OW1981) and David (OW1984)

COCKS

Kenneth Douglas (OW1954)
on 7 November 2016

COMEADOW

John Frederick (OW1966)
on 9 January 2017

DONALD

Ian Boyd (OW1947) on 23 December 2016, father of Colin (OW1974)

DOWLING

Ian George (OW1945) on 20 July 2016

EATON

Robert John (OW1960) on 8 December 2016, father of Andrew (OW1985)

GLOVER

William Maxwell Scott (OW1957)
on 10 August 2016

GRANT

Leigh (OW1951) on 4 January 2017,
father of Cameron (OW1982)

HAY

Patricia Marie-Louise (OW1997) on 21 February 2016, sister of William (OW2002)

HIBBINS

Ian Finlay (OW1945) on 14 February 2017, brother of Geoff (OW1948), Colin (OW1949) (dec) and Lex (OW1953), father of Guy (OW1977), uncle of Mark (OW1978), Nick (OW1982) and Andrew (OW1985), great-uncle of Sam (OW2011) and Jack (OW2015)

JOEL

Jack Mayer OAM (OW1949) on 15 March 2017, son of Louis (OW1919) (dec), father of Craig (OW1979), Dean (OW1985) and Jason (OW1988), grandfather of Brandon (OW2012), Andrew (OW2014), Asher (current student) and Louis (current student)

MCKENNA

Stephen John (OW1976) on 4 February 2017, brother of Andrew (OW1979)

NICHOLAS

Hilton John AM OBE (OW1943) on 25 January 2017, brother of Lindsay (OW1935) (dec), stepfather of Gregory McPherson (OW1980) and Andrew McPherson (OW1982), uncle of Kron (OW1958) and Marston (OW1962)

SCOTT

William Stephen Miller (OW1943) on 9 November 2016, father of William (OW1975) and Marshall (OW1984)

THOMPSON

Bruce Muntz (OW1951) on 8 December 2016, brother of John (OW1948) and Jim (OW1951)

WHITE

Wallace Ernest (OW1954)
on 28 May 2016, brother of Ken (OW1957), father of Stephen (OW1986), uncle of Anthony Petty (OW1989)

Obituaries

WALLACE WHITE (OW1954)

18/11/1937 – 28/5/2016



Wallace grew up in Preston, near his grandfather's chicken farm. In 1950 he

won a scholarship to Wesley College and completed his matriculation in 1954. After a brief stint as a bank teller, an opportunity arose to study veterinary science with a scholarship from the Victorian Department of Agriculture.

At the time, the closest university offering veterinary science in Australia was the University of Sydney. Wallace promptly travelled north and in January 1963 graduated with a BVSc (Hons), coming second in his final year. Wallace then joined the Victorian Department of Agriculture and worked mainly as a district veterinary officer until August 1965, when pleuropneumonia appeared in South Gippsland. He spent a year at Leongatha as officer-in-charge of the Pleuropneumonia Eradication Campaign until the disease was eradicated. In August 1966, Wallace was transferred to the

Veterinary Research Institute in Parkville and did laboratory diagnostic work, particularly in pathology and microbiology.

From 1967 to 1970, he was granted leave from the Department and worked at Werribee with Professor KVF Jubb in the Melbourne University Veterinary School. He carried out research in pathology and, to a lesser extent, histochemistry and biochemistry and was awarded MVSc and PhD degrees.

In 1971, Wallace was appointed director of the Regional Veterinary Laboratory, Hamilton, and with his wife and two small children moved to live onsite at the laboratory, the first of five established by the Department of Agriculture. He played a major role in establishing the laboratory, and research work undertaken while he was director resulted in five of his

staff gaining Masters Degrees and 17 research papers being published in scientific journals.

Wallace enjoyed a long and productive career, and was instrumental in a number of milestones surrounding research and development of technologies to treat, control and prevent diseases of animals, including those communicable from animals to man. The technology was diverse and sophisticated and oriented towards solving industry problems. The laboratories provided an invaluable service to farmers, and substantially reduced economic losses from animal diseases.

From 1986 to 1988 Wallace was the representative of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (DARA) on the State Disaster Council, chaired by the Minister for Emergency Services in Victoria. Wallace was in charge of all DARA's disaster planning and response, including bushfires, mice plagues, locusts, floods, chemical emergencies and animal relief as well as exotic diseases.

Wallace was also the director of the Bureau of Animal Welfare in Victoria, in charge of the animal welfare programs of the department, including administering the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. He also chaired the Committee on Animal Welfare that reported directly to the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs. This was a widely-based community group with a major role in developing government policy. Interestingly, Wallace never had much time for the live animal export market, which he perceived as cruel and driven by politics.

Wallace was a talented and passionate musician, though understandably, his musical career suffered as a result of his vocation. His musical activities were confined to entertaining his family, lodge and church, who enormously enjoyed his talents.

He is survived by his wife Moira, son Stephen (OW1986), daughter Elizabeth and granddaughter Charlotte.

Courtesy of The Age

JOHN ROBERT KERR OAM (OW1952)

14/05/1935 – 16/06/2016



John Kerr was born in Melbourne in 1935. He attended Wesley College and proudly made the First XI cricket team. Cricket was a lifelong passion with John. He went on to study commerce and landed a job with General Motors Holden (GMH), which was expanding rapidly at the time. He was promoted and moved with his family to Queensland as second-in-charge of the Brisbane office. It wasn't long before he was offered the top job in Perth and he became the youngest GMH manager. He was to spend the rest of his life in Perth. When the GMH plant closed in Perth, John was offered a position in America, but for family reasons elected to stay in Perth, and so became the manager of the Sydney Atkinson dealership. John's next move was to re-educate himself as a financial planner, and he got in on the ground floor of the burgeoning superannuation industry. It was not long before he was running a business called Terrace Councillors which was later sold to Bank West.

In 2006 John was awarded the OAM for contribution to the Asthma Foundation from 1976–2012. John first became involved with asthma when his three-year-old daughter suffered a severe asthma attack and the doctor was forced to administer adrenaline to save her life. John sought information from the Asthma Foundation to aid his daughter and manage her condition, and later became a board member. From 1976 to 2012, he held a number of executive positions on the board of the Foundation and served as its president twice. His experience with investments was of

great benefit to the foundation and John provided a great deal of knowledge to their investment portfolio and subsequent Investment Review Committee. The Asthma Foundation considered him a loyal servant and friend and awarded him life membership.

John was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2006 for services to the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia and the Anglican Church. John was also a trustee of the Anglican Diocese of Perth from 1987–2008.

John was honorary French Consul during the heady days of the Americas Cup and the bungled bombing and sinking of the *Rainbow Warrior*. He was also director of the Perth Zoo and treasurer of the Friends of the West Australian Art Gallery. He was a Rotarian Hash House Harrier, a keen tennis player and held office in each organisation to which he belonged. He was the representative of the OWCA in Perth for many years.

John is survived by his wife Jennifer, children Debbie and Johnathon, and four grandchildren.

Contributed by Jennifer Kerr

IAN HIBBINS (OW1945)

28/02/1927 – 14/02/2017



Born in 1927, Ian Hibbins grew up in the 1930s in Murphy Street, Gardenvale. It was in the backyard and local park where Ian honed his athletic and sporting skills. In the winter, football was played with a tightly rolled-up wad of newspaper held together with string and rubber bands, and in the summer it was games of cricket played in the backyard and any

ball hit over the fence was “six and out”. In the off-season, other sports were played, including tennis and golf.

In 1939 Ian started his secondary schooling at Wesley College. The outbreak of World War II in the same year saw the family construct an air raid shelter on the front lawn and Ian was extremely pleased with this achievement.

Ian was the first in a long line of Hibbins to attend Wesley College – he was followed by his three brothers Geoff (OW1948), Colin (OW1949) (dec) and Lex (OW1953), his son, Guy (OW1977), nephews Mark (OW1978), Nick (OW1982) and Andrew (OW1985), and great-nephews Sam (OW2011) and Jack (OW2015).

When Ian started at Wesley he was a big boy. Ian was quickly given the nickname *Heffa*, as he reminded his friends of Heffalump from Winnie the Pooh. He was known as *Heffa* or *Hef* from that moment on.

Ian was a prefect and then Captain of the School in 1945. He received his rowing, football and athletic colours in 1943, earning him a Triple Colours pocket for his blazer. Cricket colours were awarded in 1945; he was only the third person in the history of the school to receive his colours in the four different sports that were on offer to the students. He was elected captain of boats, football and athletics, was appointed to the rowing, football, cricket and athletics sub-committees and ran the Games Committee from 1944–45. He was also a Senior Cadet Lieutenant from 1943–45. *Heffa* was not just a sports star at school, he also developed a love of languages and was on the *Chronicle* staff. It was also during his schooling that his musical tastes matured, firstly with the Big Bands and then the powerful symphonies of the great composers.

Heffa found himself at the Creswick Forestry School at the start of 1946 and thoroughly enjoyed his three years there. He played football for Ballarat Football Club, winning their 1948 *Best and Fairest*. He graduated as dux of the Forestry School and was awarded the saw-miller's prize of 25 pounds. It was at Creswick that Ian met Frances Duffy, whom he

later married. He continued to study the science of forestry at The University of Melbourne, graduating in 1952.

Ian and Frances moved to Stawell, as Ian was appointed district forester. Ian felt that he spent more time playing cricket and football for Stawell, than he did out in the forests. By the end of 1955 they decided to move back to Melbourne, where Ian joined his brother Colin in a fruit and vegetable business in Fern Tree Gully. *Heffa* lived there happily with his wife, his son Guy, along with many pets, until Frances's death in 1996.

During this time, *Heffa* left the fruit and vegetable business to become the General Manager of the Woodlands Golf Club, which he thoroughly enjoyed and he remained there until his retirement in 1994. During retirement *Heffa* took up croquet and became involved in the University of the Third Age, where he spent time on the board, and even found himself tutoring other students.

And then, as Ian later explained, he experienced one of the happiest events of his life when he met Barbara Williams. He spent a blessed and happy decade, sharing his life with Barbara, travelling and being involved with the Blue Hills retirement community.

Contributed by Mark Hibbins (OW1978)

STEPHEN JOHN MCKENNA (OW1976)
12/10/58 – 04/02/17



It's just about the music. These 2006 words of Steve McKenna's well may

have been his mantra. When boarding at Wesley in the mid-1970s he was inseparable from his guitar. Many mornings, Steve could be found on his bedside, bent over his guitar, delaying until the very last his departure for breakfast in the dining hall. Ultimately this passion found its fullest adolescent expression in a scintillating solo at the 1976 Speech Night, breathlessly remembered, still, by contemporary schoolmates.

After a lifetime of performing and teaching music, Steve died in February, 2017, aged fifty-eight, whereupon personal tributes flowed. Steve's worldwide admirers flooded social media, lovingly remembering his collaborations, lessons and forthright critiques, deeply touching the hearts of his family.

After early grounding under Melbourne jazz guitarist Bruce Clarke OAM, Steve took lessons at Los Angeles' Guitar Institute of Technology in the early 1980s that culminated in important teaching positions at Wollongong University, Sydney Conservatorium, Germany's Weimar Conservatorium, Australian Institute of Music and London's Guitar Institute of Music. Beyond teaching though, Steve fundamentally was a performer, composer and musical director, with much of his work recorded on disc. He performed live in Australia, Asia and, between 1994 and 2002, throughout Europe whilst his wife, Liz, taught in Germany, and the cherished Erin and Jacob were born.

Steve's respectful knowledge of the roots of his art and the gifts of his peers richly informed his career, driving him to imbue his students and audiences with this quality; he valued culture.

At Wesley, Steve was not academically inclined and completed his Year 12 exams without much hope of conventional success. After his last exam, he quietly told his Housemaster that he couldn't prove his knowledge in writing, but had attended all classes and knew that he had been educated. Such is his legacy.

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