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From the Principal

Salisbury High School is proud to announce and celebrate the good news that two of our long standing teachers, **Emma Medhurst** and **Debra Turley**, were individual award winners of the prestigious national event, the Australian Government's 2008 National Awards for Quality Schooling. The awards were presented in Parliament House, Canberra by the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, at a formal presentation ceremony.

The school congratulates both Emma and Debra for their commitment to improving teaching and learning at Salisbury High School.

Congratulations to **Leone Miliado** who recently won two awards at the Royal Adelaide Show. His Miners Couch, which he constructed during the Certificate I Furnishing course, won First Prize – Combination of Materials category for Year 12/13 VET students. Leone was also awarded First Prize, Best Exhibit – Plastics, Other Materials and Combination of materials. His entry was judged against entries from South Australian State and private secondary schools.



Values Banners provide a welcome to our school. It is with great excitement that we now have the value banners displayed on our front lawn. As a school we are very focussed on promoting our values of success, relationships, organisation, honesty and respect. The banners highlight these and continually remind our community of the priority they have in our lives.

Koishikawa High School visit - August

This was the fourth consecutive year that the prestigious Koishikawa School have been through our Salisbury High School program. A powerful accolade for our Salisbury High School community. From November 22nd to December 3rd we will be hosting the staff and students from Ritsumeikan High School, another long standing and cherished relationship. If interested in hosting a student please contact Sue Turner at the school.



On the eighth of the eighth of the eighth we celebrated the Beijing Olympics by transforming Salisbury into a mini **Northern Lights Olympic Day**. 300 primary school students took part in their own mini Olympics to mark the opening of the Beijing Olympic Games. Students from The Pines, Direk and Salisbury Park Primary schools participated in track and field events as well as European handball.

Speech Day

Our Speech Day for 2008 is Friday 28th November 10am to 12 noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to help celebrate the student's achievements for the year and to catch up with the growing number of old scholars who attend. If you would like to attend or sponsor an award please contact Cheryl Bermingham.

Ann Prime – Principal

Old Scholar update

Rick Maurovic (1976-1979) has just been named as a City of Salisbury 'Living Legend'.

Paul Roberts (1976-1979) was recently promoted to rank of Inspector with the South Australia Police.

In the South Australian Parliament, **David Pisoni MP** (1976-1979) has been recently appointed Shadow Minister for Education, Employment, Training & Further Education and Tourism.

David's brother **Simon Pisoni** (1974-1977) has been recently appointed as an Official of the SA branch of the Electrical and Plumbing Union. Simon joins the list of union organisers at the CEPU coming from a diverse range of industries in the electrical field. He has 28 years of work experience as an electrician including the food, beverage, pharmaceutical, transport, print and postal industries.

Earlier this year Simon appeared on ABC TV's New Inventors program with his 'Clever Dick' invention to assist electricians install cables inside wall cavities. His 'Clever Dick' tool won the episode's best invention award and also the people's choice award.

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. Many thanks.



Cheryl Bermingham

Time Capsule

After many, many phone calls and emails I am unable to discover the location of the time capsule.

I have contacted local schools and the Salisbury Council to no avail. All have received numerous requests but to date no luck!

Cheryl Bermingham

Patron's note

Next year, Salisbury High School reaches an important milestone, its Golden Jubilee. The school opened in 1959 and old scholars will have the opportunity to commemorate the school's 50 years.

Keep the evening of Saturday 23rd May 2009 free for a special old scholars' reunion. The school will host more celebrations the following day with an open day at the school.

There has already been keen interest from old scholars scattered throughout the world. I warmly invite all old scholars to participate in this milestone. **Please tell your friends who may not be on the mailing list to become involved** and to participate in the planned festivities. Many old scholars seldom get the opportunity to break that barrier of shyness and re-acquaint themselves with old school friends. Together, let's make 2009 the year where you make friends with once more.

Many of those who attended Salisbury High in those early years from 1959 lived in a Salisbury quite different from the city of today. There was no 7 days-a-week shopping and fewer cars.



Everybody remembers the old Salisbury railway station and those young drivers 50 years ago may well recall stopping at the Rolling Wheel Roadhouse late on Saturday nights for petrol or smokes. To put old scholars in the mood for celebrating the school's Golden Jubilee next year, and a glimpse at old Salisbury, these photos might bring back some memories.



Richard Maurovic

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 just over 2500 Old Scholars and growing all the time.



Delwyn Ayling

Salisbury Primary School 1953 – 1959
Salisbury High School 1960 – 1963
Elizabeth High School 1964 (part year)

Delwyn was born in 1947 at the old Salisbury Hospital, located at the corner of Park Terrace and Wiltshire Street. Delwyn attended Salisbury High in its first years. 'The grass had just been planted on the oval and all the students had to regularly weed the oval in order to establish a good playing surface,' she remembers. In those early years, Salisbury High did not teach Leaving Honours level (Year 12) so, in 1964, Delwyn enrolled at Elizabeth High. In April that year, she started work as a Computing Assistant at Weapons Research Establishment (WRE), now the Defence Science and Technology Organisation. 'My first job was very exciting as I travelled to Woomera to observe some of the early rocket trials.'

Whilst working, she continued to study her Leaving Honours Physics and Maths I and II on weekends with the help of a tutor. Whilst juggling work and weekend study, Delwyn was also doing Tertiary studies in Physics at the SA Institute of Technology, now the University of SA. Delwyn was awarded a Defence scholarship and attended the University of Adelaide. In 1970 she completed an Honours degree in Physical Chemistry and was promoted to Experimental Officer at WRE. Delwyn recounted, 'I worked on many Navy, Army and Air Force tasks. The most exciting was when I conducted ballistic testing of rocket propellants in a firing site.' In 1989 Delwyn graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from the Elton Mayo School of Management at the University of South Australia. Delwyn retired from DSTO in 2002 and since then has travelled extensively.

Delwyn was also a member of the Royal Australian Air Force Active Reserves. She joined in 1982 as an Operations Officer based at 24 Squadron at Edinburgh. 'I worked all around Australia as well as four deployments overseas,' she said. A secondary appointment also included working, for 10 years, at Government House in Adelaide as

an *Aide-de-Camp* to two Governors of South Australia; The Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell and Sir Eric Neal. Delwyn retired from the Active Reserve in 2006. Delwyn Ayling's admirable achievements include an Australian Service Medal (South East Asia), a Centenary Medal, a Reserve Force Decoration and an Australian Defence Medal.

Delwyn has lived in Salisbury all her life and still keeps in touch with friends from school days. These include Elizabeth Arden (now Hill), Inez Lyons (now Chambers), Dorothy Gray (now Griggs), Sandra Hay (now Mardell), Walter Woods and Geoff Pitt. Delwyn regularly sees her former Salisbury High School, Ken and Marie Hinkly (formerly Griffin). Delwyn said, 'Some years ago, her Latin teacher, a Scottish lady, Dorothy Ellen and her husband visited from Scotland. We had a reunion at Marie and Ken's home. Another teacher, Albert Swanson, also attended.'

Delwyn is actively involved in voluntary and charity work as a member of the Zonta Club of Para District. She enjoys gardening, cooking, listening to music and watching cricket (she used to play women's cricket at State level). This year she hosted a Japanese student who was attending SHS for a short stay. Delwyn says, 'I would strongly recommend that other old scholars consider doing this as SHS regularly needs hosts and it is very rewarding to keep a link with our former School.' Delwyn is an active and welcome participant in all old scholar activities and she donates prizes for speech day each year.

Mike Lewis

Mike Lewis 1962 to 1966

Went to Adelaide Uni and graduated in Civil Engineering, spent three years with the SA Railways, then went into private industry with an earthmoving contract for five years. Built a yacht in his spare time and set sail in 1979, sailing to the UK via the Pacific, South Ocean, Cape Horn and nonstop up the length of the Atlantic.

Worked a little in the UK then went to Saudi Arabia for three years to work on the largest construction project in the world at that time. It's probably been eclipsed since then.

Carried on as beach bum from 1984 to 1987, sailing to the Caribbean, USA, North Atlantic to Azores, West Africa, Brazil, South Africa and back to Adelaide via Port Lincoln. Back to school to get a Grad Dip in Municipal Engineering. Back into earthmoving company, then as resident engineer with W&G Engineers for the Myer Centre and other projects. Left engineering in 1993 and joined partner in small welding company. Sold up and retired in 2005, but with shortage of engineers went back to work part time while he finished a makeover of his yacht. Next plan is to return to roving the oceans for the rest of his retirement.

We need your support

We would be grateful if you are able to contribute financially in the following ways:

Speech Day Awards – range from \$20 to \$200.

Cost of printing and postage of this newsletter. If you know of any grants we can apply for please let us know.

For more information please call or email Cheryl. Many thanks.

Cheryl Bermingham



Reunion of classmates from 1964

It was with much trepidation that we finally organised for 5 ex-students and their partners from our Leaving (year 11) class in 1964 to get together. How did this momentous event unfold? Back in February this year, I met up with Ken Goodall, a classmate from '64, for a cup of coffee in Adelaide. After much debate and reminiscing, we came to the conclusion that a reunion for a small group of ex classmates would be an excellent idea. We came up with 5 names we knew would be contactable and so went ahead and organised the event.

Our classmates were Mike Ashford, Christine Barber (nee Plowman), Cathy Tunks (nee Boughen), Ken Goodall and Martin Baden. Most still live in South Australia except Christine Plowman who returned to England with her parents in 1963 but fortunately Mike had kept in contact with her over this time. Not expecting Christine would make a special trip to Adelaide for a reunion we were delighted to hear she and her husband Tony had planned an around the world trip including a few days in Adelaide.

After 44 years of waiting we finally gathered at the Maid & Magpie Hotel in late April this year. It was quite amazing how we each had a perception of what we looked like since we saw each other as Leaving students back in 1964. For me, it was wonderful to see how life had such little affect on personalities as they each retained very similar mannerisms from those school days. We obviously had changed physically but underneath the grey hair and few wrinkles, each still was recognisable as the 'cute little girl in the front row' or the 'annoying boy in the back row'. We talked for hours about past glories and wonderful achievements at Salisbury High School. We all recalled with much amusement, the little pranks we played in class and the punishment we endured at the hands of teachers when we misbehaved. We discussed where life had taken us since we left school and how those 4 years at



Salisbury High had moulded our lives and created such exciting and challenging life paths for each of us to follow. had put into it, but the instant camaraderie and common bond that was so evident between us. For each, school days contained such wonderful memories of teachers we respected, Headmasters we admired, students we liked and disliked, rules we loved and hated but the conversation always came back to one common factor that school days were so much fun.

For me, recalling thoughts of Ken and his love of cars, Christine and her girlish charm, Cathy and her wonder for life, Mike for his love of music, are some of the most treasured memories I will retain for ever.



Martin Baden - Student 1961 to 1964

Ann Smith (Nee Plowman)

I attended Salisbury High when it first opened in 1959. I enjoyed being there, wearing my uniform, smart blazer, cotton dress in the summer and remember tying my tie and pulling up my shoe laces!! My best friend was Beverley Evans whom I am still in touch with, and others were Marleen Greenhill, Lorraine Pobke and Michael Fiske.

I remember Mrs Swarzcoffe who took me for Home Economics, Mr Schulze who was the Art Teacher and Mrs Byron Scott who was Scottish and taught History. I was in the choir and remember playing rounders in all the heat and also students fainting when we had assemblies outside.

I left Salisbury High when I was 16 and worked at David Jones in Adelaide on the jewellery counter before coming back to England with my sister Christine (Mim) who also attended Salisbury High, and my parents. We emigrated from the UK to Australia as £10 Poms in 1951.

We have one son who is a Garden Designer and he has won medals at the Chelsea Flower Show in London. I have visited Australia twice since coming back to England and met Beverley Bromley (nee Evans) and Chris is meeting some of her school friends in May 2008 which she is very excited about. A lot of the pupils at Salisbury High used to support the Central Districts Football Team which I believe is still going! We had four house teams at the school and I was in Florey which never did very well and that was yellow, another was Cairns which was red and there were two others, blue and green, but I can't remember their names, except that they were all explorers.

Note: Houses are still used today

Cairns – Red, Florey – Yellow, Oliphant – Blue and Mawson - Green

I still call Salisbury High home

I bumped into an old classmate the other day that I hadn't seen since my school days and it was a shock to both of us that it had been over fifteen years since we had been at Salisbury High School together. We talked fondly of the time we spent at Salisbury High (we both noted that we probably had a different view back then) and had a laugh about some of the things that went on. It started me thinking about what I like about the place and what I hope the current students are able to see, and as the 50th anniversary of the school approaches, it seems like a good time to think about what the place really means to me.

I'm in a fairly unique position, shared only by a few people that I know, in that I am still actually *at* Salisbury High. I have been a teacher here, on-and-off, since 1995 when I graduated from university. I worked for a couple of years at Paralowie House, at the time an annexe of Salisbury High School, involved with students at risk. After a few years overseas the umbilical chord snapped and I found myself back at Paralowie House and then later, at Salisbury High School, where I helped introduce Multimedia to the school. Once again, after a few years, it was time for a change, this time Far North Queensland, and once again the umbilical eventually snapped me back in mid-2007.

I have asked myself a number of times what it is that draws me back to Salisbury High School and I think the answer lies in the *who* rather than the *what*. You see the school is not as much about the physical structure of the buildings as it is about the people who spend time there, and have spent time there in the past. Sure we have some facilities that we can be very proud of, but it's not this I feel drawn to. It's the sense of being a part of the fabric of the school, the group of people who have helped shape it, and continue to shape it, and I think this is part of who I am.

In 1957 my newly married parents moved to Australia from the UK. Within a few weeks my father, a carpenter, had landed a job on the construction of Salisbury High School, oblivious at the time that all five of his yet-to-be-born children would eventually attend there, one of his sons would teach there, and his wife would spend an enormous amount of time there in a variety of roles, including Parent Liaison Officer and School Support Officer, until retiring, eventually, at 74 years of age in 2008. My mother and I worked out that there has been a Westell involved with Salisbury High School, in one capacity or another, every year since 1973 when my brother started in year eight, a total of 35 consecutive years. Salisbury High School is a big part of me, a fact that makes me extremely proud.

I tell this story to my classes when I first meet them. They generally yawn and wonder why they are having a history lesson when they should be doing multimedia, but I want them to understand that they have an opportunity to play a part in the direction and shape of Salisbury High School. That the school is not the room they're in or the buildings around them; it's not the negative reports they see on the television or the opinions of people who don't know any better; it's them. It's them and me, and the other teachers, and all of the old scholars, and all of the future students. If we're not proud of Salisbury High School then it means we are not proud of ourselves.

Every now and then I like to stop and read the names on the Honour Board in the front foyer of the school. It reminds me of the continuous nature of the place and how we each play a part in its history. Each year I see more and more past students enrolling their children at the school and I know that I am not the only one who feels proud to be a part of the history of Salisbury High School.

Happy anniversary.

Ryan Westell

Prefects 1964

Many thanks to Brian J Morris for emailing this photo. He was Head Perfect in 1964.



Back row:
Middle row
Front row

D Blackwell, R. Stoneman and M. Baden
P Lewis, G Slater, B Morris and B Wright
J Pike, I Wilson, C Siciliano and J Birch

Wanted

Any old photos that can be used for the 50th Birthday Celebrations or Reunion. Please contact Cheryl Bermingham.

Reunion and 50th Birthday Celebrations

Reunion

Saturday 23rd May 2009

Festival Centre

Banquet Room

7pm to midnight

Cost \$100

Entrée

Main Meal

Dessert

Tea/Coffee

Drinks included

Entertainment

Nostalgic Displays

Silent Auction

Raffle

Memorabilia for sale

Open Day

Sunday 24th May 2009

1.00pm to 4.00pm

1.30pm Information session
followed by tours of the
school

Nostalgic Displays

Silent Auction

Raffle

Memorabilia for sale
and a walk down memory
lane

Yes I am interested in attending the Reunion

Please supply _____ tickets at \$100 each inc GST

Please tick ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card

Card no _____

Expiry date _____

Card holder's name _____

Signature _____

My contact details are:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Years attended _____

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A Tax Invoice can be forwarded

Any special diet requirements eg vegetarian please contact Cheryl

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Performing Arts Centre

Our new Performing Arts Centre is finished with the official opening to be held in early 2009.

Available now – buy a seat for \$200 – a plaque with your name will be placed on a seat.

Only 200 available.

Please contact Cheryl Bermingham if interested.

