



Adelaide Technical High School

Old Scholars Association Inc.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION / RENEWAL - 2009

TITLE	PRESENT SURNAME	SURNAME AT SCHOOL	GIVEN NAMES	YEARS

STREET _____ SUBURB _____ STATE _____ P/CODE _____

Postal Address:.....

Residential:.....
(if different)

A/code _____
Home Phone: (.....)..... Mobile:..... Fax:.....

EMAIL (Please print clearly).....

- Enrol me as a Financial Member for Year 2009. \$ 30-00**
- Accept my Donation for** \$5 \$10 \$25 \$.....**Other (please tick box)**

- I still wish to receive the newsletter / Record changes to my details.
- Do not divulge my contact details to other Old Scholars without my permission.
- Email me notification when a newsletter is posted on www.athsos.com.au

Payment by: Cheque / Money Order / Visa / Mastercard (Please circle card type)
Electronic Funds Transfer: BSB 105 125 Account 461 744 540
Details: Bank.....Branch.....Date.....

Please make Cheques and Money Orders payable to ATHSOSA Inc.
Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ **Expiry Date** _____ / _____ **Amount** \$ _____

Name on Card: Signature.....
(Please print)

Please post with completed form to : The Treasurer
ATHS Old Scholars Assoc.
PO Box 4041
NORWOOD SOUTH SA 5067

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Receipt No	Receipt Date	Amount	Ch/MO/Visa/Mcd/DD	Date Recorded



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IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Membership Fee now \$30-00 per year. This increase was approved at the 2008 AGM. We regret the increase but after 14 years we have no alternative due to increased costs in running the Association.

Future Changes to Newsletter Distribution:

As the result of rising costs of paper and postage, the distribution of the ATHSOS Newsletters in the future will have to change. Traditionally, the March Newsletter has been posted to all traced Old Scholars listed on the database, both members and non-members alike. This has now become a very costly and time-consuming exercise with approximately 4,000 Newsletters to be printed and distributed at a cost of around \$3,500. After every mail-out we receive dozens of Newsletters marked "Return to Sender". In the future the "RTS's" will be tagged untraced and will not be tracked down. PLEASE put the Old Scholars Assoc. on your change of address list when you move house and in the case of a death, ensure that a relative or friend notify the Member Secretary. Also, sadly, there are many Old Scholars receiving the Newsletter who do not have any interest in the Association and therefore those Newsletters and postage costs are a loss to the Association.

The Committee has therefore decided that in future, the Newsletter will only be sent to Financial Members AND those Old Scholars who request it.

This can be done by returning the enclosed Membership and/or Details form enclosed.
No Membership or Details Form received, no more Newsletters.

Members will continue to receive the Newsletter by post, unless they nominate to receive it electronically when they next renew their subscriptions. (Members will be notified by E-mail when they are posted on the Website.) Apologies if you have been receiving a printed copy instead of electronically. We are still perfecting the system, which has been made difficult by not having a permanent Membership Secretary. A similar service can be provided for non-members who submit a formal request to the Membership Secretary with their contact details.

Old Scholars can re-connect with the Association via the website or a Committee Member.

USE IT OR LOSE IT: Unfortunately the Website is not receiving many "hits", which is a pity as Peter Keen has put a lot of time and effort into its initial set-up and continues to keep it up to date. You may be surprised at what you will find. Make a note in your diary to check it out on a regular basis.

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

www.athsos.com.au

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In accordance with the Rules

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

of the above Association
will be held on

**SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2009
11:30 am**

**HEYWOOD PARK
Northgate St UNLEY PARK**

NOMINATIONS

Are hereby called for the following
Committee positions:

- President Vice Presidents (2)
- Secretary Membership Secretary
- Treasurer Committee Members (5)

Please lodge your Nominations and Proxy Votes
with The Secretary: Judy McKeough
By Friday 27th March 2009

PICNIC

(Incorporating the AGM)

**SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2009
11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**HEYWOOD PARK
Northgate St UNLEY PARK**

FREE CHICKEN LUNCH
(to commence after conclusion of the AGM)

**Please bring a Salad or Sweet
to share**

BYO Drinks, chairs, table etc.

PLEASE NOTE:

Only Financial Members are entitled to;
nominate for a Committee Position,
lodge a Nomination and/or Proxy Vote
nominating another Financial Member for
a Committee Position, or as their Proxy.

Committee:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Phone (08)</u>	<u>Email</u>
President:	61-65	8373 5081	mark.brindal@bigpond.com
Vice Presidents:	43-46	8379 5321	cgrimes6@bigpond.com
	62-64	8555 5517	brileymanor@e-access.com.au
Secretary & Archivist:	58-61	8353 3910	jandbmckeough@bigpond.com
Treasurer:	56-59	8248 0517	tonyaylen@msn.com
Acting Membership Sec.:			Lesley Moir
Committee:	66-70	0402 356 010	karlee@whogoeswhere.com
	51-54	8266 0007	djs0304@chariot.net.au
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1. Committee Membership Nomination

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Committee Member Nomination Form

To the Secretary ATHSOS

I, (Please print full name)

hereby nominate (Please print full name)

for the position of on the ATHSOS Committee

Signed: Date:

I accept this nomination:

Received: Nomination Valid: Yes/No Signed

2. Proxy Appointment

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Proxy Nomination Form

To the Secretary, ATHSOS

I, (please print full name)

hereby appoint (please print full name)

to vote on my behalf at the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Signed: Date:

I accept this nomination:

Received: Nomination Valid: Yes/No Signed

PTO for MEMBERSHIP FORM

Tech Tales

Tall tales, strange but true, of the mysterious goings-on of Teachers and Students within those hallowed walls.

Mr Richard Eylward was a new teacher who arrived in our Leaving Honours year. He came from the Defence Academy where he had been teaching young Officers. No need for discipline there! He gave us a fair amount of slack and we took that up. One day he showed us the competition where one has to place the chalk as far in front of a line as possible whilst still able to stand afterward without touching the floor with both hands. Most of the taller and slim, athletic students had a go. Mr. Eylward had locked the door and the competition was taking place on the open floor just inside the door. The entire class was gathered around. I'm not sure but I think that Mr. Eylward was having a go when the "Cedric Cannell" door-knob-rattle of the locked knob was heard. There was a stampepe with almighty noise as we raced back to our desks. Potter knocked his desk flat. The noise was tremendous. Mr. Eylward got up, red faced, and unlocked the door. Mr. Cannell burst in, demanding to know what the commotion was about. Little Jimmy Potter, breaking the pregnant silence with an enormous understatement, said,

"I dropped my book, Sir"

The last day at school. There was consternation the morning of the final day in Leaving Honours (1960). An assembly was called. Apparently the Prefects' Room, upstairs in the central tower, had been padlocked and there was girl's underwear hoisted on the flagpole, accessible only from that room. The flagpole was visible from the street. **Oh horror!!!**

One after the other, the likely culprits were taken out of the hall, presumably for grilling. I soon found out as I, too, was called out. Mr. Eylward accompanied me out of the hall and as he did so he suggested to me that if I had a key to any padlock that might have been used upstairs that it would be better for me if I gave it to him before we reached the top of the stairs. Was that a trap? I couldn't dwell on that for more than a second. I gave him the key to a giant Lockwood padlock that I had given to someone the previous day when he was collecting locks for some undisclosed purpose.

At the top of the stairs I was asked by another senior teacher to give him all my keys. I gave him my key ring with all the keys that were still on it. They were taken to try in all the locks. Of course, none of them would have fitted. Later in the day Mr. Eylward gave me back the key.

Anyway, why did they think I might have been involved when I wasn't a prefect, the only ones who had access to the tower? I didn't mind getting pinched for something I had done, but it went against the grain when I was innocent.

Lindsay Jervis wrote:

"I will list below a few memories of events from my excellent memories of ATHS.

- * Eating Barry Beck's lunch before it hit the bin (and my own!)
- * Hitting tennis balls over the dental school building at lunch time
- * Surviving in that half of the class that made the top half possible
- * Putting on my school cap so that it was just touching my giant Brylcream wave at the front, while resting precariously on the nape of my neck at the back, and then doing the zombie walk along North Terrace to impress the girls and make Darby Haskard happy - neither worked!!
- * Coming top in metal work in Second year and bottom of everything in first year
- * Being the only country kid in the school, I knew how to prune vines, trap and skin rabbits and fish illegally in reservoirs, but I had never heard of chemistry, physics and algebra - this explains a lot!
- * Trying to be unnoticed and invisible except for tennis where I played three years in the Lawn team
- * Lustily singing our Sable Grivell songs using entirely inappropriate words especially to the Anvil Chorus.

The rest I will save for our reunion lunch"

Hmm? What next?

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER:

This year we have introduced payment by *electronic funds transfer* for a trial.

BUT there are certain criteria that has to be followed:

EITHER online ensuring your name is recorded as a reference OR in person at a bank, but the deposit receipt or a copy must be sent with the membership form. (If the receipt is not sent the payment will show as a cash deposit and the Treasurer would not know who had made the deposit)

Members **still need to complete and post the Membership Form**, even if there is no change to their data.

Our BSB Number is 105 125 Account number 461 744 540

DON'T FORGET

The continuation and success of the Association is reliant on Financial Membership.

Membership Year is from 1st Jan - 31st Dec. ANNUAL FEE: \$30-00

Fees due by 30th APRIL or you are deemed un-financial.

Membership ensures receipt of future Newsletters, with further details regarding other functions (especially the October Luncheon), plus, in approx. March each year, the Old Scholars Magazine with reports and photos from the previous year's functions.

VALE: It is with regret that the Association received notice of an unprecedented number of deaths last year. On behalf of Old Scholars the Association extends Sincere Condolences to all families. (The most publicised death was of John Fotheringham, former CEO of the RAA)

SOUVENIRS FOR SALE:

History book: ATHS – The Story...\$35.00 ea
Key rings\$ 1.00 ea
Old Scholars' Badges\$ 5.00 ea
Cuff links\$15.00 pr
OS Badge & cuff links \$17.50set
Placemats – limited numbers
from Luncheons 2005-2007 \$ 2.00 ea
Prints of Brookman Building FREE
Old Scholars' Magazines:
(1996-2006)\$ 5.00 ea
.. OR 5 for \$ 20.00
(2007)\$15.00ea

PLUS POSTAGE: Contact Ross Taylor to order.

This little curio was purchased by Judith Whitehorn on E-Bay. It is about 3" high with a Shakespeare quote on back:

"Life's but a walking shadow"



“The Fab Four”

NO, not John, Paul, George and Ringo, but Kath, Judy, Lesley and Chas.

In my memory of the Adelaide Tech. Old Scholars Association there have been four constants. These four folk have guided, pushed, cajoled and yes, even conned your Committee and Association towards the success it now enjoys and have done so for more years than even **they** would like to recall.

Kath Harrison (West) 1939 & 1940

Kath was a member of your committee for 9½ years, serving as Treasurer (6 years), Vice President (2 years) and Committee Member, retiring in mid-2007. I recall Kath also acting as Minute secretary at times. Kath guided many new Committee Members in the path of service to your Association. Her fantastic memory of "things past", the discussions and decisions arrived at made serving with her a pleasure. My heartfelt thanks for her assistance and humour while breaking in us newcomers and keeping us on the straight and narrow when we wandered off track. Characters like Kath Harrison come along only rarely in one's life and I feel blessed by her presence in mine.

Judy McKeough (Downie) 1958 – 1961

Without this lady we would not have the quality archives we now enjoy. Judy and husband Bill have devoted a large part of their lives to the Association since 1997. Judy has turned part of her home over to the archives and those of us who have had the pleasure of serving on the Committee are constantly amazed at her energy and organising ability. The members who attended the Memorabilia Display in Brookman Hall in 2008 saw just how much Judy has done to bring the archives into order and those of us on the Committee now realise (if we didn't before) how much time and effort Judy has given to the Association. Judy has served (on and off) as our very capable and efficient Secretary for 7 years and our Archivist for the past 6 years. Judy's transition from typewriter to computer 3 years ago has been quite challenging for her, but she has mastered technology with her usual efficiency. Always there to do the tasks that no one else can or would do.

Lesley Moir (Averay) 1962 – 1964

Lesley in my time has always been there. Even during her absence from the Committee, Lesley made herself available to help and guide us whenever asked. The time and effort she has freely given your Association has been wholehearted and unstinting. From 1986 she has served on Reunion Committees and the Steering Committee, which were instrumental in the formation of the Association and continued to serve it as Membership Secretary for 4 years, until 1999 when she took a break. She returned in 2005 and has since served as a Committee Member, Vice President (3 years), Treasurer and Acting Membership Secretary as well as Jill of all trades, producing many a Newsletter and the occasional magazine.

Chas Grimes 1943 – 1946

During my membership of the Old Scholars Association Chas has always been there. I recall the first meeting I attended at Glenunga High as a member of the Association, was chaired by Chas. It was so long ago I forget the year. Chas has filled various Committee positions being President (7 years), Vice President (6 years) and also acting as Secretary and Treasurer. He was also on the Steering Committee. It was he who persuaded me to first join the Committee. Chas and wife Margaret have made their home available to the Committee on many occasions (sustaining us with lunch and snacks as we slaved away) for meetings and other activities including the sorting and collating of Newsletters and Magazines for mailing.

And just as the “Three Musketeers” had a fourth member, so does our “Fab Four” have one more.

“The Fab Four” Continued

Graham Maguire 1958 - 62

Graham was another member of the Steering Committee and then served as a Committee Member of the Association from 1995-2002. Since then he has been working tirelessly in the background tracking down Old Scholars. He has done wonders tracing the “Return to Senders” and without his effort the number of traced Old Scholars on the database would be minimal.

The "Fab Four + One" will not be there in 2009 to act as the "constants" of the Committee. Kath retired in 2007 and the others have indicated they will not seek re-election at the forthcoming AGM. While their retirements will leave an enormous hole in the ranks of the Committee, we thank them for their unparalleled efforts on behalf of the Association and wish them well in their retirement.

As the result of the loss of the "Fab Four", the Committee will need additional members for 2009 if we are even to approach the very high standards set by them. Please consider giving some of your time, experience and expertise so your Association can continue to serve Old Scholars of the Tech.

Ross Taylor 1954 – 1956

GRACE DOBLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Grace attended Adelaide Technical High School from 1954 to 1957. She was a brilliant student who, tragically, was diagnosed with leukaemia in her Leaving year.

Her twin brothers, Chris and Bill, were only four years old when she passed away on 9th April 1957. They decided to hold a Memorial Service on 19th April 2007 to mark 50 years since she died. This service was advertised with the hope that some of her friends and fellow students would attend, and perhaps bring memorabilia, including letters and photos, as her brothers had very few memories of their sister. Two friends from primary school and four from Adelaide Tech attended the service in the Florey Chapel at Centennial Park, along with Doble family relatives. The service was conducted by a celebrant and included a eulogy of Grace's short life read by her brother, Chris. Lynette Winckel (nee Bissland), a close friend of Grace's at ATHS, read a letter from Grace, written in 1957, just weeks prior to her death. It was a typical teenage letter, full of joy and hope, and how she was passing the time reading many books. She actually had no idea how sick she was. Photos and other memorabilia were displayed and stories shared. After morning tea, the family led the way to Grace's grave where each person placed a single flower as a tribute.

As a result of this service, ATHS friendships have been renewed. Some of Grace's former classmates are now meeting on a regular basis and enjoying one another's company, with the usual reminiscing of the wonderful days at the Tech.

Judith Whitehorn (1954-56)