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*Front Cover: Junior Years' Book Week Parade, Alessio Maiorano and Harry Binns*

*Above: University of South Australia and the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT), Excellence and Equity in Mathematics (XE) program launch held at Rostrevor College on Friday 7th August.*

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Putting Our Students Wellbeing First



Positive psychology and student wellbeing are becoming more and more central to the life of schools. Research shows that one in four Secondary students will face a mental health issue at some stage of their schooling and one in six in the Primary Years. Physical and mental wellbeing are foundational to all else that we do in schools. Without creating the right environment, everything else, including academic success, falls by the wayside.

In June our Prefects led the College in *Blue Week* where issues of mental wellbeing were discussed openly and information was provided to all students on support that they could seek, as well as understanding the signs that others may exhibit when they are doing it tough. I was so proud of our student leaders for the way they embraced this responsibility and their openness to speak with students on what is often perceived to be a sensitive topic. In addition they raised valuable funds to support *beyondblue*.

Recently Cheree Taylor from the Principals Australia Institute spoke with our staff about two important frameworks: *KidsMatter* for Primary Schools and *MindMatters* for Secondary Schools. These are frameworks for promoting mental health and wellbeing in school environments. The frameworks are supported by the Australian Government Department of Health, *beyondblue* and the Principals Australia Institute.

These are not programs as such but staff training courses designed to develop a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.

There are four core components: 1) Positive School Community; 2) Social and Emotional Learning for Students; 3) Working with Parents and Carers; and 4) Helping Children with Mental Health Difficulties.

The guiding principles of the frameworks are:

- The best interests of children are paramount
- Respectful relationships are foundational
- Diversity is respected and valued
- Parents and carers are recognised as the most important people in children's lives
- Parents and teachers support children best by working together
- Students need to be active participants
- Schools, health and community agencies work together with families

We are currently in the process of establishing an implementation team to help guide our efforts to ensure that our practices are responsive to the issues that children face and to continue to promote an environment that is conducive to positive growth and wellbeing.

**Simon Dash**  
Principal

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# BOARD UPDATE

## Chair of the Board

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There was a DREAM, there was a PLAN and now there is a BUILD to make it reality! If you haven't had the opportunity to explore the magnificent new facilities that our boys and teachers can take advantage of every day then please make an effort to do so and inspect the new Ideas Centre (formerly known as the Resource Centre) and the Equity Hub (formerly the Resource Centre building). The work done on these two facilities brings them into the 21st century for use now and well into the future. Congratulations must go to the Senior Leadership Team for having the vision to commit to such projects and the Rostrevor College Foundation for the funding assistance it has provided.

The College is set on expansive grounds, which is part of the unique Rostrevor experience, with many buildings and facilities which constantly require renewal and upkeep. It is almost like a mini city which somehow manages to incorporate a wide variety of different elements, sometimes those elements need repair and maintenance and yet it all seems to come together to provide for our boys.

I draw parallels between the above and how Rostrevor provides and enhances the life experience for our boys. How it brings it all together. It provides facilities for a broad and diverse range of boys and their families, from many varied ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. The variety of those cultures, attitudes

and the way each family raises their boy outside of the College environment is a learning experience in itself for every other boy at the College. It means our boys are not exposed to the “blandness of sameness” as many other schools that institute unspoken of enrolment policies which produce an entire school cohort of the same types of boys and parents. The truth is these types of policies should be called out for what they really are - exclusion policies - at Rostrevor the opposite applies where a positive inclusive policy is applied to enrolments meaning diversity is celebrated, encouraged and welcomed. In my view it better prepares our boys for the real world. As parents we are aware that life after school changes dramatically, in the real world you are compelled to deal with people from all walks of life.

Just as the College **dreams, plans and builds** our facilities so it does with our boys. Rostrevor College in conjunction with us as parents has a **dream** that each of our boys can become anything they want to be. It then sets out to **plan** how that will occur and finally, in a team effort with us, **builds** that future over the time our sons experience life at Rostrevor.

Enjoy your future, red and black is in our blood.

**Claudio Galloni ('83)**  
Chair of the Board

1. Claudio Galloni speaking at the official launch of the refurbished facilities on Marian Day.
2. Simon Dash addressing parents and Old Collegians at the launch.
3. Fr James Valladares blessing the refurbished Junior Years classrooms.
4. The Rostrevor College Community Blessing of the newly refurbished facilities during the Marian Day Mass.

# STAGE ONE OF THE MASTER BUILDING PLAN FACILITY LAUNCH

Marian Day, Friday 14th August, was a bigger occasion than usual, as it was also a celebration of the blessing and opening of our \$4 million refurbishment of key teaching and learning facilities.

While the newly created Equity Hub and Ideas Centre are the centrepieces of this transformation, it is worth remembering that the upgrade incorporated the Skills Centre, Art Rooms, classrooms in the Rice Building, upstairs Mogg classrooms and the creation of a footbridge and two new classrooms above the Junior Campus administration building. It was a much needed overhaul which has brought these facilities well and truly into the 21st century.

Such a critical overhaul of so much of the campus was only possible through the generous support of the Rostrevor College Foundation which contributed \$2 million to the project. It is good to know that your contributions to the Foundation have helped to provide a much needed facelift for our campus. Likewise, the generous support of the Parents and Friends Association who provided \$50,000 towards the installation of critical technology throughout the facilities was gratefully received.

With the massive improvement in our academic results over the last three years, we hope the enhancements to these facilities will add further to the quality of the teaching and learning experience for all of our students.

*Simon Dash*  
Principal



# ROSTREVOR COLLEGE WINTER BALL

Saturday 20th June 2015, Adelaide Oval

There was a decidedly chilly atmosphere at Adelaide Oval on the night of Saturday 20th June - for 'Winter' had arrived.

Not for long however, when over 200 staff, friends and parents warmed up the room with their good cheer and hot dance moves to the tunes of *Motown Connection!* After being wine and dined with exquisite fare, the mercury really fired up with the live auction, with a prosciutto leg, Clipsal 'Hot' Laps, signed cricket bat and more - a bidding frenzy ensued. The generosity of our sponsors and community was humbling (with Rostrevor College Cricket being the final home for the treasured Phil Hughes signed cricket bat) and at last count we have raised over \$27,000! The funds will be made available to the College wishlist distributed by the Parents and Friends. A big thank you, to the Rostrevor Foundation for kindly donating the black Piaggio scooter for the raffle, which was drawn on the night, as well as Toolpak Australia and Pure Financial Management for their generous contributions towards the evening.

We are thrilled with the result and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to make the 2015 Winter Ball such a success.

*Kate Kain*

On behalf of the Parents and Friends Committee







# START OF A NEW TRADITION

## Year 11 Semi-Formal



On Saturday evening, 15th August, the Year 11 Semi-Formal, hosted by Principal Mr Simon Dash, was held at Sfera's Park Suites and Convention Centre, Modbury. This year was the first time the Formal has been exclusive to Year 11 students, with the Year 12 Principal's Ball already held earlier in the year.

The event turned out to be one of the highlights of the year for our cohort, an evening no doubt that will provide lifelong memories as well as offering a significant opportunity for the social education of the young men in Year 11. It was a great evening that was enjoyed by all that attended, with Sfera's living up to true Rossi style having the tables and walls decorated with its customary Red and Black colours that the school prides itself on.

The night's proceedings saw the young men of Rostrevor College fully participate in all aspects of the evening whether it be singing and dancing on the dance floor or the abundance of photos taken in the foyer. It was also widely acknowledged by staff with genuine pride and respect the way the young gentleman acted towards their invited partners (Ms Maria De Ieso's etiquette lesson the day before had the desired effect).

Many thanks must go to the hard work and dedication of Mr Evan Pezos, Mr Andrew Robertson, Mr Glen Urbani and the Year 11 Vice Captains who did a wonderful job in the planning and management of the night's proceedings. Also, on behalf of the Year 11 Cohort, our gratitude must go to the Senior Leadership Team and teaching staff that attended, supported and supervised on the night. Without the support and effort of the organisers, events like the Semi-Formal would not be possible.

*Alexander Agostinelli*  
Year 11, Egan



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# REAL GOOD MEN

## 'Stella Fellas and Stella Bellas'



Early in the year, the student Social Justice Group identified respectful relationships as a priority for this year: recognising that justice must begin with the person next to us. Our aim is that every student identifies himself as a 'Real Good Man,' someone who has integrity, respects himself, respects others and respects the environment.

In a year where Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty, is highlighting issues of the use of physical, verbal and emotional violence against women, the Social Justice Group sees that as 'Real Good Men,' we must have respectful relationships with the females in our lives, including our family members, our friends and members of staff. We want to take a stand against the use of put downs, inappropriate comments and especially physical or verbal force in relationships. We want to learn from the 'Real Good Women and Girls' in our lives and to challenge sexist attitudes in our College and in the wider community.

Social Justice Captains, Will Critchley and Marcus Sosa, have met with the Social Justice group from our sister school, Loreto College, to talk about ways we can learn from each other and work together on this issue. Maddie Kelly, Social Justice Co-ordinator and Youth Minister from St Aloysius College, spoke to

the Social Justice Group about the global aspects of right relationships, highlighting the topic of Human Trafficking, which exists not just in developing countries but here in Australia – even in Adelaide, according to a recent Four Corners program on the ABC.

On Friday 21st August, we were joined by hundreds of Edmund Rice students in Australia, under the banner of Edmund Rice Action for Change (ERA for Change), in a national campaign to raise awareness about violence against women, to support Anti-Human Trafficking organisations. We invited the Real Good Men of Rostrevor College to sign the White Ribbon pledge: "I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women".

Our Red and Black Disco that evening (for students in Years 8 – 10) also took on the theme *Stella Fellas And Stella Bellas*, 'Real Good Men' of Rostrevor looking good and using their voices to speak out for a world where everyone feels comfortable and safe.

### **Helena Sweeney**

Co-ordinator Service Learning

***"We invited the Real Good Men of Rostrevor College to sign the White Ribbon pledge: 'I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women'."***

#### Opposite

1. Luke Piro presenting Keanu Eliepa and Aria Guerra with their certificates for best dressed couple.
2. Fabrice Rukundo and Sarina Tran Nguyen
3. Xavier Cubillo and Juliet Beneke
4. Matthew Del Corso and Tia Medve

#### Above

1. Rostrevor College boys at the Stella Fellas and Stella Bellas Red and Black Disco.
2. Rostrevor and Loreto College students preparing for the Stella Fellas and Stella Bellas Red and Black Disco.

# PATHWAYS TO POST-SECONDARY

## Introducing a New Initiative

*“The new concept was designed to expose students to a broad range of career exploration experiences focused around five key areas which allowed all students to personally develop, explore, discover, plan and to ultimately grow.”*

Rostrevor College introduced a new program for all Year 10 students at the end of Term 2 called 'Pathways to Post-Secondary.' This program has been piloted in 2015 as a replacement for the Year 10 four day Work Experience Program.

It was noted that many schools across Australia were in the process of reviewing their Work Experience Programs due to the introduction of new Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws, new Workplace Learning Guidelines, client confidentiality and the impact that university undergraduate placement has had on the capacity of younger secondary students ability to secure suitable placements which value add to their future career aspirations.

The new concept was designed to expose students to a broad range of career exploration experiences focused around five key areas which allowed all students to personally develop, explore, discover, plan and to ultimately grow. Using these key words the program was individualised on the students personal development and growth.

Day one, *iDevelop*, saw all Year 10 students participate in workshops focused on vocational study areas and workplace training. We also had Old Collegians Tom Jonas ('08) and Jack Hombsch ('10), current players for the Port Adelaide Football Club, return and speak to the students about their personal school and work life journey and how to capitalise on opportunities that can be accessed by all students.

Day two, *iExplore*, was spent at Flinders University where students participated in a variety of sessions including Paramedic, Science, Engineering, Business and Psychology. A highlight of the day was hearing from Old Collegian, Tom Brown ('14), who encouraged students to be open to individual career exploration; to look globally and to explore Career Clusters instead of individual degrees.

Day 3, *iDiscover*, this time saw the Year 10 cohort split into two groups with one participating in activities delivered by the University of South Australia at the Mawson Lakes Campus, while the other attended Adelaide University. Standout activities for many students were tooth moulding, engineering, robotics, business, health and IT workshops.



The last day of the four day program, iGrow, saw Old Collegians Daniel Rigon ('09) Angelo Varricchio ('12) and Tait Reid ('14) invited back for a Q&A session called *Beyond the Gates of Rostrevor*. Following this students rotated through workshops on etiquette, aptitude, advertising and an interesting session called *60 Second Pitch*. Students also had the opportunity to participate in the Career Conversation Morning Tea where the students hosted industry representatives in small discussion groups.

Feedback from students, parents and industry representatives has been very positive towards the program with one student saying that *"It was better than my expectations"*.

**Sandra Mitchell**

Post-Secondary Pathways Co-ordinator

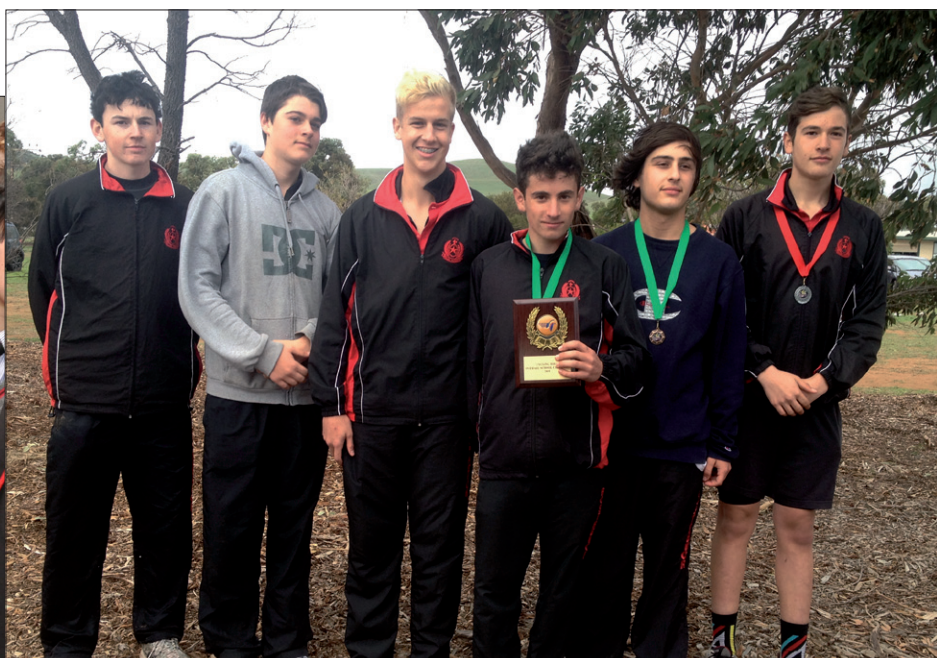
1. Day 1 of the Year 10 Pathways to Post-Secondary Program
2. Tom Jonas and Jack Hombsch signing autographs for the students following their presentation,



*Congratulations to our students who competed in the Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival and won the Catholic Schools Division 1 Athletics Shield for the fourth year in a row!*



*Year 11 Boarder, James Snowball, has been awarded the Kangaroo Island Settlement Day, Young Achievers Award for 2015.*



*On the 7th and 8th of May the Rostrevor Road Cycling Team (Patrick Shanahan, Cael Smith, Brandon Luna, Marco Ocampo, Sam Lagana, Daniele Di Censo) competed in the SSSSA Cycling Tour to become the 2015 Overall School Champion,*

# HIGHLIGHTS

# OUR KIDS MATTER

## Junior Years' Wellbeing

*“For all Primary aged children, after their families, school provides the most significant ‘developmental’ context.”*

Spiritual, Academic and Co-Curricular. The three pillars of a Rostrevor College education form the base that holds aloft our young men. A strong foundation can be laid for the lives of our boys if they strive to achieve their personal best in each of these pursuits.

In seeking to balance their personal and social lives it is widely and unanimously understood that positive mental health and wellbeing is a vital part of learning and life for all young people – especially boys. Young men who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from all life experiences and have stronger relationships with family members, school staff and their peers. Positive mental health in childhood provides a solid foundation for; managing the transition to adolescence and adulthood, engaging successfully in education and making meaningful contributions to society.

For all Primary aged children, after their families, school provides the most significant ‘developmental’ context. All schools therefore play a crucial role in building children’s self esteem and their sense of competence. Schools also act as a safety net and assist in protecting children from circumstances that affect their learning, development and wellbeing.

To support the development of the young men of the Rostrevor College Junior Campus, we understand and embrace our role as partners in your sons’ education and personal and emotional development. To assist us in working closely with families and the community and to continually look at providing the best environment to support the boys’ mental health and wellbeing, we will be forming an Action Team to implement *Kidsmatter Primary*.

*Kidsmatter* is a framework funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health. It is underpinned by decades of solid, evidence based research about mental health and wellbeing and the benefits of social and emotional learning in schools. From a strong research base, indications are that greater mastery of social and emotional learning improves students’ personal development, readiness to learn, classroom behaviour and academic performance.

As a Junior Campus, we look forward to developing our understanding of the framework. Upon reaching the implementation stage of the major initiative we will seek to engage with and involve our whole school community for this to be a sustainable future for us.

**Geoff Aufderheide**

Director - Junior Campus



*Above*  
Lucas Kozno and Owen Lloyd on  
Unfair Day

*Opposite*  
Students enjoying the calligraphy  
lessons during on FLIC Day

# CELEBRATING CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

## A Festival of Languages in Italian and Chinese

On Friday 21st of August the Junior Years Languages Other Than English Staff (LOTE), Belinda De Conno-Coward, Elizabeth Trasente and Emily Xiao, presented the Junior boys with an amazing opportunity to engage in the Cultures connected to the two languages offered at Rostrevor College; Chinese and Italian.

All the evidence available about successful language teaching/learning strongly points to the links between learning language and experiencing culture. Whilst the best case scenario would be to put all of the boys on an international flight to experience culture first hand, I'm not entirely sure our business manager would have been all that comfortable in allowing 160+ boys and staff that opportunity!

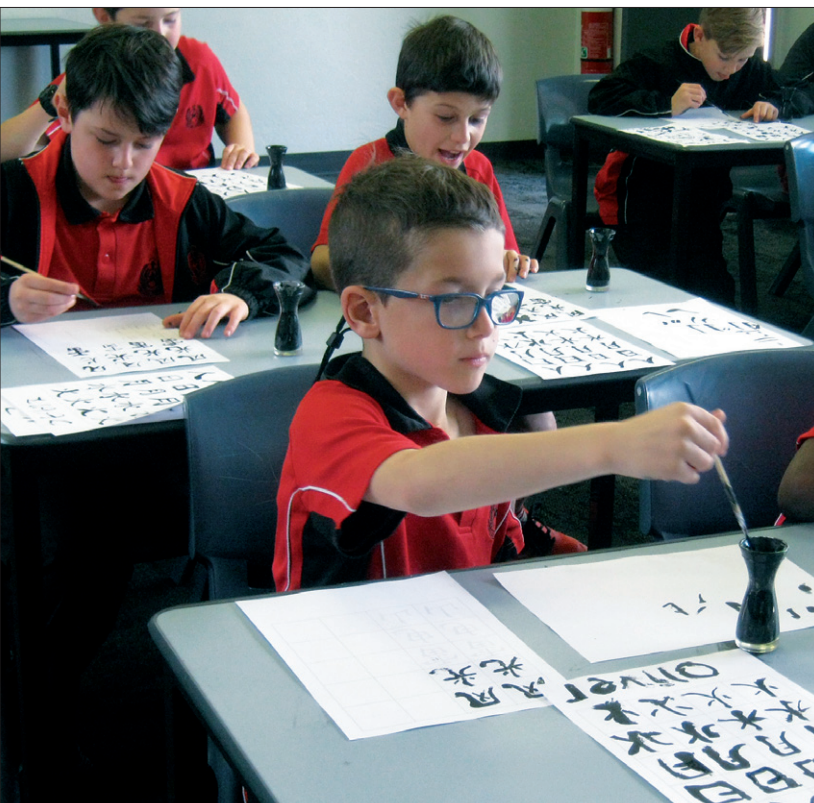
Thus, this term, we launched our inaugural FLIC Day – *A Festival of Languages in Italian and Chinese* which proved to be an overwhelmingly success! There were many varied activities for the boys to gain further exposure to the cultural aspects of the languages that they learn in a fun and interactive way. The Junior Years students had opportunities to: play 'Briscola', compete in Soccer and Bocce, challenge each other with Tombola, build a Chinese friendship wall and Chinese lantern, produce Italian celebration masks and try out the art of calligraphy. To fully immerse the boys in all cultural aspects of these countries, we even provided the boys with a selection of food to try.

I wish to personally thank our tremendous staff for their support of a new initiative this year – days like this can be tough but all seemed to go smoothly. I also wish to thank our LOTE staff: Belinda, Elizabeth and Emily, for their vision and willingness to try something new. We will certainly offer the experience again in years to come.

**Geoff Aufderheide**

Director - Junior Campus

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1. Boarders' High Tea
2. Paul Vandenberg presenting to students at the Boarders' High Tea
3. Director of Advancement, Sue Giacobbe, with Damien Ryan ('72) at the Alice Springs Field Days
4. Alvaro Sabino (10) with Director - Boarding, Eugene Evans at the Darwin Field Days
5. Intermediate Band
6. Senior Rock Band
7. Senior Vocal Band

This first Semester has passed rather quickly with many highlights from our students. Having made a successful start to the year, I am now looking back and thinking how did we get this much done in such a tight schedule. Obviously, the staff here at Rostrevor have a great handle on the curriculum and the additional activities that pass through their hands each week. I have been impressed with the commitment and desire of many of our boarders in addressing challenges as they surface.

From a staffing point of view, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Gap students from Bath in the United Kingdom, Ben White, Chris Burnett and Scott Blake, for the last twelve months assisting as Supervisors and support staff at Rostrevor College. They worked hard throughout their stay making positive relationships with both staff and students alike. We wish them well in their new endeavours back in the UK.

Michael Yip has joined us from Downlands College Toowoomba, replacing Gerrard Doyle as Deputy Director - Boarding. Gerrard remains with our supervision team but in a smaller capacity this Semester. James Burrows from our teaching ranks has also joined our boarding staff assisting with tutoring and supervision. We also have Andy Miller back doing some supervision duties. Tim Cousins is now officially retired, we wish Tim all the very best with his break after many years here at Rostrevor.

Our sporting commitments over the winter months are always very tiring on our students, credit to the coaches for getting them up each week to play competitively, representing Rostrevor College in fine style. Our football sides have all worked in a manly fashion, with mixed results. The 1st IX had a great victory over St Kevin's in greasy cold conditions, however the side struggled after with both form and injuries taking its toll.

On the social side of things we have attended Bounce, Wildy Social, held several Masses with Loreto College and even a social game of netball against the girls.

Our own Boarders' High Tea, Tuesday 26th May, was a fantastic night with Paul Vandenberg from Port Adelaide Football Club bringing along two AFL players from Port Power, Patrick Ryder and Karl Amon. It was a great night which I'm sure will carry fond memories to be cherished as the years tick by, nights such as this tend to remain with the students forever.

Congratulations to Domonic Grant and Darcy Fogarty for receiving an AIS selection from the recent AFL U16 Titles on the Gold Coast during the July holidays. Two from Rostrevor College is fantastic news, well done boys.

### **Field Days**

Field Days are always a great opportunity to visit some of the more rural and interstate regions that some of our boarders come from. This gives us a chance to connect with members of our boarding community past, present and future.





### Alice Springs 3 - 4 July 2015

It was a busy couple of days in lovely Alice Springs. We were visited by several Old Collegians and were able to re-establish some connections that had previously been lost, including meeting the mayor of Alice Springs, Damien Ryan ('72). Some of the visiting Old Collegians were not so old but past students now working in Alice Springs. All were proud to re-live the connection and tell us their own story.

As our young men arrived home at the end of term we were visited by some of them and it was lovely to be introduced to their families.

### Darwin 23 - 25 July 2015

Our trip to Darwin was successful with a mixture of new enquiries, Old Collegians dropping in for a chat and current families touching base with us.

A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Sabino for bringing their son, Alvaro, to work on our stand throughout the show. Many people passing by commented on Alvaro presenting in his Rostrevor uniform representing Rostrevor College. Well done Alvaro.

In addition, the assistance from current parent, Mrs Cubillo, was also greatly appreciated.

**Coming up we will be visiting the Paskeville Field Days (29th September - 1st October), please drop by our stand, we look forward to meeting everyone who is able to make it.**

**Eugene Evans**  
Director - Boarding



## Balaklava Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the members of the Senior Rock Band (1st Place), the Senior Vocal Ensemble (2nd Place) and the Intermediate Band (Honourable Mention) at the Balaklava 2015 Eisteddfod!

After many dedicated hours of rehearsing, the ensembles were polished and ready to take on the competition! The Senior Rock Band was the first group to perform, with Alex Johnson on lead vocal, Jared Grimm and Steven Oh on guitar, Jack Paech on bass guitar, Michael Marino on drums and Sam Abdilla on keys. They began with the crowd favourite *Slow Dancing in A Burning Room* followed by a compilation of hit charts in the form of a *Pumped up Kids / Talk is Cheap* mash up. They performed magnificently and left the judges in no doubt that the Rostrevor Rock Band were the undisputed Rock Champions of Balaklava.

The Senior Vocal Ensemble then took to the stage in an intimate Chapel near the centre of town. They had the crowd spell bound as they sang an acapella version of *California Dreaming* followed by a lightly accompanied version of *The Longest Time*. Gareth Surian, the vocal leader along with Mrs Marnie Tiggemann the ensemble director, showed the crowd the versatility of the Rostrevor Ensembles. The delicate harmonies and outstanding rhythmic interpretation of both pieces ensured the ensemble would place highly and though just pipped at the post by Pultney, placing 2nd was an outstanding result.

The Intermediate Band is the third of our big bands, so to achieve an Honourable Mention is a credit to the dedicated time and effort put in by the lads. For many of the ensemble members it is their first competitive performance, and they certainly rose to the occasion. The ensemble began with *Woodchoppers Ball* featuring the rock steady drumming of Alex Cupkovic and the solid walking bass lines of Alex Circelli. Next they performed *What I'd Say*, which featured the smooth melodic lines of Luke Seneca on alto saxophone.

It was indeed a fantastic day, made possible by the hard work of the students and the dedication of the ensemble directors Mrs Marnie Tiggemann and Mr Greg Osman.

**Peter Waterman**  
Head of Music/Art



# ROSTREVOR FOUNDATION

## Creating a Culture of Philanthropy

*“It gives me great pleasure to announce that this year’s appeal has raised \$118,000, almost four times that of last year.”*



**1.** Official blessing and opening, Friday 14th August. Michael Smith cutting the ribbon, with Claudio Galloni (Chair of College Board) and Kevin Duggan (first Chair of College Board).

### **Annual Appeal 2015**

#### **Together we can make a difference**

As education changes, our challenge is to continue to adapt in order to give the boys of today every opportunity to develop, achieve and succeed in the world of tomorrow.

The Foundation Board members and I are truly heartened by the amazing support we have received to our annual appeal request this year. It gives me great pleasure to announce that this year’s appeal has raised \$118,000, almost four times that of last year.

To all of those who have donated so far, we say thank you! There are incredible people with a big philanthropic heart in our community and we are warmed by their generosity. It is the generosity of the community that has enabled the Foundation to assist with the scholarship programmes and building works of our College.

We received a substantial amount for an Indigenous scholarship from one such philanthropic donor who truly values the College and the great work we do even though he and his family have no educational connection to Rostrevor. This donation is on top of another large donation he made last year towards scholarships and the new building project.

What we do here matters, not just to our internal community but also to those watching from afar.

As a community working together we aim to continue to build upon what is, so as to create what will be. It’s never too late to give. Together we can make a difference and we do!

#### **Celebration**

On Friday the 14 of August, Marian Day, we celebrated the Blessing and official opening of our newly refurbished buildings. Parents and Old Collegians were taken for a tour and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive upon their return.

**Tony Franzon**  
Foundation Chair

# Thank you

The Rostrevor Foundation would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 2015 Annual Appeal, including those not listed below and those who wished to remain anonymous.

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**ROSTREVOR  
FOUNDATION**

## Attention Foundation Members

You are cordially invited to participate in the Annual General Meeting of the Rostrevor College Foundation Incorporated to be held at 6.00pm, Thursday 12th November, 2015 in the Pavilion, Rostrevor College, Glen Stuart Road, Woodforde.

All positions are declared open and vacant. Foundation members are encouraged to attend and nominate for all Board of Management positions.

For more information or to nominate and/or to register your attendance please contact Sue Giacobbe – Director of Advancement on [sgiacobbe@rostrevor.sa.edu.au](mailto:sgiacobbe@rostrevor.sa.edu.au) or visit the Rostrevor College website, [www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au](http://www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au).

## Thank you!

**The Foundation Board would like to thank you for your generous and valued contributions.**

Please join us immediately after the Annual General Meeting, 7pm, for some drinks and finger food as we take this opportunity to thank all who have supported and generously donated to the College. Even if you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting we still hope you will join us for this part of the evening.

For catering purposes please RSVP by 4.00pm, Thursday 5th November, 2015 to Sue Giacobbe on [sgiacobbe@rostrevor.sa.edu.au](mailto:sgiacobbe@rostrevor.sa.edu.au).

## Bequests

### Charles Guthrie August Koch ('62)

We extend our thanks to the Koch family for their bequest on behalf of Charles Guthrie August Koch. A respected member of the community and well-liked by everyone he met, Charlie will be remembered as a true gentleman and generous man.

Born on May 11, 1946 Charlie died on December 20, 2013, aged 67.

The Koch family lived in Naracoorte while the family home at Tallageira was being built in the early 1950s.

Charlie started primary school at the Catholic Convent in Naracoorte until the house at Tallageira was finished in 1952, after which he transferred to Frances Primary School. At age 11 Charlie became a boarder at Rostrevor College - where he went through to Leaving Honours in 1962.

Winning a Commonwealth Scholarship, which would have covered his university fees, Charlie considered studying law but was very passionate about farming and decided to return to the land and make farming his life's work.

The 1960s were the time of the Vietnam War and conscription. After almost eight months of training with the army Charlie graduated as a Lieutenant and was posted to Lavarack Barracks in Townsville as a platoon commander.

At the end of his army service Charlie came home to the farm at Tallageira, spending his free time playing tennis and football for Border Districts - where he became a premierships ruckman.

In 1970 he met Julie Porter, who was a teacher at Frances Primary School - marrying her three years later on June 1, 1973 at Rostrevor College Chapel. Julie and Charlie have three beautiful children, Charlie, Louis and Alice. Both boys are now home on the land.

Charlie was the third generation of his family to farm at Tallageira - in February 2011, the Koch family had been farming there for 100 years.

During his lifetime Tallageira changed from a mostly grazing property to a very diverse mixed farming enterprise.

An astute businessman with a large portfolio of properties, Charlie was well known as a successful and fair negotiator in his business dealings.

Charlie, who gave generously to important community causes, was involved in many local organisations including sports, education, farming and local government. He was Shire President for two years and in local government for fifteen years.

Rostrevor College is grateful for the generosity of Charlie Koch and his family.

## FROM THE ROCA PRESIDENT



In the April edition I referred to the College theme for 2015 as being the 'Year of Opportunities' and for this also becoming a focus for the Old Collegians to expand the Scholarship Fund to enable more scholarships to be offered. Progress has been slow, nevertheless it remains a key target.

In the ensuing months we will see many 10-year reunions conducted and these functions will enable some informal discussion on the Scholarship target. However, if past reunions are a guide, the conversation, exchanging experiences and networking will remain as the key topics, as it should.

Just recently, I attended the 2014 graduates' reunion at the College. It was well attended but the pleasing aspect was listening to the conversations of the group who clearly had their feet on the ground as they make their way in this new phase of life. Some have gained employment as the next step in their journey; many others are pursuing studies at university or TAFE while some are enjoying a gap year.

One left the conversation with the feeling this group was in a good space and benefitted from the Rostrevor experience.

Events such as these cause one to reflect upon the importance of the 'Rostrevor experience' and its contribution towards enhancing the life outcomes for its students. Overall, this augurs positively for the wellbeing of the group and, as well, our need to support more scholarships so others may be exposed to the Rostrevor experience.

Following closely was my attendance at the opening of the refurbished elements of the College infrastructure. Old Collegians visiting will note the significant changes from their time and will be impressed. Such changes facilitate enhanced opportunities for students by providing more contemporary learning environments as well as promoting academic rigour for the current student cohort.

It was pleasing to see a considerable number of the older cohort of Old Collegians in attendance, including one visiting from South Chicago, USA. Hopefully, you can take the time to visit the new facilities in due course.

As I write our Australian Rules teams in Amateur League have enjoyed a successful season and are playing in the Finals; the Division 1 group has remained very competitive in 2015 but has had a tough finals assignment.

The Australian Rules club, as do the Soccer and Cricket clubs, remain important conduits for on-going networking among Old Collegians. They are bridges to developing and maintaining long-term relationships as a student moves through the post school phase of life.

It is pleasing to report that these Clubs continue to contribute to the ongoing wellbeing of the Rostrevor old boys.

When reflecting upon the topic of the wellbeing among the Old Collegian community, one very readily focusses upon the important role played by the ten year reunions. Apart from sharing experiences, reminiscing the good and bad times as a student, for many they provide the platform for re-connecting with each other; my experience is that they often result in the staging of an annual reunion, golf days and the like. Such connectivity can be helpful for those wishing to increase their involvement with the College.

Against this background, your Committee has resolved to facilitate the organisation of reunions in each State of Australia (and regions) in the next twelve months. We feel it is not only important for Old Collegians to meet in a formal way, but more particularly, to meaningfully involve everyone as we approach our College centenary in 2023.

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an online business directory for the Rostrevor  
College Community

**Launching Term 4, 12th October 2015.**

We have also resolved to revive the Annual Dinner function in 2016 and we are in the early stages of planning, including the recruitment of a key note speaker. As yet ,no date has been set, but it is more likely to be in the first half of the year and probably at the College. If you have any views, ideas etc. please let us know.

In closing, I note that Sergio Sergi recently took time out to help the College in logging its Archives. Thanks for this contribution which will become a key factor for past, present and future students as we approach our centenary.

Finally, we hope you can join us for the Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 27th October 2015.

All the best.

**Ron Green ('60)**

President - Rostrevor Old Collegian Association

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### Rostrevor College Foundation

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For more information visit the College website.



## ROSTREVOR OLD COLLEGIAN

### Soccer Club (ROCSC)

This season has seen ROCSCs playing numbers grow to 120, resulting in six teams being entered into the Collegiate Soccer League. The season started off on a successful note with ROCSC winning its first ever CSL Super Cup against Mount Barker United.

As of August ROCSCs first team, reserves and Div 5 team are positioned first place in their respective divisions. ROCSC would like to thank our major sponsors, The Bath Hotel and Inspire Construction as with the College for their continued support; without it ROCSC would not be as competitive as it is today.

2015 sees ROCSC enter its 35th year. To celebrate ROCSC will be hosting an anniversary fundraiser dinner, Saturday 21st November 2015. The fundraiser will be held at The Carrington Function Centre with tickets costing \$85 for adults and \$20 for children. The ticket includes a four course meal, beer, wine and soft drink with base spirits starting at \$5. Entertainment Adelaide will ensure that the party continues into the early morning.

The committee has organised some fantastic prizes for auction/raffle including a lunch at Parliament House with the Member for Hartley and Old Collegian

Vincent Tarzia. The presenters from Fox Sports News will also make a special presentation to ROCSC.

ROCSC would like to invite all friends, family and past players to join us in celebration. Tickets may be purchased through a committee member with enquires being directed to rocsc1980@gmail.com. For further information about the Fundraiser or ROCSC please visit our website [www.rocsc.org](http://www.rocsc.org) or our Facebook Page.

The event will be a fantastic celebration of our past history whilst raising funds for ROCSC and the Rostrevor Community.

**Sam Innamorati**  
President

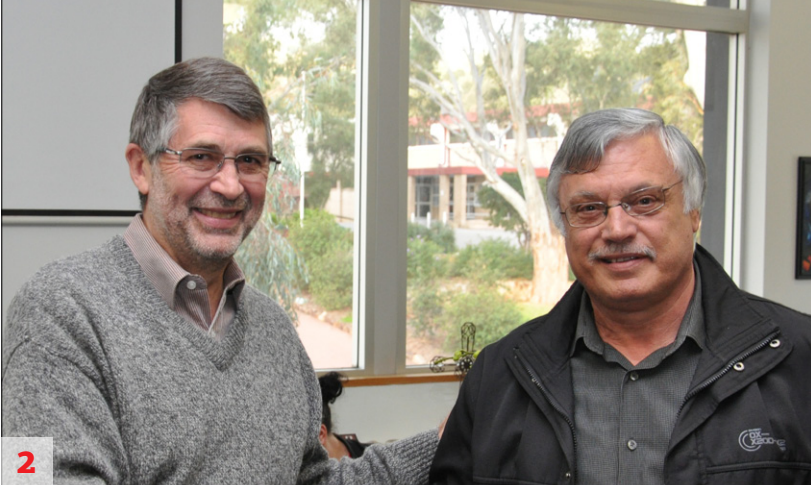


### Rostrevor Old Collegians Soccer Club 35th Anniversary Fundraiser Dinner

21 November 2015  
6:30 pm @ The Carrington Function Centre  
\$85 per head / \$20 per child

4 course meal including beer & wine  
\$5 base spirits  
Formal Attire  
Special Presentation From Fox Sports  
See committee for ticket purchase or  
email: [rocsc1980@gmail.com](mailto:rocsc1980@gmail.com)





## ROSTREVOR OLD COLLEGIAN

### Cricket Club (ROCCC)

I'd like to start by introducing myself and the new members who make up the Rostrevor Old Collegians Cricket Club. My name is Damien O'Mahoney, I have been playing with the ROCCCs now for my fourth season and am the new club secretary. I have taken over from Gabby Vistoli who has provided us with his tireless services for the past thirteen years. His efforts have been greatly appreciated and will be missed, but I believe I am up to the challenge.

We have elected Mr Justin Chung as the President of the ROCCCs. Justin is a great team person, very well respected on and off the field and will be a great asset to the club in his position of President. Justin is also a teacher at Rostrevor College.

We would also like to introduce Bryden Crabb who is the new treasurer and is taking over from Mr Pat Newton. Pat (like Gabby) has dedicated a lot of his time to the club and we thank Pat for his time and effort.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Mr Paul Fathers for his outstanding work on all of the turf cricket pitches and ovals that are used by the Old Collegians. It is an absolute pleasure knowing that you are playing a home game and you will be playing on a wicket that will play true and an oval that will be consistent from week to week. We wish Mr Paul Fathers well.

The upcoming 2015/2016 season will formally start on Saturday 10th October, 2015. The ROCCCs will be holding a season launch at The Bath Hotel (Norwood Parade) on Thursday, 8th October, 2015. We would encourage any Old Collegians to come down, have a meal and drink and get to know the current playing group. We have also started pre-season practice on Wednesday nights. At the moment we are using the Callan Hall from 6.00pm onwards and we will move outside to Sunday morning training when the weather starts to fine up. Anyone wanting to come and join us for pre-season practice is more than welcome.

**Damien O'Mahoney**  
Secretary

### Football Club (ROFC)

With the last of the minor rounds completed, the ROFC have all three sides playing in elimination finals.

Able to finally settle the side down, Coach Tom Wigley has guided the A grade to several wins in the lead up to the finals.

The side has had an even spread of good players during the year, and it is hoped the experience gained in recent finals campaigns, will hold it in good stead in the weeks ahead.

The B and C grades, coached by Damien Polkinghorne and Steve Edwards, have also had exciting years, and are currently in sixth and fifth spot, respectively.

The A's have had 34 players go through its ranks thus far, whilst another 56 have played in Stevo's C grade. In total, 102 players have represented the ROCS in 2015.

ROCS retained the Jelly/Nelson Cup, defeating SHOCS 23.11.149 to 3.4.22 James Jordan was named Best on Ground.

Congratulations to Tim Baccanello and Daniel McCallum who were members of the SAAFL Under 23 State squad, which won the National Carnival held in Hobart, in early July.

A special mention for Tim, who was included in the All-Australian team, selected at the end of the Carnival.

Recent major player milestones have seen stalwart Matthew Sauer play his 150th game and was also recipient of the C1 SAAFL Medal; Tom Du Bois his 50th (having made his debut in 1996).

**Rino Cialini**  
Football Director



1. ROCS, Stef Forte Goal
2. ROCCC, Paul Fathers with Gabbie Vistoli
3. ROFC, Tim Baccanello accepting the best on ground award from coach Tom Wigley, after a recent victory against Goodwood Saints.
4. ROFC, Matthew Sauer C1 SAAFL Medallist



## THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

For some time, Brother John Ahern, Andrew Robertson and Bernie Tobin have been involved in a messy, dusty, uncomfortable but absolutely vital activity; the collection of historical material spanning some ninety years of the life of Rostrevor.

Among the treasures they have unearthed is this three volume Atlas of Australasia dated 1889, found in a dilapidated state in the labyrinth of rooms under Rostrevor House. The books have had their leather covers restored and refinished and are now being re-bound. They will be displayed, along with some other rare books which also have been repaired, in the Archive Room which has been used in the past as part of the 'enculturation' experience for new boys.

A catalogue has been started to list the objects and a Collecting Policy is being prepared before sending out an appeal to the Rostrevor family for any artefacts, memorabilia and images which would go to enrich the Archive and help to tell the story of the College in its totality, as a mansion, a CBC School and as a centre of learning for the present and for generations to come.

*Sergio Sergi ('63)*





# ROSTREVOR OLD COLLEGIAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Old Collegians' Association is proud to continue the tradition of helping sons and grandsons of Old Collegians to attend Rostrevor College.

For the last decade this has been by way of Uniform Bursaries to sons and grandsons who attended the College as boarders.

In 2013 the program was reviewed and it was decided to offer Scholarships to suitable applicants of sons and grandsons of Rostrevor past students.

In 2015 the ROCA has offered two such Scholarships for variable periods of time to students who otherwise may not have been able to attend Rostrevor.

To find out more about the Scholarship, in the first instance, speak with Enrolments Officer during the application process. As the Scholarships are means tested the recipients remain anonymous to the general community.

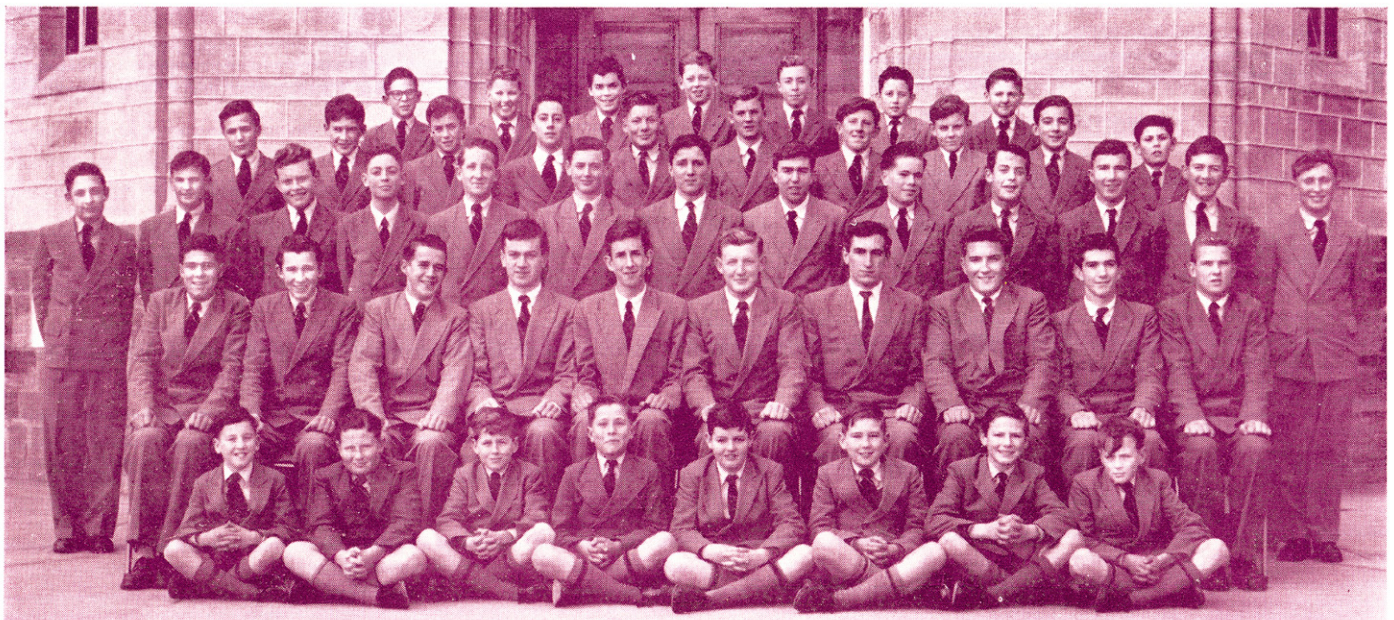
The ROCA has identified \$10,000 per annum for this purpose. The funds are raised from Old Collegians who purchase Life Membership of the ROCA or from specific fundraising activities organised by the ROCA. In 2016 and beyond, the ROCA will ramp up its fundraising activities to ensure future Scholarships are available. Old Collegian support of these fundraisers is essential and at the same time it will be an opportunity to re-acquaint with fellow classmates at various functions.

If you would like to support the Scholarship fund then please contact Andrew Robertson, Advancement Officer - Community Relations, on 8364 8374 or arobertson@rostrevor.sa.edu.au.

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SONS OF OLD SCHOLARS OF ROSTREVOR



(Father's name and years at College in brackets)

BACK ROW: J. Koch (Franz, R.I.P.), J. O'Halloran (Max, R.I.P., 1930), B. Bourke (Vin, 1929), G. Roberts (Gordon 29-30), P. Liddy (Don, 24-26), R. Sheehan (Gerald, 27-28), J. Watters (Bill, 28-29).  
 FOURTH ROW: M. David (Harry, 26-29), J. Kearney (Stan, 30-32), J. Moloney (Des, 32-36), D. MacFarlane (Jim, 26-31), A. Monaghan (John, 1935), D. Short (David, 29-33), K. McEntee (Kevin, R.I.P., 23-26), P. McEvoy (Harold 27-28), M. Connor (Brian, 1934), M. Hambour (Archie, 24-25).  
 THIRD ROW: D. Hambour (Archie, 24-25), D. Rice (Arthur, 23-25), P. Carey (Jim, 1925), P. Gluyas (Neil, 25-32), C. Peoples (Pat, 24-28), J. Gaffney (Bob, 28-30), R. Phillips (Ray, R.I.P., 23-24), A. Madigan (Terry, 36-38), L. Kenny (Felix 1923), M. Beerworth (Bill, 23-25), P. McDonald (Jim, 28-30), M. Burns (Jack, 29-32), G. Hillier (Bob, 1927).  
 SECOND ROW: R. Ryan (Bob, 28-30), G. Pedler (Jack, 29-30), D. Beerworth (Bill, 23-25), K. Hancock (Keith, 27-28), D. Ryan (Jack, 30-31), A. Sullivan (Jim, 25-26), D. David (Harry, 26-29), D. Phillips (Ray, R.I.P., 23-24), B. Power (Edward, 24-25), D. Hill (Tom, 32-35).  
 FRONT ROW: P. Michaels (Don, 32-35), K. Rodgers (Arthur, 24-30), P. Connelly (Bill, 1932), M. Gillen (Bob, 36-37), J. Walsh (Jim, 23-28), P. Lynch (John K., 31-32), D. Brennan (Thomas, 31-32), A. O'Leary (Brian, 1939).

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW

### Tom Donkin ('03)

***“At the end of the tour, Tom went to the front desk and asked to speak to the man he had tried to contact for such a long time. At this point, Tom didn’t even know if he existed. It turned out he did.”***

Tom Donkin attended Rostrevor from Year 3 to Year 12 (1994 - 2003), with two brothers ahead of him Henry ('00) and James ('97). After his time at Rostrevor, Tom pursued a double degree in Journalism and International Studies. Upon graduating he took up a job as a newspaper reporter in Berri, enjoying his time in country SA. It was a trying time for that region with severe drought affecting families and farms. He was thrown in at the deep end, but learnt a lot that way.

After six months, Tom was keen to return to the big smoke, Adelaide, for work. But an opportunity came to head overseas when his sister, who was living in Edinburgh at the time, announced she was marrying a Scot. So the entire family started planning a trip to the United Kingdom for their wedding. He left the paper and decided to try to get some work experience out there too. For Tom it was one of those leads you never think will work out. At his sister's wedding, Tom met someone, who knew someone, who knew someone who worked at the BBC in London. Interested, he got her contact details and she in turn put him in touch with the man who was in charge of hiring. Tom eagerly wrote to him. Several times. And got nothing back. Ever!

Hitting a dead end at the BBC, Tom thought it was time to head home. He had done some really interesting work experience in London, learnt a lot and was happy to return home and get a job in Adelaide or the east coast. But before booking a ticket back, Tom saw online that you could do a tour of the BBC and thought *“why not take a look at this place”*. When he walked into that infamous newsroom he was more interested than ever. At the end of the tour, Tom went to the front desk and asked to speak to the man he had tried to contact for such a long time.

At this point, Tom didn't even know if he existed. It turned out he did and that he never responds to people emailing him for work (he gets a few thousand of these a day). He thought Tom turning up at the BBC showed initiative and told him to come back the next morning with his CV, which he did. The rest is history.

For the past six years, Tom has been working there as a producer, a TV reporter, a digital journalist and now, more recently, as a radio presenter on the BBC World Service. He has travelled to incredible places and met some amazing people. He said, *“it’s a dynamic and innovative organisation, which is also very demanding. You can often work long hours in some pretty tough places but there is a huge commitment to telling stories worth telling. I was there in Berlin when Germany won the last World Cup, speaking to locals and experiencing the euphoria. And recently I was in Sicily meeting migrants who had made the perilous journey from the Middle East and North Africa across the Mediterranean, fleeing war and poverty in search of a new life.”*

From his time at Rostrevor, which included being Deputy Head Prefect ('03) and Deputy Music Leader of the Music Department ('02/'03), Tom has created many fond memories and connections which continue today.

Tom interviewed Paul Kelly ('71) a couple of years ago for the BBC, who he had played alongside at various Music Nights at Norwood Town Hall, he said that *“the concert was the first thing we talked about! I was more nervous with him than for any other interview I had ever done. I am one of his biggest fans and know his entire back catalogue. We spent the first part swapping Rostrevor stories and chatting footy, music and Adelaide. It was an amazing experience, he was glowing about the school and the interview went all-the-better for having this shared experience.”*



Even though Tom left Australia, the guys he was best friends with at school, are still his best friends today, *"We have maintained the strongest of bonds, forged over many years at Rostrevor. They have all been massive successes in their own right and we all stay in close touch"*:

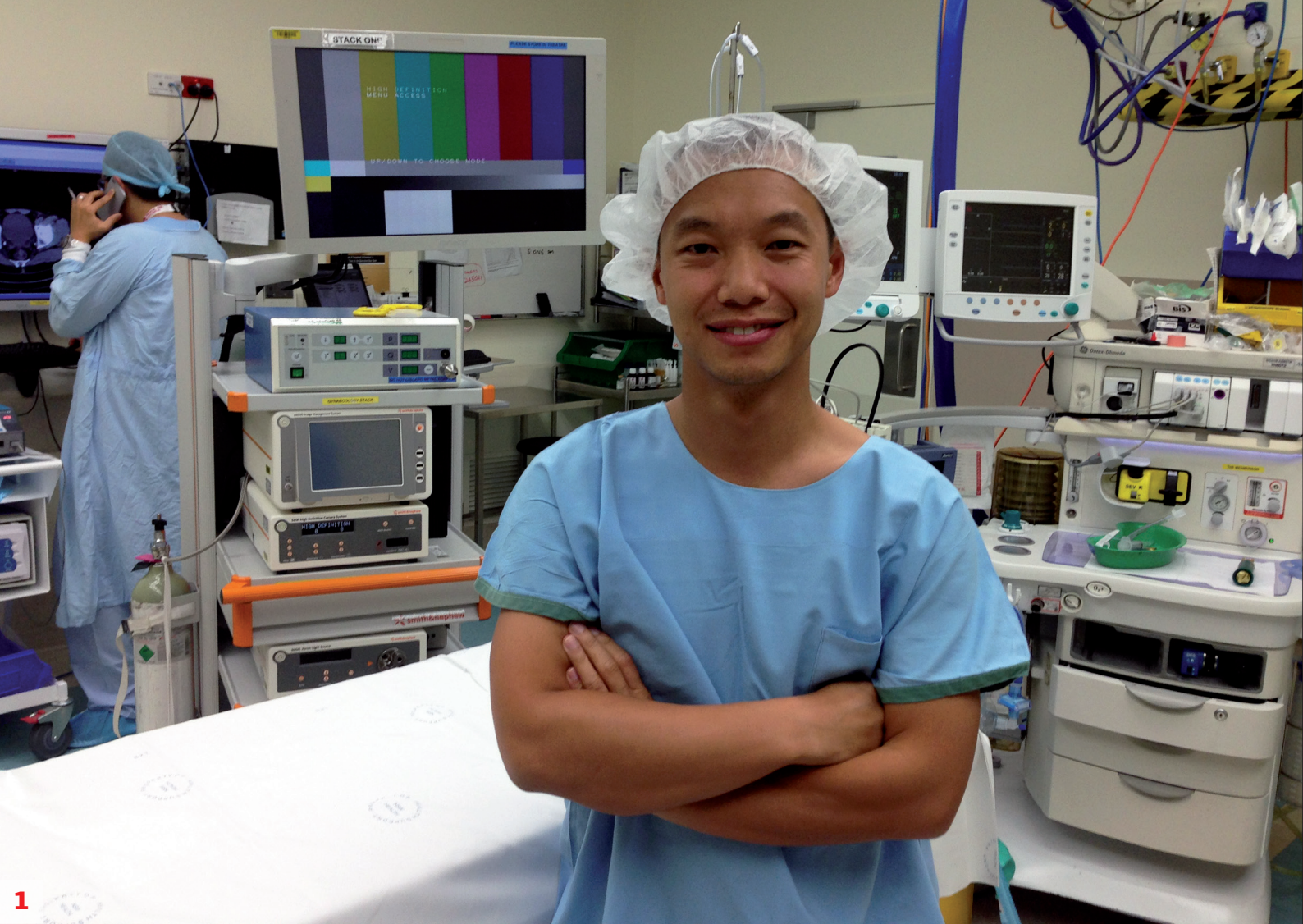
Shelley Fulton a successful occupational therapist, Sameer Thakur a surgeon in Tasmania, James Gallagher a lawyer for the AFL in Melbourne, Henry Slattery a great footy career for the Bombers, Chris Bishop top in his field as a podiatrist and Jack Horsnell owns and runs a wine label (with Chris Bishop), Ben Partington a senior member with the South Australian Police, and Olaf Borutz, a successful lawyer

During his time at Rostrevor, Tom was blessed with an amazing bunch of educators. Teachers who he says, *"treated us like adults and taught with amazing passion and humour. Those who fostered and fuelled my love of English and Music I am still so grateful to. Paul Fabro was perhaps the best teacher I've ever had. Peter Waterman and Mike Degenhart were not just teachers to me but good friends, especially after the two music tours I was lucky enough to go on, to Queensland and Darwin. These tours were made possible through the hard work, fundraising and long hours of teachers like Marnie Tiggemann, Mike Degenhart and Peter Waterman."*

Tom said, *"Rostrevor was everything about the early part of my life. I can honestly say that without my ten unforgettable years there, I would not be the person I am today. I look back on my time with gratitude, and nothing but affection for the teachers, friends, opportunities and ideals which shaped and defined those important years of my life."*



1. Tom Donkin with Dizzy Rascal
2. Tom Donkin after his interview with Paul Kelly



## Dr Yong ('96)

***“...Jonathon commenced a medical internship at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. At that time he was also elected treasurer of the RAH Resident Medical Officer Society and spent the next four years at the RAH in general medical and surgical residency...”***

Dr Jonathon Yong has been on a long and successful journey towards a career as a surgeon since he left Rostrevor in 1996.

In 2013 he became a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. In 2013 and 2014 he gained a Masters in Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Dr Jonathon Yong attended Rostrevor from 1992 to 1996. He achieved many accolades during his time at Rostrevor including Dux of Years 8 to 10 and the Economics Prize in Year 11. Upon graduating Jonathon went to the University of Adelaide where he studied a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery.

After completing his Bachelor degree in 2003, Jonathon commenced a medical internship at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. At that time he was also elected treasurer of the RAH Resident Medical Officer Society and spent the next four years at the RAH in general medical and surgical residency training.

In 2008 he was accepted into the Royal Australian College of General Surgery Training Program. This six year training program, saw him complete surgical

terms at the major tertiary units at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Flinders Medical Centre and The Lyell McEwin Hospital. During this time he was also fortunate enough to also spend six months training in the Northern Territory at the Royal Darwin Hospital, where he was exposed to Indigenous Surgery and communities.

Completing his General Surgery Training in 2013, Jonathon was awarded a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. He is currently at the completion of two years of sub specialty surgical training in Colorectal Surgery on the Gold Coast at the Tweed Public Hospital and John Flynn Medical Centre. During this time he has also completed a Masters of Minimally Invasive Surgery through the University of Adelaide (2015).

In 2016 Jonathon will be returning to Adelaide to continue practice in Colorectal Surgery at 142 Ward Street, North Adelaide. One of the head surgeons at that practice who is both nationally and internationally recognized is Professor Peter Hewett, who is also a Rostrevor Old Collegian ('73).



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## Peter Milte ('72)

Peter Milte attended Rostrevor College from Woomera. He was an outstanding scholar and represented Rostrevor with distinction in the 1st XVIII Football, going on to play within the SANFL for Sturt.

Peter has had a successful law career since graduating from Adelaide University being recognised in the national Best Lawyers Australia for the second time last year, for his work in Personal Injury Litigation. The exclusive Best Lawyers listing identifies the nation's outstanding legal talent and is published by Woodward/White.

He has over 25 year's experience being admitted to practice in 1979. He was an associate to a Supreme Court Justice before spending the next ten years in general practice, focusing primarily on litigation. Since 1990 he has worked exclusively in the area of personal injury claims.

Peter is currently working at Wallmans Lawyers in Adelaide, specialising in personal injury claims, particularly those arising from motor vehicle and industrial accidents, occupiers liability, product liability and WorkCover. Peter heads up a broad injury practice, with particular expertise in acting in catastrophic claims, total and permanent disability claims and dependency claims. Additionally, he has significant experience with Public Trustee claims.

Regularly representing clients in the Supreme and District Courts Peter has also been involved in a number of matters that have proceeded to the High Court.

When Peter reflected on his time at Rostrevor he commented, *'I remain deeply indebted to the school for the wonderful education it afforded me and the lifelong friendships I continue to enjoy from my time there.'*

He is married to Sue, for 35 years, and a father to twin daughters both of whom have completed PhDs in Biomedical Science and hold post-doctoral positions in medical research at universities in Adelaide and Melbourne.

When asked to recall any amusing anecdotes Jonathon quipped,

*"I don't like farms or chickens. I still remember having to shovel the chicken pen when I was out of order during Mr Nitschke's Agriculture classes. I only shoveled once because of my own fault and the second and last time was because someone else spoke to me!"*

Jonathon still keeps in touch with classmates, Peter Fule, Luke Francis and John Placentino, who is now a close family friend.

When asked about memories of Staff he replied, *"I think all the staff I encountered were all special and had a great influence on me. Mrs Meredith was an inspiringly strong woman who was able to give me a sense of calm and confidence in myself during my Year 12 year."*

1. Jonathon Yong in his scrubs
2. Jonathon Yong presenting to students earlier this year at Rostrevor College.
3. Corey Bunduck, Jonathon Yong and Domonic Grant
4. Peter Milte

## John Trainer ('60)



Photograph by John Kruger

After more than 40 years of serving Adelaide's western suburbs at both a State and Local Government level, Mayor of West Torrens, the Honourable John Trainer was recognised for his contributions to the community with an Order of Australia Medal on the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June 2015.

John commenced at Rostrevor in 1956, initially as a boarder, graduating in 1960. After completing university studies, he started his professional career as a school teacher. His keen interest in social issues and current affairs led to his move into politics in 1979 when he represented the Australia Labor Party as the MP for the seat of Ascot Park and later Walsh, until 1993. During this period he also served two terms as Government Whip from 1982-1985 and 1990-1993 and then as Speaker of the South Australian House of Assembly from 1986-1990.

*"... 'ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country'. The impression that made on me, in 1960, was reinforced by a passage I encountered in the New Testament during my schooling that reads: 'From those to whom much has been given, much is expected'."*

In speaking of his role in public life, John states: "It was during my formative teenage years that President John F Kennedy urged Americans to 'ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country'. The impression that made on me, in 1960, was reinforced by a passage I encountered in the New Testament during my schooling that reads: 'From those to whom much has been given, much is expected'. Thus, 'the lesson I picked up is that if life has been good to you, then you have a responsibility to give back in some way. Or, as someone else put it: 'If we are not put here to help each other, whatever are we here for?'"

John continues "I have derived a huge amount of satisfaction from whenever I can that I am being useful – whether from 14 years as a secondary teacher shaping young lives, serving the Parliament and the State as an MP for 14 years, especially as Speaker, or from the past 15 years as Mayor of West Torrens".

John derived a lot of joy from his schoolteacher days. He adds, "Not a week goes by when I don't have a pleasant encounter with a former student. It has been a real delight to be introduced by them to their children and their grandchildren!"

My proudest achievement as an MP was saving the old Glandore Boys Home from demolition to instead become the magnificent Glandore Community Centre where many local residents now participate in activities enhancing their wellbeing".

Like many people there were also some big setbacks in his journey of life, but as one door slammed shut, another always opened. "Unable to continue as an MP in 1993 and wondering what I would do with the rest of my life, I was persuaded to run for Mayor. I felt the taxpayers had paid for me to receive a very good political education in the Parliament and I concluded this was one way I could put that to use working for the West Torrens community," says John.

He emphasised that by putting a lot of effort into having West Torrens Council become a quiet achiever that did not attract bad headlines the way some other Councils have given much satisfaction. "This is not easy" he said. Rule number one of political life is 'Whatever you do is going to be wrong'. Someone always thinks you are wrong. You just hope it is not 51 per cent who feel that way"

Initially elected in 2000 by the West Torrens community unopposed, John indicated that not to have any opponent for the next four elections in a row leads one to feel that perhaps "I must have got something right! But after getting so much satisfaction over a lifetime from feeling useful, it does seem strange to then be awarded an OAM for having had a great life. A bit like being rewarded for having had a wonderful time."

But, many might see the acknowledgement as consistent with the College motto 'Palma Merenti'.



## Philip Owen ('60)

Philip Owen attended Rostrevor as a boarder from Whyalla, May 1956 to December 1960. He was Prefect in 1959 and 1960 and represented the College in the First XVIII.

The most significant staff member for him was Br Justin Linus Kelty *"who was a very impressive man by any standard."*

Philip visited him when he was living in retirement in East Melbourne. He told him the story of his defeat at Philip's mother's hands and the way in which he gained entry into the College.

Following some unfortunate incidents in Whyalla involving a scout master, Philip and some other boys, his parents decided to send him to Rostrevor.

Philip said, *"my mother rang Br Kelty and told him she was bringing me down to Adelaide to start in Term 2, 1956."*

*He said that that was not possible because there was no room. She said that she would bring me anyway and hung up on him.*

*Ten days later I was delivered to the College by my mother and presented to Br Kelty; she made sure that I was fully kitted out in the complete uniform.*

*Of course, I knew nothing of this at the time."*

After leaving Rostrevor Philip did not go straight to tertiary study. He has since worked in almost every state except Queensland and South Australia in a wide variety of jobs including that of taxi driver, a truck driver, a short order cook, a deckhand on Sydney Harbour and a powder monkey. He said, *"that life seems to have been a series of accidents, mostly happy ones."*

He eventually qualified as a Geologist (RMIT), teacher (DipEd), an Anatomist (BSc, UNSW), a Psychologist (BSc, UNSW and MLitt Hons UNE ) plus *"a few other bits and pieces"*.

In Sydney Philip has regularly visited Br Bill Greening who lives in a retirement hospice. Philip said, *"Recently I asked him why he was always called 'Ted' by all the students at Rostrevor. He looked at me for a moment and said 'Bastard!' and laughed."*

*I had known the answer before I asked as I remembered his class desk in the old brick classroom building being scratched with the letters 'barsted'. I remember too the amusement we students gained from seeing letters from the Army addressed to 'Captain Edward Greening'."*

Bill is 87 years old and in failing health but is generally cheerful and seems to be well cared for.

Philip also catches up intermittently with Geoff Michels ('60) a boarder from Houghton who now lives in Sydney and Paul O'Neill ('60) a boarder from Port Pirie who now lives in Melbourne. Recently he came by chance (electronically) across Pat Dubois (boarder, Wudinna) who lives in Perth.

Philip concludes, *"It is common to complain about one's school days but I am grateful for my mother's steel and for what I gained at the College. I remember many of the staff and students with respect and gratitude."*

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*Top Right: Philip Owen, Michael Beerworth, Graham Cock and Peter Walsh at the 2010 Elders' Lunch*



## Anthony Davey ('87)

Anthony Davey ('87) attended Rostrevor College from Year 3, in Miss Nel Cameron's class. Since then Anthony has been dedicated to his career and has worked for over 21 years in Water Treatment Plant design and construction throughout Australia as well as Pakistan, Singapore, Malaysia and New Zealand. In 2014 he was nationally accredited by Engineers Australia as a chartered engineer in Engineering and Management.

During his time at Rostrevor Anthony represented the College in tennis and football and being a family of five children, he is grateful for the assistance his mother received from the Headmaster of the time, Br Kevin McMaster. His older brother Robert ('84) also attended Rostrevor and has gone on to have a successful career as a Professor in medical research at the Texas Bio-medical Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas, USA. He has published numerous research papers on the Ebola virus.

On completion of Year 12 Anthony's entry score for University was lower than expected so he repeated Matric at The Heights in 1988 and won an Art award in Holography with a perfect 20/20. He went on to complete a Chemical Engineering degree at Adelaide University, graduating in 1992 and followed this with a MBA in Technology Management from Deakin University in 2005.

During his time within this industry Anthony has served on the Victorian committee for Australian Water Association as the Treasurer for four years and published over 20 technical papers for Australian Water Association, American Membrane Technology Association and Water and Wastewater Asia.

In 2007 his career further progressed when he commenced as the general manager in his own engineering branch in Preston, Melbourne for Aquatec Maxcon a technology company. Anthony currently supervises a team of 25 professionals, delivering infrastructure to the water authorities with an annual turnover of \$20 million per annum.

He has held previous roles as Technical Manager Water Industry Group/Earth Tech (now AECOM/Pentair) for five years, and Design Manager for United Group Infrastructure (formerly Thames water) for four, whilst stationed in Malaysia and Singapore. He states that, *"the highlight of my career so far has been working on a \$64m recycling project in Singapore, Chestnut Waterworks Singapore, and Public Utility Board."*

Anthony has also worked on such projects as Australia's first recycling schemes, as the Design Manager for the Campaspe, Echuca, Rochester Project, which was awarded an Excellence Engineering Award from the Institute of Engineers Australia (IEAust) and the Eastern Irrigation Scheme for Melbourne Water which was gained an International Water Association (IWA) award for innovation in design.

He married Associate Professor Rachel Ann Davey in the Rostrevor College Chapel in 1999. They have two children, Samuel James who is seven and Zoe Ann who is five.

When asked about his memories of Rostrevor, Anthony was happy to share.

*"I remember playing handball against the Grade 6 building wall before and after school. I also have fond memories of some great school camps, and a kayak adventure down the Murray River in the 1980s, and our trip to Burra in the 1970s. Br McNamara also created some exciting events such as the stage show of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream-coat', in which I was in the choir. Br McNamara also went onto to encourage our interests in music. He loved 'The Beatles' anthems and was a hard taskmaster, raising the bar and getting us out of our comfort zone in front of an audience. I believe this approach probably got me to challenge myself and apply my talents in life after school."*

*I remember that in primary school my house front door key happened to fit the lock to the swimming pool change-room. So on a hot day our teacher used to take the class to the pool for a play at lunch-time and we used to use my key to open the pool, to the amusement of others."*

*There are a few teachers that stood out for me. In Grade 4 Mr. Andrew Evans, and in Grade 6 Mr. Andrew McClean who encouraged my artistic creativity and in Year 9, Mr. J Santini, who encouraged my interests in Science. I fondly remember Brother K.C. McMaster and the exciting stage shows he created for the parents at the Adelaide Festival Theatre."*

*I do believe that the teachers at the College make the most difference and there are some mentors I am indebted to for encouraging me to use my talents and skills."*

***"...the highlight of my career so far has been working on a \$64m recycling project in Singapore, Chestnut Waterworks Singapore, and Public Utility Board."***





## Charlie Holmes ('14)

Charlie Holmes ('14) has just been awarded the Lord Taverners Scholarship. This is a very prestigious award and means that Charlie, who is currently playing at Winchmore Hill CC, North London, will tour other parts of the United Kingdom in July with the Darren Lehmann Cricket Academy. Congratulations!

## Jeff Tabe ('08)

Jeff graduated from Rostrevor in 2008 and enrolled to study music at Adelaide University with the view of teaching. Upon finishing his degree he started teaching music privately and quickly discovered that it wasn't for him, after which he then joined the Australian Defence Force.

Jeff is now a Leading Aircraftman - Air Intelligence Analyst. He was deployed to Border Protection for six months working at sea with the Navy and working with Drones in Brisbane, Rockhampton and Woomera.



## Br Mel Couch

Br Mel Couch was born in Narrandera in 1931. Br Couch's ministries in the Christian Brothers reads like a missionary globe trotter. He has worked in Rome, Canada, PNG, Cook Islands, Indonesia, China and Israel. Since leaving Rostrevor in 1968 he has worked at Albany, Leedeerville, Geraldton, Tardun, Kalgoorlie, Whyalla, Sydney and Darwin. Br Mel Couch is currently in aged care in Sydney.

## Jack Bizzai ('14)

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, the Assistant Minister for Education and Training, announced the Australian Vocational Student Prize winners for 2014.

In the Innovation & Business Category, Jack Bizzai ('14) was recognised for his exceptional skill development, commitment and dedication while undertaking Vocational Education & Training (VET) as part of his Year 12 Studies at Rostrevor College in 2014. Jack completed both a full Certificate III in Design Fundamentals and a Partial Certificate III in Media as part of his senior years studies.

Congratulations Jack on this prestigious award!



## *We want to hear your stories!*

*Lets us know what you have achieved since leaving Rostrevor College. Whether it is success in your career or personal achievements we want to hear them.*

*Fiona Jarzabek, Advancement Officer - Communications  
fjarzabek@rostrevor.sa.edu.au*

1. Charlie Holmes
2. Br Mel Couch
3. Jeff Tabe with Rostrevor College students at a recent ADF event.
4. Jack Bizzai



## SACE Art Show

Each year, during the onsite moderation period for Visual Arts subjects, SACE moderators select a range of student works from across the State that exemplify creativity, quality presentation, and unique concepts. Matthew Furina ('14) and Reeve Wijayasekera ('14) had the honour of representing Rostrevor College in having their Design work chosen for this year's exhibition.

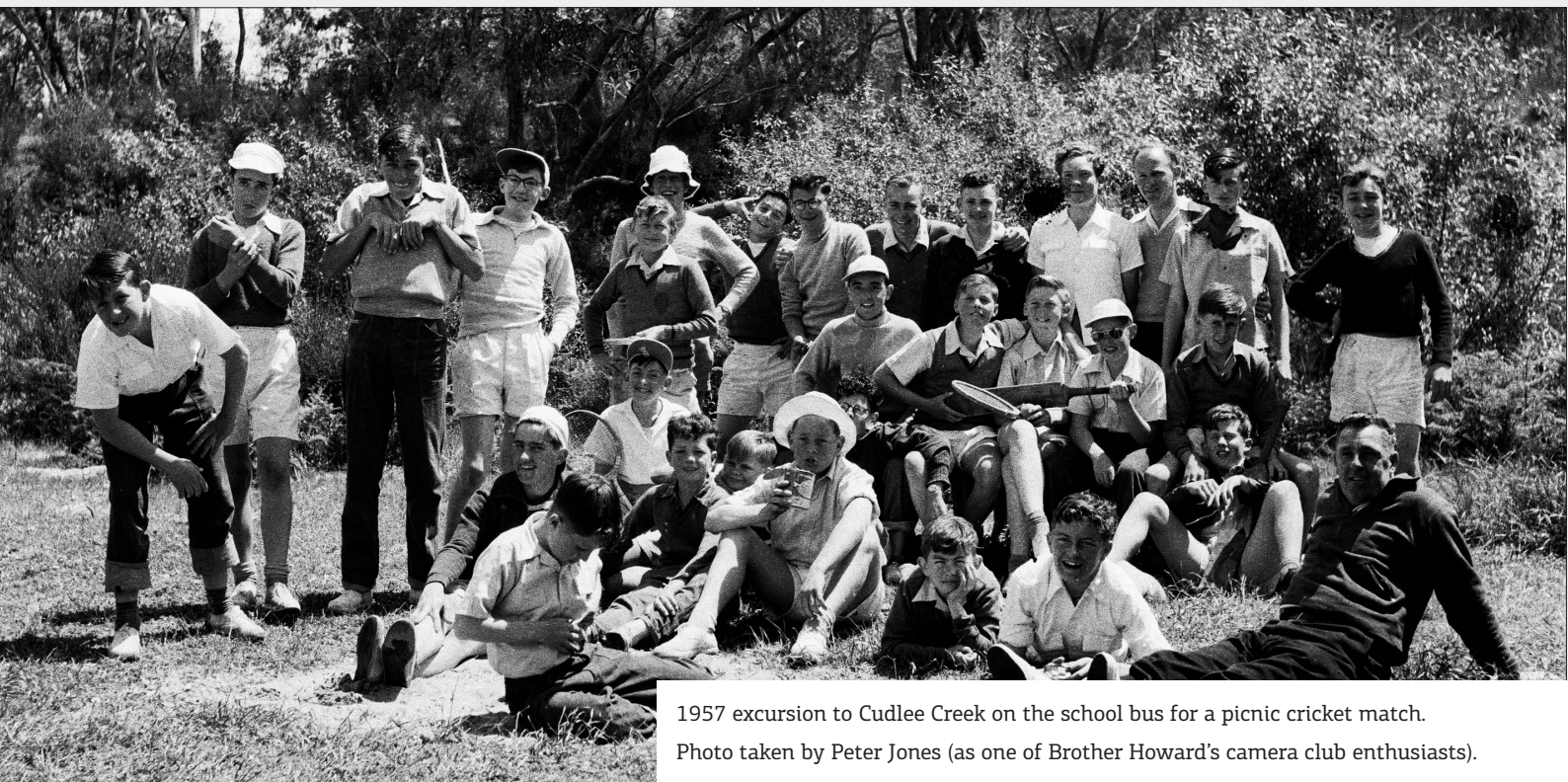
Since graduating from Rostrevor last year, Matthew has begun a University degree in Marketing, while Reeve has pursued studies Architecture, both are studying at the University of South Australia.



## Acknowledging Old Collegian Success

At the Friday 4th September Co-Curricular Assembly, Rostrevor College honoured current A-League team Brisbane Roar Coach, John Aloisi and current Brisbane Roar Assistant Coach, Ross Aloisi, on their outstanding careers. Mr Simon Dash was presented with signed and framed Socceroos Guernseys.

John and Ross' nephew, Joseph Picicella ('14), presented an overview of their careers and accepted First XI personalised soccer strips on behalf of the Aloisi family.



1957 excursion to Cudlee Creek on the school bus for a picnic cricket match.  
Photo taken by Peter Jones (as one of Brother Howard's camera club enthusiasts).

# REUNIONS

2014 Principal's Drinks - Monday 10th August 2015, The Pavilion, Rostrevor College



1. L-R: Adrian Villani, Julian Cali and Eric Repucci
2. L-R: Dylan McPeake, Mahendra Chitrarasu, Michael De Palma and Phillip Argeno
3. 2014 Graduates



## 2015 REUNION DATES

**2005 - 10 Year Reunion**  
**Friday 27th November, 7.00pm**  
1862 bar at the Robin Hood

**1995 - 20 Year Reunion**  
**Saturday 7th November, 2.00pm**  
General Havelock Hotel, Hutt Street

Complimentary first drink courtesy Steve Russo, then pay as you go bar prices.

Convenor: Steven Russo  
steven.russo@kennedy.com.au

**1990 - 25 Year Reunion**  
**Friday 16th October**  
The Bath Hotel, Norwood

Convenor: Jason Di Iulio  
(Via Vanessa Leone Executive Assistant to Managing Director)  
vanessa@financemutual.com.au

**1985 - 30 Year Reunion**  
**Saturday 7th November, 2.00pm**  
Robin Hood

Convenor: Geoff Aufderheide

**1975 - 40 Year Reunion**  
**Friday 23rd October**  
Dinner, Hyde Park Tavern  
**Saturday 24th October**  
Winery Tour, Clare Valley

Email for details and to purchase tickets.  
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Denis Pedler: dp@nrices.com.au  
0428 762 016

Join the Facebook Page "Rostrevor College Class of 1975 Reunion" to catch up!  
RSVP September 30th

For more information or to RSVP to any of the above events please contact Andrew Robertson, Advancement Officer - Community Relations on 08 8364 8374 or arobertson@rostrevor.sa.edu.au.

### 2016 Reunions

Reunions for the following peer years will occur throughout 2016.

**1946, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2015**

If you are interested in being involved or convening your reunion dinner next year please contact Andrew Robertson, Advancement Officer - Community Relations, arobertson@rostrevor.sa.edu.au

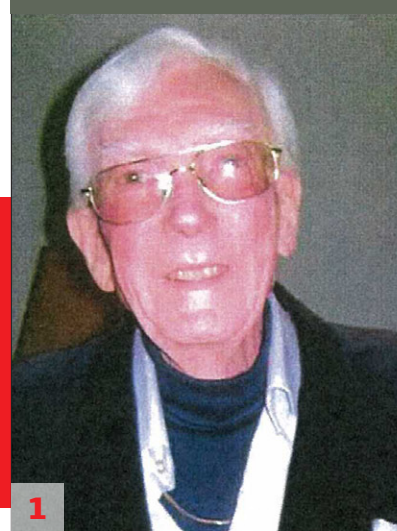
## IN MEMORIAM

### Patrick Anthony (Tony) Browne ('58)

Tony passed away in Bendigo in Victoria in December last year. Although he left South Australia not long after he left Rostrevor he was always an enthusiastic old boy. He was born in Clare in 1940 and raised on his father's farm near Spalding. He won a scholarship to Rostrevor and graduated with honours there in 1958. He was always at or near the top of his class. His two brothers, Jeff and Des also attended Rostrevor.

He went to the University of Adelaide and graduated as Bachelor of Laws. He gained a position in the legal firm of Freehill, Hollingdale and Page in Sydney. He loved Sydney and eventually established his own law firm there. In 2010 he and his wife Carolyn moved to Bendigo where he continued to practise law and he was involved in several voluntary organisations including The Central Victorian Irish Association, the Amicus Group and the Arts Committee of the cathedral in Bendigo.

His funeral Mass was attended by many people in the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo in December. He is remembered with great affection by his wife Carolyn, his children Elizabeth and Sarah and Marcus and his two brothers and two sisters, friends and relations. May he rest in the peace of God.



### Marco Lelli ('76)

Marco Lelli commenced at Rostrevor College in Year 4. While at Rostrevor he won the Under 13 and 14 Age Sprinting Championship and the Handball Championships in those years. He also had the high honour of being chosen to play in the 1st XVIII for three consecutive years.

Upon leaving school he completed his studies at the Levels Institute and achieved his Mechanical Engineering Degree. He then began work at Lincoln Scott Engineers in Adelaide, Canberra and Brisbane.

While in Brisbane he met his partner Gabriele and they both came back to Adelaide. They had been together for 27 years.

Condolences to his family and friends. R.I.P.

### Patrick Pellegrini ('05)

Patrick Pellegrini tragically died in a motor bike accident on 17th June this year. He was 27 years old.

Condolences to his family and many friends.

Requiescat in Pace

### Br Ray O'Donohue

Br Ray (Peanuts) O'Donohue passed away on the 20th August, aged 90.

He was on the staff at Rostrevor in the 1950s and taught Year 8 and Year 9, conducted choirs, was editor of the Annual, coached football and was an officer in the cadets.

He was a Christian Brother for 75 years after attending CBC Wakefield Street on a scholarship, during the Depression years.

R.I.P.



#### Opposite

1. 1957 Graduates
2. 1957 Intermediate Reunion Group
3. Dess Nutt and Terry Hodgson
4. Tom Sexton and Peter Walsh

#### Above

1. Patrick Browne
2. Br Ray O'Donohue
3. Marco Lelli
4. Patrick Pellegrini



**David Sosnowski ('02) and Danielle Aldridge**  
14.03.2015, Rostrevor College Chapel



**James Rzeznik ('03) and Alison Hart**  
07.03.2015, Rostrevor College Chapel



**Carmine Malatesta ('05) and Tonya Mignone**  
09.05.2015, Rostrevor College Chapel

## ROSSIE FLASHBACKS

2001

The Rostrevor Foundation conduct the Elkin Reilly Appeal to raise awareness for Reconciliation and to raise funds for Indigenous Scholarships.

From a Letter to the Sydney Swans

*Between the years 1962 and 1966, in the history of the South Melbourne Football Club, a player by the name of Elkin Reilly was knock-ruckman for the 'A' Grade.*

*Elkin is a proud old scholar of Rostrevor College and similarly Rostrevor is very proud of Elkin's lifetime achievements as we are of all our graduates.*

*Elkin was a student at Rostrevor for six years and he boarded from Minlaton which is on the Yorke Peninsula.*

*As a student, he was unaware of his aboriginal heritage. When he left school in 1956, his foster father, Dr Pat Reilly, took him back to Alice Springs to discover that part of his life. Through a statutory declaration Elkin discovered that he was taken from his mother at six months of age as had his brother and cousins. Being only six months old he was deemed too young to go to the Telegraph Station and Dr Reilly, the duty doctor at the time, offered to foster him. The police sergeant, who had taken him from his mother, duly obliged the request and Elkin became Julian Elkin Reilly. Dr Reilly and his wife Betty soon moved to Hopetoun in Victoria and then to Minlaton.*

*Elkin bears no resentment to his foster family as he acknowledges that he was lucky to be brought up by a family that loved him and he recognises the opportunities he was presented – such as an education at Rostrevor College in the 1950s.*

*In this era of Reconciliation, it is the Christian Brother's wish to acknowledge Reconciliation at Rostrevor College using Elkin as a figurehead – both as a 'stolen child' and an outstanding Rostrevor athlete.*

*To that end, in 2001, an Appeal is being conducted that will support the naming of a change-room in our new Pavilion to become the 'Elkin Reilly Room'. Supporters of the Appeal will have their name inscribed on a Reconciliation Plaque to be hung in the room.*

2002

The Music Centre is renovated and named the Mary Fountain Music Centre after long term Music teacher at Rostrevor, Mrs Mary Fountain; her work with the Christian Brothers and Rostrevor commenced in 1936 as an accompanist to the College Choir.

George Young and Luke Grzeskowiak achieve Perfect Scores in their SACE results.

George also wins the Tennyson Medal for Year 12 English.

Year 9 student Won Tai Cho achieves Perfect Scores in both Year 12 Maths subjects.

### 2003

Rostrevor appoints its first permanent lay- Headmaster in Mr Jeff Croser.

Rostrevor Bands perform with Glenn Shorrock (Twilights and Little River band) at the Norwood Town Hall in August

### 2004

The 150 year old Stone Pine on the front lawn of Rostrevor House is removed for safety reasons. A replacement tree is planted.

Service Learning at Rostrevor for students takes a higher profile under the guidance of Mrs Lynne Moten.

Head of Boarding, Mr Bernie Dean, departs after nine years service.

The Year 9 Soccer team win State Knock-out Championship.

Travis Moran ('03) represents Australia in the Olympic Volleyball team in Athens.

Ross Wilson (Daddy Cool, Mondo Rock) performs with Rostrevor Music students at Norwood Town Hall.

Henry Slattery ('03) is drafted by Essendon.

Mrs Mary Meredith passes after a two year battle with cancer after 29 year's service to Rostrevor College as a senior Science teacher.

### 2005

McNally's Oval is renamed Yertabiritti Womma in recognition of the Kurna country it is on.

Yertabiritti means cricket (the insect) in Kurna, Womma means ground.

Mrs Aileen Davis retires after 32 years loyal service to Rostrevor as Junior School Secretary.

1st XI win the 2005 Christian Brothers Schools National Championship coached by Mr Tim Hart.

Hon Tom McGovern ('37) is presented with a French Legion of Honour Medal by the French Government. Tom flew Typhoons in WWII over France and was shot down in 1945 but was soon liberated as a result of the war ending.

### 2006

Br John Vianney Bourke passes away at the age of 93. Past student (1927), teacher, Headmaster and author of "The Rostrevor Story" the first 50 years of the College.

The 1966 vintage Science Labs are decommissioned and redeveloped as a Skills Centre.

The new Science Building, the Br Dean McLaughlin Science Technology and ICT Discovery Centre is opened in August.

Environmental Education finds a home in the new Br Brian Clery Skills Centre with the official opening on June 5th.

### 2007

Chris Altman ('66) of Fielders and Jeff Piotto ('76) of Piotto Bros Concrete, kindly donated time and product to allow the completion of the Duggan House Pergola.

Rostrevor enrolls the first 4th generation Rostrevor boys in Charles and Harry Duggan and Matthew Hill.

The World Youth Day Cross visits Rostrevor as part of its global journey.

Wayne Tinsey is appointed the first Executive Director of EREA Schools in Australia. The Christian Brothers step back from the administration of their schools Australasia wide.

### 2008

New carpet is installed in the Chapel.

The Inaugural Rostrevor College Indigenous Sports Academy is born. A Federally subsidised program to use sport to encourage interest in academia.

An initiative is launched by the ROCA to raise money for Christian Brother enterprises in Africa. It raises \$32,000

A walk in aviary is opened as part of the Environmental Centre thanks to the hard work of Scott Whitters.

Mary Fountain (nee Carey) dies as a result of a car accident at 93 years old. She was associated with Rostrevor for 65 years, since 1936, as an accompanist and piano teacher.

The last in a series of Jelly Nelson Cups is played to raise funds for Cancer Care. An initiative of old scholar Mark Nelson and like minded SHC old scholars the event raised over \$50,000 over five years.

Rossi the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo becomes the official mascot of the College.

### 2009

Rostrevor College Music Department finished first in the SA State High Schools Music Competition

Congregational Leader of the Christian Brothers, Br Philip Pinto visits Rostrevor.

Staff member Ned Thomson dies suddenly in his sleep aged 39.

15 Indigenous students graduate Year 12 as the first graduating group of the Indigenous Sports Academy.

Rostrevor College wins Eastern Suburbs Greenest School Award

1stXVIII win State Knockout Championship over Sacred Heart under lights at Norwood Oval.

Daniel Clohesy wins the coveted James Morrison Scholarship for tertiary music study.

1st XI Soccer win the State Knockout Championship.

### 2010

1st XI Soccer take out State Championship

Work commences on the Junior School Sustainable Garden

Rostrevor Senior Band is placed 4th in Australia and 1st of the South Australian Bands in the national generations in Jazz Festival at Mt Gambier

Jeff Croser concludes a seven year tenure as Headmaster at Rostrevor College. The decade is declared 'The Decade of Excellence'

Br Ray O'Donohue (70 years), Br John Moylan (60 years) and Br Michael Coughlin (50 years) celebrate their respective Jubilees of years in the Christian Brothers with a Mass in the Rostrevor College Chapel.

All men were students of the Christian Brothers. Michael at Rostrevor, John at CBC Ovingham and Ray at CBC Wakefield Street.

The Governor His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AO CSC RANR pays a visit to the Rostrevor Indigenous Sports Academy



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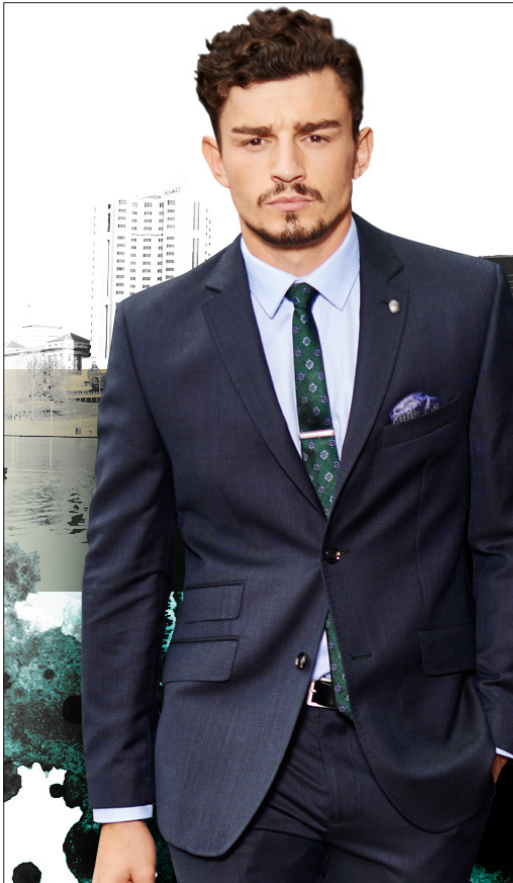
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