

# SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL

## "We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success"



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### From the Principal



2005 has been an amazing year with many students, staff and school achievements, including celebrating 20 years participation in the Rock Eisteddfod.

At Salisbury High our aim remains the same and that is to see every student successfully

placed in higher or further education, training, employment or community and service.

The directions for 2005 were:

- High Achievement for All
- Enterprise and Innovation
- Global Citizenship
- International Education

Our biggest achievement last year was the authorization of Salisbury High School as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. For the past few years staff have been preparing to offer the IB Middle Years Program and their hard work has finally paid off.

We have also seen a major reform in the Senior School as we have moved to more personalised pathways for our senior students. We offer clear programs leading into University, Vocational, Community or a combination of these pathways. Our flexible learning program allows students to combine the SACE requirements with their own interests, skills and aspirations making the senior school offerings far more relevant and engaging to students.

I want to congratulate and wish our Class of 2005 every success in the future! We welcome you as part of our Old Scholars' Foundation and we will follow your new pathways into the future with interest.

Finally may I once again thank the wonderful Old Scholars for their continued interest and support of the school.

**Helen Paphitis – Principal**

### Coming Events

June 10<sup>th</sup>

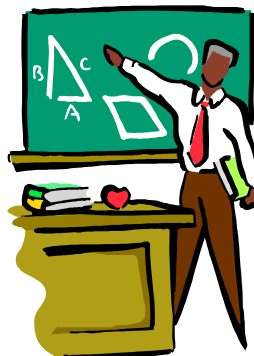
Elizabeth Last Stand Reunion –  
ring Brien Pickering 0418831926  
- email [BKP@ADAM.COM.AU](mailto:BKP@ADAM.COM.AU)

December 1<sup>st</sup>

Speech Day

### Invitation to attend Open Day – 21st May

We invite Old Scholars to attend our Open Day to catch up on our school news as well as old school mates.



Staff and students will be here showing visitors our facilities and curriculum programs.

There will be an Information Session in the Resource Centre at 1.30pm and tours of the school.

Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Cheryl on 8182 0200, fax 8180 2001 or email [cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au](mailto:cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au) if you are able to join us.

**Helen Paphitis - Principal**

### Rick's new book



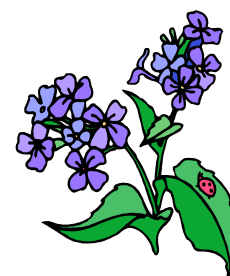
Richard Maurovic has written a comprehensive and fully researched history of the Gepps Cross Abattoirs and livestock markets titled, 'The Meat Game'. The book, to be published by Wakefield

Press, is filled with many historic photos and maps and will be released in a few months time. If any Old Scholars or their family members who worked at the abattoirs would like to know more about this book, please contact Richard on 8373 3766 or email him on [richard@maurovic.com.au](mailto:richard@maurovic.com.au).

### Special thanks

To the Friends of Salisbury High School. These lovely ladies place the labels on envelopes, fold the newsletter and stamp the envelopes for me. Their help is very much appreciated as we now have approximately 2,300 Old Scholars and growing all the time.

**Cheryl Bermingham**



## A note from our Patron

In a previous newsletter, I asked as to whether Salisbury High ever had a **school song**? It seems the school never had a school song but one of the first Old Scholars, **KENNETH BUNN** (1959-61) who lives in the UK sent a copy of the old school hymn. Ken presented the school with an illustrated manuscript of the hymn, which was framed and hung in the school's entrance foyer for many years. **Does anybody know its whereabouts?**



### **SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL HYMN**

O Lord, our help, we pray this day,  
Guide us by Thine influence,  
That we may cherish in ev'ry way  
The beauty that is Life:  
Instil in us a love of Truth,  
Of Right and Loyalty,  
A love of Duty, free from taint  
Of thoughts of selfish gain.

Dispel, O Lord, each worthless sin,  
Harboured in our breasts,  
That any deed which may defame  
May die before its birth:  
Enkindle in our hearts, a fire  
Of faith and burning zeal,  
To enrich traditions within our school,  
To bear its heritage.

After a few years in Salisbury, Ken Bunn and his family moved back to the UK. Ken kept a detailed illustrated record of his time in Salisbury during the 1950s, including Humbug Scrub, Salisbury High, Elizabeth, Stumpys, cruisin', and girls. Ken would like to have his recorded escapades and observations made into a book and he is looking for a publisher. Can anybody help?

### **CURRENT SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

Salisbury High has now been fully accredited as an international Baccalaureate High School and congratulations go to the school's staff on such a prestigious achievement. The school is striving in leaps and bounds.

Also at the 2005 Speech Day held in last December, of 26 Global Citizen Medals awarded nationally, four recipients were students from Salisbury High; a very impressive result.

Old Scholars and local businesses awarded a total of \$10,000 in prize money to the students from the school. I urge Old Scholars who have been away from the school for a while to consider attending Speech Day in 2006 and see what the school is like today. You will be impressed. Alternatively, if you have a business, why don't you consider becoming a valuable sponsor to the school's Speech Day celebrations and give a current student some welcome encouragement for the future. Who knows what your philanthropic efforts might nurture.

## NEWSLETTER

Plans are currently underway to build a Performing Arts Centre at the school, immediately north of the administration block, toward the railway. This will provide a vital amenity to the students who desire careers as performance artists after leaving school. Perhaps the next Sir Robert Helpmann or Dame Margo Fonteyn will one day be an Old Scholar from Salisbury High. That would be terrific.

### **SALISBURY HIGH FLYERS**



### **GRANT WELLINGTON**

Old Scholar and helicopter pilot Grant Wellington (1976-1979) with his tool of trade. Based in Broome, Grant operates Pearl Coast Helicopters and uses his chopper

for cattle mustering in the Kimberley region of northwest Western Australia. Grant recently featured in an episode of ABCTV's *Australian Story*. Grant's school mates would better remember him in the photo below:



Grant Wellington, front, with Alex Marton (1975-1979) at a school camp at O'Sullivan's Beach in 1977. Photo supplied by Karen Sweet (nee Donald).

### **JOHN BERGAMIN**

Also, don't Forget John Bergamin's attempt to be the first person to fly an ultra-light aircraft across Gulf St Vincent. His attempt from St Kilda to Pt Julia in May 2006 will raise funds for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's Haematology and Oncology Research Unit. Please support this inspirational venture. John Bergamin (1960-1962) can be contacted at: PO box 195, VIRGINIA SA 5120. His phone number is 8380 9189.

With the State Election now behind us, Congratulations go to Old Scholars **DR DUNCAN MCFETRIDGE** (1965-1969) who was re-elected to the South Australian Parliament for the State seat of Morphett and to his fellow member-elect **DAVID PISONI** (1976-1979) who was elected into Parliament for the first time to represent the State seat of Unley. That's two members of Parliament who attended Salisbury High; a great achievement.

It is always good to read about Old Scholars and their time at Salisbury High. Please put your pen to paper or fingertips to keyboard and write a few words about your life. Please contact Richard Maurovic on 8373 3766 or email [richard@maurovic.com.au](mailto:richard@maurovic.com.au).

It would be great to hear from Old Scholars who attended Salisbury High during the 1980s. These students are particularly under-represented and an

insight to their school days and their current careers would make good reading to older past scholars.

**Richard Maurovic 8373 3766**

## Where they are now!

### SHARON TORODE (née CHERRINGTON)

Attended Salisbury High 1972, 73, 74, 75 and lived in Motcombe Street, Salisbury North. Her current address is 4 Raleigh Street, Cardwell North Queensland 4849. Phone: 07 - 4066 8296 and [torode@iinet.net.au](mailto:torode@iinet.net.au)

While at Salisbury High School I was active in sports such as netball and softball. One moment of pleasure was on the soccer field where the girls were trying their skills. I accidentally (?) knocked a girl over in the mud that felt she was pretty good. She was a new student to Salisbury High School, having migrated from UK. She shall remain nameless.

Another time I can remember was I think Year 8 when we were in the pre-fab buildings which were nearer the railway line. At the sound of a fire drill, Barry Cahill and Steven Allen (Parafield Gardens) decided to take what they thought was a quicker exit out the hopper window, instead of filing in an orderly fashion out of the classroom door like the rest of us. Home Economics was also made more interesting with the boys being included in the class by Mrs. Pearson.

My friends at school were Debbie Smith, Leslie Jefford, Evelyn Madaras and Helen Couch. Teachers were Ann Ash - English, Mr De Goyer - Maths, Miss Wilhelm - French and Miss Milchevski - Art.

I left Salisbury High School in Year 10 as I was encouraged to put my name down at the Australian National Railways. Mum at the time worked at (what was) the Cake Shop on the Adelaide Railway Station. I worked at Islington Workshops in the offices for four years. I left there and went to North Queensland, which obviously reels us in as we are back there now.

I have worked in the meantime in the Barossa Valley, for Pilbara Tourism, in North Western Australia, for two Specialist Medical Practitioners. I have been fortunate to always have good jobs.

I did some part-time modelling and Steve Torode, my husband and I have travelled a fair bit around Australia.

I had a child at 40 and he has brought much pleasure to my life. My husband is from Elizabeth and we have been together for 22 years. Our addresses, over the years, have been dictated by the fact that he is an Engineer in the Mining Industry.

Despite coming out of a recent cyclone in North Queensland, we love the tropical lifestyle. I must say that I miss the winters (occasionally) down south and when visiting enjoy taking my son Bryce to the Magic Cave.

My brother **KEN CHERRINGTON** also attended Salisbury High School from 1965-68. Ken went on

to work at Motor Traders and then All-Harley Imports. He has always had interest in motor bikes.

Our father was a mechanic at Rowley Park Speedway on Friday nights. Ken also raced speedway.

We both view our upbringing, including our education at Salisbury North as a good time in our lives. It was a time when everybody knew everybody and life was full of simple pleasures.

### MIKE ASHORD

Mike Ashford attended Salisbury North Primary School before attending Salisbury High (1961-1964). His father was a builder with a company that built the school in the late 1950s. Mike used to walk to the site to deliver his father's lunch and, whilst dodging swooping magpies, he was able to have an early preview of what would become his new school.

Mike described his years at Salisbury High as 'gold'. He said, 'Teenage years in the 1960s – what more could you wish for?' The Beatles arrived in Adelaide in Mike's final year at Salisbury and at the time the school had a resident band 'that played all the good stuff at school socials.' Mike said, 'It was all so civilised'.

Mike well remembers teachers Mrs Lockerby and Messrs Laycock, Abbott and England. His great mates were Martin Baden, Mauro Maurovic, Peter Bunn, John Fielding, Ken Goodall, and he couldn't forget to mention Christine Plowman (Mim). Mike said discipline was tough but on reflection, he said, 'I reckon we needed it – it more than likely made us better people'. He remembered one occasion when he arrived back late from lunch. He stopped his pushbike just around the corner from the back gates and rubbed his hands along the bike chain. He showed his greasy hands to the prefects at the gate and explained his chain had come off on the way back to school and they accepted his excuse. He wasn't exactly out of trouble though; he later received a few strokes of the cane for leaving greasy marks on the teacher's reference books!

When Mike and a few of his mates all turned sixteen, they went to get their motorcycle licences and they became the only students at the school with independent motorised transport. He still rides motorcycles today.

Salisbury High had no PE faculty until 1965, the year after Mike left. He felt there was a serious need for Physical Education teachers so he trained and graduated as one from the University of Adelaide in the late 1960s.

Mike Ashford said his days at 'good old Salisbury High' helped forge his future career and his positive, determined outlook on life. He thanked the old scholars who have submitted their 'life stories' for previous newsletters and encouraged more to do so.

Mike asks old scholars to contact him at Birdwood, where he lives, on 8568 5750. His email address is: [triumphmash@hotmail.com](mailto:triumphmash@hotmail.com) and Mike asks any



motorcycle enthusiasts to look at his website. Log on to [www.acecafebirdwood.com.au](http://www.acecafebirdwood.com.au)

## Where are they!

### STASIA MATYLSKI, TERRY FRIEND and JOHN BUCHAN

Kenneth Bunn (1959 to 1961) would like to know more about the above Old Scholars. His email is [kean@bun1.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:kean@bun1.fsnet.co.uk).

### TONY SMITH – 1971 to 1975

Tony would like to catch up with old school mates. His email is [apsmith@bigpond.com](mailto:apsmith@bigpond.com)

If you would like to track down an Old Scholar please contact Cheryl at the school.

## Condolences



Condolences go to Old Scholar Eddie Mysko (1976-79) who recently became a widower after the death of his wife, Mandy, on the Gold Coast, where they lived.

## 1960 Speech Night Program

### SCHOOL HYMN

### CHOIR

"The Kerry Dance"  
"These are the Lovely Things"  
"A Fiddler is Passing This Way"  
(from Don Giovanni)

### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

### HEADMASTER'S REPORT REMARKS

### PRESENTATION of PRIZES and TROPHIES

### CHOIR

"Love is Meant to Make us Glad"  
(from Merrie England)  
"Carol of Beauty"—French Carol  
"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"  
(from the Flower of Bethlehem)

### FOLK DANCING

"Mountain Maid"

"French Reel"

"Ace of Diamonds"

### PHYSICAL EXERCISES AND PYRAMIDS

### SCOTTISH DANCING

"Hamilton House"

"Seann Truibhas"

"Jessie's Hornpipe"

### CHOIR — CAROLS

"Adestes Fideles"—English Melody

18th Century

"Bethlehem"

"Noel Time" (Australian)

### PLAY

J. L. Molloy  
Edith Pearson

W.A. Mozart  
Dr. M. W. Woods  
Mr. C. E. Haines  
Mr. E. Mander-Jones

Mr. J. S. Clark

Edward German  
Stuart Wilson

Eric H. Thiman

Wilma Anderson

Old Spanish Carol  
W. G. James  
The Slippers of Cinderella

ACCOMPANIST

Miss B. Fiebig

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

## Invitation 6<sup>th</sup> RECONCILIATION YOUTH AMBASSADORS' BALL

ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE

Saturday 3rd June 2006

6.30pm for 7.00pm

A warm welcome is extended to you, your staff members, business colleagues, family members and friends to join us during Reconciliation Week to celebrate the spirit of reconciliation with our young students.

**Tickets are now available at \$ 75 each**

The evening will consist of:  
presentation of the Ambassadors  
three course dinner, live entertainment  
a range of speakers, raffle and silent auction

We invite you to  
**SPONSOR A YOUTH  
AMBASSADOR  
\$125**



This event provides a very public and tangible opportunity to portray harmony in life and work between Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people.

50 Indigenous students invite non-Indigenous partners to a most spectacular event, which receives extensive media coverage and is the State's showcase of youth working together to take the next step.

### As a Sponsor you receive

- Visual recognition of your business name on venue display screens
- Printed recognition on our web site and program
- Framed certificate

**For further details please contact Cheryl Bermingham**

## Moving house?

If you are moving house, please let us have your new address, as unfortunately when letters are returned as undeliverable we are not always able to trace you. We would also appreciate change of email addresses and other details so that we can keep our records up to date. Many thanks.

**Cheryl Bermingham**



Harvey World Travel Salisbury are pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring a Tourism and Hospitality Scholarship for year 12 students for 2006 to the value of \$400. If you are thinking of taking a hard earned holiday then consider

Harvey World Travel in the Parabanks Shopping Centre. Just mention that you are supporting the Scholarship Program at Salisbury High School and they will allocate further funds towards more future scholarships.

## Where they are now!

### BERNIE HEDGES

Left Salisbury High School 1961

My family came to New Zealand after I finished school at Salisbury High School in December 1961. I started work at HM Customs in February 1962 and stayed until returning to Australia in 1967.

Wrong move – Credit squeeze on and no work available. The Kiwis I was with ended up joining the Army and going to Vietnam, I scurried back to New Zealand. I then worked for Social Welfare for four years where I met and married my first wife. We had two sons together but unfortunately the marriage failed. My sons are both working in London now, one as a consultant to the RAF and the other is a disc jockey who has released a couple for CDs.

In 1971 I decided that Government Service wasn't the way to fame and fortune so I resigned and moved to the private sector. I tried factory work and then went commercial fishing for crayfish, I had my own boat and made a heap of money but hated it, I cannot swim (or float for that matter) and always wore two life jackets in case one didn't work. By then, 1977 I was living and fishing up near Kaikoura on the East Coast of New Zealand and met my second wife, Bronwyn.

We moved back to Christchurch and worked together in a number of small businesses until we both decided to settle down and get regular long term positions with the prospects of advancement. Bron started at SKOPE in 1982 and I followed her in 1987. She is now the Manager of our Spares and Warranty Division and I am a Production Controller with special responsibilities to design new products.

My interests, apart from work are renovating the house and carpentry. I was able to watch the great Hans Bakker in woodwork class at the old school. I still haven't reached his level of expertise.

We really enjoyed our trip to Europe last Christmas and I am looking forward to combining the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion with a houseboat trip down the Murray.

email [BKP@ADAM.COM.AU](mailto:BKP@ADAM.COM.AU)

Drinks

Live Bands

Food

### LINDI JANE

There was a very interesting article in The Sunday Mail Home section in January about Old Scholar Lindi Jane. She is a well known Ventriloquist and Entertainer. Her career highlights include performing at the Command Performance, the final performance in Brisbane's Her Majesty's Theatre, performing in Singapore, joining Adelaide's stand-up comedy circuit and performing for Shane Warne's children.

### LORRAINE FERGUSON (nee HOWSE)

#### EDGAR CASTLE - TEACHER

I was saddened to learn of the death of one of my teachers Mr Edgar Castle. I find it ironic that again after all these years Mr Castle's idiosyncrasies are still able to bring a smile to my face.

I vividly recall the exact moment I realized how much a parent can love their child and should love their child. A silly anecdote that will probably mean nothing to anyone else but it defined so much of my life that to me it was and is important.

A student had "hidden" a pen Mr Castle had received from his son as a gift. To this day I am not aware of the significance of that pen or the reason for the gift, but I do know that was the ONLY time I ever saw any sign of despair or anger on Mr Castle's face. His obvious heartache broke my heart, even back then as a self-absorbed teenager I vividly remember wondering if his son had any idea how powerfully he was loved by his father? Funny isn't it how little things from so long ago can stay with you for no apparent reason?

I would very much like to get in touch with Edgar's son so that I can pass on to him my respectful memories of a man who defined the word integrity, and to tell him how powerful his father's presence was and is still to so many people.

Everyone seems to have funny and eccentric stories but I truly hope people also remember the passion that made the man.

Any Old Scholar who was fortunate enough to have Mr Castle as a teacher would always smile when you mentioned his name.

If any Old Scholar knows the whereabouts of Mr Castle's son could they please contact the school.

## ELIZABETH LAST STAND REUNION

Remember growing up  
in Elizabeth in the 60s and 70s

**June 10<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Queens Birthday long weekend**  
Playford Civic Centre

Ring Brien Pickering (an Old Scholar)  
0418831926

## LAP Program

Ros Belle, our current English Coordinator is introducing a LAP program beginning Term 2.

If you have any spare time as little as one hour per week or fortnight to assist with a reading program please contact Ros on 8182 0200.

Many thanks.

## Speech Day thanks

A special thank you to the following Old Scholars who support our Speech Day each year.

Many of these wonderful past students have been donating and presenting their Award as well as attending the day for over six years.

We also welcomed six new Old Scholars Sponsors in 2005.

Delwyn Ayling  
Jeffery Baden  
Paula Broadstock  
Angela Burford  
Guiseppe Caretti  
John DeMeo  
Dorothy Griggs  
Dr Fraser Gurling  
Steve Hore  
Rick Maurovic  
Duncan McFetridge  
Denise McKenzie  
Roy Magor  
Janice Vidovich  
Heather Wehr  
Jennifer White



Jeffery Baden and Angela Burford are currently working and living in America.

**JASON 'SNOWY' CARTER** was our Guest Speaker. Jason, an Old Scholar, is on radio MIX102.3. He is doing the 1pm to 6pm weekday shift as well as breakfast on Saturday.

Businesses involved in 2005 were:

Adelaide Zoo  
Australia Post  
Bank SA  
Bianco  
Bob Jane T-Mart - Salisbury  
Book Agencies  
Bowden Printing  
Bunnings  
Channel 10  
City of Salisbury  
CJ Electrical Pty Ltd  
Devon Clothing  
Doorways 2 Construction  
Harvey World – Parabanks  
Mike Rann MP  
Mile End Office Furniture  
Mitani  
Mix 102.3 FM  
One and All  
Power Loan  
Printworks  
Protech IT Logistics  
Rotary  
Salisbury North Football Club

Training Prospects  
Typequick

**Humanitarian Award** - Many thanks to another wonderful Old Scholar who wishes to remain anonymous. Several years ago he made a loan of a considerable amount of money to an ill friend. The friend died and he was unjustly blamed for his demise and accused of greed and selfishness. Many close friends said to him afterwards that they were confident he would never help anybody again.

They were wrong. He has kindly donated \$1,000 - \$250 a term for a Humanitarian Award. The first one was presented this term and the recipient, Geoffrey McLean was very grateful.

**Gail Streather** now living in Switzerland is also a new sponsor for 2006. Gail contacted the school early this year to donate one thousand pounds. Sadly on 29<sup>th</sup> March, Good Friday 2002, Gail's second daughter Natalie, a talented artist died at the age of 17. In her memory the Natalie Louise Streather Memorial Fund was created. It receives donations worldwide. The aim of the fund is to assist teenagers to achieve their desired goals. This kind donation will enable us to present a medal and \$200 cash to an Art student for the next ten years.

Please look at Natalie's story on [www.adrianstreather.com](http://www.adrianstreather.com) and look out for Gail's story in our next newsletter.



Alun Hughes – Chairperson of Governing School Council

Alun Hughes has been a member of the School Governing Council for 25 years. Alun and Vicky have 11 children, ten of whom attended Salisbury High School along with one grandchild.

If you would like to be involved in Speech Day either as a sponsor or Guest Speaker please contact Cheryl Bermingham for further details.

This year's Speech Day is to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006.