



# Adelaide Technical High School OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INC.

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## *From the President*

Given my last communication about revitalising our Committee, the rain and gloomy weather which hung over our AGM were not, I thought, good portents for our ongoing viability.

But just as the country so desperately needed the rain, it seemed to have an equally beneficial effect on our Association.

Though the crowd was not huge, it was much greater than would have been anticipated. It was particularly encouraging to welcome our Patron, Dr. Don Beard, and Max Jacquier and his wife, who have recently moved back to Adelaide.

It was moving to learn that at least one member had travelled from Queensland on business but had made the time to join us for the morning, as had another Old Scholar who had travelled over from Kangaroo Island. Thanks to everyone who made an effort to be at the AGM and those who sent apologies, messages of encouragement and their best wishes.

It is most pleasing to report that, not only was a full committee elected, other members indicated their willingness to become involved in the Association. Thus the ATHS Old Scholars can look to the future with some confidence.

Indeed our first committee meeting has already been held and plans put in train for a number of activities for the future. I look forward to catching up with many of you at one of those events.

I would again like to thank the retiring members of the previous Committee for their diligent application in the last year, those continuing in office for their dedication and fidelity and those who are either new, or like our secretary Judy, returning for another stint, for their willing enthusiasm.

With your support, and working as a team, I trust that we will be able to make the years ahead good ones for our Association.

Mark Brindal  
President

### *Congratulations*

*ATHSOSA Congratulates Mrs. Jean Wickham  
on being awarded the OAM*

## *Magazine*

Apologies for the lateness of the 2006 magazine. Due to the uncertainty of our Association early in 2007, the magazine has been in limbo for a few months. It is now complete and we hope that you enjoy reading it.

If any members have articles of interest or stories that they would like to share with their fellow Old Scholars, please send them to Sue Thomson, PO Box 140, Highbury 5089 or email to karlee@whogoeswhere.com. We would appreciate these for future newsletters and magazines.

Sue Thomson

## *The Website*

The website at [www.athsos.com.au](http://www.athsos.com.au) is going strong. I urge you all to look at it periodically because it will provide you with the latest information on the Old Scholars Association – Newsletters, current news, and forms for renewing membership, purchasing “ATHS - The Story”, 2007 Luncheon details, up and coming events for 2007 & 2008 and changing or adding any relevant information concerning ‘Old Scholars’ in our data base. This is your website. If you have any suggestions for improvement, we will be glad to hear and consider them for periodic upgrades. *If you or your company would like to be an official sponsor of the website, please contact David Swift on 8268 2203. Sponsorship would include having your company logo etc. on the site.*

David Swift  
Membership Officer

## **Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association Inc GET WELL WISHES**

Get well wishes to Don Warren (Past President 2003-05) from the Committee and the Association. Don had been a tireless worker as the President in 2003-05, however he retired for health reasons. On Don's recent operation we wish him a steady and full recovery. We send Don & Jean all our love and best wishes.

**Adelaide Technical High School  
Old Scholars Association Inc  
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION  
REMINDER**

**2007 MEMBERSHIP is now due.**

Occasionally some Old Scholars have paid their Membership twice in a year, the second payment being transferred to next year's membership. This sometimes compounds the following year when two payments are again received. To bring the records back in line, *from this year* any second payment will be received as a donation.

**To help the NEW Treasurer's workload**

***PLEASE!!!***

Ensure that your cheques are *signed and dated (with the correct year).*

***Double check***

*your Credit Card numbers  
and expiry date.*

*Thank You. Beryl Aylen, Treasurer*

**Adelaide Technical High School  
"THE STORY"  
BOOK ORDERS**

For book orders please refer, complete and return the form from the March 2007 newsletter if you haven't already done so. Orders can also be made on the website.

***"Feathers Hotel"***

***Annual Luncheon 2007***

**KEEP WEDNESDAY**

**17th OCTOBER 2007 AVAILABLE**

**TIME: 12 noon**

*Contact classmates and share a table.*

***REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!!***

*Contact Judy McKeough on 8353 3910 for more info  
or keep an eye on the web site! Booking forms will be*

*in our next newsletter. – DON'T MISS OUT!*

**Adelaide Technical High School  
Old Scholars Association Inc  
ANNUAL PICNIC  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our Annual General Meeting and Picnic was a success. The weather stayed reasonably fine. The ATHSOSA will continue for another year. We now have eleven committee members, with 5 newly elected members. Thanks to Mark Brindal, Chas Grimes, Kath Harrison, Lesley Moir, Sue Thomson & David Stoba for restanding. We welcome back Don McColl & Judy McKeough & our new members David Swift, Warren West & Beryl Aylen. The chicken and salad was delicious. Thanks to those who contributed. Our next event is the Annual Luncheon.

Thanks to our retired committee members Peter Keen & Lyle Baldock.

Thanks to all members who have already joined for 2007 - new and old. We are still going strong because of your support, both financially and your presence at the AGM picnic at Heywood Park.

Thanks to all those people who came to give us our quorum so we can run successfully for another year. We are still looking forward to seeing some more younger members from the 1950's, 60's & 70's especially "The New School" Glenunga Old Scholars. Your support will give us a future.

***Calling all 1958 Old Scholars!***

Did you know that in 2008 it will be **50 YEARS** since we climbed those well worn stairs into the Brookman Building for the first time?

Judy McKeough would like to hear from any old scholars who commenced at ATHS in 1958 (or joined those classes) who may be interested in a reunion to celebrate this event, perhaps in the latter part of 2008. Those interested in forming a small committee to plan the reunion would be particularly welcome. Contact Judy on 8353 3910 or email [bmckeough@bigpond.com](mailto:bmckeough@bigpond.com)



*Photo taken during Centenary celebrations in  
1998 in Brookman Hall*

## *Looking to 2008*

*110th Anniversary of the  
beginning of the School  
45th Anniversary since  
the transfer to Glenunga*

If you would like to contribute your ideas and time for another successful ATHSOSA celebration, more information will be in our future Newsletters.

Contact Judy McKeough on 8353 3910

### **OBITUARIES 2006**

Jill SIEGELE (Harper)  
Sam TWARTZ (Past Teacher)  
Dr Maurice de ROHAN

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

#### **WANTED - AUDITOR**

Can you spare some hours to  
Audit our 2006 accounts. **URGENT!**  
Contact Lesley Moir on 08 8555 5517  
email: brileymanor@e-access.com.au

## *2007 Raffle*

Drawn on Wednesday 17th  
October 2007 at the Annual Luncheon

**1st Prize** - \$470 two night Bed & Breakfast \*

**2nd Prize** - Hamper \$100

**3rd Prize** - Hamper \$75

**4th Prize** - Hamper \$50 \* Accommodation Only

***Holiday package to Cape Cassini Wilderness  
Retreat, Kangaroo Island, including  
a 1 hour wildlife tour.***

***Kindly Donated by David & Pat Welford  
of Cape Cassini Wilderness Retreat***

1 Book of 5 tickets @ \$2.00 each  
& pre addressed envelope in newsletter

Please send purchased ticket stubs, unsold tickets  
and payment back ASAP.

*(Deadline - Mon 1st Oct 2007)*

Reminder will be in September newsletter.

Payment of ticket money can be made by cash or  
card or with luncheon booking.

Contact Judy McKeough for **more** tickets  
or purchase from the website.

**Thank You**

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**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE EVENTS & THE STUDENT DATABASE.**

**www.athsos.com.au**

# 2007 Committee Introductions

## **PRESIDENT**

### **Mark BRINDAL (1961 to 1965)**

I Attended first at North Terrace and subsequently at Glenunga. Eldest grandson of "Darby" Haskard (Deputy Principal ATHS). A member of Cavendish House, I played hockey for the school in each of the 5 years attended.

I was the Editor of the School Magazine in 1965 and was the founder and first Editor of the school newspaper "Tech Talk".

After leaving school, I was a primary school teacher, Principal and Education Administrator. I entered Parliament in 1989 and retired in 2006 and have subsequently completed my MBA.

I am married to Pam and have four step children and twelve grandchildren.

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Chas GRIMES (1943 to 1946)**

Attended ATHS and then a year at The Institute of Medical & Veterinary Science. Switched to Pharmacy and managed top credit in final exams. Operated own business at Linden Park for 33 years. An Original partner with Village Pharmacy, Burnside.

Did relieving work after 1988 including 3 years at a Heroin treatment centre. Retired in 2004.

My wife Margaret has been a strong supporter of my work. We had 3 children and now 4 grand-daughters and 1 great-grand-daughter. I am pleased to have been part of a team which honours the history of the Adelaide Technical High School.

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Lesley MOIR (1962 to 1964)**

Worked in public sector after school, my boss being Old Scholar, Alfred Laidler. Married and raised a family. Lived in Lameroo area 1981-86 then Mannum 86-96 and finally to Goolwa (retired) where Brian and I have been confirmed "River Rats". We've travelled the Murray (Goolwa to Mildura) in various craft since 1985. Have been on ATHS reunion committees since 1986 and retired at the 1999 AGM after our Centenary Celebrations, returning to Committee during 2005.

## **SECRETARY**

### **Judy McKEOUGH (nee DOWNIE) (1958-61)**

Worked mainly in secretarial and office positions in State and Commonwealth Government departments, interrupted by overseas travel in the 1970's. Have been involved with ATHSOSA committee since 1997, either as Secretary or as custodian of the archives and memorabilia collection – currently trying to catalogue the collection for future reference.

## **TREASURER**

### **Beryl AYLEN (nee Holmes) ATHS 1956-59**

I live at North Haven with my husband Tony and two little dogs. I am an almost retired Business Education teacher with three grown up children – two are married and live in Adelaide and one is single and lives in China.

I have three delightful granddaughters.

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

### **David SWIFT (1965 – 69)**

I work in the water industry and am currently with SA Water and manage the provision of new water infrastructure for the land development and housing industries.

I am Treasurer of the WaterAid Australia SA Committee, an international fund raiser for water services and education in overseas countries. I am a Civil Engineer and am studying for a Masters Degree in Infrastructure Management.

I am married to Judith and we have two children Sarah and Andrew.

## **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

### **Sue THOMSON (Jennings) (1966-70)**

*Head Prefect (1970)*

After leaving ATHS (Glenunga), I became a Junior Primary School Teacher. I taught for 2 years before having 3 children. I did relief teaching for about 25-30 years. I am now enjoying my 2 grandchildren and trading in antiques.

### **Kath HARRISON (West) (1939-40)**

*Extract from the 2006 Magazine*

When I left school at 15 my first 3 positions were typist clerk. Being a Tech Scholar opened a few doors for me. One, being able to complete Affiliated Accountants Course and obtain a position as a bookkeeper for a well known legal firm for the remainder of my working career until the age of 70.

### **Warren WEST (1953 – 1956)**

*Head Prefect and House Captain (1956)*

On leaving school I joined ETSA as a Cadet Engineer while studying at the University of Adelaide. After graduating as a Mechanical Engineer I continued with ETSA for 20 years before joining the South Australian Brewing Company for a further 8 years when I started my own one-man engineering consultancy which is still in operation. I am married to Kathy and we have two grown children and two grandchildren.

### **Don McColl (1951-55)**

I completed year 12 in 1955 at the old Tech in North Terrace and then went on to graduate in Geology and Chemistry at Melbourne University. My working career has been mainly involved with Geology, and since retiring in 1998 I spend my spare time writing minor research papers in Mineralogy and Meteoritics.

### **David STOBA (1951-54)**

After matriculating in 1954, I spent 3 years at Adelaide University and then worked for a year in Tasmania and then at British Tube Mills, Kilburn. Completed a B.Ap.Sc degree in 1962. Worked for BTM for 35 years, the last 10 years as Quality Manager. I became a quality management consultant when Kilburn plant closed in '93. Parallel with civilian career, I spent over 30 years in the Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of Colonel. Interests included sheep breeding. My wife and I operated a Saxon merino sheep stud on a property at Gumeracha. My first wife died in 1995. Whilst on vacation in UK in 1997, I met a lady from Texas and married a year later. I have now sold the Gumeracha property, retired from consulting and travel overseas on a regular basis.