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## East Wing Opening Completing the Vision

Academic and Sporting Success

The College Library in the 1990s

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## About St Mark's College

Founded in 1925 as the first university residential college in Adelaide, St Mark's continues to provide a supportive and stimulating environment where students pursue their optimum academic achievement. While aiming at the pursuit of excellence in specific fields of study at university, the College also promotes amongst its members a love of learning and a critical approach to issues.

The primary aims of collegiate life at St Mark's are to help engender in College members a strong sense of the responsibilities and rights of individuals living in a community with others, and to instil in them an equally strong sense of commitment to the common good of our community. The College encourages its members to participate in the cultural, spiritual, social and sporting events arranged by the student leaders and values the contributions members make to the life of the College through that participation.

By providing an atmosphere in which students are accepted as mature and self-responsible, St Mark's aims to make a student's stay at College an enjoyable, intellectual, and enriching experience.

**Cover:** His Excellency The Honourable Hieu van Le AO, Governor of South Australia, officially opens East Wing Photo credit: Italo Vardaro

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We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

## From the Master

2014 was an exceptional year in terms of overseeing the single biggest building project undertaken in recent years. The East Wing Project, which comprises two new buildings is in the final stages of completion and will be opened on 1st March by His Excellency Hieu Van Le, the Governor of South Australia and dedicated by the Most Rev'd Dr Jeffrey Driver, Archbishop of the Diocese of Adelaide and the wider College community are all welcome to attend.

The Master Planning process has required the patience and commitment of a dedicated team. It has also required considerable time and energy from those involved in planning, designing and governance. Importantly, the East Wing Project was made possible because of the beneficence of Mr Ian Wall OAM and Mrs Pamela Wall OAM who are a true inspiration and an example to us all. Since then, many Collegians and friends of the College have supported this fundraising project which has been led by Appeal Chairman Mr Bruce Debelle AO QC, raising \$6.5m.

There has also been an increase in the funds available for scholarship thanks also to a number of alumni who have made donations for this purpose over the last few years. Their support has meant that a number of students have been able to live at College, who, for financial reasons, may not otherwise have been able to do so. This benefit naturally extends further to the College, as these young people have been exceptional contributors to the College community either through

their involvement in the College Club Committee, as academic tutors, in charitable or voluntary pursuits as well as the many and varied facets of College life. Scholarships are a wonderful investment in the College community.

As we prepare for our 90th celebrations on the 28th March, I am reminded of just how many of our Collegians comment on the enduring friendships made during their time at College. St Mark's has been providing that real and vital all-round education and community esprit de corps since opening in 1925, and it is evident that the deep affection our alumni have shown for the College continues to strengthen each year.

With increased numbers of students attending university and colleges in general the focus is on deeper student engagement and a richer and more diverse campus life. It is crucial that with greater demand for places that the College provides the very best of facilities in which students can live, learn and grow; core values of St Mark's that I hope will strengthen and continue to grow in years to come.



St Mark's College



## St Mark's gratefully acknowledges the support and generosity of our 90th Anniversary Dinner sponsors.

In 2015, Château Tanunda, icon of the Barossa, reaches an historic milestone celebrating its 125th Anniversary. Established in 1890, Château Tanunda is the site of some of the Barossa's earliest vines as well as its first winery. The Château is privately owned by the Geber family, who continue a tradition of fine winemaking spanning three centuries. We are delighted to be celebrating this special occasion with St Marks, showcasing one of Australia's most consistently awarded and internationally renowned wine portfolios.

# Completing the Vision: The East Wing Project

On Sunday 1st March, the College officially opened its new "East Wing" building. Spread over four levels the building will greatly enhance the academic, social and health aspects of St Mark's residential college life.

The new building was opened by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia during an official ceremony and provides students with an impressive Academic Centre, two levels of modern accommodation, secure car parking and a fully equipped gymnasium. The 30 additional single student rooms plus two postgraduate apartments takes the College's capacity to 245.

The state-of-the-art Academic Centre allows students immediate access to University resources and on-line tutorial and lecture notes. A far cry from the dark, boxy carrels of past years, the mix of open-plan tables and seating along with technology hubs encourage interactive and collaborative study. The College's existing academic support program is further enhanced with the inclusion of three spacious tutorial rooms.

In the student rooms, cleverly designed built-in storage and a wall-to-wall pin-board for photos and motivational messages make the accommodation personal yet

functional and modern. On the lower-ground level, the gymnasium provides equipment and space for individual and group exercise – perfect for a recharging during those stressful exam periods!

St Mark's College Chairman Mr Richard Burchall highlighted the extraordinary generosity of benefactors Mr Ian Wall OAM (alumnus 1950 – 54) and Mrs Pamela Wall OAM, whose substantial donation enabled the East Wing plans to become a reality. "Their magnificent gift not only gave us the confidence to proceed but has allowed us to finish this development far earlier than we had anticipated," Mr Burchall said. In recognition of their contribution the Academic Centre has been named the "Ian and Pamela Wall Academic Centre."

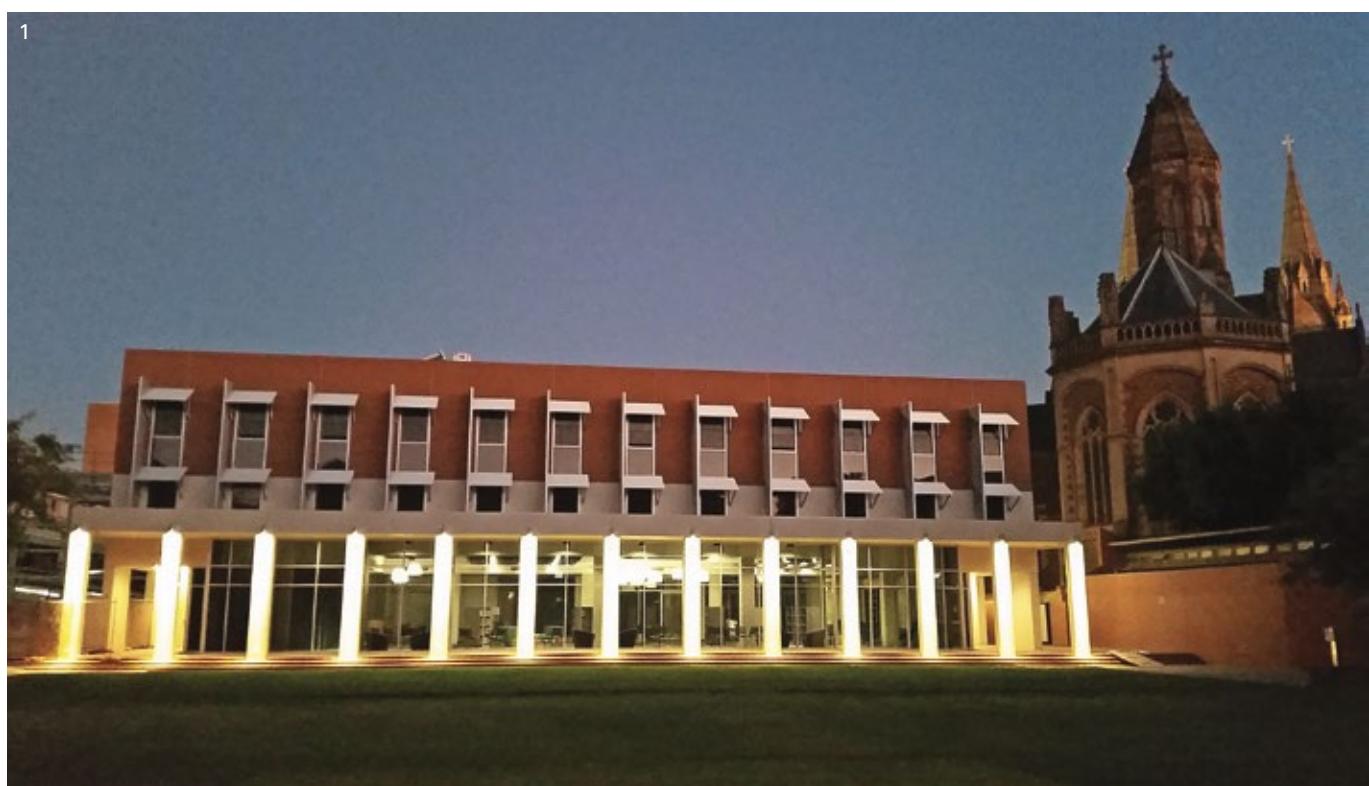
Other major donors were also be recognised for their wonderful gifts with the suite of tutorial rooms named the "Simpson tutorial rooms", acknowledging the generosity of Mr Antony Simpson (alumnus 1958 – 62). The gymnasium too retained the name of Allister McLeod

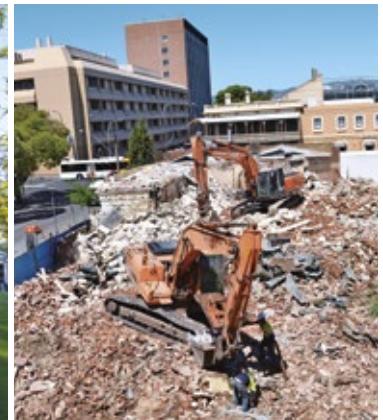
(alumnus 1950 – 54) in recognition of previous donations made by himself and more recently his widow Mary McLeod.

According to St Mark's College Master Ms Rose Alwyn, the new facilities are a critical step to supporting the College's commitment to providing a well-balanced and stimulating student experience. "The value of learning with and from those who are different from us remains central and we are committed to providing the best opportunities to students from many backgrounds according to their ability to benefit from and contribute to the College. It is this belief that students and staff learn from one another; through experiences of common life, through tutorials and through personal mentoring that has driven the development and construction of East Wing," Ms Alwyn said.

East Wing is the College's response to a more dynamic approach by universities to higher education, and demonstrates St Mark's' commitment to providing the environment and opportunities for students to reach their full academic and personal potential.

## 1. The East Wing at night





## *Completing the Vision: The East Wing Project continued*

### **Master's Speech**

I cannot believe that just over 12 months ago, the Dean and I stood on the small Juliette balcony at the east end of Memorial building and watched as the demolition contractors tore down what some Collegians fondly recall as East Umbria and others as Creswell, East and Beast House. Oh – if those walls could talk! And many of you are thankful that they can't.

Colleges have played a unique and special role in the culture and history of South Australia's universities, as a home away from home for students from Australia and all over the world. I am sure that my colleagues here today would agree that Colleges continue to play a vital role in the lives of young people - in meeting the challenges and expectations of today's university students, ensuring that they are fully engaged in their community and have an stimulating student experience that prepares them for the world of work.

Student engagement is one of our key strengths and I would like to acknowledge the interest and input that students have played in this project from the planning stages right through to fit out... How many power points do we need in the academic centre to charge the multiple devices ... What are our current students' patterns of study and how is this likely to change.... how do we take advantage of technology and integrate this with some of the more traditional forms of learning....how do we ensure that academic excellence is the prime focus of college life...what should

a student room look like - we even had one of our architecture students prepare a concept design - do we have shared bathrooms or en-suites ....how does this fit with our culture and our sense of community and engagement. ....how can we ensure our gym caters adequately for both males and females for strength and conditioning, stretching and cardio? We have had input from architecture and engineering students, arts students, science, law, medical students, economics and finance and the list goes on - and I thank you all for your input – it is this strong sense of student involvement and student governance that is unique to St Mark's and long may this continue.

His Excellency has spoken of how the East Wing building completes the quadrangle at the centre of the College and in many respects realises the vision of the first Master – the four levels in this building tie together that important concept of healthy body, healthy mind which is an integral part of student wellbeing.

Not to be forgotten are the unique and highly relevant challenges around providing safe and secure car parking for students on College grounds. The construction of this new multi-level car park will certainly provide an attractive "extra" option for our students, and I am excited about transforming our old parking areas for the creation of wonderful outdoor spaces that can be enjoyed by all.

St Mark's College is committed to excellence, community and diversity. Our students and alumni have always been

outstanding achievers across a range of areas in Australia and overseas. Our commitment is also aligned with that of our universities' outstanding reputation in teaching, research and engaging widely with the community. The value of learning with and from those who are different from us remains central and we are committed to providing the best opportunities to students from many backgrounds according to their ability to benefit from College life. It is this belief that students and staff learn from one another; through experiences of common life, through tutorials and through personal mentoring that has driven the development and construction of East Wing.

At St Mark's, this sense of community extends beyond our current students. The College's alumni play an integral role in the ongoing success of the St Mark's, be it in governance, as mentors or through providing academic and financial support to scholarships and the annual giving program. The generosity of our supporters through the East Wing appeal has been no exception and I sincerely thank all who have contributed to this project.

The realisation of East Wing has been a long time in the making, and I acknowledge the outstanding contributions from those within and external to the College who have offered professional and personal support, especially over the last 12 months during the construction phase. Speaking of the construction phase - I am sure students, like our patient neighbour, the Dean of the Cathedral will welcome quiet enjoyment now the project is all but



complete. Both Frank and Christine and other neighbours have been very patient throughout this process, thank you.

It is the sum of the parts that is far greater than the whole and it really has been a team effort.

I am proud and honoured to stand in front of you all today and share with you this wonderful building - A building that epitomises the values of the College and truly offers the facilities and environment for an incredible student experience.

### Chairman's Speech

On behalf of the Master and the other members of the College Council, I welcome you all to this significant moment in the College's history.

It was in early 2009 that a small committee, under the chairmanship of Ben Robinson, looked in detail at the future residential and educational needs of the College. Their recommendations were adopted and refined by the Board and the Council, and we then engaged Rob Cheesman, who has done so much good work for the College in the past, to draw up architectural plans. In this way the concept of an East Wing, comprising an Academic Centre, two floors of accommodation, a gymnasium and a carpark, was born.

Of course, having plans and designs is one thing; turning them into reality is quite another. It was clear from the start that we would need some considerable financial support from our community if

East Wing were ever to get off the ground. In this regard we have been blessed. We would not be here today were it not for the philanthropy of Ian and Pamela Wall. Their magnificent gift not only gave us the confidence to proceed but has allowed us to finish this development far earlier than we had anticipated.

In recognition of their extraordinary generosity I am delighted to announce that the Academic Centre is to be named "The Ian and Pamela Wall Academic Centre".

Many other donors have followed the Walls' inspiring example and I thank them all for their generosity. In particular I wish to thank Ant and Mary-Lou Simpson for their wonderful gift, in recognition of which the suite of tutorial rooms in the Academic Centre will be called the Simpson Tutorial rooms.

Many of you will be aware that the Allister McLeod gymnasium stood on this site. While the building has gone, his legacy has not been forgotten. In fact, with further generosity from his widow, Mary, a larger and better equipped gymnasium bearing his name has been created in the lower level of the building behind me.

Special thanks are also due to Bruce Debelle who has not only been a most generous donor but has been a splendid chair of our fundraising committee and tireless in his efforts.

The final piece in the jigsaw was to find a builder with the expertise and track record to take on what has been quite a complex

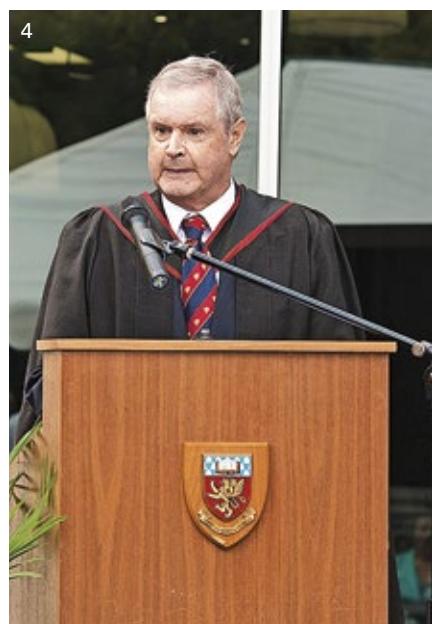
project. Again we have been extremely fortunate in Mossops. Their team, led by Stephen Prosser and Andrew McKay and ably supported by Bill Werner and Alex Maurici, has delivered East Wing essentially on time and on budget. The high quality of the buildings is a tribute to them as it is to the excellent staff of Cheesman Architects, notably James Sage, Eva Olak and Holly Spencer.

And the fact that, in form and function, East Wing fits so well into the College's environment is a testament to Rob Cheesman's skills. I congratulate and thank them all.

There are three other people I would like to mention. Don McQueen, as our project consultant, has given us much valuable advice. Property Manager, Richard Foster, has been the eyes and ears of the College and has fulfilled a vital liaison role. Finally the Master. It is her vision, attention to detail and guiding presence throughout that has given St Mark's an asset that it can be truly proud of, one that will enhance the lives of the residents, and a wonderful way to mark the College's 90th birthday.

1. The Master, Ms Rose Alwyn
2. Archbishop Dr Jeffrey Driver (centre) with College club President Nicholas Holloway and Secretary Heidi Hutchesson
3. Mrs Pamela Wall OAM and Mr Ian Wall OAM
4. The Chairman, Mr Richard Burchall
5. Jackie Lee, Richard Burchall, Margaret Lee, Chris Lee, John Alwyn, Nicholas Conway

*Photos courtesy of Italo Vardaro*



# Scholarships and Academic Results

In 2014, the College awarded over \$230,000 in scholarships and bursaries to its students. Over 50% of the students at St Mark's receive financial support from the College through bursaries, scholarships and prizes.

The College holds two ceremonies annually to recognise the academic and other achievements of our students. Importantly, scholarship ceremonies provide an opportunity to acknowledge the incredible generosity of our donors and supporters dating back to the 1930s and as recently as 2014.

In the second semester, the inaugural JM Boully Scholarship was presented to third year medical student, Andrew Peel from Geelong in Victoria. John lived at St Mark's in the 1960s and in his final year as a medical student he lived at Yalata mission. John said that this experience was 'life changing' and he subsequently devoted his life as a practitioner and advocate for the improvement of aboriginal health services. Following his work at Yalata, John started the aboriginal medical service in Port Augusta (the Pika Wiya Health Service) in order to help build a network of medical services from the city to rural and then more remote areas.

Mr Tim Brooks travelled over from Canberra to present the Tim Brooks Agricultural Science Scholarship to Liam Wallis from Kaniva, Victoria. The Head of the School of Food, Wine and Agriculture, Professor Mike Keller joined Tim in congratulating Liam on his achievements to date and his involvement in the student run agricultural society prior to joining Senior Common Room members at the High Table for dinner.

The grandson of the late Hon. Don Laidlaw, Hugo Twopeny represented his family when presenting the Laidlaw Prizes to Jack Brookes from Mt Gambier and Emma Allen, also from Geelong. Hugo spoke of

his grandfather's affection for the College and importance of such an award.

Ms Tarnia Conti from Programmed, presented the Programmed Scholarship to Glen Humphries, a third year engineering student from Katherine, Northern Territory, signaling the company's support to the College. Programmed has been taking care of the College's painting needs since 1984.

## 2014 Scholarships and Prizes

- Lewis Scholarship: Ben Whittaker
- Jeremy and Timothy Pascoe Scholarship: Melissa Jones
- Sir Ronald Fisher Medal: Marlee Crawford
- Tim Brooks Agricultural Science Scholarship: Liam Wallis
- The Studd Bursary: Seth Westhead
- Don Laidlaw Prize: Emma Allen, Jack Brookes
- Gavin Walkley Scholarship: Kate Robertson
- DL and ME Pank: Brandon Swain
- Women of St Mark's Scholarship: Heidi Hutchesson
- Harold Fisher Scholarship: Sarah Trewen
- Margaret Tothill Scholarship: Alek Sims
- Margaret Beith Scholarship: Nick Bartetzko and Sibella Hare-Breidahl
- Bickersteth Scholarship: Tim Hayton and Josiah Whittaker
- Patrick and Bessie Greenland Scholarship: Mikka Ewens
- JM Boully Scholarship: Andrew Peel
- AR Le Messurier Scholarship: Brett Slarks

- Alfred Lendon Scholarship: Nicola Gurner
- St Mark's College Entry Scholarship: Michael Smith
- St Mark's College Engineering Scholarship: Glen Humphries
- Sodexo Scholarships: Nick Bartetzko, Benjamin Huett, Nikki Watson
- Old Collegians' Bursary: Natasha Hutchesson, Timothy Woolford, Daniel Woolford

## Alumni Scholarships

- Jack Dowd
- Lucy Eldredge
- Ellen Fraser
- Morgan Goss
- Mathan Harders
- Chanel Li
- Nicolina Paolucci
- Tani Farrow
- Nathan Harders
- Andrew Peel
- Lachlan Riley

## Prizes

- Edward A Radcliffe: Marlee Crawford
  - G Angas Parsons: Tim Grinter
  - WF Wehrstedt: Melissa Jones
  - The BP Wait: Heidi Hutchesson
  - WA Collegians' Prize: Alek Sims
1. Dr John Boully & Andrew Peel, recipient of the inaugural John Boully scholarship
  2. Mr Richard Burchall (Chairman) & Ms Heidi Hutchesson, recipient of the 2014 Women of St Mark's scholarship
  3. Michael Smith (L) is awarded the St Mark's Entry Scholarship by Chairman Mr Richard Burchall
  4. Tim Brooks (L) travelled from Canberra to present Liam Wallis with the Tim Brooks Agricultural Science Scholarship



# Hawker Scholarship

The Hawker Scholarship presentations were made at Burgmann College at the Australian National University in April this year, by Australia's Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb AO.

Ms Roberta Potomianos was one of four new Hawker Scholars. A former Pembroke student, Robbie is undertaking a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide. Robbie is passionate about medicin sans frontieres. She has also spent some time working with the indigenous population of Marree in northern South Australia. She learnt about their way of life, their connection to the land, respect for nature and a simplicity, which is lacking in a hectic technological and commercial Western World. This experience led Roberta to think about the confronting issue raised by Professor Fiona Stanley in the 2008 Annual Hawke Lecture The Greatest Injustice - Why we have failed to improve the health of Aboriginal people. She believes these ethical issues require greater dedication.

The Hawker Scholarships are tenable at a range of educational institutions. As well as St Mark's, these include Burgmann College, Robb College (University of New England) and Marcus Oldham College in Victoria. Postgraduate Charles Hawker Scholars are also offered the opportunity to follow in Charles Hawker's footsteps by enrolling at Trinity College and studying at Cambridge.

The Hawker Scholarships were established by Charles Hawker's sister, Lilius Needham and are valued at up to \$60,000 over four years. They are the most generous privately funded scholarships available to postgraduate and undergraduate students in Australia.

"I congratulate the 2014 scholars. These scholarships have provided opportunities for an increasing number of young Australian

students to undertake further studies to achieve their full potential. Each of these recipients has already displayed a strong commitment to the ideals upon which the Charles Hawker Scholarship Memorial Trust Fund is founded. They are gifted scholars with inquiring minds and have already significantly contributed to the wider community," Professor Chubb AC said.

Since 1990, the Trustees have awarded five million dollars to one hundred and four young Australians, including a significant number from regional areas. The four successful candidates for 2014 were awarded Hawker Scholarships from a strong field of 130 applicants.

Former Speaker of the House of Representatives and Hawker family member, Hon. David Hawker AO spoke about the life of C.A.S. Hawker at lunch at Burgmann College following the scholarship presentation by Professor Chubb AC. "Charles Hawker had a lasting impact on Australian politics and all members of the federal house had an enormous respect for him during his time as Australia's first Minister for Commerce in the Lyons government in the 1930s.

"He was a great Australian who offered his best through his commitment to his country, countrymen and women and democracy; these are values that I hope the scholars today take with them into their studies. Through his example and these scholarships it's my hope that public service will be included in the career options of recipients," Hon. David Hawker AO said.

# Cowan Grants

The Cowan grants continue to provide a major support to St Mark's students with rural and regional backgrounds.

Since the trust was established in 1994, it has helped around 450 students by providing scholarships and grants worth two million dollars. 35% of those funds have been received by St Mark's students. This year, 16 students were awarded \$48,000 in scholarships.

## Cowan Entry Grants

- Kate Crmlec
- Bintang Daly
- Kosta Kotsimitis
- Tahlia Manuel
- Jason McCarthy
- Sophie Wakefield
- Bill Walker

## Further Cowan Grants

- Tyler Callaghan
- Tim Hayton
- Sam Rothe
- Keegan Steele

## Continuing Cowan Grants

- Brett Davidson
- Zac Giles
- Liam Hay
- Kate Robertson
- Sara Turnbull

1. Professor Ian Chubb AC (L) presents Roberta Potomianos with her Hawker Scholarship
2. Cowan Entry Grant Recipients (L-R): Jason McCarthy, Kosta Kotsimitis, Bintang Daly, Mr Bob Cowan, Kate Crmlec, Tahlia Manuel, Sophie Wakefield



# College Club Committee

Elections for the 2015 College Club Committee were conducted at the Club's final meeting for 2014, held in October.

There was healthy competition for key positions in 2015, testament to the current level of College spirit and recognition of the leadership and development opportunities a position on the Committee can bring.

Congratulations to the following students who will take on Committee roles in 2015:

## President

Nick Holloway *Kingston SE, SA*

## Secretary

Heidi Hutchesson *Penola, SA*

## Treasurer

Josiah Whittaker *Springton, SA*

## Female Sports Secretary

Caley Pannell *Alice Springs, NT*

## Male Sports Secretary

Jacob Graetz *Willalooka, SA*

## Female Int. and Equity Officer

Pru Healy *Mildura, VIC*

## Male Int. and Equity Officer

Joshua Deluaq *Whyalla, SA*

## Male Social Officer

Jack Dowd *Darwin, NT*

## Female Social Officer

Megan Casey *Gladstone, SA*

## General Committee

Max Cutter *Robinvale, VIC*

Tim Eastwood *Kaniva, Vic*

Emelia Manisalis *Whyalla, SA*

Scott Nelson *Warrnambool, VIC*

Mark Preece *Mt Gambier, SA*

Michael Smith *Renmark, SA*

Tim Woolford *Laura, SA*

Ainslee Wandel *Merbein, VIC*

With barely enough time to catch their breath following end of year exams and assessments, the new Committee, along with Floor Tutors and Assistant Deans undertook an intensive week of workshops and planning sessions in the first week of December. This initiative, (referred to as "n" week, in that it precedes "o" week) was introduced with great success in 2013 and allows for extended planning for the coming year, particularly in relation to

O'Week and the induction of incoming freshers to College and University life.

## 2015 Assistant Deans

Nicola Gurner *Hobart, TAS*

Jack Mills *Nicholspoint, VIC*

## 2015 Floor Tutors

Emma Allen *Pt Lonsdale, VIC*

Liam Hay *Naracoorte, SA*

Nick Bartetzko *Mt Gambier, SA*

Sibella Hare-Breidahl *Brighton, VIC*

Matthew Freeman *Calca, SA*

Benjamin Forrest *Glen Iris, VIC*

- Front: Tim Eastwood, Joshua Deluaq, Mark Preece, Jacob Graetz, Max Cutter, Tim Woolford, Michael Smith and Josiah Whittaker. Back: Nick Holloway, Emelia Manisalis, Megan Casey, Heidi Hutchesson, Scott Nelson, Pru Healy, Caley Pannell, Ainslee Wandel and Jack Dowd.



## Your time at St Mark's can be Remembered in Stone...

A unique opportunity to have your name permanently engraved on a paver placed around the pond. For Old Collegians, each paver will be engraved with your name and your years in College. Friends of the College are also welcome to donate a paver and have their name engraved. They make excellent timeless gifts.

Please contact the College if you wish to purchase a paver for \$125 (all gifts are tax deductible).

# Students Show a Commitment to Social Justice

The student initiated and led Charitable Foundation is now in its sixth year and effectively engages students in the wider community. It aims to foster social justice and entrepreneurship and positive community outcomes. The Foundation has been successful in raising over \$15,000 for valuable pursuits in philanthropy, along with inciting awareness of key issues on a local, national, and global scale.

This year the Charitable Foundation has continued its support of asylum seekers through the Hills Circle of Friends. Earth hour is always a popular event directed at promoting sustainable energy use at College. Lights were turned off for the evening of candle lit supper and acoustic music performed by musically talented current and old collegians.

The College has experienced unprecedented demand the "Marksenchef" cooking classes, run by Sodexo chef and manager Colum Black-Byron. Students have also cooked

meals for families and sick children living in Ronald McDonald House as well as teaching students valuable skills for life after College. Further support has also been provided to the Little Heroes Foundation at the Women's and Children's hospital and both male and female football teams supported the Breast Cancer Network Australia's sixth annual 'Pink Sports Day' at Old Colls Football. The games were a clash between pink (current collegians) and white (old colls), with funds raised from a raffle of a BCNA football signed by the Geelong football team and the sale of pink cupcakes.

An evening of nostalgia was held in the Ballroom in the second semester with Collegians recalling their times at College. Bill Goodchild kept the audience entertained with the enthralling hijinks of the all then male College in the 1970s. This was an excellent segue into the 1980s with Angela Evans providing some philosophical and poignant tales mixed with some lively humour. Jamie Scott Young, President in 1991 spoke with a great deal of affection for the then Master, the Rev'd Peter Thompson and final year medical student Matheesha Herath gave his reflections on the College through the 2000s.

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The male and female football teams donned pink in support of the Breast Cancer Awareness Network

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Marksenchef classes at St Mark's



# Sporting Success

St Mark's College sporting teams this year proved far too strong for the other Colleges this year, with St Mark's retaining the Ian Douglas Irving (High Table Cup) for the second consecutive year with a comfortable margin of ten points.

The College was off to an unexpectedly slow start in tennis, losing close tiebreak matches and St Mark's finished fourth overall. All Colleges put on a terrific turnout to the swimming at the world class Marion Aquatic Centre and the determination of our swim team saw us placed first, just two points ahead of Flinders University Hall. The nail biting volleyball competition held at St Aloysius College resulted in second place for St Mark's.

A skilled debating team, largely comprised of medical students saw us regain the Debating trophy and a small lead going into the second term.

The women's netball team were victorious, the men's narrowly defeated in the grand final by three points. This year was not the best for the men's football team, going down to Aquinas in the final term. The women's team kept every team from scoring this season, with our defence line suffering from the cold and a good victory against Aquinas.

In the second semester, a big loss in the women's basketball despite our star recruit from America, yet the men had a win in what was a very tough and close final. The women's hockey team was undefeated and the men retained the hockey trophy also for the second consecutive year. A low spot again with table tennis and despite the year long training sessions, the other Colleges were too strong and we finished fourth. The impact that the poor start to the second semester had seemed insurmountable as we were several points behind. The women's soccer team was unstoppable, again with no other College scoring against us we finished in top spot and the men finished second.

St Mark's was then 8 points in front coming into the final sport of the year – athletics. This took the pressure off our team, however they were determined to win and the months of training blew the competition away with new records in track and field set by three of our athletes.

The 5km was the last race and the whole college was out either competing or supporting one another which resulted in comfortable first place by 115 points.

## **Heidi Hutchesson and Joseph Haines**

Sports Secretaries

1. The victorious swimming team after winning three years in a row
2. 2014 Athletics Captains, Rohan Broadhead and Sara Turnbull, with the trophy
3. Women's Basketball
4. The victorious athletics team
5. The Debating team, with Captain Charlie Jones holding the trophy
6. SAAUCC swimming at the Marion Swimming Centre
7. Men's netball
8. Sports' Officers Heidi Hutchesson and Joseph Haines with the High Table Cup
9. Men's soccer
10. Caleb Pannell at the men's basketball
11. Women's Soccer



## *Sporting Colours*

### Tennis

Heidi Hutchesson

Albert Seagrim

### Swimming

Sarah Tewen

Jack Dowd

### Debating

Jess Ransom

### Netball

Nick Bartezko

Jordy Hicky

### Volleyball

Cass Holt

Michael Smith

### Football

Daniel Woolford

Emma Allen

### Basketball

Tom Blake

Dana Brozost-kelleher

### Hockey

Zac Giles

Gabi Parker

### Table tennis

Max Cutter

Breanna Thomson

### Soccer

Elly Davison

James Lean

### Athletics

Sara Turnbull

Joseph Haines



## Around the College

College Ball | Arts Evening | College Play | Marksenfest | Final Service and Dinner





## Paralympic hopeful gives back to charity

Aspiring paralympian and current resident, Brandon Swain, was the only handcyclist participating in the inaugural Variety Cycle this year, raising funds for the same charity that once helped him.

The 26 days bike ride departed Sydney on March 22, visiting schools and hospitals en route to Uluru, while collecting much needed funding for Variety – the Children's Charity.

Though some riders completed the near 4000km journey, most joined the cause at different legs across the five states and territories. For the young athlete, this was his first event and ride over 70km – allowing him to give back to the charity that helped him after a severe car accident in 2010.

Swain says he just wants to ensure other disabled and disadvantaged children can have the same opportunities.

"I was 17-years-old when I had a car accident and became a T3 paraplegic and ended up in a wheelchair," he says. After the accident, Swain's spine was pinned back together with screws and for a number of weeks he lost feeling from his chest down.

Although Swain still has limited feeling on his right side, his left side has improved.

While the avid sportsman is now unable to return to playing football or cricket, he instead channels his love of sport into handcycling and rowing. "I applied for a sporting scholarship to buy my handcycle and I got \$5000 to put towards buying it from Variety SA," Swain says.

The UniSA second year human movement student says his own accident gave him insight into what he wants to do with his life. "I want to do occupational therapy because

I want to work with kids with disabilities. When I was in my own rehab there were lots of kids who were having physio," he says. "I thought this would be cool to do as a job and it'd be really rewarding."

In the meantime Swain has his sights set on Rio and currently racks up 200-300km in training a week. "The aim is the 2016 paralympics," he says. "I train on the handcycle every day, sometimes twice a day morning and afternoon. I can do roughly the same speed as a normal cyclist on the flat so I average about 30km per hour but uphill I'm a bit slower, but I can get up to 70km downhill," he says.

### Jessica Ball

1. Brandon Swain (front) with fellow riders and Turia Pitt (left) who is an inspiration to many after suffering horrendous burns in the 2011 Kimberly ultramarathon



## Honorary Degrees

### Distinguished Alum of the University of Adelaide

The College congratulates Dr the Hon John Bannon AO, former Master and alumnus of the College, and Associate Professor William (Bill) Griggs AM ASM (Alumnus 1980), who received degrees of Doctor of the University (honoris causa).

We also congratulate Dr Angela Evans, Board member and alumnus of the College, who was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow - Faculty of Podiatric Medicine. The ceremony was held in November 2014 at the University of Glasgow.

1. Dr the Hon John Bannon AO
2. Dr Angela Evans, PhD FFFPM RCPS(Glasg)



# Distinguished Collegians

In continued recognition of St Mark's Collegians who have achieved a high standing in their professional, academic and community pursuits, the College conferred the award of Distinguished Collegians of St Mark's College to Mr Archibald McArthur OAM and Mr Greg Taylor AO in November 2014.

## Mr Greg Taylor AO

B. Economics (Adelaide)

St Mark's College: 1962-63

Date of Birth: 1st July 1942

Greg Taylor attended St Mark's College for two years whilst undertaking his undergraduate degree in Economics. He was awarded College Colours for squash in 1963. Both his children, Nicholas and Penelope Taylor attended St Mark's for three years each in the 1990s.

Greg has had extensive experience with the interface between administrative and political government, across a wide span of policy and administrative issues and a broad range of agencies both in Australia and Overseas.

He has held senior positions in the Commonwealth Treasury, the Office of National Assessments and the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet. He was Chairman of the Industries Assistance Commission, and Secretary of the Commonwealth Departments of Employment, Education & Training, Primary Industries & Energy, and Industry Science & Tourism.

He was Executive Director for Australia at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, representing also a range of other Pacific & Asian countries at the IMF.

In 1985, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for public service to the development of economic and social policy.

The ANU named Greg Taylor Scholarships in honour of Greg Taylor, the scholarships make research opportunities available at the Development Policy Centre to emerging scholars of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.

Greg has held a number of directorships in both the public and private sectors. He is currently a Director of TFG International, Chairman of the Australian Mathematics Trust, and Chairman of several private sector companies in Papua New Guinea.

## Archibald (Archie) McArthur OAM

B.E (Electrical) (Adelaide)

St Mark's College: 1940, 1946-48

Date of Birth: 20th April 1922

Archie McArthur is one of the College's pre-World War II Collegians, returning after the war to complete his Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Adelaide. He was elected to the position of Hon. Secretary of the College Club in 1946 and became the College Club President in 1947, also winning the Collegians Prize that same year. In his final year of College, in 1948, he held the auspicious position of Grand Alpiner and he and his son-in-law Mr Ant Simpson attended Alpine Day in 2008.

Archie was a sheep farmer in the south-east of South Australia. After retirement from farming, he became an Honorary Research Associate (terrestrial Invertebrates, Entomology), and the oldest volunteer, at the South Australian Museum in 1990. His research interests include Taxonomy and ecology of ants of the genus Camponotus and this year he published a book entitled 'A guide to Camponotus ants of Australia'.

In 2002 he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for service to entomology and the environment through the collection and study of ants, and to the community, particularly through the National Parks Consultative Committee for the Lower South-East area.

Archie has since concentrated on the taxonomy of the ant genus Camponotus. He has mounted and classified ants from over 5000 localities in Australia resulting in the collection of Camponotus in the South Australian Museum being the most significant in Australia and has collected ants from most Australian habitats.

Archie has constructed keys for the identification of Camponotus ants in Australia and has published on the importance of Camponotus ants in helping restore vegetation on disturbed sites.



He has studied the similarity of some Australian and African ants. He has also helped discover new populations of the dinosaur ant *Nothomyrmecia macrops* along the Eyre Highway, previous only known from Poochera in Eyre Peninsula.

1. Mr Greg Taylor AO

2. Archibald (Archie) McArthur OAM

# Honorary Fellows Dinner

The College's Honorary Fellows are recognised for their outstanding contribution to St Mark's either by their work or in direct support of the College financially.

In many cases Honorary Fellows have achieved both and it was with great pleasure that the College inducted two Honorary Fellows – Dr James Bennett (Ben) Robinson and Dr Christopher Lee – at a wonderful black-tie dinner held at the College on 30th May 2014.

In proposing the toast to Dr Robinson Mr Bruce Debelle AM QC highlighted his long and highly successful career, ongoing involvement with the College and the broader community. "Dr Ben Robinson is a distinguished Collegian. His dedication to St Mark's has been exemplary. It has been matched by a successful horticultural business career and involvement in other community Activities." Mr Debelle said.

In responding to the toast, Dr Robinson spoke of his pride in receiving the award commenting that his induction as an

Honorary Fellow "...places me alongside some of the true pioneers and movers and shakers of our College...". Dinner guests were also entertained by Dr Robinson's stories of carefree times as an undergraduate at St Mark's, not least of all the customary "rehydration" at the Queen's Head Hotel following Saturday rugby matches.

The exceptional legal career of Christopher Lee was also in the spotlight as the Honorable Rod Matheson spoke of his remarkable achievements during 25 years on the bench. In proposing the toast to Mr Lee, Mr Matheson also highlighted his untiring service to the College on the Board of the Foundation, with nine years as President.

In his address to the dinner, Mr Lee spoke of his pleasure in revisiting the humour and

fun of his three years in College saying that "There was the challenge of academic study and the stimulation of discussion and debate, but, important as those things were, what I now remember most was the...enjoyment of life as an undergraduate in College." In a very gracious acceptance of the Honorary Fellow award Mr Lee spoke of his overwhelming humility in joining a group who have so clearly made a major impact upon the life and success of the College.

1. Dr Christopher Lee
2. Dr James Bennett Robinson
3. Ben Robinson with Property Manager Mr Richard Foster
4. Rod Matheson proposing the toast to Chris Lee
5. Bruce Debelle proposes the toast to Honorary Fellow Ben Robinson
6. Dr Ben Robinson accepts his Honorary Fellow appointment
7. Honorary Fellows Dr Bannon and Mr Shearer joined the College for Formal Hall on Monday 24th March



# Our Generous Supporters

The annual Donor Thank You function is an opportunity for St Mark's to personally thank our most valued supporters for the important role they play in the success of the College.

This year's function, which specifically acknowledged those who had made donations in 2014, was held on Tuesday 3rd February in the Master's Garden. Hosted by the Master of the College, Ms Rose Alwyn, the reception gave donors the opportunity to meet with each other as well as Board members and senior students of St Mark's.

In addressing the function, the Master made particular note of the highly successful East Wing Project campaign, which, led by Appeal Chairman Mr Bruce Debelle AO, had raised significant funds for the fit-out of the new East Wing building. The East Wing will be officially opened by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia on 1st March 2015.

The generosity of donors in providing financial support for scholarships and bursaries was also acknowledged, with over \$200k awarded in 2014. These philanthropic gifts enable the College to offer financial support to students from a wide variety of backgrounds, adding intellectual and cultural strength to the College community.

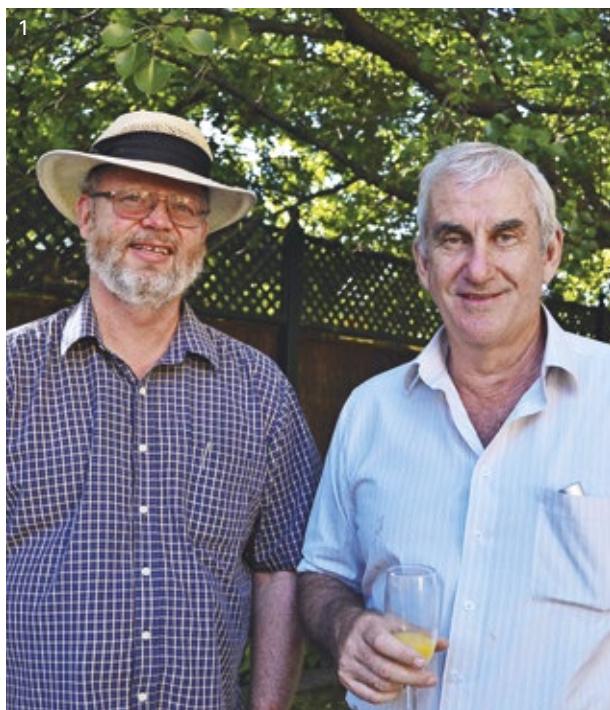
Great support of the annual giving campaign in 2014 also contributed significantly to the living and study environment of St Mark's students. These include the library fund, donations to the music room and preservation of unique and historically significant items such as the Dining Hall and High Table chairs.

The Master acknowledged the College's commitment to providing an holistic approach to realising the academic and personal potential of all its students: "They bring us inspiration and a sense of purpose, and they go on after graduation prepared and determined to build a better world...I also know that, without you, very little of this would be possible. Thank you on behalf of those who have enjoyed the benefit of your generosity."

1. Dr Bob Marsh & Dr John Bouly
2. Jackie Lee, Nicola Gurner & Rose Alwyn
3. Master Rose Alwyn addressing the donors at the function on 3rd February

St Mark's College also acknowledges the significant long-term support provided by the following donors and benefactors:

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# Alumni Gatherings

On Friday the 19th September Old Marksmen and women currently living in the UK descended on All Bar One in central London for the first Old Colls UK pub night in many years. A group of 15 Collegians gathered to share stories of their time at St Mar's over a glass or two of wine. It was a most enjoyable night, with some having journeyed from all over the UK to be part of the reunion.

The annual 50 year club reunion was held on Friday 28th November, with over 40 Collegians returning to College for a relaxed luncheon in the Downer House Ballroom. It was particularly exciting to welcome a number of alumni from Western Australia to the function, with Alex Cohen proposing a fitting toast to the College.

1. Tour of the East Wing development
2. Anne Price, Christene Palm, Colin Palm
3. Dudley Hill, John Walker & Alex Disney
4. Kerry Callaghan & Margaret Lee
5. Archie McArthur OAM
6. Dr John Bannon AO, Andrew Taylor, Assoc. Professor Rob Cheesman AM
7. UK Reunion (Clockwise): Paul Malcolm, Francis Chamberland, Hugh Bailey, Effie Currell, Suzanne Flaus, Ross Duguid, Michael Hahn, me, Steve Moyle, Hugo Keene, Fleur Peck, Bob Bailey



## Alumni News: Grand Designs

Sally Craven (Alumna 2004 – 07) was recently awarded HASSELL Travelling Scholarship Robin Edmond Award following completion of a Master of Landscape Architecture at the University of Adelaide.

The award, run by HASSELL is a national graduate prize, which recognises landscape architecture students who show outstanding potential for future contribution to the profession.

Sally designed a masterplan to reclaim the disturbed landscapes of the Barker Inlet region, north of Adelaide. The theme of ‘toxic beauty’ is explored through dynamic staging, and as each piece of land is reclaimed its programmes are allowed to mutate and evolve. The locally extinct butterfly, the Yellowish Sedge Skipper is proposed to be reintroduced through a series of habitat islands of its endangered host plant community of *Gahnia filum*. The project shows an appreciation of complex forms of beauty.

The judges were impressed with her winning project which showed “considered design response, innovative ideas and rigour in the design process”.

Sally travelled to the Nordic countries of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, to observe a culture where design is held in very high regard. During her travels, Sally sought an internship with Snøhetta, a leading integrated architecture, landscape, interior, branding and design firm based in Oslo and New York.

The Norwegian architectural firm Snøhetta was ranked among the top five most innovative architecture companies in the world in 2013 by the US business magazine Fast Company. Sally worked on high profile projects such as Max Lab IV Landskap, a national radiation research laboratory located in Lund, Sweden, and Multikomfort Hus, a zero carbon emissions house in Larvik, Norway.

Commenting on her experience working in Norway, Sally said, “Oslo is currently undergoing a massive transformation. Due to the wealth brought about by the North Sea oil, Norway is investing in design, which can be seen particularly in the waterfront precinct of Operakvarteret, a new 20,000 square-metre mixed-use development which is home to some exciting architecture such as the Oslo opera house. It’s a great time to be an architect in Norway. Working for Snøhetta has been a highlight result of the travelling scholarship”. As for the minus 30 degrees Celsius weather endured during winter in Oslo, Sally laughs “next time I’ll remember to pack a thicker pair of boots!”

Sally has since moved to Sydney and is working with landscape Architecture firm JMD Design.

### 1. Sally Craven's winning project



## Female Athlete of the Year

Annabel Gibson (2011-13) was recognised as the UniSA female sportsperson of the year at the UniSA annual awards night, held in November 2014. The awards are an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the achievements of UniSA students and community members who have represented UniSA as well as UniSA sporting clubs.

Competing in the Women’s Double Sculls for UniSA at the Australian Uni Games in October 2014, Annabel received the award in recognition of her high level of achievement in her sporting field of rowing.



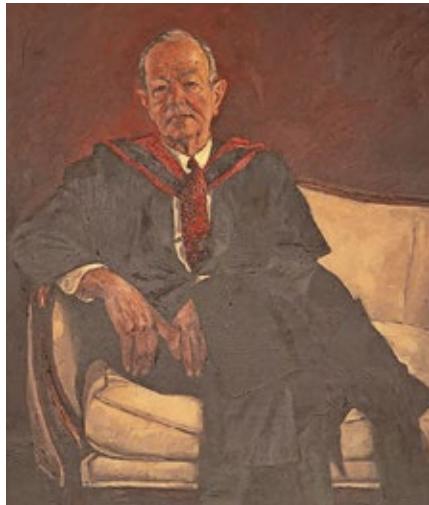
## Research to support Heart Patients

Sally Inglis (Alumna 1999 – 2001) was recently promoted to Associate Professor in the faculty of Health at the University of Technology, Sydney. She is supported by a NSW Cardiovascular Research Network Life Science Research Fellowship and is undertaking research examining the epidemiology and management of peripheral arterial disease and the use of health technology to support patients with chronic heart failure.



# The blossoming College library in the 1990s

Progress during the Ashwin years. Robin Ashwin played a significant role in modernising the College library during his time as Master of St Mark's.



When Robin attended his inaugural Library Sub-Committee meeting, chaired by Mr Richard Watson, the first item on the agenda was the question *Where is the library going?*

At the time, the Librarian, Pirjo Rayner said that the library should operate as an active, fully functioning library and not just as a passive "quiet place to study" and that its primary role should be to cater to students' study needs. Its secondary role to develop students' interests beyond the curriculum and provide materials which might be relevant to their social, interpersonal and developmental needs, and to a lesser degree their recreational reading needs.

This document then became the guiding light for the library in the years to come.

## Influence

Robin's influence was felt in such areas as the production of policy documents covering major aspects of library life, the modernization of the book stock and the cancellation of superceded materials which were disposed of at two large second-hand book sales, the rationalization of the Periodicals Collection, an increase in the library's budget, improvements in access to the collection through the automation of the catalogue and the introduction of a loan recreational fiction collection as a preliminary to completely dismantling the restrictive "not for loan" policy whereby no books could be borrowed, an improvement

to stock control by the installation of a surveillance system, the compilation for the very first time of a simple author / title listing of the Rare Book Collection, the refurbishment of parts of the library by the installation of new blinds, new heaters, new photocopier and improved lighting, the encouragement of its increased use by commencing informative library tours for new students, the promotion of contact with other libraries and the holding of regular library functions.

At this time the St Mark's Collection was also set up. This is a collection of publications relating to the College and its history as well as publications by or about people associated with the College, past and present.

## Friends of the Library

In 1991 the late Professor Robert Ussher, Senior Resident of College 1985-1992, and the then Professor of Classics at Adelaide University, proposed the setting up of The Friends of the St Mark's College Library in order to raise funds for special purchases and to promote the library in general. This group gradually took shape and its first social function was held in late 1992 with guest speakers Dr John Tregenza and Robin Ashwin. This was followed by three other functions over the next four years.

During this time the building of an elegant Rare Book Display Cabinet was commissioned with library donations and generously supplemented by a donation from Professor Peter Parsons, and as a result of the final function which was held in 1996, a total of over 100 donations were received from various people, the most notable being the four volume *Faerie queene* (1758) by Edmund Spenser, donated by The Hon Rod Matheson AM QC.

The group fell into abeyance in 1997.

## The generosity of Emeritus Professor Peter Parsons AM

In 1992 the then Professor Parsons AM (Alumnus 1951-1955) was the College Council representative on the Library Sub-Committee and he became its new Chairman a year later when Richard Watson retired from that position. (Peter Parsons himself retired in 1995, at which

time Mr Peter Morgan was appointed as the new Chairman).

Before Robin's headship, Peter Parsons, who is a member of the Angas family, had donated to the library the very prestigious *South Australia illustrated* (1847) by George French Angas together with two other equally prestigious volumes, *New Zealanders illustrated* (1847) and *Kafirs illustrated* (1849), also by the same author. The Rare Book Display Cabinet, which he partly funded, is used to this day to house *South Australia illustrated*, with its beautiful hand-coloured plates.

Peter also funded the extension of the Lance Milne Bookcase which housed the original Rare Book Collection but which had become quite overcrowded. He made further donations of money including funds for automating the library and \$4,500 for general book purchases. He also donated many excellent books thereby vastly adding to our collection on such topics as biotechnology, population genetics and current thinking on environmental issues. He continues to make generous donations to this day.

## Donations

Over this decade, the library received many gifts, either monetary donations from people such as Dr Gavin Walkley CBE and Dr Bryce Clubb, or as books.

The late Mr Bob Lewis (Vice-Master 1946-57, Master 1957-68) and his wife Betty made numerous donations including the authoritative multi-volume *Handbook of Australian, New Zealand and Antarctic birds*.

Several hundred books were also received from both the estate of The Hon Don Dunstan QC and from Mrs Beth Lee and her daughter, Jane. Since 1993 Mrs Lee has also given very generously of her time by volunteering to work in the library one afternoon per week until she retired earlier this year.

Donations were also received from Sir Geoffrey Badger, Mr Richard Watson and Mrs Gwendoline Wallace, as well as many other people.

Over the years, Robin has donated over 600 books to the College. He enhanced our collection on such topics as Eastern Europe, especially Russia, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the rise of Vladimir Putin, fundamentalism and Islam, and Australian foreign policy.

## Pictures of our Past

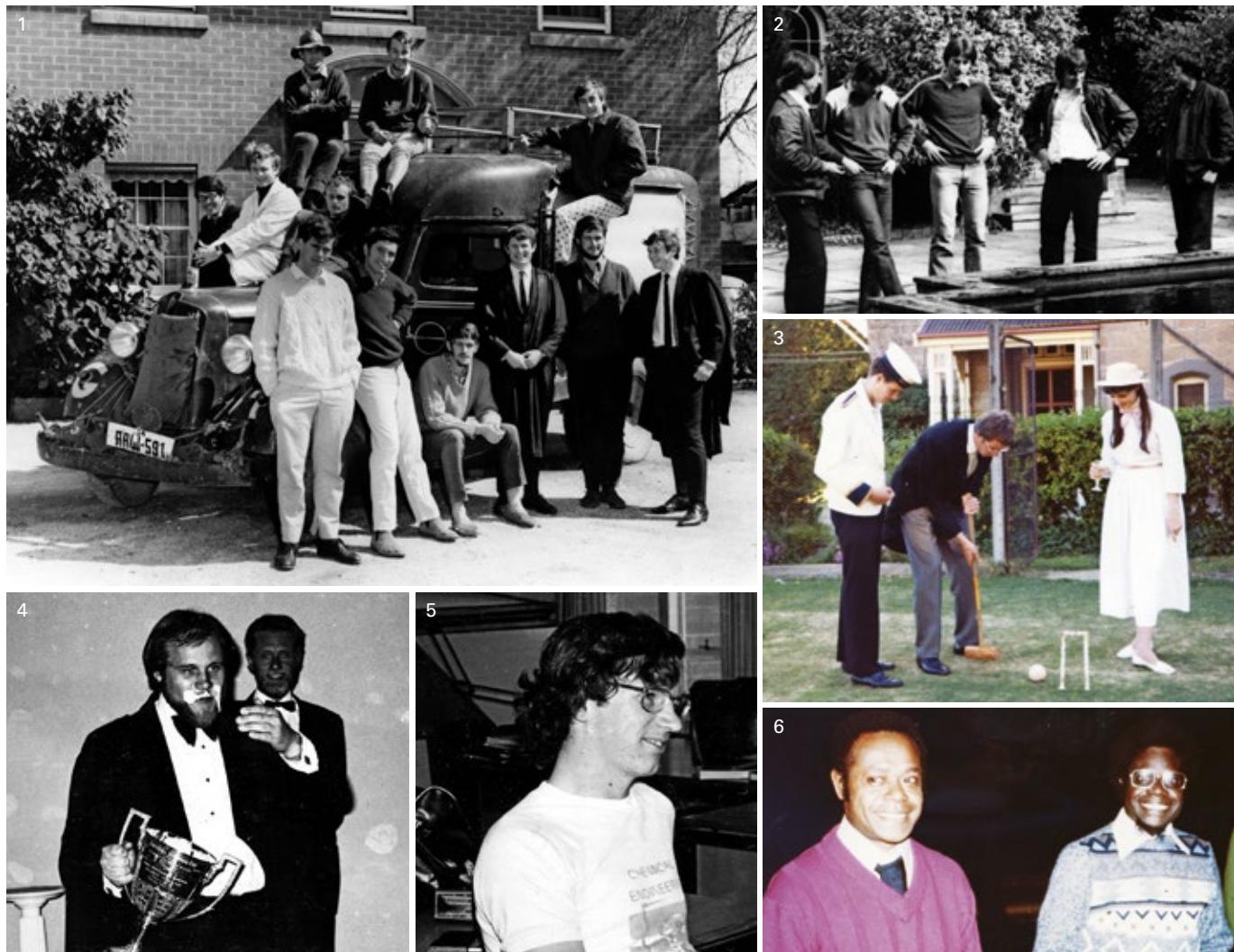
There was a wonderful response from people with suggestions for identifying the old photos published in the last newsletter, some of whom went to the trouble of getting a team effort together to solve the mystery.

We are very grateful for all the help received and many thanks go to everyone who contributed. For those who are interested in the result, several people think Dr. C R S Harris is the person standing next to Mr. Lewis in the top picture. Roger Gransbury and Gabriel Wendler have identified themselves in the two photos directly below it. The steeplechase has been dated as 1965 with the three leading competitors all jumping the net named as Michael Hardy, John Hancock and Evan Hiscock (in centre with a hose coiled around him) with Grant Taylor sporting a mock bow tie and over the net with one foot down next to them in the front. The two netball players from the US

in 2000 were Michael Henderson and Alex Schefer. Nos. 1, 6 and 8 respectively in the back row of the 2000 men's soccer photo are Sandeep Rao, Geoff Harvey and Ching Hong Lee. Lin Hai Tan is on the left in the front row with possibly Alex Duvall next to him.

In this issue we are looking for more assistance and hope to be able to find names for the people in the accompanying selection of photos. If you can help, please contact the Archivist, Monica Smith at [monica.smith@stmarkscollege.com.au](mailto:monica.smith@stmarkscollege.com.au) or phone 8334 5657.

1. Backrow: who are the first two seated on the bonnet, the two seated on the roof and the second and third from right standing in front of the gas truck (1969)?
2. Who is second from right (1980)?
3. Who are left and right of Tim Shierlaw (1985)?
4. Identities unknown (circa 1978)
5. Identity unknown (circa 1977)
6. Identities unknown (circa 1975)
7. Who is second from left (1985)?
8. Who are at left, both front and rear (1985)?
9. Who is second from right (circa 1978)?
10. Who is sitting behind Steve Moyle (1985)?
11. Who is with Peter Wong (1975 Diamond Jubilee)?



*Pictures of our past continued*



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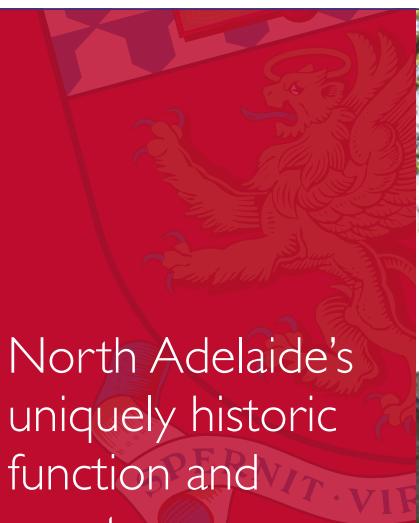
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Imagine a cocktail party on the front lawn, a three course conference dinner in our Ballroom, a presentation in one of our meeting rooms or a wedding reception on the grounds?

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### Summer Break Accommodation

Situated just a 10 minute walk from the CBD and University Campuses, and only 5 minutes from North Adelaide's popular restaurant precincts, St Mark's is an ideal location as we offer a high standard of budget accommodation, from 10 to 200 people. It's perfect for youth and school groups or university conferences and catering options are also available.

For more information on our facilities, please contact our Event Coordinator:

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# StarRez University Colleges Australia Conference

After an 11 year break, South Australia hosted its first UCA Conference at the Intercontinental Hotel from the 30th September – 1st October 2014. A stimulating and rewarding program of professional development, seminars and discussion was presented, with St Mark's Master, Ms Rose Alwyn taking on the role of conference convenor.

There was also plenty of opportunity for camaraderie and collegiality at two conference dinners, one of which was hosted by St Mark's College.

The Conference title "Governance and Headship: Roles, Risks and Responsibilities in residential leadership" reflected the complexity and risks inherent in our roles and recognised headship as a profession. By working in collaboration with the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the

conference organising committee ensured that the three half day workshops combined the best of professional development and practical application in order to meet the needs of both new and more experienced Heads of Colleges and Halls.

The topics of keynote speakers and workshop sessions reflected current issues in our Colleges and Halls as well as the Universities. The proposed changes within the higher education sector present some

challenges for us all and we were fortunate to hear from leaders from all three major universities in Adelaide at our Q&A session entitled "Fees, futures and furphies: finding our way through fiscal change".

The experience and commitment of Master Alwyn to developing and improving the collegiate experience was rewarded at the Association's AGM, where she was elected to the position of Secretary.

1. Master Rose Alwyn addresses the UCA conference dinner
2. St Mark's students Ayana, Aimee, Nicola and Ellie used their skills from Marksenchef classes to help prepare entrees for the UCA conference dinner



# Obituaries



## David Abfalter

22nd May 1957 – 30th April 2014

*Reflection delivered at the funeral service of David Abfalter at St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide on 16 May 2014.*

When David arrived at St Mark's College with Rose and their wonderful family in 2003, I recall him almost immediately hitting what would become his stride as a much loved and valued member of the St Mark's community.

The student population embraced him, and he very quickly occupied a position in which he struck a perhaps delicate but successful and somewhat unique balance as both a well-respected member of the Senior Common Room and one of us, the students.

From the start, David was passionate about St Mark's. He was an active member of the College community; whether it was engaging in spirited conversation at High Table, or lively debate in the Senior Common Room, playing with the College band, cheering on the sidelines of the sports field or tutoring, David had much to contribute.

No doubt that passion was underpinned by his own embodiment of the values for which St Mark's, and collegiate education, stand: excellence, community, loyalty and growth.

At its core, though, I think David was so readily embraced by the students at St Mark's and shone within our College community because he possessed a youthfulness of spirit and a youthful soul. They are admirable traits.

Of course, outside the iron gates on Pennington Terrace, David had a very successful professional life. His life experience was a rare commodity in a community of students hungry for life but short on experience.

It was against that backdrop, coupled with David's generosity with his time, willingness to provide advice and interest in building relationships with others, that David became a mentor to many of the students privileged to call St Mark's home, including me.

David was one of the very few people in my life who I would consider to be a mentor. I had an enormous amount of respect and admiration for his abilities – as a side note, David made a great lawyer, as his mind was perfectly suited to the law – and a deep respect for who he was as a person. He possessed honesty and integrity. His advice and opinion I trusted – politics and football aside, of course – and his unfailing belief in me gave me strength. I know he impacted others similarly.

We became friends at St Mark's, as I know David became friends with so many students there. Our friendship continued to grow in the years after I left. David was a great conversationalist; endlessly entertaining with a depth and breadth of knowledge rarely witnessed. He had a brilliant sense of humour, a razor sharp, lightning quick wit and a dry cynicism that, when expressed, would often evoke peals of laughter.

Although we cannot possibly know the full extent of David's influence on the many students who would consider him a mentor, inspiration and friend, we can say with certainty that his impact on others has been profound and is enduring.

My enduring memory of David will be of laughter, sparkling conversation and good red wine.

In losing David, we have suffered a tragic and devastating loss. But we can be grateful for our friendship with him. I will honour his memory by seeking always to retain a youthful spirit and a youthful soul. David, we love you and we miss you already.

Faye Ashworth (2000 – 2005)



## Dr David John Seymour Hill

MBBS, FRACP – Alumnus 1963 - 1967

15th July 1944 – 3rd July 2014

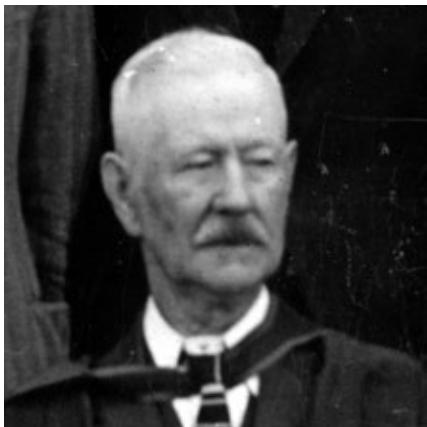
Happily married to his adored June (née Munroe) for 42 years, he was a proud father of their four children Mandie, Amy, Gus and Alistair and families.

He was a much-loved paediatrician working in Adelaide, Dunedin (NZ), Toowoomba (Queensland), and Mount Gambier. In Adelaide he worked at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Regency Park Centre for the Young Physically Disabled, Adelaide Children's Hospital and was visiting Paediatric Specialist at the Flinders Medical Centre and served as Honorary Medical Officer to the S.A. Amateur Swimming Association. In Toowoomba from 1995-2002, he was Director of Paediatrics and visiting to surrounding clinics and hospitals including the Goondiwindi and Dalby Hospitals. He practised as a Consultant Paediatrician in North Adelaide and Mt Gambier and in the latter position was also visiting Paediatrician to the Millicent Hospital from 2002 to 2008.

He retired in 2008 from being a Consultant Paediatrician in Mount Gambier and surrounding South East areas but his health suffered. But David never lost his patience and dry humour, and never complained – ever. His family life and children and grandchildren were a source of great pleasure to him, and him to them.

Prof. Ian Darnton-Hill AO

Brother of Dr Hill



#### William Rait – Resident Tutor 1934

10th June 1909 – 7th December 2013

William (Bill) Lockhart Rait was educated at the Hutchins School in Hobart (the actor Errol Flynn being a classmate). His graduation coincided with the stockmarket crash of 1929. He studied science at the University of Tasmania before completing a Master of Science degree at the University of Adelaide in 1935. As Bill had a passion for teaching, he became a tutor at St Mark's College in Adelaide before he was appointed as science master to St Peter's College. He subsequently tutored in chemistry at the universities of Adelaide and Melbourne.

Bill entered the RAAF as a medical research officer with the Aircraft Research and Development Unit. While acting as the senior medical officer of the RAAF in Singapore in 1951, Squadron Leader Rait toured Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (M.A.S.H) units in Korea and was attached to the American 3rd Air Rescue Squadron to witness helicopter rescue techniques, at that time a relatively new operation. He participated in the dramatic helicopter rescue of an Australian Mustang pilot before returning to serve in the Malayan Emergency.

In 1952, Bill was attached to the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough, UK, a world-leading centre for aviation medical research. This experience proved pivotal.

As the RAAF's only doctor-scientist, Bill subsequently pursued research into decompression sickness, which had hitherto been a serious complication of high-altitude flight and had led to the deaths of 10 aircrew in the US and Britain, during and after the Korean War. .

With the support of Bill's mentor and professor of physiology at the University of Melbourne, Professor R. D. Wright, a grant was obtained to maintain a laboratory and conduct research. Many lives were saved by Bill's investigation of high-altitude decompression and improved pressurisation methods, and in 1969 the Doctor of Medicine degree was conferred by the university in recognition of Bill's research work.

By 1956 Bill had risen to the rank of Wing Commander and had been appointed first Commanding Officer of the School of Aviation Medicine at Point Cook. He had also acted as the RAAF's medical observer at the Maralinga nuclear tests.

In 1964, at the age of 55, Bill retired from the RAAF and took up the position of industrial hygiene medical officer with the Department of Health. On retiring from the department, he entered medical practice in Geelong with his elder brother, Cecil.

Bill was also mayor of the City of Brighton between 1973 and 1974.

Bill exercised with a brisk daily walk until his mid-90s.

As a young man he wrote down a list of the things he wanted to achieve in life. In his final years he said he had achieved everything on the list, including living to age 100. The exception was running for Parliament, an opportunity he was offered but declined. However, of all his achievements, he said: "It is the people in your life that matter."

He is survived by his wife Lila, children Julian and Alison, and four grandchildren, Nicholas, Emily, Louise and William.

**Alison Joseph (daughter)**  
The Age January 16, 2014



#### Anthony John Rathjen

Alumnus 1958 - 1961

5th April 1940 – 3rd July 2014

Professor Tony Rathjen died at home on the 25th of June, 2014. He was born in 1940 at Birdwood in the Adelaide Hills and grew up on a mixed sheep/cropping farm. He was educated at Birdwood High School before completing Leaving Honours at Adelaide High.. He came to St Mark's in 1958 with an AAC Scholarship and stayed until he graduated in 1962.

Ben Robinson writes that he knew Tony Rathjen well both as a fellow Ag Science undergraduate at St Mark's and the Waite Institute, and later as a Research Student in Cambridge where they both held Barr Smith Travelling Scholarships in Agriculture and overlapped for a year or so.

Tony was a member of St John's College and his doctoral dissertation entitled "Genetic differentiation in Phaseolus vulgaris L." examined the evolutionary history of the French Bean. He returned to Adelaide in 1965 and became a respected plant breeder and teacher based at the Waite Institute. The importance of his work to SA Agriculture is well described in the press quotations included in this article.

At St Mark's Tony was affectionately known as "Fanta" which, of course, was logical as he had responsibility for the management of the College Club's soft drink machines. He played Rugby for St Marks and Adelaide University and was awarded College Colours. He was also active behind the scenes of the St Mark's

## *Obituaries continued*

variety productions. He was a member of a secret consortium of Ag students who visually demonstrated the nitrogen deficient state of the College tennis courts, by writing "NITROGEN" on them with N fertiliser which in a few days showed up as verdant growth. He was president of the Agricultural Science Faculty Students' Association and active in the Australian Association of Agricultural Faculties which fostered contact between Ag Students across Australia. His friend Roger Clay remembers a happy trip to Brisbane along the Darling in 1961 in Tony's VW which nearly ended in disaster in a river ford near Gawler on the way home.

In recent years the Barr Smith Travelling Scholarship in Agriculture which took Tony to Cambridge had fallen off the university's radar and he joined with others of those who had benefitted from the scholarship to lobby for its re-instatement as a short term travel grant to Ag Scientists from Adelaide.

There is a wonderful interview with Tony on the Radio Adelaide web site at <https://radio.adelaide.edu.au/legend-in-the-field-professor-tony-rathjen/> which gives some insight into his other interests including the conservation of aboriginal languages and culture and how the royalties from his last wheat variety, Yitpi, have been directed towards this cause as well as agricultural research and education by the foundation he set up with his late wife Cynthia. Tony was a long term member of the Orienteering movement, a life member of Wallaringa Orienteers, and had been Treasurer and President of the Orienteering Association of South Australia.

The ABC Rural web site noted that:

"Tony Rathjen's varieties (which included Molineux, Aroona, Frame and Krichauff) at one stage made up more than 40 per cent of the wheat grown in Australia. He worked on 23 different wheat and durum varieties and was responsible for helping develop wheat breed Yitpi.

His work at the institute has been documented in a recently published history book written by Lynette Zeitz called, 'The Waite.' "In the early 1960s wheat was considered as the most risky and poorly adapted of the cultivated crop species in Australia," reads a passage in 'The Waite.' "However by the beginning of the twenty-first century, bread wheat was regarded as the best adapted of local crops, and despite some problems with stem, stripe and leaf rusts, the crop least vulnerable to pests and diseases.

"All of Australia's major wheat breeding programs contributed to this transformation but the contribution made by the Waite's wheat breeding program led by Rathjen was disproportionately high," the book says.

Fellow wheat breeder Associate Professor Gil Hollamby says Dr Rathjen's contribution to agriculture has been immense. "Tony looked at the big picture first and the big picture was the whole farm or the whole wheat industry. He was the greatest lateral thinker, that I've ever known,"

One of the most widely grown varieties Dr Rathjen worked on was Yitpi, which is still grown in paddocks across the southern grain belt. Prof Hollamby says Yitpi was the only variety Dr Rathjen worked on that was subject to plant breeder rights and royalties. Usually the breeder takes a share in the royalties, but Dr Rathjen used the money to enhance his teaching program. Prof Hollamby says the royalties allowed many agriculture students to travel within Australia, and overseas, to gain experience on farms.

"He believed in the old cliche; 'you remember 50 per cent of what you hear, 70 per cent of what see and 90 per cent of what you do.' He was adamant that agriculture students should be taken out on to as many farms as possible."

The Stock Journal wrote of Tony:

Dr Rathjen was responsible for the development of the durum industry in southern Australia, and was a popular lecturer at the University of Adelaide.

Many of today's leading breeders and researchers studied under him. Among them is CIMMYT Board of Trustees chairman and Mid North farmer Andrew Barr. "Tony's contribution to the state's agricultural community was massive," he said. "The value of his wheat varieties was huge of course, but what a lot of people in the rural communities wouldn't have seen was his contribution in terms of teaching under-graduate and post-graduate agriculture students for more than 40 years.

"His enthusiasm was incredible. Two years ago I was in Delhi, India, for a CIMMYT board meeting and I received a phone call from Tony saying he was hosting a group of undergraduate Ag students and showing them around India. How many lecturers do you know that would do that?"

Dr Rathjen lectured Dr Barr when he was an undergraduate, and supervised his PhD thesis. "Tony was such a lateral

and creative thinker," Dr Barr said. "He challenged all his Ag science students to not just accept conventional thinking. He was one of the most significant individuals from the past two generations of agriculture in SA, and as well as that, he was just a great fella."

Tony was one of the founders of the Crop Science Society of SA which now has more than 400 members. It has fulfilled its aim to provide a forum for the exchange of information between people in academic and applied fields; between research, teaching, extension workers, farmers and marketing representatives - in fact all who have an interest in crops and crop production.

Many of us will remember Tony's wry humour, his fiendish memory for the cards played at the bridge table (not to mention a tendency to overbid), his total commitment to his family (Cynthia, his first wife who died of breast cancer in 2003, and his second wife Lois, and his five children all of whom hold Ph Ds), to the cropping industry that he served and to his students. Above all we will remember his faith and his respect for his fellow man. We will miss him.



### Dr Michael Burr AM

Alumnus 1953 – 1960

26th December 1936 – 21st August 2013

Dr Michael Burr was an important and active member of the olive industry over several decades, involved in many facets of organisation, research and quality achievements. He was also one of the industry's first growers, planting a grove in the Beetaloo Valley in SA's Mid North region in 1976, and was a founding member of both the Australian Olive Association and Olives South Australia Inc.

He was awarded the Order of Australia AM in 2003 for service to the development of the Australian olive industry through the fostering of research into the genetics, processing and assessment of olive oil, and as a pioneer in the development of geriatric medicine with Australian teaching hospitals.

His passion for Geriatric Medicine was born at the Repatriation General Hospital Daw Park where he was first a registrar and then in 1968 was appointed Specialist in Rehabilitation Medicine. From the outset, he recognised the importance of rehabilitation in care of the elderly before making long term care decisions.

In 1973, Michael moved to take up the post of Director of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Michael's political insights allowed him to successfully secure funds under the Whitlam government's Community Health Program. These funds allowed him to set up a regional Day Hospital, respite care beds, and progress his vision for rehabilitative and supportive domiciliary care services.

Michael embraced with dignity and courage what he could of his last decade of life until Parkinson's disease finally prevailed. (Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine, April 2014)



### Professor Anthony (Tony) McMichael AO

Alumnus 1961 – 1963

3rd October 1942 – 26th September 2014

Professor Tony McMichael was a resident at St Mark's College in 1961 to 1963 while studying Medicine at the University of Adelaide. In 1961 he was awarded with the St Mark's/St Peter's bursary in addition to a Leaving Bursary in 1963, and was a keen sportsman. Professor McMichael was awarded colours for cricket (1962, 1963), football (1962) and athletics (1963) and was a member of the College Choir. During this time, he was a member of the Medical Students' Society and Assistant Secretary for the University Football Club. He graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1967 with his MBBS.

Professor McMichael is the world's leading scholar and commentator on the relationship between global climate change and human health. An epidemiologist, he is currently President of the International Society of Environmental Epidemiology.

In the 1990s, Professor McMichael pioneered research on the health risks of climate change, and led the research program at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the Australian National University which is the largest and most internationally active program of its kind in the world.

He was an advisor and consultant on environmental health issues to the World Health Organisation, the United Nations Environment Program, the World Bank, and other international bodies. Described by international journal Lancet as a visionary of the environment–health interface, he was one of Australia's intellectual giants.

Professor McMichael held an Australia Fellowship from the National Health

## Further Passing

At the time of going to print the College was saddened to learn of the passing of three prominent Old Collegians:

- Dr Keith Basheer (1946 – 48)
- Mr Donald Golinger AM (1949 – 55)
- Dr John Leask (1954 – 59)

and Medical Research Council, and was Honorary Professor in Climate Change and Human Health at the University of Copenhagen. He was also an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a member of the Science Advisory Panel to the Australian Government's Commission on Climate Change.

On 26th January 2011, Professor McMichael was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to population health, particularly in the area of environmental impact, as an academic and author and through leadership roles with international organisations.

Recognised as a St Mark's College Distinguished Collegian in 2011 Professor McMichael is survived by wife Judith, a health policy researcher at the Australian National University, their two daughters, Anna and Celia, and his brothers, Philip and Robert.

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