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Editorial

In a recent communication with the Association, an old scholar queried the right of Glenunga International High School to adopt the history of Adelaide Tech as its own. This query raises an important question about the relationship between Adelaide Technical High School and Glenunga International High School.

We are talking here about a school which happens to have gone through a number of name changes during its more than a century of existence. It started as The Preparatory School and subsequently became the Junior Technical School, Adelaide Technical High School, Glenunga High School and currently, Glenunga International High School. Who knows what it might be called in the future?

I believe this name issue has bedevilled the current Association since it was formed in 1995. Basically, there are three groups of old scholars: those who attended the school at North Terrace, those who started at North Terrace and moved with the school to Glenunga and those who attended only at Glenunga. To complicate the issue further, the Glenunga group can be sub-divided into those who attended the school known as Adelaide Tech and those who attended the school known as Glenunga High.

The effect of these multiple sub-divisions is shown quite clearly in the membership statistics. The majority of our members are from the North Terrace years with a few from the Glenunga/Adelaide Tech transition years and almost none from the Glenunga years. We must overcome these apparent divisions if the Association is to continue on into the future. What we need to promote is that our Association is for all old scholars, not for one or other specific group.

The main myth to overcome is the belief that ATHS closed in 1963 and that GIHS has no connection with ATHS.

Not everyone understands the circumstances surrounding the relocation of the school and its subsequent change of name. They do not realise that the Adelaide Technical High School did not close in 1963, it relocated. Equally, there is little understanding of the purely bureaucratic decision in 1974 to change the name of the school to Glenunga High because the appellation "Technical" in relation to secondary schools was no longer thought appropriate and the school could not be renamed Adelaide High because there was already a school of that name.

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We need all old scholars to appreciate that Glenunga International High School is the current incarnation of the Adelaide Technical High School. While there are differences between the two schools, one thing that they have in common is the pursuit of excellence. Just as the ethos of Adelaide Tech was to develop its students to enable them to take full advantage of the opportunities they found in life, GIHS offers its students similar opportunities for self-development but if anything, over a far wider range of subjects.

There is no question that its academic results place it amongst the top schools in the State just as was the case with Adelaide Tech. This is shown by the demand for places at GIHS, not just locally but from overseas students as well. There is no doubt that GIHS is a very worthy successor to ATHS in every way.

To return to the original question, yes, Glenunga International High School has every right to adopt the history of its predecessor school and we should support it doing so.

Warrigarooma!

2013 Luncheon : Correction

In the Notices distributed with the 2012 Old Scholars Magazine in February this year, the date for the Annual Luncheon was given as "Wednesday 17 October 2013". As many of you have noted, that date is not a Wednesday, nor as it happens, is it the day of the Luncheon!

**The Luncheon will be held on
Wednesday 23 October at the Arkaba Hotel.**

Apologies for the error—please revise the date in your diaries accordingly

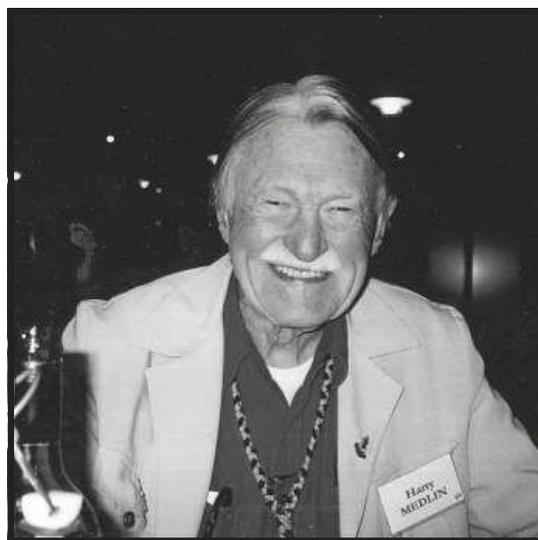
Obituary : Dr Edwin Harry Medlin

Edwin Harry Medlin was born at Orroroo South Australia on 4 January 1920. He attended the State schools of Orroroo, Blackwood and Henley Beach from 1925 to 1932 before undergoing his secondary education at the Adelaide Technical High School from 1933 to 1935.

After leaving school Harry was employed by the Adelaide Electric Supply Company before enlisting in the Australian Army in 1938. He was commissioned in 1939 and at the age of 20 was promoted to the rank of Captain. Following time in Darwin he was posted as the second in command of 2/1 Fort Company Royal Australian Engineers on the island of Timor. On 20 February 1942 the Japanese began their assault on Timor resulting in the surrender of the allied forces on 23 February 1942 and Harry began more than three years as a Prisoner of War. During his time in captivity Harry studied under Dutch Scientist Felix van Wijk who was also a prisoner of war.

On his release he returned to Adelaide in poor health from his incarceration to study Physics. After spending a year at Cambridge University in 1949 he completed the science course at the University of Adelaide with First Class Honours in 1950 and took up a position as Lecturer in 1951. He established an X-ray Crystallography group in the Department of Physics and went on to complete a PhD in 1956. During his time at the University Harry became a respected senior academic in Physics and served the University in a number of positions before ultimately taking up the role of Senior Deputy Chancellor.

Dr Medlin was very active in facilitating the integration of the University into the community. The multicultural richness of Adelaide's three universities is, in no small measure, the fruit of his efforts. He was a man of many and varied interests and did not confine his contributions to the scientific world. He was a founder of the University of Adelaide's theatre



building, the Union Hall, and also a pioneer of important theatre in SA.

In recognition of his contributions to the University Dr Medlin was awarded the degree Doctor of the University in 1987, the institution's highest honour. Then in 2001 he was further recognised by receiving a Distinguished Alumni Award. His citation reads; "In recognition of more than half a century (1946-2001) of dedicated and illustrious service to tertiary education and the Adelaide University, most notably an extraordinary contribution to staff and student well-being and services, governance, alumni relations and as alumni envoy to East and South East Asia."

Harry took pride in being an old scholar of ATHS and was a strong supporter of the Association, being a regular attendee at the October Luncheons. In 2012 he was selected as one of the prominent old scholars to be mentioned in a history display in the new building currently under construction at Glenunga International High School.

Dr Harry Medlin, BSc (Hons), PhD, DUniv (Adel), died on 6 March 2013 after a lifetime distinguished by his army service, his academic achievements and his contributions to the University of Adelaide.

Annual General Meeting

The 2013 AGM was held at Glenunga international High School on 17 March 2013. A total of 22 members and guests were present and there were 14 apologies from members unable to attend on the day, 10 of whom lodged proxies, thus ensuring a quorum was present for the meeting.

After welcoming those present the President summarised the year's activities, making particular mention of our developing relationship with GIHS and the proposal to open our membership to GIHS old scholars and the need to increase subscriptions in order to meet the forecast cost of running the Association in future years. He thanked the Committee for its work during the year and also Peter Keen, Judy McKeough, Graham Maguire, Clive Hutton and Don Stephens for their assistance.

Following the reports from the Treasurer and the Secretary, in accordance with the Constitution, the President declared all Committee positions vacant and invited Warren West to take the Chair for the election of the President.

Mark Brindal was nominated for the position of President for 2013 and there being no further nominations, elected unanimously. After resuming the Chair, Mark advised the meeting that there had been ten nominations for ten positions on the Committee and as there were no additional nominations from the floor, declared the ten candidates duly elected. It was agreed that the Committee should determine the positions of Committee members at its first meeting.



Judith Whitehorn
Lynette and Jim
Winckel
Alan Thompson



Lunch is Served!



Seated: Peter Bennett,
Mark Meaney, Judy McKeough

Standing: David Ellison
Steve Cotton

Following the election it was agreed that the Association would continue to sponsor the Moyle and Cannell Scholarships. In addition, to assist in gaining further recognition of ATHS the 2012 Committee proposed the Association sponsor an award for the best-performing student in the International Baccalaureate course. The award would take the form of a cash prize. Details of the proposal have yet to be agreed with GIHS but it was considered to be in accordance with the best traditions of ATHS in recognising excellence.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 1.00pm and those present enjoyed a lunch of chicken and salads with a variety of desserts accompanied by much conversation and reminiscing. To provide some memories of the day, we are indebted to Jan Brabham for the photographs.



Above: David Ellison and Barry Baldock



Above: Warren West and Charmaine Kitson

Post Meeting Note:

At its first meeting the Committee confirmed the following appointments:

President	Mark Brindal
Vice President	Ross Taylor
Vice President	Raelene Wilsdon
Treasurer	Tom Frossinakis
Secretary	Warren West
Membership Secretary	Jan Brabham
Member and Development Strategy	Peter Carter
Member and Minutes Secretary	Charmaine Kitson
Member and Assistant Treasurer	Peter Kopli
Member and Magazine Editor	David Stoba
Member and Social Secretary	Sue Thomson

New Committee Member : Peter Carter

As reported elsewhere, Peter Carter was elected to the Committee of the Association at the recent AGM. Peter has been associated with the organisation of the very successful series of reunions of the Class of 1953 over the past ten years and we are pleased to welcome him to the Committee. For those who do not know Peter, he has supplied the following brief personal summary:

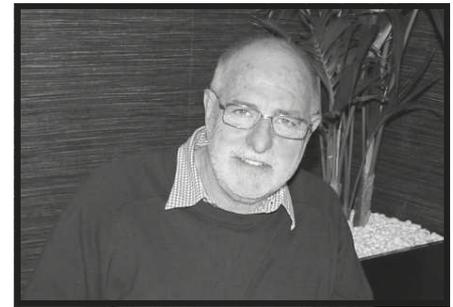
I attended Adelaide Tech from 1953 to 1956, becoming a Prefect in my Leaving Honours year in 1956 and representing the school in both cricket and baseball.

After leaving school I attended the University of Adelaide where I gained a degree in chemical and metallurgical engineering in 1963. It was at the University that I met my wife, Marje, who I married in 1963. We have two children and three grandsons.



It is with deep regret we record the death of old scholar Roger David Stokes as the result of an aircraft accident on 17 March 2013.

Roger started at Adelaide Tech. in 1952 and after completing Leaving Honours went on to study engineering at Adelaide University. On his graduation as a Bachelor of Engineering he joined the Department of Engineering and



After leaving university I worked in a number of industries in Australia and overseas at senior management level in process and manufacturing based companies. I also spent some time as a management consultant, managing my own practice. I have just retired after spending the last three and half years working as a technical auditor on the Adelaide desalination plant and am now looking forward to working as a volunteer on community based projects.

Over recent years my personal life has been divided between work, watching my grandsons play sport and relaxing with Marje on a few acres of bush we own near Robe.

Water Supply. He later established his own engineering consultancy and at the age of 52 in order to get to jobs throughout the country quickly and easily, learned to fly. One thing led to another and he became addicted to flying, owning and piloting a number of planes including a twin-engined eight seater.

On his retirement Roger continued to fly a sporty single engine kit plane before becoming aware of the availability of an 80% scale Spitfire replica from a Brisbane factory. In 2002 he purchased a kit and began the four-year project he described so elegantly in an article he wrote for the 2007 ATHSOSA Magazine. On completion Roger flew the replica Spitfire at a number of air shows and won awards for its authenticity and quality of build. It was at such an air show at Parafield Airport that the plane crashed, killing the pilot. At the time of writing the cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Forthcoming Events

Class of 1953 Anniversary

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of starting at Adelaide Tech for the Class of 1953. A luncheon to celebrate the event has been arranged for 29 May 2013 at the Arkaba Hotel. All members of the class will be welcome.

For further details contact any member of the organising committee:

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Clive Hutton	8267 4813	John Sickert	8235 0322
Geoff Jansen	8322 5594	Warren West	0417 816 603

School Relocation

Adelaide Tech relocated from its original site on North Terrace to a brand new school at Glenunga in September 1963, making this year the 50th Anniversary of the move. In that 50 years a number of things have changed, including the range of subjects available and, perhaps more visibly, the name of the school. However, the basic task of preparing its students for the future has remained a common thread throughout the school's history.

To commemorate the move it is planned to hold a series of events at the school in September this year. Details of the times and dates for the events will be provided in the Newsletter to be published at the beginning of September and will also be available on the ATHSOSA website: www.athsosa.com. At this stage, the events will include a memorabilia display, a reunion for all former students, not just those who directly experienced the relocation and a social function.

Old scholars who wish to receive further details of the proposed function should contact the Secretary, Warren West on 0417 816 603 or by email: warren@gjc.com.au.

Memorabilia for Sale

History book "ATHS—The Story" - plus postage (if applicable)	\$ 20.00
Old Scholars' Badges	\$ 4.00
Cuff Links	\$ 10.00 pr
Special Price	
Old Scholars' Badge & Cuff Links	\$ 12.00

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