



Adelaide Technical High School OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INC.

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From the President

Now for a third year! All through asking, "What does the President do?" The last year has been busy but rewarding, culminating in the event of 12 March described in this Newsletter. It has been good to meet many old scholars, face to face or by phone and email.

I am grateful to the Committee for their support and efforts through the year. We are glad our Patron, Dr Don Beard, continues in his important role. Jean (whose support I value) and I will be away for a while now, but back in time for the Classics Luncheon on 12 October. Hope to see you there!

ATHS Remembers

Saturday 12 March 2005

What a wonderful day of celebration and remembrance –

- Of the ATHS students who died in World War II
- Of the three Head Masters at North Terrace
- Of the history of Adelaide Tech

On an unseasonably hot Saturday afternoon in March, over 300 old scholars from far and wide gathered in Brookman Hall for a very special occasion. Professor Denise Bradley AO, Vice Chancellor and President of the University of South Australia, welcomed special guests and Old Scholars to the event.

The Honour Board

It was the opportunity to unveil and dedicate a replacement Honour Board for the board lost during the transfer of the school from North Terrace. The ceremony was conducted with the President of the RSL, Mr Jock Statton and Ms Pamela Blamey, Deputy Commissioner, Dept of Veteran Affairs, SA and NT, which body provided the grant for the new board. The unveiling was accompanied by the solitary call of Bugler, Able Seaman Guy McRedmond, playing '*The Last Post*', the RSL President reciting the well-known words of the '*Ode of Remembrance*', a poignant minute's silence, and then the bugler's '*Rouse*' to conclude the moving ceremony.

Many of those gathered there had lived through, and served in, the cruel war which had, like a reaper's scythe, cut through their lives and the lives of their family, friends and mates they knew during school days.

Then, as on many occasions before in that hall, the students rose to sing *The National Anthem*.



The Honour Board Unveiled: Ms Pamela Blamey, Deputy Commissioner, Dept of Veteran Affairs, SA and NT, and President Don Warren

The Head Masters

Three Head Masters led the school from its earliest beginnings as a Preparatory School in 1903, then as a Junior Technical School, and then as a Technical High School, until circumstances dictated that the school leave the old North Terrace building, steeped in memories, and move to a new site at Glenunga.

Andrew Ferguson BSc (1903-1919), saw the school through the many changes that occurred up until it took on the structure of the Adelaide Technical High School as we knew it.

Sidney Moyle MA (1920-1957), oversaw the majority of students during his 37-year tenure, during which time the staff and students faced the harsh realities of the Depression in the 30s and the bitter casualties of war in the 40s.

Cedric Cannell BA BSc Dip Ed BEd, a student and teacher at the Tech from early twenties, assumed leadership in 1957 until his replacement at the end of 1964, the year in which the Tech shifted to Glenunga.

To mark their contributions, a bronze head of Sidney Moyle, crafted by sculptor John Dowie AM, was unveiled by Sid's daughter, Elizabeth and son Trevor. Bronze plaques recognising Cedric Cannell and Andrew Ferguson formed part of the finished piece. Sons, Peter and Michael, represented the Cannell family.



Head Masters' Tribute Unveiled. From left, Dr Donald Beard AM, Elizabeth Hall (nee Moyle) and Trevor Moyle.

As at Sid Moyle's funeral, the rich words and melody of the hymn 'The Lord's my Shepherd' filled the hall as students remembered the long-serving Head Master who contributed to their life.

The History

A dream is fulfilled! Chas Grimes, President of the Old Scholars' Association from 1995 to 2003, together with other old scholars, envisaged a written history of the school.

Over many years and through many obstacles – committees, meetings, research, fundraising, writing, editing and printing eventually culminated in the book "**Adelaide Technical High School – The Story**", by Bryce Kohler, student, junior teacher and teacher for seven years at the Tech.

The history on CD-rom had been launched at the October luncheon, but the final reward for all the years of hard work – the book – was launched by Chas Grimes that day.

As a finale for the grand afternoon, the 'school' sang the familiar words of 'The Song of Australia.' Students queued for books that were on sale, with the author available for signing. Over a cup of tea and cake, they had the chance to renew old acquaintances and talk of by-gone days.

Old students had come from Western Australia, Victoria and New South Wales to be part of this remarkable occasion. Among the teachers present were Max Jacquier, Sam Twartz and Beresford Pitman. Beresford, who taught at *the Tech* from 1950-1971, sadly passed away on 20 May.



The History Book is Launched – Chas Grimes and Bryce Kohler. Seated is Professor Denise Bradley AO, Vice Chancellor of University of South Australia.

As old scholars waited for the commencement of the programme, the atmosphere of the afternoon was set by enlarged photos from the book, together with photos of ex-servicemen and women who had fought in the war, projected on to a screen. The same feeling was continued by recorded brass band music accompanying the songs and hymns.

Regretfully, the hot weather kept many away, but for those who attended, they were not disappointed. In the words of Len Abbott (1935) it was an 'extravaganza'.

The Committee expresses its appreciation of all who contributed to make the day such a success. (*Don Warren is to be commended for his organisation of a highly memorable day. (Ed)*)



Teacher Beresford Pitman with Michael (L) and Peter Cannell.

For Sale

If you haven't already bought a book, treat yourself. Settle yourself in your favourite chair and read snippets from the BOOK '**Adelaide Technical High School – The Story**' and discover some very interesting facts about your teachers. They weren't all what they seemed! \$35 + \$10 pack/ postage.

If you enjoyed reading your **2004 MAGAZINE**, invite your friends to buy a Magazine with history, photos and student cameos for the third & fourth year in each decade starting 1903 and 1904.

Read about Stobie poles and pedal radios, Narnia and Newtonian telescopes. \$10 + \$3 pack/postage.

Picnic in the Park

On Sunday 3 April, on a day that threatened early rain, about seventy old scholars armed with chairs and salads, congregated in the Botanic Park for the Annual Picnic. Under a marquee, the smells of barbecued sausages and patties enticed all to enjoy a shared lunch, salads and then desserts.

Members of the 1951 girls class again used the day as an opportunity to have their reunion.

It is planned to be held in late February next year, so mark it now in your diary, ring a friend, make up a group and have a pleasant Sunday afternoon in the park. We can help by providing contact details.

Annual General Meeting

Prior to lunch at the picnic on 3 April, 2005, the Annual General Meeting was conducted. Reports were provided to members present and nominations called for positions on the Committee. The 2004 Committee was re-elected with Don Warren continuing as President. Since that meeting, Judy McKeough has offered to fill the remaining vacancy and is serving as Secretary.



2005 ATHSOSA Committee:

L to R Standing: Ross Taylor, Ruth Wass, Peter Keen, Sue Thomson, Lyle Baldock, Judy McKeough, Don Thomson, Don McColl. Sitting: Don Warren (President), Kath Harrison and Chas Grimes (Vice-Presidents). Contact details overleaf.

Membership Notes

Have you renewed your 2005 Membership Subscription yet? Under that heap of papers? Filed away? Been on holidays? We rely on your continuing membership to provide for our annual GIHS scholarship and for support of our projects and website. If your form is lost, we'll send another; or you can mail a cheque or phone your card details through to the Treasurer. Still just \$25.

What's Coming Up?

Our highly popular
CLASSICS LUNCHEON
will be held at 12.00 noon
Wednesday, 12th October
at Classics Restaurant
119 Walkerville Terrace, Walkerville

Mark it in your diary.

Use the website to help find your classmates and make up a table.

Final prices, to be payable in advance, will be advised in your next newsletter.

New Website

Don't forget to visit your new website at:

www.athsos.com.au

for latest news added every month.

Return to Sender: Mail is returned to us as old scholars shift or become deceased. On the website is a list of such names – please let us know if you have any details of these or any other old scholars.

If you have any suggestions for the website, please contact Peter Keen at athsos@hotmail.com.

Ordering Books and Magazines

To order a copy of the Book or the 2004 Magazine, please forward your order details to Don Thomson, Treasurer, ATHSOSA, PO Box 52, St Agnes SA 5097

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Coming Event:

■ 12 October 2005 – Annual Luncheon at Classics Restaurant, Walkerville Tce, Walkerville.