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Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Old Scholars

Although it has only been a couple of months since the last newsletter a lot has happened.

The committee has been busy on the detailed planning of the celebration of the centenary of the naming of the Adelaide Technical High School. The initial planning was done by a subcommittee set up in June last year chaired by Tom Frossinakis with Warren West, Judy McKeough and me as the members. It was decided that the celebration should be held during the Adelaide History Festival in May 2018 and an application to the History Trust of South Australia for a grant to offset costs was lodged in July but was unsuccessful.

As mentioned in my last newsletter, there are a number of logistical problems associated with the use of Brookman Hall for social functions, so the decision was made to confine the activities to self-guided and conducted tours of Brookman Building on Saturday and Sunday (26 and 27 May) and to accept the kind offer of GIHS to hold the official function, including the memorabilia display and tours of the school, at the Glenunga campus on Friday 25 May.

A Centenary Luncheon is being planned for Saturday 26 May at a location convenient to Brookman Building so that attendees can participate in the tours of Brookman Building either prior to or after the luncheon.

Details of the planned activities over the three days are given on page 4 of this newsletter and a booking sheet for the various activities is enclosed.

The AGM was held on 18 March and a report on that meeting is given on page 2. The committee now has a new member, Lara Quinn, who has an active Facebook page catering primarily for old scholars of the Glenunga High School years. Lara has accepted the responsibility of organising and setting up the memorabilia exhibition and has been promoting the centenary celebrations on her Facebook page. We expect that a number of the Facebook members will wish to attend the celebrations, particularly those on the Glenunga campus.

As the continued viability of the association depends not only on retaining current members and encouraging past members to re-join but also on attracting new members, particularly from the Glenunga campus, we welcome their involvement and hope that more will take an active part.

On a practical note, the GIHS Performing Arts Centre only seats 280, so GIHS will use their function booking system to allocate tickets with a limit of two per old scholar. Each group will be given an allocation, however, if you wish to attend you need to book early (refer booking sheet).

As I will be overseas for most of April and May, I leave the association in the capable hands of Vice President Neil Merkel.

Cheers
David Stoba

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT 2018

The Annual General Meeting of the Blue and Gold Alumni Association Inc. was held on 18 March 2018 at 1 Regent Court, Oakden at 4pm. 14 members and five guests attended with apologies received from 28 members of which 10 provided proxies.

President's Report

The report mentioned that, although GIHS has not announced any definite plans regarding their alumni, at their graduation ceremony in October and the celebration ceremony in February positive references were made to the importance and relevance of our association and in "maintaining the link". GIHS are wholeheartedly supporting the planned celebration of the centenary of the naming of Adelaide Technical High School.

The decision by the committee to discontinue the ATHS Commemoration Awards to conserve the funds for the IB scholarships was explained and the scholarships presented at the GIHS celebration assembly in February this year were renamed "Adelaide Technical High School Centenary Scholarships".

The ongoing saga of the website was outlined. Fortunately, old scholar and past committee member, Don Thomson, offered the services of his art department to give the website a new look and new features at no cost to the association. An offer that was readily accepted.

Lara Quinn challenged the statement made in the President's Special Report, distributed in January, that GIHS did not see any of the people on their newly created student database joining the Blue and Gold Alumni Association. Lara explained that she had established a Facebook page, initially aimed at the forgotten GHS years, which now had about 1700 members and that she had been collaborating with GIHS and encouraging her Facebook members to complete and submit the survey which was forming the basis of the GIHS new database. Consequently, it was misleading for GIHS to speak on behalf of her Facebook members who were presumably included in the new database.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported a surplus on trading of \$289 being mainly the proceeds of the raffle conducted in conjunction with the annual luncheon as all prizes were donated. However general expenses incurred a loss of \$1309 primarily due to reductions in membership subscriptions and donations. The major expenses in 2017 were the IB scholarships \$3500, commemoration prizes \$1000 and magazine set up and printing \$2607, which prompted the committee's decision to discontinue the commemoration awards and to replace the annual magazine with a newsletter. The other action taken was to reduce the annual membership subscription to \$25 to receive the notices and newsletters by email and \$30 to receive them by post. As the 2017 subscriptions included the cost of a magazine, the committee decided to offer a \$15 discount to all 2017 members that renewed their membership.

Secretary's Report

The report was noted that Warren West's health improved and he was able to re-join the committee in June 2016 and undertake the duties of secretary, however he was forced to resign in October 2017, unfortunately again for health reasons. President David Stoba took over the secretary duties and VP Neil Merkel agreed to take the minutes. Financial membership continued to decline from 208 in 2015 to 127 in 2017. Consequently, it was decided to distribute the President's Special Report in January and the February newsletter to not only financial members are also all old scholars, for which we had contact details, that have been members in the period 2013 to 2016 but had not renewed their memberships.

Elections

The only nomination for position of president was David Stoba, who was elected unopposed.

The strength of the management committee had been reduced with the resignation Warren West due to health reasons and Phillippa Horsell due to family reasons. The remaining members of the committee offered themselves for re-election and were duly elected. One nomination was received from the floor from a new member, Lara Quinn (see brief resumé on page 4)

Old scholar Don Stevens had agreed to be the auditor and was duly appointed.

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Other Business

Other business included a recommendation for life membership for **Susan Dorothy Thompson** (nee Jennings) Sue rallied to the cry of desperation for committee members in 2003 and has served continuously on the committee for the past 15 years. Her forté has been the planning and organising of various social functions and the annual luncheon. The members unanimously approved the committee recommendation.

An outline of plans to celebrate the centenary of the naming of Adelaide Technical High School to be held in May 2018 was given. The members made several suggestions. (see page 4)

In past years the two IB Scholarships awarded to year 10 students have been named the Sidney Moyle Scholarship in the Cedric J Cannell Scholarship and the cash prizes awarded to the year 12 duxes in the IB diploma and SACE exams were named the Adelaide Technical High School Commemoration Awards. As mentioned earlier, the awards have been discontinued and this year the scholarships were renamed the Adelaide Technical High School Centenary Scholarships. Naming of future scholarships was discussed and it was agreed that in future they be named Adelaide Technical High School Commemoration Scholarships.

Following the conclusion of the AGM attendees enjoying a buffet meal provided by the association.

COMMITTEE 2018

In accordance with the constitution, the president and committee members are elected at the AGM and the office bearers are decided at the first committee meeting following the AGM.

The committee for 2018 is as follows:

President	David Stoba	Vice President	Neil Merkel
Secretary	Vacant	Treasurer	Tom Frossinakis
Membership Secretary	Ian Saunders	Social Secretary	Sue Thomson
Member	Mark Brindle	Member	Lara Quinn

Introducing Lara Quinn

I was Lara HOUSTON at school. I attended from 1982 (Yr. 8) until 1985 (Yr. 11) and returned in 1987 to complete Year 12. I have two brothers, David and Michael Houston (twins), who attended from 1984 (Yr. 8). My father, David J HOUSTON, was an English teacher at the school from 1976 until his retirement (due to illness) in 1985.

I have had a connection with the school from 1976 until about 1988. I literally "grew up" in the corridors. I attended Linden Park Primary while Dad taught down the road at Glenunga and as children we often walked down Queen St to wait for Dad to finish meetings etc. I used to hang out with the office staff (Mrs Daws especially) and Mrs Thiele let me use the Art Room and of course, I got to see the staff room and offices from "the other side" as a youngster. I have fond memories of the older students...I call them "Dads students" of the late 70s and early 80s era. Dad would talk about them a lot at home as he marked their work. He had such a passion for his teaching and his students. I felt VERY important on the odd occasions when I was allowed to go with Dad on Yr12 excursions to the theatre and to "Speech" nights. I simply LOVED the school. Dad was the House Leader for Thiele (red team) in the 80s and coached the very successful Open Football Team in the early 80s.

I created a Facebook Page for Glenunga Campus students a year ago and since then it has opened link to both campuses and helped to reconnect old friends, share memories and mementos and photos from our respective times at school. If you are interested in joining the page please send a request to the link below. I tag photos with member names and am happy to share any school pics and search for names for them. I look forward to working with the Committee to preserve and celebrate our School History <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1049874285081957>

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS MAY 2018

INTRODUCTION

The school started as the Preparatory School of the South Australian School of Mines and Industries and the first courses were run in 1898. In 1903 it amalgamated with the Agricultural School and moved into the top floor of the then new Brookman building.

In 1914 it was decided that a more accurate description of the school would be Junior Technical School and in **1918** the decision was made to change the name to **Adelaide Technical High School** to distinguish it from other technical high schools. The other most important distinguishing features were that it was co-educational and it continued to concentrate on academic excellence in the public examinations rather than on a technically-biased curriculum.

In 1963 the school moved to a new site at Glenunga and came under control of the Education Department. The school retained its name until 1974 when it was renamed **Glenunga High School**. With the introduction of the International Baccalaureate course in 1990 the name of the school changed again and it is now known as the **Glenunga International High School**.

This year we celebrate the proud heritage of a great school; the name has changed; the badge has changed slightly, but the motto remains the same.

In the words of the GIHS Principal, Wendy Johnson:

“Our school motto – *labor omnia vincit* (*work conquers all*) – comes from our **1918 heritage** when we were the Adelaide Technical High School. In the 21st century we understand our motto to mean everyone striving to achieve their personal best and to discover what they are really capable of achieving together.”

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY 25 MAY 2018

Location: Glenunga International High School, 99 L’Estrange Street, Glenunga

Timings: 2.00 pm Welcome (Performing Arts Centre)
 2.15 pm Conducted tours of school
 3.00 pm Centenary Presentations -ATHS, GHS, GIHS (Performing Arts Centre)
 3.30 pm Afternoon tea (Canteen)
 4.00 pm Function ends

Memorabilia Displays: Continuous 1 pm—5 pm (Foyer and corridor)

Note: *The Performing Arts Centre has seating for 280. Seats need to be booked (refer booking sheet).*

SATURDAY 26 MAY 2018

Location: Brookman Building, City Campus, University of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide

Timings: 10.00 am— 4.00 pm Self Guided Tours
 11.00 am Conducted Tour 1
 12.00 noon Pre-lunch drinks (refer booking sheet)
 12.30 pm Centenary Luncheon (refer booking sheet)
 2.30 pm Conducted Tour 2

SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018

Location: Brookman Building, City Campus, University of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide

Timings: 1.00 pm — 4.00 pm Self Guided Tours
 2.00 pm Conducted Tour 3

Note: *Tours for persons requiring disability access will commence from walkway outside the Security Office on Level 3 Centenary Building (behind Brookman Building). All other tours commence from the foyer at the top of the stairs from North Terrace.*