



OSPSC
Old Scotch
Past Staff Club

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President's Report for 2024

Club Committee

President: Ian Savage

Vice President: Bruce Brown

Secretary: Hugh Wilson

Treasurer: David Hosking

Committee Members: Jon Abbott, Lesley Armstrong, Don Davenport, Doug Galbraith, Christine Robertson, Ken Wheat.

Committee meetings were held at the School on Monday 5 February and on Monday 15 July. Subsequently, Club newsletters were circulated to members in March and July.

16th AGM: 25 February, 2024

The Club's AGM is held at the first function of the following year which because of the great support of members to date has been held during a breakfast at the Kooyong Tennis Club.

The Minutes of the 15th AGM held on Tuesday 28 February, 2023 were approved by the members present.

The President's Report and the Financial Report for 2023 having been previously circulated to members were formally tabled.

Committee Elections: The Committee consists of 10 members. Committee members are elected for a period of 2 years, with 5 retiring each year. The following Committee Members retired by rotation at the 2024 AGM and offered themselves for re-election: Lesley Armstrong, Bruce Brown, Don Davenport, David Hosking and Ken Wheat. As the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies, the 5 nominated were declared elected for a further 2 years.

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Membership

In 2024 we welcomed the following new members:

Jane Barton

Atit Bhargava

Scott Buchanan

Tim Cox Partner Member

Scott Crozier

Heather Hardie

Steve Holding
Kanthi Jayarajah
Ryan Nolan
Tanya Papallo
Grant Phillips
Suzanne Phillips Partner Member
Geoffrey Wemyss
Robyn Wemyss Partner Member
Nicole Whitby Partner Member

Deaths

It was with great sadness that the committee recorded the passing of:

Alison Hindson 30 April, 2024, Aged 76

Robert Hortin 15 May, 2024, Aged 67

David Scott 27 September, 2024, Aged 97

By the end of 2024 club membership stood at 211 members.

Club Events 2024

Brunch at Kooyong and AGM – Tuesday 27 February, 2024

There was again a large gathering at our Kooyong Brunch with the attendance of 60 members (40 apologies were received). We welcomed The Principal, Dr Scott Marsh who spoke of his own welcome to the Scotch Community and of some of the plans for future developments at the School. We also welcomed Tim Shearer, the Executive Director of the Scotch Foundation and Head of Advancement and Scott Montgomery, the Executive Director of OSCA both of whom were asked to pass on our thanks for the support given to our club. Members again enjoyed a served breakfast in the delightful Arena Room at Kooyong. Our thanks went to the staff at Kooyong and to Ken Wheat for again organising this very successful function.

Visit to Como House – Wednesday 3 May, 2024

Originally, 23 members booked for this event but a late notification of the closure of the Stables Café led to number of apologies. Our thanks go to Doug Galbraith who persevered with a late revision to the arrangements allowing for an excellent tour of the house and visit to the gardens

NGV Pharaoh Exhibition - Wednesday 14 August, 2024

26 members booked for the excellent Pharaoh Exhibition held at the NGV (12 apologies were received). Following a two hour viewing of both parts of the exhibition members reconvened for lunch at Young and Jackson's. Convenor Ian Savage

Annual Cocktail Party – Thursday 28 November, 2024

A record number of 78 members attend this annual gathering of past staff which was held in the foyer of the Sir Zelman Cohen Centre (13 apologies were received). The committee and members extend their sincere thanks to Ken Wheat and Hugh Wilson for all the work involved in organising this very popular event. A special welcome was given to 8 past staff members who were attending their first club function. Our thanks also went to Graham Bradbeer who brought to mind with words and prayer those former colleagues who had passed away during the past twelve months.

The John Bell Armstrong (1889-92) and Sutherland Armstrong (1889-94) Perpetual Fund

The club continues to recognise the support provided by funds allocated by the Scotch Foundation Endowment Fund Allocation Committee from the above bequest. These funds allow for subsidies towards the cost of members' attendance at our events as the club continues to promote the social and recreational interests of past staff and seeks to maintain contact between past staff and the School. The committee and members continue to be grateful to the School, the Old Scotch Collegians and the Scotch Foundation for the support received.

By the end of 2024 our membership stood at 211 with members receiving two newsletters and a number of communications from our ever busy secretary, Hugh Wilson, keeping members connected and updated on developments at the school. Birthday cards were also sent to members celebrating significant birthdays during the year. At the annual Christmas gathering members responded with enthusiastic applause to the announcement that Hugh Wilson had received an OSCA Merit Award for his work as Secretary of our club and his work in the Archives Club.

As always, the committee thanks members for their continued support and interest in the club's activities.

Ian Savage