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or Borders!

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From the Principal

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, this year our organisation truly went global! For our students at St Virgil's, this seems unthinkable. Despite being the only Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) school in Tasmania we have always felt a strong connection to other schools in Australia with whom we share our charism. In Australia over 35,000 students are educated each day in EREA schools and we are recognised as a significant player within the Australian educational landscape.

In the third term holidays all EREA Principals, leaders and administrators gathered in India for an amazing immersion experience which focussed on Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders. I felt incredibly blessed and humbled to be one of 205 delegates from around the world to discuss the importance of our connection and how we can strengthen our ties in the future. Globally, Edmund Rice Education educates 300,000 young people across 25 countries and so in a global context we are a relatively small player!

However thanks to technology and improved means of travel we are perhaps closer to our Edmund Rice cousins than ever before. We know this through our deep connection with the Mary Rice Centre for example. Our staff have visited the Centre, our students fundraise and pray for the children and staff in the Centre and as a College community we feel a very special link to the specially abled children of Mary Rice.

This connection enriches the education we offer to boys in Hobart and challenges them to keep the story of Blessed Edmund alive and flourishing. In Africa and India much of this ministry is carried on by the Brothers, supported by dedicated lay people in areas such as health, social services and education.

In Tasmania and other states of Australia this ministry must be nurtured by people who have been engaged in the charism of Blessed Edmund through organisations such as schools and social justice initiatives. This was especially brought home to me in August when we recognised and celebrated the end of an era with the retirement of Br Peter Flint. His retirement marked the conclusion of 106 and a half years of constant presence of a Christian Brother on the grounds of the College. The connection extended from the first Principal Br SL Carroll, through iconic St Virgil's names such as Brothers Joyce, Higgins, Hessian, Clohessy, Wilding and Long and culminated with Br Peter Flint.

It was therefore a day of mixed emotions when Br Peter Flint officially retired from duties after 16 years of dedicated service to St Virgil's College. Br Peter spent 56 years in the Brothers and has worked tirelessly and selflessly within schools during that time.

Br Peter Clinch, the Head of Christian Brothers Oceania Province spoke about the powerful connection that has always existed between the Christian Brothers and St Virgil's College.



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He spoke about the sadness of the Brothers in having to conclude their time within the College but also focused heavily on what EREA has provided for the Colleges around the country who share in the Edmund Rice story and charisma. Not surprisingly he was very confident that all schools under the EREA banner are in good hands and will remain viable and very successful.

Br Clinch was joined by four other members of the Brothers' community, Br John Webb, Br Terry Burke, Br John Hagan and Br Sean McManus. It was great to see and hear the stories of these men and their connection to our College.

The College will be forever grateful to Br Peter for his wonderful contribution, especially in the welfare, sailing, and of course his wonderful archival photography which will be sorely missed.

In farewelling Br Peter we give thanks for his great service to the College and pray that the story of the Brothers and their significant impact upon boys' education in Hobart will never be lost. I am confident that as we further engage with the Brothers through such initiatives as Edmund Rice Education Australia that their contribution will grow even richer as all boys truly appreciate what it means to have an authentic Catholic education in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Justice and Solidarity

Each week in The Star the College's Head of Junior School Mr Andrew Pinelli writes insightfully about aspects of the four Touchstones for EREA education – Gospel Spirituality, Inclusive Community, Justice and Solidarity and Liberating Education.

In reflecting on my experiences in India and events at home and around the world this year, I was reminded of Andrew's message to our community about the touchstone of Justice and Solidarity:

We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself.

Our political landscape both locally and internationally is certainly being challenged from the outside just as much as from the inside. The results of these challenges will ultimately have some degree of impact on us all now and into the future. As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition we strive to equip our boys for many of these possibilities for their future lives. Being a Catholic school we are actively part of the world wide church which includes all Christians. Our work at St Virgil's is work of and for the Church which has been described by Pope Francis as a church 'of and for the poor':

- A generous and inclusive Church that shows deep love for the poor and marginalised;

- A Church that strives to usher in the Reign of God: the promise of fullness of life and true freedom for all in our troubled world;
- A Church that proclaims inclusion to be at the heart of the Gospel and exclusion in its many forms its greatest betrayal;
- A Church that knows a school's capacity to make a difference is not simply dependent on its physical resources but on humble resolve within the community to build the Reign of God and embrace solidarity with the excluded ones.

The Church we serve promotes inclusion, service and compassionate engagement with the world as indispensable to the way Christians worship a loving and expansive God.

I am very proud that our boys so regularly demonstrate authentic expressions of our commitment to justice and solidarity, through our service to others and the care and compassion they show to their peers, their family, friends and the wider community.



Our Very Own Lifesavers!

Learning Has No Bounds ...

The words contained in our 2016 strategic theme were well and truly brought to life for me in October when I was asked to take on the role of Acting Principal for 12 months at EREA school Rostrevor College in Adelaide. In deciding to accept the role it would be fair to say that the decision was preceded by a roller coaster of emotions ranging from fear, to uncertainty to excitement and all things in between! A key attraction to the role was the notion that I was being given an opportunity to undertake some amazing professional learning by seeing how another school community operates.

We often talk to the boys about the importance of being a life long learner and so it would seem a little hypocritical if I too did not live out this mantra!

And so I am off to Adelaide in January as explained in this letter to the St Virgil's College community by EREA Executive Director Dr Wayne Tinsey and Board Chair Mr Andrew Mazengarb.

We write today with some significant news about the leadership of St Virgil's College in 2017.

In response to a request from Edmund Rice Education Australia, Mr Damian Messer will take on the role of Acting Principal of Rostrevor College, Adelaide from the start of the 2017 school year. As you know, Damian is in his sixth year as Principal of St Virgil's College and he has graciously agreed to support another Edmund Rice school through this temporary appointment.

While Rostrevor College will be blessed to have Damian leading the community next year, equally St Virgil's is in the extremely fortunate position to have a leader of the calibre of Terry

Blizzard to step into the role of Acting Principal of St Virgil's College on a temporary basis. We thank Terry for agreeing to take on this role which will enable a smooth transition into the new school year. Edmund Rice Education Australia and the College Board will continue to support Terry, the staff and the entire St Virgil's College community in what promises to be a very exciting and prosperous year for the College.

On behalf of all members of the Edmund Rice Education Australia community, we offer our thanks and congratulations to Terry and also wish Damian well as he embarks upon a new challenge, albeit temporarily, in Adelaide.

With our best wishes

*Dr Wayne Tinsey
Executive Director EREA*

*Mr Andrew Mazengarb
Chair, St Virgil's College Board*

Despite being across the seas, I will still be closely connected to the College via my wife Jo at Junior School and son Tom in Grade 10 at Austins Ferry. I will also intently read The Star, Words and Deeds, the College websites and social media posts to get my complete fix of SVC news! Until 2018 ...

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund

**Damian Messer
Principal**



During Term 2 the College woke to the frightening news that one of the boys had been involved in a serious accident which had predicated the calm, timely and considered intervention of two of the boys closest mates. The action of the boys was certainly a reflection of the College's motto, 'By deeds, not words alone' and ensured that the incident had a happy ending.

In September the event culminated with a presentation ceremony at Ambulance Tasmania where bravery medals were presented to the boys who helped save the life of Grade 7 student Kobey Cashion ... this is the amazing story of their quick thinking, bravery and dedication to a mate.

Mr Messer and Mr Blizzard attended the ceremony, held in recognition of the bravery of the team who assisted in saving the life of Grade 7 student Kobey Cashion, including Kobey's school mates, Samuel Kelly and Matthew Direen. These boys, along with two boys from The Hutchins School, and Old Virgilian Chris Shelverton, were all presented with bravery awards. Health Minister Michael Ferguson who presented the awards on behalf of Ambulance Tasmania, congratulated the group on handling the difficult situation with selfless bravery. "These boys showed remarkable courage in a dangerous and extremely challenging situation," Mr Ferguson said.

"Saving their friend became the only priority and it is an immense credit to all of them.

Medals presented by OVA and designed and produced by OV Bruce Woods.





Opening and Blessing of the Marine Education Centre

"We are blessed that these boys and Mr Shelverton had the courage and determination to do what was needed to save a life despite the obvious risks to their own safety".

Without doubt the boys lived out our mantra of 'By deeds not words alone' and in the process have cemented a very special lifelong bond that in so many ways is the hallmark of our St Virgil's community. Well done boys - the St Virgil's community is extremely proud of you.

As a College, we are very fortunate to have been transferred the Crown lease of the Austins Ferry Yacht Club. On Friday October 28 the new St Virgil's College Marine Education Centre was officially opened and blessed. Fr Suresh joined with Br Peter Flint and OV member Mr Geoff Doolan to unveil the plaque, open and bless the Centre.

The Centre is a wonderful facility that will provide the College with many options for water-based activity and also on land exploratory learning. It will also be a great meeting place for classes, community groups and social gatherings.

The plaque unveiled as part of the opening recognises the history and traditions of the site and reads:

St Virgil's College acknowledge the Muwinina people as the traditional owners and continuing custodians of the land upon which the Austins Ferry Yacht Club was built.

St Virgil's is indebted to the Committees and members of the Austins Ferry Yacht Club who have developed and cared for this site since 1938 and through their endeavours have provided generations with the opportunity to participate in the sport of sailing, including many sailors from the College.

The St Virgil's College Marine Education Centre was officially opened by Mr Geoff Doolan and blessed by Rev Gnanapragash Suresh on October 28 2016.

Principal: Mr Damian Messer
Board Chair: Mr Andrew Mazengarb

Over 100 people, including many past members of the Austins Ferry Yacht Club attended the opening. A highlight of the day was the sail past of the St Virgil's College fleet with the boys showing great skills in the testing gusty winds.



Our African Visitor

In September we were blessed to welcome a significant visitor from Nairobi, Kenya, Samuel Karanja. Samuel is a 29 year old African man who works for Edmund Rice Foundation and the Christian Brothers in Nairobi. Karanja was a guest at our Senior School Assembly where we had great pleasure in presenting to him the proceeds of our walkathon for him to take back to the Mary Rice Centre. Karanja told the story of the Centre and he expressed the gratitude as he relayed the importance of our donation in maintaining the viability of this Centre for the disabled of the Kibera slum.

Having spent the weekend exploring Hobart, (including watching a TSL footy match) Karanja visited both campuses and told the boys part of his story. He gave boys the opportunity to ask questions and gain a better insight to what life in Kenya is like. As part of his visit, he also went to Launceston and spent time in the St Patrick's College community who support the Foundation and the Edmund Rice Sinon School in Arusha, Tanzania in particular.

Our connection with this group of people is very tangible and as a significant partner of our support of others outside our local circle of influence. It is important in our education that we explore how at a local level we can make such a significant difference on an international scale. Our small sacrifice and raising funds will make a genuine difference to the lives of those in the Mary Rice Centre. Hearing Karanja speak so passionately about his world allowed the boys to gain a genuine insight and hopefully recognise and to appreciate all that they have here.

Junior School

Grade 3 Camp

Mr Brent Scanlon & Mrs Karen Ogle

For most of our Grade 3s their camp to the Lea Scout Centre at Kingston represented their first overnight camp experience. Due to the weather it did not start as planned! Our outdoor activities were cancelled because of heavy and constant rain. Instead, we had a great time on the trampolines at Eastside Activities Centre and also visited the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. After dinner, the boys put on some excellent performances for our 'Grade 3s Got Talent' show. Many of the boys had never been on a sleep-over before, so spending the night away from family was a challenge.

After breakfast on Day 2, we participated in a lovely prayer service at the Bush Chapel at the Lea. The boys packed up their cabins and then we travelled to Cascade Gardens to play and eat lunch. We had a very informative tour of the Cascades Female Factory and then walked along the Hobart Rivulet Track back to school.

We received reports that some boys were asleep by 3.40pm after arriving home after camp!

Thank you very much to Mr Tulk, Mr Pinelli and our fantastic parent helpers for their assistance on Grade 3 camp this year. Our helpers ensured that this camp was a highlight of the year for all the boys in Grade 3.

Grade 4 Camp

You could feel the excitement of the boys in the air as we loaded our trailers on the first day of camp. As it was the first time many of our boys have been on a school camp. There were laughs, last minute bits of advice and a few tears from parents and then at last we were on our way, after a lot of singing along to the radio we arrived for morning tea at Spring Beach. The boys got a chance to go along the beach to stretch their legs and make sand castles. Unfortunately, a few boys got a little damp getting too close to the waves. We continued on to Gumleaves where we unpacked and the boys were allocated their rooms.

After lunch the boys were split into three groups. One group did the obstacle course, one did the row boats and the final group had some free time on the play equipment. All I can say is we had some very tired boys after these rotations. To wind down the boys walked up to the Pioneer Museum.

After dinner, which was created by our very own Chef Pinelli, the boys went spot lighting. When I say spot lighting, they waved their torches around, made lots of noise and saw some tadpoles in a puddle. So not the most successful spot lighting adventure.

Day 2 was a highlight for many of the boys. MARIA ISLAND! Some boys it was their first trip on a boat and all boys loved going onto the top of it to feel the wind in their hair. Not long after disembarking we began to walk and it was not long till we saw our first animals. Geese, wombats and kangaroos were bountiful as we walked towards Fossil Cliffs.

The boys had a very enjoyable time fossicking for 290 million year old fossils. Next was our toughest walk.

We had to walk up the steep hill to the top of Fossils Cliffs where we stopped for lunch. We continued to walk after lunch through Darlington to Painted Cliffs. By this point of the day we had some tired boys with very heavy legs so we decided to have a play on the beach. As we made our way back to the boat we stopped and explored Darlington more thoroughly. We had some outstanding piano played for us in the Coffee Palace as well as some OCTs (over competitive teachers) in a game of soccer with the boys.

When we returned to camp we got ready for dinner. As the boys relaxed around the fire stargazing we had a dozen boys fall asleep by 7.40pm so we thought it was a grand idea to call an early night. All the boys were asleep by 8.30pm after a long and challenging day.

Our final day we packed up and made our way to Triabunna where we were met by Michelle and Campbell Hills. Campbell toured all the boys around his grandparent's Rostrevor property as well as giving boys a chance to pet lambs and horses. Next we made our way up to their other property Okehampton where the boys were given a tour of the sheering sheds and then let loose on their own private beach after lunch. Some boys ran, some made sandcastles and a few played a game of cricket against some very competitive teachers.

Grade 4 would like to thank those who made the camp possible. Mr Pinelli for cooking and driving, Mr Tulk for driving, Mrs Read, Mr Greenhill and Mr Birthisel for organising the camp and Campbell and Michelle Hills for giving up their time to tour us around their families property.

1. Tadhg Waddington farewelling Samuel Karanja

2&3. Grade 3 Camp

4. Grade 4 Camp



1-2. Grade 4 Camp

3-5. Junior School Fair



Junior School Fair

We were certainly very lucky, and blessed, to have such fantastic weather for our Junior School Fair on September 11. We started the day with a fantastic group of parent helpers who worked tremendously well to get our Fair site so well set up. Special thanks to all of our helpers and stall organisers for their efforts leading up to and on Fair Day. Your generosity of support and time was greatly appreciated.

Once again this year we were also very lucky to have generous support from our suppliers and surrounding business houses. Thank you also to those parents who enquired with business houses that they have a relationship with and were able to secure a wide variety of prizes for the chocolate wheel and silent auction. We had so many wonderful prizes available for people to bid on or to win. Thank you to the staff and our boys for the fantastic stalls that they set up and ran on the day. The boys had loads of fun enticing visitors to the Fair to participate in their activities and win a range of prizes.

We were also fortunate to have 7HO FM present on the day doing an outdoor broadcast but also moving through the gathered crowd with stickers and balloons.

Congratulations to our dedicated group of organisers from the P & F led by President Simone Ashby. Many hours of time and effort were put in leading up to the Fair which produced such a fantastic event on Sunday. We had a fantastic day thanks to the support of so many people to whom we are extremely grateful. The P & F raised over \$10,000 which will be used for upgrading classroom furniture for our boys.

Father's Day Breakfast and Stall

Our boys were able to really get into the spirit of Father's Day at a special breakfast for their dads and significant male role models. The boys enthusiastically purchased items from the stall the day prior to the breakfast. A really big thank you to the great group of mums who cooked up delicious egg and bacon rolls.

Book Week

For Book Week this year boys were encouraged to dress up in an Australian theme, for example an Olympic athlete or favourite book character. Whilst our Parade of different characters is a lot of fun, the real message of Book Week is to highlight the importance, and enjoyment, that can be had when reading books and other literature. As adults, and parents, we know too well how important reading and comprehending is. The photos on these pages suggest the boys – and staff, had a lot of fun!

1. Grade 3 camp at Eastside Activity Centre
2. Woodwork at the Senior School
3. Art with Mr Scanlon
4. Loading up the Time Capsule at the Town Hall



1-2. Service Learning

3. Half Way Day



Senior School

Grade 9 Service Learning

"Educational programs must open eyes, touch hearts and move hands in response to poverty."

Peter Henriot SJ

As part of the Grade 9 Service Learning programme boys have spent time in Religious Education reflecting upon their experiences both at home and on their Service Learning placement at either the St Vincent de Paul Community Garden, Strathglen Aged Care or Foodbank. Boys have had an opportunity not only to share their experiences with their peers, but also identify what they found challenging and how they faced this challenge.

For many boys going out to do a service activity stepped them out of the comfort zone, into unfamiliar environments and experiences. Many were in situations where for the first time they had to work with and interact with elderly people with dementia, while others had an opportunity to see just how much food in needed to serve a large proportion of Tasmanian's struggling to put a meal on the table, or the amount of food needed to feed the children who go to school without breakfast each morning.

No, the Lord has told us what is good.

What he requires of us is this:

To do justice. To show constant love,

And to walk humbly with your God.

Michah 6:8

Boys and Reading

It is important to get boys interested in reading when they are young. Many boys' peer groups give boys the feedback that reading is a non-masculine pursuit. This doesn't have the same impact on your son and he tends to deal with this peer pressure if he is already an avid reader by the age of 12.

There are many strategies that can be used to improve boys' reading habits and Tim Hawkes in his book 'Boy Oh Boy' points out techniques to support boys reading such as:

- Using magazines;
- Using technology to review books on the Internet;
- Keeping journals on camps and family holidays;
- Touching boys' emotions in books selected; and
- Collecting vocabulary and phrases in a book or in a computerised word folder and continually adding to this.

It is enormously beneficial when parents model reading in the home, particularly when it is more than just non-fiction. If boys start secondary school with a good reading habit they are not daunted by having to work more independently from textbooks and the like as they progress through higher year levels.

A very important skill for boys to develop is the ability to sit in silence for a period of time reading, i.e. no background noise or distractions, particularly from electronic media. For those that find this difficult, starting small, for example five to ten minutes, may be necessary. The aim for all boys should be to be able to do this for at least 30 minutes.

1. 2016 France Trip
2. Herbert River Trip
3. Math's Competition



1. Afternoon Tea in Food Tech!
2. Work Experience
3. RAAF Roulettes
4. UTAS Science Competition



Grade 10 Work Experience

In 2016 the College re-structured its Grade 10 Work experience programme. All boys were required to undertake work experience with two learning groups out during each specified Work Experience period. Students undertook work experience across a broad range of industries and reported it to be an extremely beneficial experience in further defining their future vocational pathway. In particular it helped many boys with College subject selections, identifying future study options and accessing part time employment.

Host employers were extremely complimentary of our boys and their willingness to be involved in all aspects of their work place. To thank our generous host employers a 'Thank You Breakfast' was held at the Junior School in October. Boys hosted their employer for breakfast and were able to discuss some of the tangible benefits that had emanated from work experience for them. A special thank you to Mrs Cindy Gangell who coordinated the work experience programme in 2016, including organising work placements and collating all pre and post experience paperwork.



Music and Drama

Roulettes Pilot Presentation

To start Term 4 a small group of boys were fortunate to attend a presentation by the RAAF Roulette pilots at Claremont College. The boys heard about the pathways into the RAAF as a pilot and were given advice on the importance of their studies in helping reach such a goal. The boys were also able to hear about what the pilot's job entails and the pressures of flying at high speed in formation performing tricks. The pilots showed of some of the gear they wear in the planes including the helmet and the suits that reduce the G-forces throughout their displays. Thank you to Claremont College teacher Mr Patrick Sullivan who invited our boys to attend.

Titration

Congratulations to Conor Best, Charles Jibi and Oliver Hamilton who through their great efforts at State level have been invited to compete in the National Final of the Titration Competition.

Clarence Eisteddfod

Our musicians and drama performers have achieved some amazing results in the 2016 Clarence Eisteddfod. Music and drama are a rich part of our culture at St Virgil's and were again celebrated at the amazing Gala Concert on November 3. Our boys competed against other schools from Hobart and have certainly held their own in such esteemed company. The results are testament to the exceptional work of Mrs Jodie Williams and Mrs Jennifer White and other teachers who support the boys in these programmes.

A summary of results is outlined below:

Music

- 1st Place in the Secondary School Choir section
- 1st Place in the Ensemble or Band – Primary School section Grade 6 Band
- 1st Place in the Small Ensemble – Secondary School section St Virgil's College Jazz Ensemble (Christopher McGuinness-Terry, Lucas Hlis, Jarrod Hunter, Benjamin Spinks, Kalen Robey and Jaidyn Gluskie)
- 2nd Place in the Secondary Concert Band section
- 2nd Place in the Percussion Ensemble – Secondary School section
- Certificate of Merit for the Choir Grade 6 and under section Junior School Choir
- Certificate of Merit for the Ensemble or Band – Primary School section Grade 5 Band

Drama

- Humorous Poem – 1st Place – Hugh Gable
- Humorous Poem – 2nd Place – Kerem Turhal
- Humorous Poem – Certificate of Merit – Kon Gubriel Kon
- Impromptu Reading – Equal 2nd Place – Jaidyn Gluskie
- Impromptu Reading – Equal 2nd Place – Christopher McGuinness-Terry
- Impromptu Reading – Certificate of Merit – Hugh Gable
- Prepared Reading – First Place: Hugh Gable
- Prepared Reading – Second Place: Christopher McGuinness-Terry
- Prepared Reading – Certificate of Merit: Jacob King
- Duologue in Costume – First Place: Kerem Turhal and Hugh Gable
- Duologue in Costume – Certificate of Merit: Kon Gubriel Kon and Jaidyn Gluskie
- Duologue in Costume – Certificate of Merit: Alexander Tsakirakis and Christopher McGuinness-Terry
- Improvisation Group – First Place: Hugh Gable, Alexander Tsakirakis, Kerem Turhal, Kon Gubriel Kon and Christopher McGuinness-Terry.

1&4. 2016 Gala Concert

2. Jarrod and the Hunters first gig

3. Lyndon Hammond with his section of the bank arts project

5. Grade 7 Orientation Day



The Clarence Eisteddfod hold a Prize Winners' Concert to publicly showcase outstanding performances from the various groups. This was held at the Clarence Uniting Church, on Sunday September 18. The concert featured:

Christopher McGuinness-Terry - Senior Championship Poem

Hugh Gable - Humorous Poem

Kerem Turhal and Hugh Gable - Duologue in Costume

Jarrold and the Hunters Performance

A big congratulations to Jarrold Hunter, Lucas Hlis, Christopher McGuinness-Terry, Kalen Robey and Benjamin Spinks who have formed the band 'Jarrod and the Hunters'. They had their first paid gig at the Duke Hotel in Hobart recently. The boys have spent many hours rehearsing and it certainly paid off. The level of talent they exhibited and sheer joy in what they were doing was wonderful to see.

They kept the crowd captivated for 80 minutes. Special thanks must go to the fabulous Blythe Tait (Kalen's mum) who wowed the crowd when she sang a few songs with the boys. Also thank you to all staff and students who came along to support the boys.

Sport



2017 Musical

After much suspense, conversation and research, the College is pleased to announce our musical for 2017 will be the classic 'My Fair Lady'. More details about auditions and performances will come out in the near future but as always, our co-production with St Mary's College will be performed early in Term 3, 2017. Auditions will soon be held for roles in singing, dancing, acting, lighting and sound. There are many jobs and positions to be filled for what promises to be more than just a fair show!



Junior School Sport Primary Basketball Championships

On the weekend of October 15 and 16, Grade 5&6 Basketball and Grade 3&4 Basketball team competed in respective divisions of the Primary Basketball Championships.

The Grade 3&4 Team were unstoppable in their campaign by winning every rostered match, the semi and eventually the Grand Final. They encountered tough opposition from Sacred Heart in the semi-final and Dodges Ferry in the Grand Final. Thank you to Charlotte Collins for coaching the team and Katrina Berry for managing the boys. The boys will now go on to play in the State Primary Schools Basketball Championships in Launceston.

The team was: Jaxsyn Collins, Reilly Banks, Will Davie, Charlie Lennon, Spencer Emmett, James Lyden, Jake Holmes, Darcy Berry and Eden Hills.

The Grade 5&6 Team encountered some very tough opposition in their rostered matches. They had very tough matches against Corpus Christi and Dodges Ferry, eventually losing to both of these teams. They did score a convincing win over Dominic. They played for fourth position winning that game. Well done to: Harry and Jack Williams, Caleb Devine, James Wilson, Connor Millward, Liam Morton, Charlie Banks and York Paul. Thank you to coaches, Izach Collins and Liam Garrett, both Year 9 boys, for giving up their weekend to coach these boys. They did an outstanding job.



Senior School Sport SATIS State Champions

In a stellar team performance the SVC Athletics Team won the Junior Shield at the SATIS Athletics Carnival in Launceston. The team were a study in consistency with all boys performing well in the difficult windy conditions. Well done to all team members and thank you to our dedicated coaches who have put a great deal of training into the boys over recent months.

Water Polo

Well done to our water polo teams who won premierships in the Grade 7&8 and Grade 9&10 divisions. The Grade 7&8 Grand Final was an all SVC affair, whilst the Grade 9&10 team won a thriller 5-4 with the game going down to the final seconds. Well done to all players and coaches on a fantastic season.

National Sailing Titles, Goolwa, South Australia

During Term 3 holidays a team of dedicated and talented SVC/GYC sailors participated in the National Teams Racing titles in Goolwa, South Australia. Under the watchful eye of Mr Tony Greve the boys sailed with great skills and tenacity in trying conditions to finish 9th out of 24 teams, just missing the Final 8 and a trip to New Zealand for the Trans-Tasman titles.

1. Grade 7&8 Southern Schools Basketball champions
2. SSATIS Individual Athletics Champions
3. Athletics Champions
4. Grade 7 and 8 Water Polo



Tassie Hawks Cup – St Virgil’s show their football strength

The annual Tassie Hawks Cup competition was held at Aurora Stadium in Launceston. The year 9&10 school teams of Latrobe, Kings Meadows and St Virgil’s College battled it out in a tri-series to determine which of the teams played off in the Grand Final, competing for the state title.

North West representative Latrobe High School unfortunately missed the opportunity to play for the cup, the team were defeated 7.13.55 to 1.1.7 by South’s St Virgil’s, and also defeated by Northern Team Kings Meadows with a score of 4.9.33 to 2.1.13.

St Virgil’s headed into the Grand Final as favourites after previously smashing Kings Meadows 15.9.99 to 2.1.13 in the tri-series. Kings Meadows vowing to be closer in the Grand Final – and did not disappoint!

A thrilling Grand Final followed the tri-series with a close game between St Virgil’s and Kings Meadows. The first half was well contested, with St Virgil’s taking the half time lead 2.5.17 to 1.3.9, by using their strong centre clearances and precise kicking to hit their forward targets with ease.

To start the second half, St Virgil’s set their dominance by kicking the first goal 45 seconds in. Kings Meadows, with fantastic defensive pressure, did not let up, kicking a few quick goals to level the scores with 12 minutes to go in the game. One goal and one point a piece again levelled the scores with two minutes to play in the Grand Final.

A late behind in the last minute gave St Virgil's a handy point lead ultimately cementing their victory of the cup, Kings Meadows, with the clock against them unfortunately couldn't get the ball out of their opposition's 50, and finally a St Virgil's kick for goal after the siren brought the winning margin to just 7 points.

The attitude and approach from all teams to each game was first class. Hawthorn Football Club congratulate all competing teams for a fantastic series, and successful Tassie Hawks Cup Grand Final.

Goals:

St Virgil's: Luke Swinton (2),
Fraser Turner (1), Riley Oakley (1),
Jack Stevenson (1)

Best:

Joel Millhouse, Jackson Adams,
Lachlan Gadomski

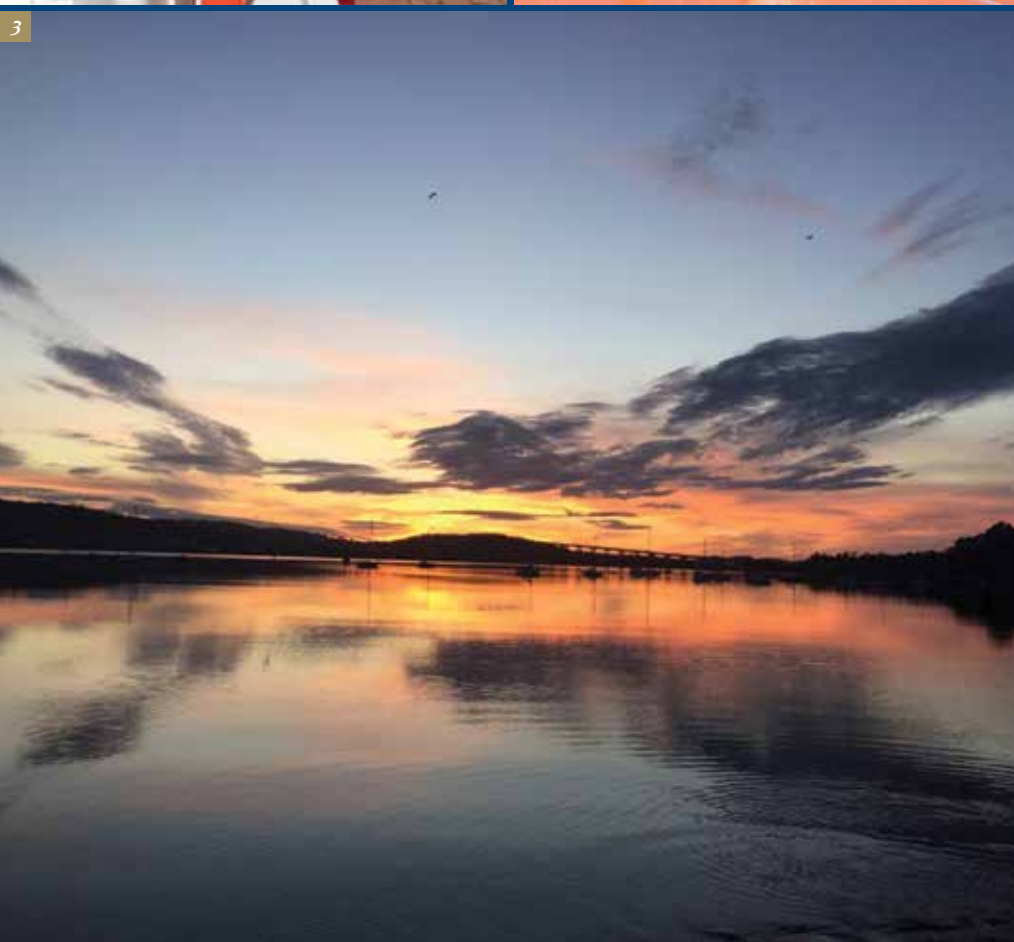
Congratulations

- Ben Spinks competed at the Sydney International Judo Competition in the Under 66kg Under 18 Men's Division. There were competitors from overseas including from China, New Zealand and New Caledonia. Ben did exceptionally well beating a ranked opponent from New Caledonia for the bronze medal.
- Mitch Gittus represented Tasmania at the Junior National Road Cycling Championships. Mitch is a great athlete who is an inspiration to other junior cyclists. Mitch always enjoys his sport, the friendships he has made, whilst displaying true dedication.
- Grade 10 student Keegan Oates Captained the Tasmanian Under 17 cricket team at the 2016 National Titles in Brisbane in September.

1-5. Tassie Hawks Premiers



1. Grade 9&10 Water Polo Champions
2. Junior School Sailing
3. Early morning rowing
4. Grade 9 and 10 cricket
5. Real Tennis at the Hobart Royal Tennis Club



Old scholar Jarrod Kaye was also selected in the team. Both boys have also been selected to represent Tasmania in the Under 19 Championships in Adelaide in December along with other Old Virgilians Dylan Hay (VC), Liam Devlin and Caiden Workman.

- Well done to Joshua Harvey who starred at the State Level Championships in Launceston. Following competitions Joshua is the State Level 6 Individual Trampoline Champion, State Level 7 Synchronised Champion and was the third placegetter in Level 6 Double Mini. Joshua's younger brother James (Junior School) came second in the State Level 3 synchronised, 4th in the Individual Trampoline and 4th in Double Mini. Joshua and James will be travelling to Bendigo to compete at the National clubs carnival.
- Nelson Goram-Aitken, James Drew, Callum Polonowski and Joseph McMullen were selected in the Tasmanian Water Polo Boys 16 Years and Under Team for the National Championships in Brisbane.
- Dusty Rankin won two silver medals at the Oceania Melanesian Regional Championships in Suva, Fiji.
- Angus Cooper and Tom Rasmussen represented Tasmania at the National Hockey Championships in Perth. Both Angus and Tom were named as Co-Captains for the tournament. At the end of the Tournament Angus was named Most Valuable Player for Tasmania for the Tournament.
- The amazing hockey journey of Aiden Van Staden continues with his selection in the School Sport Australia All Australian Team to travel to Germany, Netherlands, Belgium and

France in 2017 (May-June 2017) as part of a Hockey International Tour.

- Josh Brooks, Aiden Van Staden and Harvey Bessell were selected for the School Sport Australia Under 16 Australian team after a great tournament performance for Tasmania.
- Well done to Lachlan Gadmoski, Fraser Turner, Ben Donnelly and Jack Stevenson who were integral members of the Tasmanian Under 16 team who won Division 2 of the AFL/NAB Under 16 National Championships held on the Gold Coast during the holiday break. All boys acquitted themselves very well and made important contributions during a tense Grand Final against NSW/ACT.
- Finlay Rossiter-Hill narrowly lost the bronze medal bout at the recent national titles but is now ranked equal 4th in Australia for the 14&15 males plus 70kg division. An outstanding effort in his first national tournament.
- Jackson Devine represented Tasmania at the State Team Age Championships in Canberra. Jackson managed to swim Personal Best times in most events and greatly enjoyed the experienced of living and training at the Australian Institute of Sport.
- Over the Term 3 school holidays, Callum Bishop travelled to Dubbo NSW for the Grand Final of the Rotax Go Karting Pro Tour. After a tough start he ended up winning the Final. This ensured he scored plenty of points for the series, culminating in Callum placing 2nd overall for the 2016 Rotax Pro Tour Series. His strong performance augurs well for next season. Well done Callum.

1. Junior School Soccer
2. Junior School Athletics
3. Under 16 National Championship Representatives - Jack Stevenson, Ben Donnelly, Fraser Turner and Lachlan Gadmoski
4. Junior School Hockey

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OVA Website

At a full student assembly at Austins Ferry in September the OVA website was officially launched by President Ed Gauden and its developers Pat McInnes and Michael Ball. The website contains a range of useful functions including news section, calendar, booking forms and an online membership facility.

To keep up to date with all OVA news and events, in particular details of the Centenary celebrations, please mark www.oldvirgilians.org.au as one of your favourites.

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Sincere thanks to the hard working committee who continue to manage the OVA in a professional and highly effective manner. All contributions to The Old Virgilian are greatly appreciated.

The deadline for the next edition is Friday April 28, 2017.



President's Report

2016 has been a very busy time for the OVA as the Committee prepares for the Association's centenary year. In 1917, just six years after the College was established a group of forward thinking former students and staff met to form the OVA. The original purpose of the OVA was to promote fellowship amongst past students and support the operations of the fledgling College. From humble beginnings the Association quickly grew and in time supported a range of special interest clubs in sports such as football, cricket, athletics and swimming.

For generations the OVA has provided a tangible link between the College and its alumni. College spirit, traditions and pride grew as fathers sent their sons to the College and in time three and four generations of students proudly attested that they were Virgilians. Whilst the College has had its challenges it has never lost its unique place in the hearts and minds of generations of Virgilians. This special bond is evident when past students get together. Regardless of when they left the College, alumni are bound by deep ties forged on sporting fields and music halls, in classrooms and boarding houses and in the outdoors whether it be as a cadet officer or a student of outdoor education.

And so as the College looks forward to a bright and exciting future, it is only fitting that the OVA take a moment to celebrate its own history and traditions and to also look forward with great optimism to the next century where it will continue to provide friendship and support to all Old Virgilians and to the College.

1. 2016 OVA Annual Dinner – presentation to College 'Lifesavers' - see story Page 4
2&3 2016 OVA Annual Dinner



1-4. OVA North and North Western luncheon



Old Virgilians Association Centenary of Establishment

2017 will mark a hundred years since the Old Virgilians Association (OVA) was inaugurated. The present Committee of the Association has a number of events planned to celebrate the Centenary.

The Association urges members and friends to watch out for notices advertising each of these events on the OVA website www.oldvirgilians.org.au and mark them in their diaries early.

Diary Dates 2017

OVA Annual General Meeting
Tuesday March 21

SVC Community Race Day
Sunday March 26.

Centenary Class Reunions
Friday May 19.

First Centenary Mass
Saturday May 20, 5pm St Mary's Cathedral followed by Centenary Dinner at Wrest Point Hotel.

College Open Day
Sunday May 21, BBQ, Plaque and Book launch at Austins Ferry.

Government House Reception
Wednesday 21 June, 6pm
Hosted by the The Governor in honour of the OVA centenary.

College Colours Cocktail
Friday September 8 - function with other schools at Barrack Street.

OVA Centenary Golf Day
Friday November 3 - at Royal Hobart Golf Club.

Grade 10 Leavers/OVA Centenary Mass
November – date to be confirmed.

OVA Luncheon in Ulverstone - September

On Saturday September 3 2016, the OVA held its annual North and North Western luncheon at Pedro's Restaurant on the riverfront in Ulverstone. A good number of OVA members, wives and friends attended as did a number of OVA members from the South.

Old Virgilians who had come from as far away as Wynyard and Launceston were at the lunch and all enjoyed a great time together promising to meet again next year for the Centenary of the OVA.

The OVA Committee would be glad to hear from other Old Virgilians from the North and North West who would be keen to come along to next year's lunch and can help round up some of their mates up north to attend the event. Please email Peter Imlach - peter.imalach@gmail.com if you can assist.

Old Virgilians Cricket



The sound of ball on willow is again ringing out across the Main Oval each Saturday – however for a while it looked as if the future of the club may be in doubt with only four registered players at the start of October! Thanks to the leadership of Club President Stephen Bourke (SVC 2006-2009) and the effectiveness of the College's communication systems, the crisis was avoided and the club now has good numbers including 'father-son' combinations Darren and Brennan Burke (Grade 10) and Dion and Brady Frame (Grade 9).

There is always room for more players however as the club looks to consolidate its position in 4th Grade and continues to build for the future. Please see below for all information about the club:

Southern Cricket Association
4th Grade

Home Ground
St Virgil's College- Austins Ferry

Training
Wednesday Nights – TCA indoor nets

All Enquiries to
President Stephen Bourke – contact stephen.bourke@humanservices.gov.au or 0409450044

Old Virgilians Football



The Saints endured a challenging season on the field but enjoyed a much better off-field which has set a strong platform for 2017. The Senior team did not win a match and the reserve team whilst being competitive in most only won a handful of games. However great work by the committee off the field in areas such as sponsor management, events and internal processes ensured that the club recorded a bank balance to take into the new season.

In recognising this achievement it is important to recognise the work of retiring President Jeremy Parker who has done a wonderful job, well supported by other members of the committee. At the club's AGM held on November 8 at the St Virgil's College Junior School, Jeremy formally stepped down and handed the reins of the club to long term committee member Matthew Rice.

Matthew has already started to map out an exciting period for the club with the first plank in the re-build being the appointment of club star Marcus Parker to the role of Senior Coach. This has ensured strong player retention and allowed the coaching panel to start to identify prospective recruits.

If you are interested in playing or assisting in a support role, please contact Matthew Rice - matthew.rice@education.tas.gov.au



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2016 Annual Dinner

On Friday October 14 the OVA held its Annual Dinner at Wrest Point Hotel. A good number of Old Virgilians, their wives, friends and special guests attended. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of commemorative medallions and certificates to four Old Virgilians who were elevated to the Association's Heritage Roll of Honour.

Prior to the commencement of the evening medallions commemorating the bravery of the three current students involved in the recent rescue of near the Alum Cliffs at Kingston were presented by the Association's President, Ed Gauden.



Michael Hill (SVC 1958-66)

Michael (right) graduated in law at the University of Tasmania and was admitted to the Bar in 1972. He recently retired having spent 30 years on the bench and was the Chief Magistrate during the period 2009 – 2015. Michael has twice represented Australia overseas at the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association conference. Michael has a particular interest in the problem solving approaches based on Therapeutic Jurisprudence developed in the US in the late 80s.



Major Luke Jones (SVC 1989-94)

Luke (right) entered ADFA (the Australian Defence Academy) on a scholarship gained during his final year at the College. As a consequence of further studies he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 2001 which enabled him to attend Oxford University in the UK where he gained a doctorate in Economics.

Luke has been deployed to many locations among which have been Timor Leste, Lebanon, Egypt, Afghanistan and PNG. In 2012 Luke with a friend co-founded Beastworx Pty Ltd – an event management business focusing on raising funds to assist soldiers dealing with PTSD – post traumatic stress disorder.

2016 Heritage Roll of Honour Inductees



Father Kevin Dance (SVC 1954 –57)

Fr Kevin (right) was ordained a Passionist priest in 1965. He is a former Provincial Leader of the Order in Australia and as part of his ministry spent 12 years in New York where he was an NGO (non-government official) at the United Nations. Fr. Kevin is currently parish priest of Boroko – the largest parish in PNG.

OVA Golf Day



Tim Reid (SVC 1965-68)

Tim (right) spent four years boarding at the College before departing at the end of Grade Ten to pursue his life-long ambition to join the family apple business. Tim is now Managing Director of Reid Fruits, a vertically integrated family business dating back to 1856 and is involved in every facet of the fruit industry from production and processing to international marketing. Under Tim's leadership, the company has become one of Australia's largest cherry producers exporting to over twenty countries and employing over 600 people during the busy cherry harvest season. Tim has made an outstanding contribution to Tasmania's economy and as a consequence he has been the recipient of numerous awards including, an Order of Australia in 2007, "Australian Farmer of the Year" and "Australian Rural Leader of the Year" in 2013, and more recently Tasmanian Exporter of the Year.

The 55th Annual OVA Golf Day played at Royal Hobart Golf Club on Monday November 7 was a huge success with a full field of 124 players teeing off in overcast and windy conditions. Thankfully the rain held off and the winds dropped and the result was some great scoring – albeit a few balls still found a watery grave and a few trees were given a working over! Results in all grades were tight, especially in the coveted Br Joyce Memorial Trophy for the best score by an Old Virgilian. John Nogaski defended his title from 2015 with 37 points, holding out a valiant Peter Leary who also recorded 37 points but lost on a count back. Finishing hot on their heels were Tim Breen and Rod Busch with 36 points and Michael Harvey with 35.



Results

Best Non-OVA Scores

Jimmy Mashberg 43 points
Greg Reid 42 points

Leading Female Players

Gwen Doyle 31 points
Patricia Dixon 31 points

Over 70 Trophy

Colin Hallam 34 points

Winning Team

1st 113 points
John Galpin
Peter Crocker
Ron Smith
Jimmy Mashberg

Nearest Pins

4th Tim Breen
11th Brad Miller

Longest Drives

Division 1 Tony Roussow
Division 2 Wayne Anning
Division 3 Michael Harvey

Straightest Drive

Patricia Dixon

Well done and thank you to the amazing OVA Golf Committee led by Terry Kay, Peter Dixon and Peter Beven who brought all aspects of the event together. We eagerly look forward to the Centenary Golf Day - details will be on the OVA website and in the next edition of The Old Virgilian.

From the Archives

Graeme Rainbow and Bruce Woods
College Archivists

The College is committed to documenting the achievements of its alumni and to maintaining accurate and useful databases for events such as reunions, OVA social and sporting gatherings. If you have news you would like to share please contact the College Archivist: grainbow@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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To update your contact details please contact Mrs Tracey Williams – twilliams@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or 6249 6555. Providing your email address greatly helps the College and OVA reduce its postage costs.

The Amazing Di Venutos

Enrico (SVC 1959-68), Peter (SVC 1982-87) and Michael (SVC 1986-91)

In 1959 a young lad by the name of Enrico DiVenuto commenced a ten year journey through the College. Above all else, the year books for that period attest to his love of sport! He played 1st XVIII football for three years (66 - 68) - as Captain for two - and played 1st XI cricket for a similar period, Captaining the side in his final year. Enrico was also a Prefect in his final year.

Enrico married Elizabeth Pearce and they had three children Peter, Michael and Lisa. Elizabeth later taught at the College from 1983 - 1996.

Both Peter (SVC 1982-87) and Michael (SVC 1986-91) followed in Dad's footsteps with their love of sport and emulated his significant achievements at



the College. Peter (1982-87), played in the 1st XVIII for two years and was runner-up in the Best & Fairest in 1986, and was Captain and Best and Fairest the following year. He had three years with the 1st XI, was Captain in 1987 and in that year won the batting & bowling averages. Michael played in the 1st XVIII for two years and won the Best & Fairest awards in both years. He was to have four years with the 1st XI, was Captain for two and won the batting average in all four - In 1990 he averaged an amazing 107 runs per innings!

Enrico's sporting involvements did not diminish upon leaving school - initially as a footballer with Hobart and later with the Old Virgilians. He spent 16 years with Geilston Bay in the Southern Suburban Cricket Association during which time he was Captain / Coach of both the club sides and the Association representative side. Under his leadership Geilston Bay won eight premierships!

The coaching 'bug' had bitten Enrico. He went on to be appointed Club Coach / Director of Coaching at the North Hobart Cricket Club in 1988 - a position he was to hold for the next seven seasons - a very successful period for that club in terms of premierships won. During this period both his sons were members of the club's senior side. He later coached University Cricket Club, for thirteen seasons - again with considerable success. During the period 1988 - 2009, he was involved in winning seven State cups in various forms of the game. Along the way he gained Level 3 Cricket Coaching Accreditation and was part of Tasmania Senior coaching panel for two seasons.

Enrico excelled as a football coach as well and gained a Level 2 Coaching Accreditation in 1986. He had a long association with the Sandy Bay Football club (1987 - 94), during which time he held the position of thirds coach, reserves coach and senior's bench coach.

At various times he was chairman of selectors, player welfare officer, recruiting officer and also officer in charge of player contracts.

In 2000 Enrico was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for his contributions to sport.

The College was also a beneficiary of Enrico's coaching as his boys passed through it - initially as an 'under-age' coach and then as senior coach of both cricket (1988-90) and football (1989 & 90). In 1988 St Virgil's drew with Grammar in the State cricket final and were premiers the following year. In 1990 Enrico coached the 1st XVIII to a State Premiership.

Like his father before him, Peter continued with his cricket and football upon leaving the College. Having represented Tasmania as an underage footballer, he went on to play with the Sandy Bay Club. In 1988 he was drafted to Collingwood but returned home prior to the start of the 1989 season. In 1993 he was again invited back to Collingwood for pre-season but was not re-drafted and remained with Sandy Bay. In 1991 Peter was the club's leading vote-getter in the association best and fairest and was its leading goal kicker on two occasions. He would eventually be afforded life membership of Sandy Bay Football Club - the last player to gain such recognition prior to its demise in 1997 (having commenced in 1945).

On the cricket front, Peter was fine all-rounder. He represented Tasmania in the under 19 team and was a key member of the successful North Hobart Club senior side for many years, where he played with his father and brother. In 1995 he moved to the Kingborough Cricket Club as Captain / Coach for five years, during which time the club won its first district premiership in 25 years. He was a member of the Tasmanian Sheffield Shield squad and was the runner-up for the TCA Cricketer of the Year for the 1996-7 season. Peter is one of only four players in the history of the

TCA competition to have taken 400 wickets and scored over 8000 runs. In all he played 308 games - 3rd on the all time games list - with a best bowling return of 7/35 and a highest score of 156.

Peter represented Italy in the second tier of the World Cup, and was head coach of Italian Cricket Academy in 2003-4.

Like his father before him, Peter proved to be an exceptional coach. Upon moving to Melbourne, Peter was appointed coach of the Carlton Cricket Club. He was there for five years during which time the senior team won two 'one day' premierships (2007/08 and 2010/11). In 2014 Peter moved to Prahran Cricket Club where he is senior coach. Melbourne Grammar School has also been the beneficiary of Peter's talents. He has been Director of Coaching (cricket) since 2012. In the 2015-16 season, the school's 1st XI won the premiership - only the second for the school in 40 years.

After a stellar cricket career as a schoolboy, Michael had success with TCA clubs North Hobart and Kingborough where he played in premiership sides. Twice he won the Roger Woolley Medal for man-of-the-match in TCA Grand Finals. In 1992 at the age of 19, Michael was selected to make his first-class debut against Queensland. He was to go on to represent the Tasmanian Tigers for 17 seasons - retiring in 2008.

During that time he amassed 10,117 runs for his state at an average of 40.96. His aggregate placed him second only to Jamie Cox as Tasmania's all-time leading run scorer.

He was an integral member of Tasmania's first Sheffield Shield victory in March 2007 scoring 24 and 64 - a game in which fellow OV Sean Clingeffer, the wicketkeeper / batsman, scored 41 and 107. Michael was also a member of the victorious Tasmanian limited over side in 2007-08

Michael's form warranted his selection in the Australian squad in 1997 to play South Africa in South Africa. He was part of the eleven in five of the seven-match series, which Australia won 4-3 - two of his dismissals were the result of his being run-out. In the fifth encounter - he scored 89 runs and was awarded the man-of-the match award. Michael, like Peter, represented Italy in the second tier One Day International (ODI) series. One of Michael's Australian tops is on display in the Centenary History Centre at Austins Ferry.

For the period 1999 - 2012 Michael played in the UK during the domestic off-season. Initially with Sussex, then to Derbyshire, and then onto Durham, where he played a key role in helping it win back-to-back first-class County Championship titles.

Like his father and brother before him, Michael made a spectacular entry into the coaching side of the game. In 2013 Michael was appointed batting coach for the Australian team (and for a brief period filled in as senior coach during a brief illness suffered by Darren Lehman). After three years in this role, he chose to move to London to take over the coaching job at Surrey.

It is interesting to note that prominent former student Olympians, Simon Hollingsworth (athletics) and Scott Brennan (rowing gold medallist) attribute much of their success to their individual mentors, Kevin Prendergast and Sam LeCompte respectively. Likewise Peter and Michael DiVenuto who enjoyed stellar careers in their chosen sports would recognise the role of Enrico as a great coach and mentor. With Michael's son Luca commencing in Grade 3 this year there is every chance that this amazing sporting lineage will continue and leave its mark in the sporting record books of St Virgil's College!

Ross Parker

(SVC 1950 – 52)



Ross Parker was named Australia's best and fairest player at the 1962 Australian Amateur football carnival in Melbourne. An extraordinary feature of Ross' football career was that he did not play the game for the five years after leaving St Virgil's at the completion of Grade 10.

In 1952 Ross had been part of the College's First XVIII team, coached by the highly regarded Brother T D McGuire, which defeated Launceston Church Grammar – a game in which he was listed as one of the best players.

Post school Ross turned his attention to completing a Painter – Decorator apprenticeship and became a spear fishing enthusiast – winning the State championship four times and representing Tasmania at the Nationals twice.

To quote from an August 1962 edition of the Hobart Mercury :-

After an absence of five years from the game 'a friend, Harold Ellis, said; "Why don't you have a run with the amateurs?"

Ross was to turn out for the Old Virgilians for the ensuing nine years. However, Ross who had moved from painter to abalone diver was rarely able to get to training and whether or not he would be available for the any Saturday game was an ongoing quandary for selectors, as his 'ab' diving took him to various parts of the state. However, he was able to maintain a high level of fitness to his aquatic pursuits.

During his time at the Old Virgilians Ross:

- Won the Best & Fairest Medal at the Australian Amateur Football Carnival in 1962 in Melbourne.
- Was captain of the Tasmanian team at the 1964 Australian Amateur Football Carnival in Adelaide.
- Won two Southern Old Scholars Association Best & Fairest Awards and several club B&F's.

At the beginning of 1962 Ross did a pre-season with the Glenorchy Football Club, but his inability to meet training commitments led to a return to the Old Virgilians. Post the 1962 amateur carnival St Kilda also expressed interest in recruiting him, but a combination of his profession, inability to meet training expectations and the low level of player payments by comparison with modern day standards, precluded such a move.

In 1967 Ross moved from Tasmania to Victoria where he continued his diving profession. In 1969 he again pulled on the boots and had a standout season with North in the King Island competition.

In 1975 Ross 'handed in' his abalone license and moved to Tuross Head in NSW where returned to his former profession as a painter-decorator and eventually retirement.

The St Virgil's College Old Scholars Football Club has named its seniors' Best & Fairest Award after Ross in recognition of his outstanding football career and his contributions to the Club. Ross donated his All Australian blazer to St Virgil's Old Scholars Football Club where it is displayed in its club rooms and has loaned his 1962 Carnival Best & Fairest Medal for display in Centenary History Centre at Austins Ferry.

Kobe Kemp

(SVC 2011-2014)



Kobe was selected to represent Tasmania in a soccer 'friendly' in October against Melbourne City FC at KGV Glenorchy Football Park. Kobe acquitted himself very well and has attracted interest from clubs beyond Tasmania due to his consistent form for club team South Hobart.

Peter Cooley OAM

(SVC 1946 – 53)



Harness racing stalwart Peter Cooley has been recognised for his lifetime service to the industry in Tasmania in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours list. Peter was awarded the Order Of Australia Medal.

John McCann (SVC 1972-81)



Since 2009 John McCann has been President of the Glenorchy Football Club, which after a heart breaking loss in 2015, was victorious in the 2016 Tasmanian State League Grand Final. John's success goes beyond football – he graduated from UTAS and in 2000 and was awarded the University's prestigious Foundation Graduate Award, an honour which recognises the distinguished achievement and outstanding talent of its graduates. John is the founding CEO of the Tasmanian Electronic Commerce Centre Pty Ltd (est. 1997).

Adam Torpy (SVC 1989 - 91)



Clover Hill Wines at Tea Tree has been named 2016 Tasmanian vineyard of the year. Clover Hill Wines Chief Executive Adam Torpy was quoted in The Mercury as saying, "the award was a result of unwavering determination to continue to invest in Tasmania".

David Noble (SVC 1978-85)



The Brisbane Lions recently confirmed David Noble as the club's new General Manager of Football to support new coach Tasmania's own Chris Fagan. The former Adelaide Football Club General Manager of List Development and Strategy and Head of Football has had an amazing career in football including:

- 2 games at Fitzroy (1991).
- Head Coach at the NSW/ACT Rams (1995-1997)
- Assistant Coach at the Western Bulldogs (1998-2002).
- Senior Coach at Glenelg (2003-2004).
- Assistant Coach at Adelaide (2005-2010).
- General Manager of List Development and Strategy at Adelaide (2011-2013).
- Head of Football at Adelaide (2014-2016).

David has already commenced the role with his usual enthusiasm and is sure to make a huge impression on the struggling Lions.

Tony Griffiths (SVC 1955-64)



Anthony Griffith is a 'man of the world', having worked in London, Africa, Singapore and the Caribbean. During this time he has met the late Queen Mother, broadcast on Vatican Radio and even starred in an English-speaking soap opera on Singaporean television.

It was during his time in Singapore, while running oil and gas conferences in South-East Asia, that he ended up on radio. After that he got a position in London at the headquarters of the Commonwealth organisation. It meant moving to London and living in Marlborough House which the Queen had given to the Commonwealth. As part of the job, Tony was required to travel a good deal and said he learnt more from experiencing the world than his time spent studying at university. Two of the most inspiring individuals he met during his time in London were Nelson Mandela and Mother Teresa.

In recent times Tony has turned his attention to writing and is soon to publish his third novel, under the pseudonym of Adam Tosier.

Scott Bowden's Olympic Adventure



Congratulations to Scott Bowden on his Australian representation at the Olympics. Scott competed in the mountain bike event and was also co-opted to form part of the teams cycling road race.

Scott attended the College from 2008-2011, and was the Vice School Captain in his final year. In 2011 Scott went on a Federally-subsidised trip to WW1 landmarks and battlefields in Belgium, France and Turkey as part of his prize for being a Tasmanian winner of the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize for essay writing. Scott was also one of the Guest speakers of the opening of the Memorial Wall and Garden during the Centenary Celebrations.

A major influence on Scott's career has been current SVC teacher Mr Steve Aitken who introduced him to the sport in Grade 7 and has continued to coach and mentor Scott to this day.

As a gesture of appreciation Scott's family and the Hobart Cycling community raised funds to send Steve to Rio to support Scott. Steve's recount of his experience:

This year I was incredibly lucky to be given the opportunity to represent the College community and carry their good wishes and support to Scott Bowden, who was competing in his first Olympics in both the Road and Mountain Bike (MTB) races. I am truly indebted and so very thankful to so many generous people for giving me this experience. Before I left for Rio it was pretty phenomenal to watch the Road Race on the TV. To see Scottie working for a couple of superstar team mates, whom only six years earlier he had cheered around the Geelong World Championship course, spoke volumes about his focus, tenacity and dedication.

In the MTB race, Scottie rode incredibly well through the race. His starting position was from the very back row, and in the early stages of the event was moving through the field well. Unfortunately he took a tumble on a particularly nasty wet and muddy off camber and root riddled section on Lap 1, and even though he bounced straight back up, he gave back many of the positions he'd just accrued. Over the next six laps of the very demanding course he worked his way through the field to be up into 35th position. With a lap to go an unusual decision by the Race Director saw riders being pulled out of the race. Scott and current reigning two time road World Champion Peter Sagan, were very unlucky as they were pulled out from the race just as they were about to catch a group in front of them, the group having just snuck through before officials began stopping riders.

Had he been allowed to continue I have no doubt that Scottie would have progressed at least another four and perhaps five places.

After the race it was captivating and enlightening to watch all the riders from around the World; to see their emotions, tears of joy and distress, and those of their families and friends; shared pain, jubilation and relief. Whilst Scottie was slightly disappointed to have had a fall and at being pulled out early, there were absolutely no excuses given. Instead he demonstrated a quiet and humble pride at having given his all on the day, as well as looking forward to the goals and challenges that he would set himself for the future.

It was an overwhelmingly humbling experience to be there with Scott and his family and one that I will always cherish. The thought of witnessing such an outstanding young man riding with the world's best on the biggest stage still gives me goosebumps. I will always be grateful to those who set the wheels in motion for me to get over and cheer for Scottie, particularly Principal Damian Messer, Scottie Williams, the Roberts, Gittus and Hoare families, Samantha Fox and so many more incredibly generous people who helped to get me over there. I was also incredibly lucky to be able to tag along with Scottie's amazing parents Gaye and Garry, and his very talented partner Liv. Most of all I would like to thank Scott. The way that he has conducted himself throughout the last couple of years in the lead up to Rio would be a model that many of us could follow in our own lives. Hardwork, perseverance, respect, passion and selflessness are all hallmarks of this Old Virgilian who has taught me so much. I am sure that I speak for all who know him when I wish him well with his future endeavours.

Dr Scott Brennan

(SVC 1995-98)



In December 2015 former College Captain and Beijing Olympic rowing gold medallist Scott Brennan married Kim Crow. In August, Kim Brennan won the women's single scull event at the Rio Games. A considerable amount of media attention was given to the happy couple, in particular Kim's achievement in matching her husband's gold medal feat. Much was also made of their extended separation, as Kim focussed on racing and Scott on his medical career as an Emergency Department specialist in Canberra. A sporting glamour couple indeed!

Simon Dwyer

(SVC 1974-79)

Former Principal Br Russell Peters contacted the College to share an article in Nairobi Kenya's Daily Nation featuring OV Simon Dwyer (SVC 1974-79) who has been sent to Nairobi to work for KPMG. Simon certainly has his work cut out to bring some sense of integrity to public and private administrations, for as Br Russell notes "there are almost daily accounts of the looting of public assets"!

Jack Riewoldt

(SVC 2001-04)



Jack Riewoldt celebrated his 200th AFL game in Round 21 against Geelong. Jack has played the most games of any Old Virgilian comfortably surpassing Brodie Holland (155 games with Fremantle and Collingwood) and Trent Nichols (112 games with Richmond, West Coast and North Melbourne).

James Bourke

(SVC 2008-11)



James continues to excel with his singing career. Many would recall him as a Year 10 student being a soloist at the Centenary Mass at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. At the 2016 Hobart Eisteddfod James won the Open Music Theatre Award as well as the Jazz / Contemporary Popular Song (Open) title.

Tony O'Byrne

(1957-64)



During the 2016 Australian Council of Education Leadership (ACEL) Conference in Sydney Tony O'Byrne was awarded an ACEL Fellowship for his committed and passionate teaching and leadership in Catholic education spanning over more than 40 years. Tony's most recent leadership role was Principal at Aquinas College at Ringwood from 1989 until his retirement in 2013. In his retirement, Tony has taken on many roles including the Independent Chair of Catholic School Parents Australia. The photo shows Tony receiving his Fellowship from Dr Jim Watterston (ACEL President).

Gaetano Palmese

(SVC 1973-78)

and Paul Cockburn

(SVC 1979-82)

At the recent Tasmania Architecture Awards, two former students were among the prizes - Gaetano Palmese (SVC 1973-78) and Paul Cockburn (SVC 1979-82).

Matt Bevilacqua

(SVC 2001-08)



Ironman Matt Bevilacqua defended his Molokai to Oahu paddleboard title (53 km) -winning the gruelling race in record time in Hawaii.

As well as collecting back-to-back Molokai titles, Matt also finished third in the 2016 Nutri-Grain Ironman series behind Shannon Eckstein and Ali Day. Matt, a regular visitor to the College, also finished second in this year's Coolangatta Gold. In the same event Craig Sly (SVC 1978-83) placed second in the 50+ division of the iconic race.

Kyron Johnson

(SVC 1972-79)

Kyron was elected to the role of Chairman of the Tasmanian Football Council. He was previously president of the Southern Football League for five years – a position taken over by one of our current parents - Madeleine Ogilvie MHA – daughter of Albert Ogilvie Junior and Great Granddaughter of foundation student Albert Ogilvie.

Caleb Jewell

(2009-2012)



Caleb continues to make a great impression in Tasmanian cricket recording a century in the first Futures League game for the year. This resulted in selection in the first Shield game for the year, a day/night pink ball game at the MCG against the might of Victoria. The Tasmanians were well and truly outplayed and Caleb was given a working over by a high quality attack that included test star Peter Siddle. Unfortunately he was dropped after the MCG game but will no doubt be pushing for a place in the XI during the year.

George Mamacas

(SVC 1976-81)

and Nick Di Giovanni

(SVC 1976-80)

Two of the Presidents of Victory League soccer clubs are Old Virgilians - Olympia's George Mamacas (SVC 1976-81) and Hobart Zebra's Nick Di Giovanni (SVC 1976-80). Both have been heavily involved in player and coach recruitment and game development for many years.

Alex Peroni

(SVC 2008-15)



On November 5 Alex won the first race of the final round of the Formula Renault Monoplace Challenge at the Estoril circuit in Portugal and in doing so secured the overall title. His rise through the ranks could be fast-tracked with an upcoming test for British 'star factory' Fortech Motorsport – potentially landing him a drive for the Eurocup next season. The surprising thing is that he is not old enough to qualify for an ordinary' car license, still being on his L-plates when he drives in Hobart!

James Parkinson

(SVC 2001-04)



James, in what is said to be an Australian-first, was one of the pair of divers to have captured footage of stunning marine life on a granite reef off Freycinet Peninsula off Tasmania's East Coast this year.

Craig Deayton

(SVC 1968-76)



In September Craig Deayton was announced as the third Principal of Guilford Young College. Craig is currently Principal of Sacred Heart College, New Town. An acknowledged educational leader, he has been a Principal in Tasmanian Catholic schools since 1994. Craig in his 'spare time' has had published a history of the 47th Battalion in WW1 entitled "Battle Scarred".

Ben Boyle

(SVC 1986-91)



Ben Boyle, the College Captain in 1991, has established the Tranquil Point Centre at Deep Bay near Cygnet. Ben was a member of the Australian Army for 13 years. He reached the rank of Captain and saw service in East Timor. Ben has used yoga to help him through post-traumatic stress disorder and the death of his newborn son

Josh Burdon

(SVC 2005-08)



The College seems to have a penchant for producing motor racing stars with Josh Burdon (SVC 2005-08) from BlackArts Racing recently winning the 2016 Asian Formula Renault Series Class A Overall Champion title. Josh will be heading to Spain to test the Formula Renault 3.5 as the reward from Renault Sport during winter testing. He will be testing in Circuito de Jerez, a 4.428 km racing circuit located close to the city of Jerez de la Frontera, deep within the sherry-producing south of Spain. After the six rounds and 12 races in 2016 AFR Series, Josh accumulated 282 points with seven first placings and ten podiums in total.

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Mike Noga

(SVC 1990-94)



Mike Noga former Drones drummer-turned-solo artist was featured in the Hobart Mercury's, Tas Weekend Magazine. He was in Hobart to perform at MONA Mike was with the Drones from 2004-14 and has enjoyed a successful career in music since leaving the College.

Daniel Groom

(SVC 2012 - 15)



Daniel Groom won the Australia Cup and was crowned the Under 18 schoolboy champion in May this year. He was also named in the Australian Merit Tennis Team at the end of the tournament. In 2017 Daniel will commence a tennis scholarship at a University of his choice.

Whistle Blowers...

Jacob Bevis

(SVC 2011-2014)

and Declan Waddington

(SVC 2012-2015)



Jacob Bevis (SVC 2011-2014) (centre back) and Declan Waddington (SVC 2012-2015) (front right) were selected to umpire at the 2016 National Under 16 Championships on the Gold Coast after impressive performances in the Tasmanian State Football League.

Jacob ran the boundary, whilst Declan was a central umpire, with both receiving positive feedback from AFL coaches in attendance.

As a result of his performances in the Under 16 Carnival, Declan has been appointed to the panel who will umpire the inaugural AFL Women's League competition at grounds across Australia.

Nick Tremayne



Nick has enjoyed a distinguished hockey career which has taken him to all parts of the globe. Highlights include:

- SVC hockey – 1996-99
- Various Tasmanian state underage sides 1997-2003
- Tasmanian Tigers – 2001 – 2012. Captain 2010-2012
- Australian Under 21 squad 2002-2003
- National Development squad 2007 and AIS European Tour 2007
- Derwent Hockey club – A grade 1998- 2016, Captain 2006-2016 and premiers 2006-2009, 2013
- Hockey South Best and Fairest 2012 and 2013
- Derwent Hockey Club Best and Fairest 2003, 2007, 2011, 2013-2015
- Derwent Men's A grade Premiership coach 2013
- Derwent women's A grade premiership coach 2011

The Story of the (nearly) Second SVC Site

In 1956 Br JM Hessian purchased the Austins Ferry property. What is not generally known is that in 1947, Principal, Br EC Fields, had commenced a search for 'suitable site in the country, near Hobart or Launceston'. In 1947 there were 431 students on the Barrack St property – 101 were boarders.

To quote from Br Field's correspondence at the time: - For some time the Brothers who have taught at the College have realised the need to transfer the boarding section of St Virgil's College to the country. The advantages are apparent: present congestion at the College would be relieved, the country provides simpler recreation, healthier living, and cheaper maintenance; and the move would help arrest the drift of our boys to the city especially if some form of agricultural boy training could be provided.

The land that Br Fields pursued was part of the original Woolmer's Estate near Longford at the junction of the Macquarie and South Esk rivers – some 250 acres.

The acquisition did not eventuate because 'such land can only be used for purposes as provided in the War Service Land Settlement Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States, that is, the settlement of eligible ex-servicemen as farmers.'

Prior to the recent Northern OVA Luncheon members of the Executive from Hobart visited the property – whilst it was spectacular, due to its location its acquisition would have radically changed the history of the College.

Reader Contributions

The Archives Office is always appreciative of feedback received from readers of Words and Deeds. As a result the Archivists have been able to add to the list of the College's high achievers.

• Added to the list of sporting internationals:

- **Wes Roach**
(International Water Polo and spent time at the AIS in Canberra)
- **Nick Tremayne**
Australian Under 21 Hockey

• Added to the list of civic adward winners:

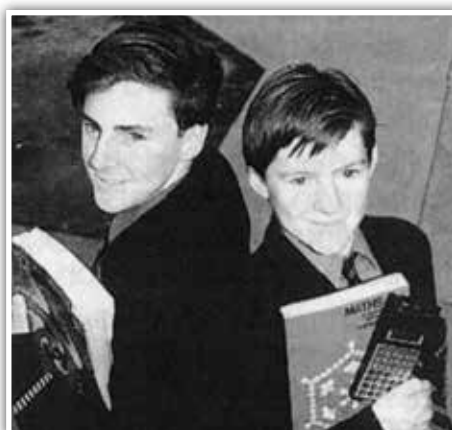
- **Peter Heerey AM QC**
In 2012 for service to the judiciary through the Federal Court of Australia, to the development of legal principle in the areas of intellectual property, trade practices, and military law, and to the community.
- **David Keating OAM**
In 1982 for services to Sport: Commonwealth Games

Request for photos / clippings from the 1950s during which time no Year Books were produced.

Thank you to John Brook and Peter Madden for their contributions.

Any more out there?

William (SVC 1991 -94) and Duncan Young (SVC 1992-95)



This photo was included in the 1994 Yearbook acknowledging William and Duncan's success in the Australian Mathematics competition. Where are they now you might ask? In 2016 Duncan has had the role of Census 2016 Program Manager at Australian Bureau of Statistics whilst William is the ICT Leader at Australian Bureau of Statistics in Adelaide. Whilst the online census resulted in a great deal of frustration for many Australians it is important to note that the problems associated with the census were attributable to IBM - not to Duncan!

James Mulcahy (SVC 1954-58) contacted the College with a remarkable tale that was ultimately solved by the Archivists - I recently purchased the picture postcard below from a deceased estate in Bundaberg Queensland. It shows the recreation grounds at the old College site in Barracks Street. There is no indication on the back of the card as to who is the printer or who is the photographer. At a guess the picture looks around 1920 vintage. My fascination with the card is that I am confused by where the court is in the picture. Is it in the College grounds or is it across the road? I played a lot of tennis at College and as a member of the College tennis team we would regularly practice across the road at the St Mary's Club courts and on occasions at private courts in Brisbane and Mole Streets nearby, under the guidance of Brother Joyce. The St Mary's Club had three or four courts from memory, but there is only one court in the picture.



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Archivist Bruce Woods solved the mystery advising James:

The photograph you have is of the tennis court which was built at the time the College was constructed, the photo was published in the first Virgilian magazine in December 1911. I have attached an aerial image from the St Virgil's College Prospectus of 1932 that shows where the tennis court was situated (number 8) in the picture. As you can see it is towards Patrick street and it was taken over by the soccer field that would have been there when you were at the college, also in this photo the chapel and north wing had not yet been built. The second image is from the 1918 Virgilian Record looking from the tennis court back to Barrack Street with the Arch Bishops Palace in the top right corner, the St Mary's tennis courts are to the right of the Palace from this perspective.

James left the College in 1958 and acknowledges his memory of schooldays has faded. James pursued a career in Chemistry thanks to the inspiration given to him by Brother Hessian. He also played competitive tennis, as a result of the encouragement and enthusiasm afforded by Brother Joyce.

James notes that he has never been back to St Virgil's but is keen to find time to take part in the OVA celebrations in 2017.

James' contemporary Peter McGee (SVC 1953-58) is a regular visitor to Melbourne for the Spring Carnival races.

Followers of his Facebook feed will also know he is a lover of fine dining, often posting from restaurants across Tasmania and when in Melbourne. Peter recently shared a day at the races with Tony Dowd and James (Jim) Mulcahy – Thankfully they still have the shirts on their backs!



Carl Renshaw

(SVC 2015)

Finalist in the Triple J 'Unearthed' Competition

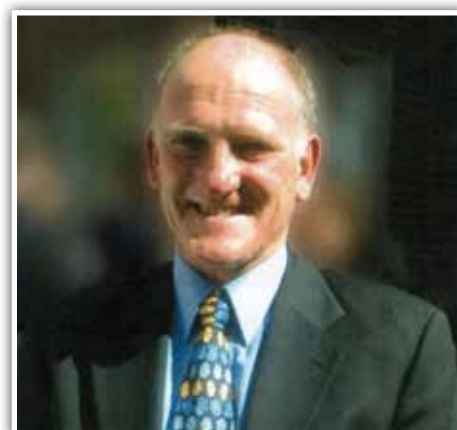


Congratulations to former St Virgil's student Carl Renshaw (OV 2015) who reached the finals of the Triple J Unearthed High Competition. This was an amazing achievement as the judges had to score through about 1000 tracks from more than 700 artists to narrow down their search for the best high school act in the country to just five finalists. Whilst he did not make the final, fellow 2015 SVC graduate Nick Machin was also well regarded in the competition, featuring on the Unearthed website.

Obituaries

Terrence (Terry) Charles Morgan

MB BS FRACS (1943-2016)
(SVC1953-60)



Terry passed away peacefully on August 17, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. Terry had a unique distinction in relation to St Virgil's College – he is the only person to have twice held the position of Head Prefect – 1959 & 1960. He was very gifted academically and was Dux of the College in his final year.

He also excelled at sports representing St Virgil's in football and cross-country but particularly swimming going on to win the Tasmanian backstroke championship in 1962. He also represented Tasmania in the national water polo championships. He Captained the SVC Swimming Team in both 1959 and 1960. This coincided with a remarkable period of success in this sport at the College. 1960 was the first statewide carnival – Saints were victorious and over the next nine years claimed a further eight titles.

Terry started 1st year medicine in 1961 at the University of Tasmania and went to Adelaide in 1962 for the remainder of the six year course. Terry went to England in 1969 for a year and then returned to Adelaide where he did all his general surgical training gaining FRACS in general surgery in 1973. He decided

to specialise in Urology and underwent this training in outstanding centres in Wellington New Zealand and at the National Urological Hospital in the UK. He returned as a Consultant Urologist to the Royal Hobart in 1977 and started private practice. Initially he shared rooms with Alan Holmes but after a year he rented rooms at 278 Macquarie St and subsequently bought those rooms. He remained as a Consultant Urologist at the Royal until his retirement in 2003.

Terry had a passion for skiing and indulged that passion as often as he could. Despite his illness he was off again this year in early February skiing in Europe. He was a most generous and very, very substantial donor to the David Collins Foundation and the Menzies Institute for Health Research.

Terry was farewelled by his close knit family and many of his St Virgil's contemporaries with whom he maintained lifelong friendships.

Bernard Gillon

21 May 1938 – 20 March 2016
(SVC 1946-54)



Bernard was educated at Sacred Heart, New Town, St Virgil's College and the University of Tasmania. At St Virgil's he made many lifelong friends and in 2015 was one of the main organisers of the 60 year reunion of the Class of 1955.

Bernard had an outstanding teaching career with the Tasmanian Education Department. He held senior positions in a variety of schools, retiring as Principal of Mount Stuart Primary School in 1993. As a mark of the esteem with which Bernie was held, the crescent bordering the Mt Stuart school is named Gillon Crescent. His ability to inspire and facilitate academic and sporting achievement while nurturing his charges was widely acknowledged.

During his College days Bernard developed a love of music and the arts. In time he became a life member of the Orpheus Choir, a member of the Riverside Arts Club and was a regular in the annual University Revue. Bernie loved his sport. He had a long involvement on the hockey scene, both as player and a coach, and enjoyed his game of tennis.

Bernie also loved travelling and history. He travelled the world forming new friendships.

To numerous others within the local community he was known as "Bernard", mentor and friend. He provided incredible support to refugees, always giving a helping hand, caring for them, supporting them and educating them in the ways of their new homeland whilst always respecting their origins. He had a particular involvement with the Sudanese community – he taught numerous members to drive, was Godfather to two and arranged and paid for three young lads to have a holiday on the Gold Coast. He took on a father like role for these lads from 'up the road' and liaised with their schools (including St Virgil's and Sacred Heart) to ensure that education was a priority. He was indeed a man who lived the motto of the College, 'By deeds not words alone'.

Dr Leon Gillam

(1927 – 2016)
(SVC 1948-54)



Dr Leon Gillam, an eminent surgeon, passed away July 8 2016. He is survived by children - Elizabeth, Dane, Louise, Lincoln. Son Jason tragically died in London two weeks after his father and his wife of 62 years Dolores sadly passed away on October 6 2016. Leon's sisters, Joan and Betty were prominent students and athletes at St Marys College.

Leon was the son of Superintendent Ted Gillam of the Tasmanian Police Force and Mrs Gillam. Leon was an Under Officer in St Virgil's College Cadet Unit and after matriculating, joined the Royal Australian Air Force. When the war ended he was accepted into the Faculty of Medicine at Adelaide University, where he met his wife Dolores. After graduation, Leon furthered his medical experience at Launceston General Hospital and the Belfast University Hospital. As Leon wanted to specialise in Ears, Nose and Throat Surgery and Dolores in Dermatology, a transfer to Sydney was undertaken.

Twelve years was spent in his specialty before being awarded his Fellowship followed by membership of ASOHS.

On purchase of a property at Cobbity near Camden, NSW, Leon and Dolores opened a Medical Centre at Campbell Town.

He had obtained his Private Pilot Licence and spent time in his Cestna aircraft.

Cobbity became an important venue for Old Boys of his era to renew acquaintances and enjoy the Gillam's hospitality. This was reciprocated on their annual visits to Hobart where Leon enjoyed reliving the stories and experiences of his childhood. Like many of his colleagues, he was firm in his opposition to the change of name of St Virgil's College Barrack Street, not only because of its tradition but as a continuing symbol of hope and enlightenment.

2015

Paul Raymond McNaughton

5/8/54-27/10/15 (SVC1966-1971)

Good friend of Gregory Williams (SVC 1963-1970) and Brendan Hunter (SVC 1965-1971)

May

Ian Geoffrey Sharpen

5.5.1943 - 18.5.2016 Father of Jeremy (SVC 1989-94)

John William Street

(SVC 1943 - 49). From the 1949 Year Book: John Street was Head Prefect in 1949 and was a member of the successful football and cross country teams – he was adjudged best on Ground in the State football victory over Grammar. He won the 880 yards and the mile at the State Athletics and was a member of the senior cricket team. (Any information regarding John's post school years would be greatly appreciated. Ed.)

Andrew Robert Jackson

24.12.1969 - 27.5.2016 (SVC 1982-86)

June

Patrick John Fahey

5.6.1930 - 18.6.2016 (SVC 1943 -48)

Ian Russell Dolan

1946 - 29.6.2016 (SVC 1960-62)

Father of Patrick dec. (SVC 1988-93)

July

Richard Zenon Bogus

4.1.1941 - 2.7.2016 Father of Shane (SVC 1981-86)

Gwenyth May McCormack

(Bloomfield).17.4.1921 - 9.7.2016 Mother of Fr Phil McCormack (SVC 1957-62); grandmother of Clinton Walker (SVC 1978-83).

August

Dr Terence (Terry) Charles Morgan

1943-2016 (SVC 1953-60)

Christopher John Byrne

1959 - 2016 (SVC 1970 -76) Brother of Wayne (SVC 1962-67), Ross (SVC 1966-71) and Stuart.(SVC 1978-83) Died suddenly..

Thera Beatrice Heerey

August 10, 1923 - August 17, 2016 Aged 93 Loved and loving wife of Frank OAM. Mother and mother-in-law of David (SVC 1962-69) Richard (SVC 1964-72) and James (SVC 1972-79)

September

Rex John Mundy

1927 – 2016. (SVC 1943-46). Father of Leigh,(SVC 1965 – 70) and John (SVC 1965 -72)

Margaret Kathleen Fournier

1949 - 2016. Mother of John (SVC 1988-93) and Patrick (SVC 1991-94)

Timothy Denis Kelly

1941 - 2016, (SVC 1949-57) Principal of TD Kelly & Co Solicitors. Passed away in Sydney.

October

Leo Bernard Kelly

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Loved husband of Barbara. Loved father of Paul (SVC 1979-85), Simon (SVC 1979-87) and Stuart (SVC 1984- 89)

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Mary Ashlin Stringer

1925 -2016 . Mother of Paul
(SVC 1962-63)

Hugh Hutchinson

1943-2016 Father of Stephen (SVC
1981-86), Andrew, (SVC 1984-89) Joseph
(SVC 1991-94) and Gregory, (SVC
1991-94) and father-in-law of Shaun
Reardon (SVC 1977-85).

Nikola Ivkovic

Father of George (SVC 1992 – 96)

Paul Bernard Yard

4.9.1948 - 22.10.2016 (SVC 1955-64)
Passed away peacefully on October 22,
2016, after a courageous battle with
MND

Alan Guy Wallace

27.02.1933 – 22.10.2016 (SVC 1941-51)
Brother of Bob (SVC 1947-53) and Gary
(SVC 1950-58 dec.)

Ian Wilson Coad

1932, - 2016. (SVC1948)

November

Geoffrey Royce Wright

7.1.1932 - 3.11.2016 (SVC 1945-48) Father
of Chris (1966-73), father-in-law of Shane
Morgan (SVC 1968-73), grandfather of
Matthew Wright (SVC 1993-96), Daniel
(SVC 1993-96), Joseph (SVC 1995-98)
and Ben (SVC 1998-2001) Morgan and
Aaron (SVC 2001-04) and Dion (SVC
2005-08) Clark, Chris and Daniel.

Neville Stanley Schofield

1936 - 2016 (SVC 1949-51). Father of
Chris (SVC 1983-88), Grandfather of
Connor Schofield (SVC 2014-) and
Chris (SVC1994-99) and Denis (SVC
1998-2001) Cupit.

Marriages

Joel Burton (SVC 2000-2003) married
Anglea Gove on Angela's family property
in Tyabb, Mornington Peninsula,
Victoria on January 30 in a beautiful
garden ceremony. The bridal party
included Joel's brother, Jarrod Burton
(SVC 1995-1998).

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