

SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

"We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success"



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Coming Events

**Friday 28th November
Speech Day**

Donations always welcome
Old Scholars invited to attend
10am to 12noon

Still available – Buy a seat for \$200 – a plaque with your name will be placed on a seat in the new Performing Arts Centre – contact Cheryl Bermingham on 8182 0200

From the Principal

What an amazing week of 50th birthday celebrations

On Wednesday 20th May, a special school assembly was held where students dressed in old school summer and winter uniforms including an Army cadet uniform. Joe Bivone, an Old Scholar from the class of 1961, spoke to our students about his days at Salisbury High School. The National Anthem was sung followed by the old school hymn. We thank Ian Smerd, a teacher from the 70s, for providing this archive.



On Saturday 23rd May, approx 200 Old Scholars, starting from the Class of 1959 through to current teachers and students of 2009, reminisced and danced the night away at the Adelaide Festival Centre. Many Old Scholars came from overseas and interstate for this event.



Our 50th birthday cake was cut by Dr Jeffrey Baden, Head Prefect in 1959 and Jake Clark, 2009 Co-President of the Student Representative Council (SRC).

On Sunday afternoon 24th May over 300 Old Scholars and past teachers shared stories with each other over Devonshire tea in our Gymnasium as we sang Happy 50th Birthday to Salisbury High school.



I would like to thank all our staff for their endless work in making this week a showcase that will be remembered for a very long time.

Ann Prime – Principal

Patron's note

Salisbury High School's 50th anniversary reunion was an outstanding success. Both the dinner and the following day's function, held at the school, were a great step back in time for many. It was pleasing so many Old Scholars from the school's first years made the effort to attend one or both functions. Many travelled from interstate and some from overseas, which was a thrill. I was, however, saddened that fewer students from more recent years attended. It's hoped they may be able to make it to a similar event in the future.

It is a credit to the dedication of the staff and students from Salisbury High who worked so hard to help make our reunion such a success. The delicious 50th birthday cake was made by students, as were the table decorations at the dinner. It was great, too, to see so many current students 'on duty' at the school the following day acting as guides, waiters and waitresses, and providing catering for the afternoon function.

One of the second day's highlights for many was the cutting of the cake by special guest, Richard Laycock, a respected former teacher and deputy headmaster. Over a 50 years' teaching career, Mr Laycock spent 37 at Salisbury High. A long queue could be seen as many lined up to talk to the popular man.

Many Old Scholars also took the opportunity to visit the school's new state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre and they could only wish they had something like it when they were students at Salisbury High.

On behalf of all the Old Scholars, I would like to thank Principal Ann Prime for her generous hospitality over the two days and greatly look forward to a similar future event. I hope many more former students will attend to help make it an even greater success.

Rick Maurovic

Memorabilia for sale



The following items are available for purchase from our Finance Office.
Travel Mug \$14 Wine Glass \$8 Coffee Mug \$8

Thank you

I would like to congratulate you, your staff, students, volunteers and others involved in the two days of celebrations for Salisbury High's 50th birthday. Both were wonderful events, unfortunately over all too quickly. It was great to meet people again after so many years and to catch up with their life experiences and to reminisce about our school days.

My parents really enjoyed their visit to the school on Sunday as they were both active at the school during my time there. Mum was a volunteer in the canteen and my Dad was on the Parents and Friends committee. Now both in their late 80s I know that they will talk about their visit and the former students that they met after so many years, for a long time.

Delwyn Ayling – 1960 to 1963

To all staff and students of Salisbury High School – ***Congratulations – what a wonderful weekend you planned and presented for the 50th year of the school. The Saturday night dinner was fantastic and superbly organised as were the Sunday celebrations.***

I thank you all sincerely for allowing we Old Scholars to share and reminisce about our fond and happy times and memories associated with our school days at Salisbury High. The school is certainly a credit to everyone associated with the running of it! After a perfect weekend, I am so proud to say I attended Salisbury High School. ***Always Aspire***

Heather Wehr (nee Ferguson) 1964 to 1968

A point of interest

I was in Class 1G in Mr Dyer's days. As he knew that I was from a market garden background I was elected and agreed to set up and irrigate the freshly planted lawn seed on the oval. This meant leaving class to shift the sprinkler pipes every hour or so. My shoes were thick with red mud, which was difficult to clean to come back in (all good days).

John Roy Bergamin

Speech Day

For many years, our Old Scholars have supported our school by contributing both money and work opportunities for our current students. We thank them for their ongoing support. If you would like to be involved in this years **Speech Day – Friday 27th November** either as a Guest Speaker or would like to donate a prize please contact Cheryl Bermingham at the school on 818 20 200 or email cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au.

Cheryl Bermingham

Rocco Ursida 1964 to 1966

50 Year Reunion – What a day

My jaws are still recovering from all the talking. It was great to see many class mates and also teachers, namely Messrs Wardrop, Walton and Koziol. By the time we were kicked out at 3.00pm I felt I was in the school yard again and it appeared time had stood still (I wish).

On a personal note I am still at the same address for the past 52 years and after some land sub divisions, there are currently four generations on the same property.

I have many fond memories of my school days and I can still hear our Woodwork teacher (Mr Darwin) telling us *98% of failure is due to a lack of organisation*. How right he was.

I worked for the Railways for 27 years, retiring as an Administration Officer and currently run my own driving school. I have also been involved in real estate development and management.

I look forward to reading the newsletters and perhaps we could start a section of *Where are they now!*

To the current students – do what you want to do, be what you want to be, but be the best at it. Life is like a bank account – you only get out of it what you put into it.

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

Special Thanks

To the Friends of Salisbury High School. These lovely ladies place the labels on envelopes and fold the newsletter. Their help is very much appreciated.

Sue Ramsay (nee Crockford)

Or Crocky or Bongo! - I attended Salisbury High School from 1975 to 1978 and in 1979 attended Elizabeth Community College, going straight into the work force from there. My end of year reports for typing and shorthand were woeful to say the least, and my long suffering teacher at Salisbury High (Pam Symonds) would never, ever have believed that by the end of my 13 year working career (nearly all secretarial) I was the Secretary to the Assistant Director of Personnel (Policy) in the Education Department. I often wanted to tell her!

In 1982 I went on my second cruise with another Old Scholar from Salisbury High, **Jenny Kutyna (nee Marr)**.

In 1999 I married an interstate truck driver, Tim, discovered there was a big wide world out there to see. Later that same year, we came back to his family farm in Warooka on the York Peninsula to carry on the family farming tradition. My old friends and workmates would be shocked to see me throwing fleeces at shearing time, or sitting in a tractor working up a paddock - sometimes taking out brand new fences in the process! – Ah, you can't take the city out of the girl! Unfortunately, after 16 years of farming, we decided that life had to be financially easier if Tim went back to truckin' again and we haven't looked back since.

1993 saw the birth of our one and only daughter, Elyse, who is now 15.

I fondly remember my days at Salisbury High. My first crush was on a boy who was only ever in my Science class once, but I knew exactly where he was every minute of his day! (A bit stalkerish now a days I suppose). Sorry **Malcolm McGrath**. I'd like to know how many of my pencil cases and rulers had your name scribbled on them!

The School Socials! I still can't listen to *Peppermint Twist* by *The Sweet* (now our daughter's favourite band) without wanting to put on a floor length dress, put heated curlers in my page-boy hair cut, kick my shoes off and dance in my stocking feet! I vividly remember that our socials were in the Gym. It was brand new then, in fact we all participated in a Walk-a-thon to raise funds to build it. We saw the daily progress of its construction and its completion.

I also remember the Uniform free days where the smell of cooking chips would waft through the corridors and people would walk past with their faces painted like their favourite character from a newly formed and extremely controversial rock band, KISS.

As my sister **Heather Bormann (nee Crockford)** was also a student seven years earlier, memories of me having to wear her ill fitting (she was shorter than me) old school uniform, come flooding back. Our female Deputy Principal, Miss McPharlin would often ask me why I wasn't more like my sister.

There are so many more memories, camps to the Flinders Ranges where we got as far as Melrose and couldn't go any further because the roads were flooded. Sleeping in what must have been a live stock hall on the Melrose oval. I can still recall the chicken feathers and poop in the enclosures we slept in. We all came back with influenza.

And of course there was Mr Steele, the hunkiest Maths/Science Teacher ever to grace the school, when he smiled at you, you would swoon!

All in all, they were simpler, gentler times. Back when the boys hair was longer than the girls, their trousers were tighter than Warrick Capper's infamous shorts, ties and collars were so wide everyone was in danger of having an eye put out, stripes and polka dots were worn hand in hand and funnily enough, according to us girls, 14 and 15 year old boys still had *boy bugs*. We didn't have any of the technology that is available now for students, kids were just kids, not in any hurry.

Where are they now!

Mike Kasprzak would like to contact **Leonie Davis** and **Jill Beatty**. Mike is currently working overseas but is organising a get together of his class at Christmas. Please contact Cheryl at the school if you know the whereabouts of Leonie or Jill. Thanks.

Your story

We love to hear what our Old Scholars have been doing – your story could well be the inspiration a student might need. Please write or email Cheryl Bermingham anytime. The next newsletter will be early in 2010.

Pathways to Success

Salisbury High School values our relationship with the local community and we are continually seeking working relationships with businesses.

To assist our current Salisbury High School students we are asking for your support to notify the school if you have any vacancies for employment, apprenticeships, traineeships, casual employment or work experience.

Please contact Kim Giannoni, Senior School Transition Officer on 8182 0200.

Extract from 1969 magazine

Student bulletin

Dangerous horse: Students who walk into Salisbury over the footbridge are warned that the horse in the paddock on the other side of the bridge will bite if you go too close. If you see it with its head over the fence, give it a wide berth.

Found: grey belt for girl's tunic, two dress rings, plastic comb holder showing coloured butterflies.

Staff bulletin

Lost drawers: Has anyone see the drawers from the teacher's desk in room 10? Please return them as soon as possible to Mrs Penfold.

School Values Board



Graham Haggie, pictured above, commenced working at Salisbury High School in 1992 as a Government Services Employee in the maintenance/caretaker field. He is extremely talented in working with wood, and has produced a values plaque. Below is Graham's story of how it came about.

When asked to manufacture a board displaying the school values it passed my mind that it should be something that should last through the years and be representative of learning through the ages.

In ancient times Papyrus was a crude paper used to write upon and then rolled up into the scrolls or scroll, hence the scroll ends. The books represent a later and still current communication method of ideas, concepts, stories etc.

In order to achieve something more I thought it appropriate that extra effort should be involved. The scroll ends were cut from a tree trunk (Casuarena), sawn and turned down, stylus tools being made to copy primary profiles.

The books were made out of Jelaton – they started out almost 300mm square and so that also created problems for machinery to deal with timber that size. Drawings were made for manufacturing copying jigs, but after the design was complete it was decided to process the book manufacturing in another way. The crown timber is Rosewood brought down from Queensland and embellished. Painting preparation – all the surfaces were fine sanded, given 2 coats of sanding sealer and then the appropriate gloss and satins applied.



We are extremely thankful for the hours of work he has put into this, and I am sure you will agree that it looks really great.

Ann Prime - Principal

