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Newsletter

# Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association Inc

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## **“The Blue and Gold Alumni Association” a new name, a continuing organisation**

A main objective of the Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association is to promote the memory of a unique school which helped shape our lives. Its success in this mission is dependent on its membership which now, regrettably, is in serious decline. The Committee is therefore looking to implement a means to overcome the effect of this loss and restore the Association to a position where its long-term future is assured. This, of necessity, results in a need to combine with Adelaide Tech’s successor school, Glenunga International High School, to form a new organisation.

When the present Association was re-established in the mid-nineties it was realised that its life would be limited because the demise of the school meant that as time passed there would be no potential new members to replace those who leave because of age and health issues. At the time it was intended that to ensure the memory of Adelaide Tech was not lost, we would assist Glenunga to establish an old scholars association of its own which in time would succeed our association and maintain the things established by ATHSOSA, such as the Moyle and Cannell scholarships.

Despite attempts over the last few years to encourage the formation of a Glenunga equivalent association, there has been little interest shown. As a result, last year it was agreed that we should open our membership to former students of Glenunga and move to form a combined association. This proposal was discussed at the 2012 Luncheon and was the subject of an editorial in last year’s September Newsletter.

Falling membership (down about 15% this year to date) has now dictated the need for prompt action. The Committee is therefore proposing to establish an initially separate organisation to form the basis of a combined Adelaide Tech/Glenunga old scholars association. It is proposed to give the new association its own name, the Blue and Gold Alumni Association to reflect the colours of both schools, while its constitution will provide for common membership. Once the new Association is properly established it would absorb our current Association and assume its duties and responsibilities. The Committee is of the opinion that this is the only way to maintain a strong and viable organisation that is able to keep the memory of our school alive into the future.

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a New Name, a Continuing Organisation.***

Apart from the name of the new organisation, there will be many matters to be resolved in setting it up. In the first instance these will be reviewed by the present Committee and where appropriate, referred to the members for approval. The first task will be the development of a new Constitution and then the funding of the new organisation to maintain the scholarships and the soon to be established Dux Awards, the storage of the Adelaide Tech archives and records etc. Each and every major step in the process will be referred to the membership of the Association for ratification before it is implemented and the input of members at any time will be appreciated.

The Committee looks to current members to support it in making the change in the interests of maintaining the memories of our school into the foreseeable future.

**Warrigarooma!**

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## Notification of Special General Meeting : Change to Constitution

In recent years there has been increasing difficulty in attracting sufficient members to the Annual General Meeting to form a quorum in accordance with the requirements of Clause 15 of the Constitution. As the result of this problem the Constitution was modified in 2010 to allow the inclusion of proxies towards meeting quorum requirements. While this change overcame the problem at the time, our subsequent experience has shown the problem still exists. For example, at this year's AGM it was found necessary to delay the start of the meeting by nearly an hour to ensure sufficient members were present to form a quorum.

In order to avoid similar problems in the future the Committee, at its 17 June meeting, agreed that a proposal to reduce the requirements for a quorum at Annual General Meetings be put to members for approval at a Special General Meeting of the Association. To ensure that as many members as possible have the opportunity to vote on the change this meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Luncheon on 23 October 2013 commencing at 12.30pm.

The business of the meeting will be restricted to consideration of the motion that the wording of Clause 15(1) of the Constitution be changed from: "A quorum at any General meeting of the Association shall be **twenty-five (25) members** or twenty (20) per cent of the members, present or by proxy, whichever is the lesser" to "A quorum at any General meeting of the Association shall be **fifteen (15) members**, present or by proxy".

This change has the full support of the Committee. Such a change is in accordance with the Model Rules for associations such as ours published by the Office of Business and Consumer Services. It is recommended that it be approved by the Membership of the Association.

## Coming Event : 50th Anniversary Celebrations : 31 October 2013

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the transfer of the Adelaide Technical High School from its original home on North Terrace to the new school at Glenunga. Students finished at North Terrace at the end of the second term and started at Glenunga on the first day of the third term in September 1963 (The year consisted of three terms at that time rather than the current four.)

The Association, in conjunction with the current incarnation of Adelaide Tech, Glenunga International High School, will celebrate the occasion at the Glenunga Campus **on Thursday 31 October 2013**. The celebration has been designed to achieve maximum interaction between current scholars and old scholars from both North Terrace and Glenunga. As well as catching up with old friends it will be an excellent opportunity for former students to see how their old school has developed into one of the leading international secondary schools in the world and to meet today's students.

The event will begin with a short assembly of senior students starting at 2.30pm. After the assembly visitors will be able to meet and greet the students and take a tour of the school. Free afternoon tea, coffee and cake will be served between 3.00-4.00 providing more time for talking with students and old friends. While there will be no charge for afternoon tea, a gold coin donation to the school would be appreciated.

Recognising that not everyone will be able to attend during the afternoon, the function will continue after the students' involvement comes to an end at approx 4:00pm. The celebration will continue with a display of school memorabilia and a magic lantern show in the Performing Arts Centre featuring photographs from school magazines from past years. Drinks and finger food will be available from 5.30 to 7.30pm and the event will close at 8.00pm. The food will be free while the cost of drinks will be \$2/glass for soft drinks and \$5/glass for red or white wine.

To enable the catering arrangements to be finalised those who wish to attend are asked to advise the Secretary, Warren West  
**by telephone** 8118 6470(W), 8376 0938 (H) or 0417 816 603 (M) - **by email** [warren@gjc.com.au](mailto:warren@gjc.com.au)  
**or by post** at 9 College Road Somerton Park SA 5044  
**before 25 October 2013.**

## Coming Event : Reunion for the Class of 1963 : Friday 18 October 2013

Members of the Class of '63 are to hold a Reunion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of commencing their secondary schooling at Adelaide Tech at Glenunga in 1963 at the Glenunga Oval Sports Clubroom (opposite the school) on Friday, 18 October 2013 at 6.30pm.

Cost of admission will be \$35.

**RSVP by 4 October 2013**

Bryan Charlton : 0418 539 237 or Robin Coward : 0423 670 074

## Coming Event : Annual Luncheon : Wednesday 23 October 2013

Date: Wednesday 23 October 2013

Time: 12.00pm for 12.30pm

Venue: Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton  
Car parking is available both on the hotel site and in the adjacent shopping centre multi-level park (entrances from Fullarton Road)

Cost: \$40/head

Mains: Choice of  
Fillet steak on a sweet potato galette, chargrilled asparagus and sticky red wine glaze  
or  
Free range breast of chicken filled with caramelised pumpkin fetta and basil on slow-braised Mediterranean vegetables and candied balsamic

Dessert: Eton Mess  
Meringue crisps smashed with Chantilly cream, mixed berries and marshmallow, spooned into a glass with vanilla ice cream

Members and non-members alike will be welcome.

Why not form a party among your former school friends and come as a group?  
Anyone wishing to do so should contact the Secretary for assistance in arranging table bookings.

Places will be allocated in accordance with the year of first attendance unless an alternative is nominated on the booking form.

**All bookings are to be made using the Booking Form enclosed with this Newsletter.  
The closing date for bookings will be 12 October 2013**

Raffle: Raffle prizes will include \$50 vouchers from Coles-Myer, Bunnings and Haighs.  
Tickets may be purchased with the booking or at the door, \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

## Obituary : Kevin Peek 1945-2013 : ATHS 1959-1962

For those of you who knew Kevin Peek, or perhaps knew of him, he died, aged 66, in February this year in a hospice in Perth WA as the result of secondary's from a melanoma.

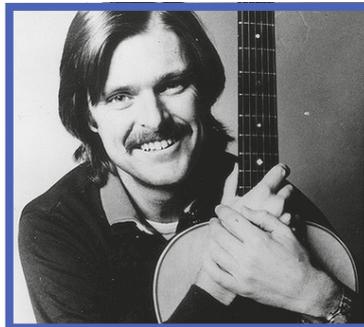
Kevin started at ATHS in 1959 in Max Jacquier's first-year class, and was part of our group of a half-dozen or so small boys who weren't considered maths prodigies or sporting jocks and included many of Gordon Haskard's "usual suspects" when mischief was afoot. Although rather quiet and apparently shy, Kevin had a wickedly clever sense of humour, which was much appreciated by all of us.

He had a gift for languages and music and in first year had won a scholarship at the Adelaide Conservatorium of Music. Able to absorb a homework French vocab at a single reading, I recall him translating passages for us from a risqué French-language paperback as we stood around him in David Jones book department.

Kevin's later career was, I imagine, spectacularly different from most of ours. There is more than a page of links on Google concerning his life and work.

The following is extracted from an entry for him on Wikipedia -

*He initially played classical percussion at the Adelaide Conservatorium of Music, before teaching himself the guitar. In 1967 Kevin formed a Psychedelic pop, progressive rock group, James Taylor Move but left by May 1968, moving to London. He returned to Adelaide, Australia, to join a newly formed rock band Quatro which, despite a contract from England's Decca Records, proved a musical dead end on a creative level. For a time, following their move to London, he and his fellow Adelaide-born bandmates—guitarist Terry Britten, bassist Alan Tarney, and drummer Trevor*



*Spencer—made their livings as session musicians together, playing with everyone from the New Seekers and Mary Hopkin (Earth Song, Ocean Song) to Cliff Richard, for whom they became his regular backing band on stage and on record during the 1970s. Kevin also worked with Manfred Mann, Lulu, Tom Jones, Jeff Wayne (War of the Worlds), and Shirley Bassey, among others. He wrote the theme music for the internationally -broadcast "Singapore Girl" television advertisements for Singapore Airlines.*

*In 1979, he joined the jazz/ progressive rock quintet Sky . In association with classical guitarist John Williams, keyboardist Francis Monkman, bassist Herbie Flowers, and drummer Tristan Fry, Kevin played on seven studio albums with the band, before departing in 1985. He has recorded three albums—Guitar Junction, Awakening, and Life & Other Games—but is more visible through his work with Sky and his session work with Olivia Newton-John, Kiki Dee, Sally Oldfield, the Alan Parsons Project, and the London Symphony Orchestra (in association with Francis Monkman on their Symphonic Rock: British Invasion releases). He has also played on various soundtracks, including Monkman's music for The Long Good Friday.*



*Following a failed business venture and bankruptcy, in 2010 he was prosecuted in Perth, Western Australia on two counts of making a false statement to deceive or defraud. A full trial was held in 2011.*

For those of us who have now gone grey or bald, it's nice to think that at least one of us has led an extremely colorful existence. He will be missed.

Peter Lawson

### Reminders of Coming Events:

- \* Reunion for the Class of 1963 to be held on Friday, 18 October 2013 at the Glenunga Oval Sports Clubroom
- \* Annual Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, 23 October 2013 at the Arkaba Hotel
- \* 50th Anniversary Celebrations to be held on Thursday, 31 October 2013 at Glenunga International High School

## Where Are They Now? : (Brian) Trevor Garton

I was born at Unley in 1936, attended Black Forest Primary School and Adelaide Technical High School (1950 -1953), gaining the Leaving certificate. My first job was as a laboratory technician at the State government experimental uranium ore treatment plant (based at Thebarton) and subsequently, until January 1959, in the associated analytical laboratory. For some of that period I attended Adelaide University as a part-time student.

Five months after my marriage to Lida in August 1958 (we met February 1955) I was appointed the Assistant Chief Chemist with United Uranium NL. We moved to the then mining town of Moline, Northern Territory, approximately 60kms East from Pine Creek on the southern edge of what is now Kakadu National Park. Although an isolated place (with 200 single men and only six married families, all much older) it was nevertheless a wonderful experience for a couple of very young naïve city slickers. Our daughter, Katherine, born in December 1959 was the first baby at the Moline settlement. In mid-1960 we moved to Grassy, King Island, where I had been invited to take up the position of Chemist-in-Charge, this time on a tungsten mine.

My next move was to Canberra on New Year's Day 1962. Lida followed about a month later after the birth of our son (Adam) in Adelaide (the name might be familiar to Glenelg supporters as Adam played in their premiership teams in the middle eighties). I began with the National Biological Standards Laboratory, Dept of Health, on 2 January 1962 as a Technical Assistant, analysing pharmaceutical products to ensure they complied with Government standards. The objective of this move was to work in Canberra for a maximum of three years so that I could finish part-time university studies begun before we left Adelaide for the NT some three or so years earlier.

I completed a Bachelor of Science Degree (but with a Geology major) at the Australian National University mid-1960s (in those days there was a time limit and some subjects had to be redone!) While part-time at ANU I played in the cricket team as well as organising and participating in a local cricket social competition. I also became actively involved in local Australian Rules administration and was the Foundation President of both the Junior and, now well established and prosperous, Senior West Belconnen licensed AFL Club. Over the next 30 years (before retiring in 1994) I worked in a number of Commonwealth Government Departments, including the Bureau of Mineral

Resources (1964-1966), Treasury (1966-1968), Cabinet Office and the Department of Prime Minister's (1968-1980), Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (1980-1986), Environment (1986-1989) and finally the Office of the Supervising Scientist.

In later years I was a Senior Adviser, primarily on scientific and environmental matters, much of it on uranium mining in the Northern Territory— almost full circle since 1959.

After 43 years (not three as we originally planned) my wife and I decided to leave Canberra following a two year teaching stint in China (2003 and 2004). We lived on campus at a private boarding school in Suzhou (about 4,000 students) and were part of a group of a dozen or so foreign teachers (from New Zealand, England, Canada and USA) all recruited to assist the students in oral English. These two years were a wonderful experience and we have revisited and stayed with our Chinese friends.



The working conditions at the school, nine days straight and then five free days, gave us plenty of opportunity to travel. However, there was a period during the SARS outbreak when we were effectively restricted in our movements.

Settled now in Bendigo, I am currently Secretary of the Kangaroo Flat Probus Club, a volunteer at the Bendigo Chinese museum and like to play social bowls. We are both avid gardeners and are members of the National Trust, U3A and the Bendigo Historical Society.

We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August 2008 and have three children (the youngest daughter was born in Canberra mid-1967) and three grandchildren.

We have travelled extensively, having visited all States in Australia, attending masonic meetings. Initially, our overseas trips were also masonic related, including trips to New Zealand Canada, USA, Sweden and Scotland. We still travel widely. In 2012 we had a month in France and later in the year participated in a three week masonic/archaeological trip to Israel.

We are in the local telephone book if any school colleagues from that era are visiting and can remember!

## Class of 1953 : 60th Anniversary Reunion



### 1953 Commercial Class 1A

Margaret Prescott, Lorraine Phillips, Nola Shackelford  
Pam Keeler, Don Stephens, Barbara Armstrong

For members of the Class of 1953 it seemed hard to believe that it was 60 years ago when we first climbed the stairs into the Brookman Building to commence our secondary education at the Adelaide Technical High School. After all, none of us looked much older, despite the sprinkling of grey hair. To celebrate the occasion the Class held a reunion lunch at the Arkaba on 29 May 2013 which was attended by 46 former students and former teachers Bryce Kohler and Eric Tamlin, both of whom, denied all responsibility for how we finished up.

People came from far and wide to attend with most states being represented. There were also apologies from more than thirty former students who were unable to attend for reasons ranging from a broken pelvis to work commitments.



### 1953 Commercial Class 1B

Jan Brabham, Janet Kesby, Pauline Read, Margaret Mortimer, Margaret Richardson  
Jan Noel, Jan Rice, Joan Jones, Faye Spence, Judith Spence

## Class of 1953 : 60th Anniversary Reunion



### 1953 Technical Class 1A

Brenton Taylor  
 Ian Williams  
 Geoff Jansen  
 John Sickert  
 Roger Mathieson

### 1953 Technical Class 1B

Back:

Eric Tamlin  
 Jim Tamlin  
 Warren West  
 Roger Hooper  
 Peter Kopli  
 Graham Hambling  
 Adrian Pearce



Front: Adrian Vladcoff, Ross Lorenz, Murray Morton, Dean Eldridge, Graham Maskell

The event was organised by the Gang of Ten (Jan Brabham, Jan Noel, Faye Spence, who replaced Nola Shackelford when the attractions of Canberra proved irresistible, Peter Carter, Dean Eldridge, Clive Hutton, Geoff Jansen, Peter Kopli, John Sickert and Warren West) which struggled manfully (and womanfully?) through a planning process consisting of a number of lunches at which the reunion got an occasional mention. Despite, or perhaps because of, this approach to the planning process, the day was voted a great success by those who attended and there was a demand for a similar function to be held in a couple of years when most of the class will turn 75.

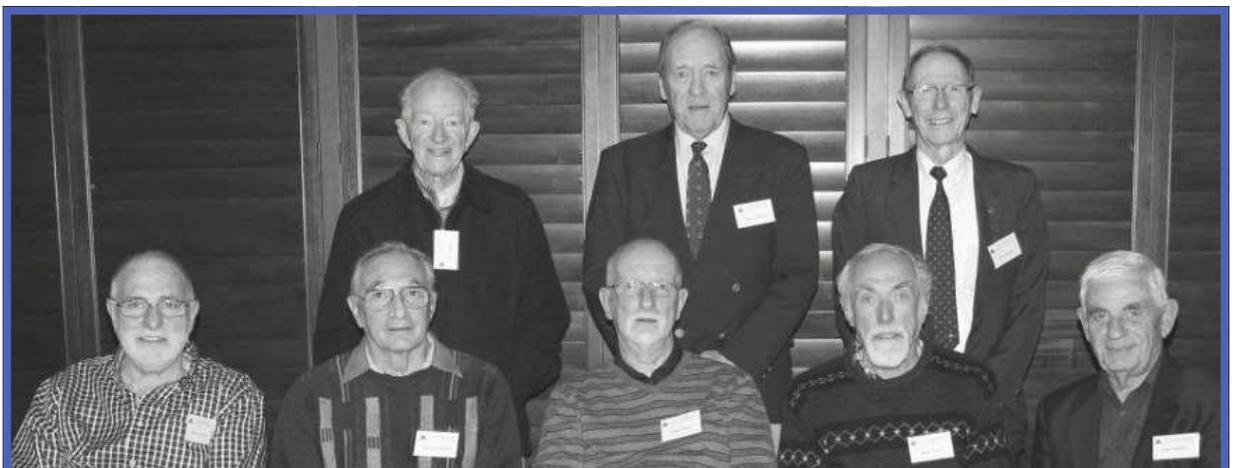
### 1953 Technical Class 1C

Back:

Eric Tamlin  
 Bryce Kohler  
 Clive Hutton

Front:

Peter Carter  
 Dean Whitford  
 Barry Frost  
 Brian Knill  
 Mal Roberts



Thanks to Clive Hutton we have the following photographs to remember the day. Copies of all of the photographs taken are also available on the ATHSOSA website.

## Queensland Reunion

In the past there have been few opportunities for old scholars who have moved away from Adelaide to take part in Association gatherings unless they were visiting to catch up with family. This is not to say that it doesn't happen, for example, there were about eight old scholars from interstate who attended the Class of '53 reunion in May while there are two or three who regularly attend the luncheons. Nevertheless, the "tyranny of distance" has tended to deny some old scholars the chance of meeting others because they have moved away since leaving school. Now, thanks to Ian Saunders (Class of 1951), old scholars living in Queensland will have a chance to meet at a Reunion Lunch to be held at the Royal Queensland Golf Club on 26 August 2013.

With the assistance of the Association, Ian has contacted many of the roughly 150 old scholars living in Queensland and while some have proven elusive due to changes of address, there has been a good response to the invitations at the time of writing, with one member from as far afield as Proserpine indicating interest in attending. The Association will be represented at the reunion by the Secretary. It is expected that a report and photographs will be available on the website in due course.

The Committee hopes that similar luncheons will be held in the future and that the approach will be emulated by people living in other States. Anyone wishing to obtain further information on organising similar functions should in the first instance contact the Secretary.

## Memorabilia for Sale

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

Please contact Warren West on 0417 816 603 or email : warren@gjc.com.au

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# Adelaide Technical High School

## Old Scholars Association Inc



### Annual Luncheon : ARKABA HOTEL, FULLARTON

### Wednesday, 23 October 2013: 12.00 for 12.30pm

## Booking Form

- ➔ Please reserve ..... place/s @ \$40 per head = \$..... Total
- ➔ Please allocate ..... raffle tickets @ \$1.00 each = \$..... Total  
or with a \$1 discount on 6 ticket quantities, i.e. 6 for \$5.00
- ➔ Contact name: .....
- ➔ Telephone number: .....
- ➔ Attendee details covering the booking:

Surname	First Name	Surname at School (if relevant)	Years	Special Dietary Requirements

Please attach a separate list if required.

I/We would prefer to be seated with:

➔ **Payment options:**

Please note that receipts will be issued only if requested and may be picked up at the luncheon. Anyone requiring a receipt prior to the event should supply a stamped self-addressed envelope with their booking.

\*\*\* **Cheque / Money Order / Cash** (please make cheque or money order payable to ATHSOSA Inc.)

\*\*\* **Visa / Mastercard** (please circle card type)

Amount \$.....

Card number ..... / ..... / ..... / ..... Expiry date ..... / .....

Name on card (please print) ..... Signature .....

\*\*\* **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

BSB: 105 125 Account No: 461 744 540

*(When processing please include your name as a reference and attach a copy of the deposit receipt to this form so that we know who made the deposit).*

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