



**OSPSC**

Old Scotch  
Past Staff Club

March 2026

Dear Fellow Member,

Our club year began with a committee meeting on Monday 2 February to review the operation of the club during 2025, to make plans for 2026 and to elect the committee office bearers for the year.

The financial report for 2025 showed a balance of \$5,988.17 as of 31 December with the club running with a surplus of \$115.32. By running a small deficit each year over recent years, we have reduced the funds held by the club. The committee regards the present balance has now reached the target set a few years ago. We remain most grateful for the strong and on-going support of the School, The Scotch College Foundation and OSCA. In 2025 The Foundation provided a grant of \$3,000 from the John Bell Armstrong and Sutherland Armstrong Perpetual Fund and OSCA granted a payment of \$500 towards the costs associated with our end of year function. These funds were spent subsidising the attendance at club functions with most being directed to the Kooyong Breakfast and the end of year gathering at School. We have recently received letters indicating that these grants will be maintained in 2026.

We also noted the thanks received from Christine Bradbeer and David Hosking for the birthday cards they received.

### **2026 Committee**

The Executive Director of OSCA, Scott Montgomery, joined the meeting to chair the election of the committee office bearers for the year. The following were elected:

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.

The Committee consists of 10 members. Committee members are elected for a period of 2 years with 5 members retiring each year. At the recent AGM on 24 February 2026, Lesley Armstrong, Bruce Brown, Don Davenport, David Hosking and Ken Wheat were re-elected for a further two years.

## Deaths

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

Noel McWhinnie	SS Art Teacher, 12 years, resigned 1984, died 15 May 2025 aged 88.
Graham Pepyat	Partner Member (of Helen) died 4 July 2025 aged 88.
Peter Crook	SS Chemistry Teacher, TIC Swimming, Director Of Development. Retired 2001 after 36 Years' service, died 1 September 2025 aged 86.
Marjorie Starkey (Rogers)	SS Librarian Retired 1991 after 14 years, died 7 September aged 98.

## Welcome to New Members

Since my last newsletter in July 2025 we have welcomed:

Kerrie Ardley	SS Head of Science/Psychology, resigned, 2015-2025 (11 years).
David Bennett	School Maintenance, retired, 1982-2025 (43.3 Years).
Lely Pudjawati	Partner Member.
Joanne Vogt	Partner Member.
Vera Bifano	SS Italian, retired, 2004-2025 (22 years).
John Ferguson	Director of Music, retired, 1991-2025 (35 years).
Cheryl Harrison	JS Director of Learning Support, retired, 1996-2025 (30years).
Kevin Harrison	Partner Member.
Mark Johnston	SS Head of History, 1991-2025, retired, (35 years).
Debbie Johnston	Partner Member.
Miles Mudie	SS Mathematics, resigned, 1981-1987, (7 years).
Tracy Mudie	Partner Member.
George Patouras	SS Commerce, retired, 2004-2025, (22 years).
Richard Smith	SS Chemistry, resigned, 1983-1989, (7 years).
Elizabeth Wyatt	JS Teacher, retired, 1996-2025, (30 years).
Mark Zannoni	SS Legal Studies, Future Pathways, 1990-2025 (36 years).

Club Membership now stands at 225.

## Review of 2025 Functions (post July).

### Thursday 11 September: The Fire Services Museum

19 members enjoyed the visit and guided tour of the museum which gave an insight to the early days of the Fire Service as well as the work and service of more recent times. The visit was followed by lunch at Sir Osborn on Nicholson Street. Our thanks to Doug Galbraith for his organisation of this event.

### Thursday 27 November: Annual Cocktail Party at Scotch.

78 members booked to attend our annual gathering at the School held in the Foyer of the Sir Zelman Cowen Science Centre. Unfortunately, 9 members had to withdraw in the days before the function and 28 apologies were received. Our thanks to convener, Ken Wheat and Hugh Wilson for all the catering and administrative arrangements involved in organising this very popular event.

Thanks also to those who helped with serving of the platters and to Graham Bradbeer who recalled with words and prayer those former colleagues who had passed away during the past year. The Christmas gifts from the Foundation prepared by Hugh Wilson were also appreciated.

The Committee is particularly grateful for the assistance given by Scott Montgomery and the Old Scotch Collegians Association in paying the \$500 room hire and to The Scotch Foundation for the grant that provides the subsidy applied to the cost of attendance.

## **Club Events 2026**

### **Tuesday 24 February: Brunch@ Kooyong, 9.00 am-11.00 am.**

There were 56 members and four guests present at our Kooyong brunch held in the Stadium Room. Mark Johnston, Mark Zannoni and Rosa Rocca attended their first club function, and it was good to see some members who had not attended for a few years. 56 apologies were gratefully received as it is indicative of the number of members remaining in contact with the club. Leigh McGregor, Club Patron and Ros McGregor also attended. Graham Bradbeer spoke and said grace before the serving of breakfast. As usual we held our AGM during the function. I thank Hugh Wilson for the prior distribution of the minutes of last year's AGM, the 2025 President's report and the 2025 Financial Report, all of which allowed for the brevity of this year's AGM. Our thanks to Ken Wheat for the arrangements made for this function prior his absence on a trip overseas and to Hugh Wilson for all the associated administration. This fine facility and the wonderful service of the Kooyong function and catering staff made for a most enjoyable morning.

### **Wednesday 20 May: The Royal Exhibition Building and Dome Promenade Tour, 10.00 am**

With the visit to the new Hawthorn FC facilities being unavailable we have brought forward this guided tour. It will include a viewing of the interior of Royal Exhibition Building interior and its history as well as an opportunity to walk the Upper Promenade giving views across the Carlton Gardens and the city beyond. The tour will be followed by lunch at the nearby Sir Osborn café which proved popular with members who attended the Fire Services Museum last September. Further details and a booking flyer will be circulated later.

### **Late August/Early September: TBA**

We are planning for a function towards the end of the Victorian Schools' Term 3.

### **Thursday 27 November: Annual Cocktail Party at Scotch**

Our annual Christmas gathering will again be held in the foyer of the Sir Zelman Cowan Centre for Science.

### **School Dates 2026:**

Friday 29 May	OSCA Annual Dinner
<b>Thursday 25 June</b>	<b>End of Term 2</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 July</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
Tuesday 18 August	Science Oration – Scotch College
Tuesday 8 September	175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Foundation Day Concert – Hamer Hall
Saturday 12 September	Family Day and House Athletics Carnival – Scotch College
<b>Friday 18 September</b>	<b>End of Term 3</b>
<b>Tuesday 6 October</b>	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
Saturday 17 October	APS Athletics Finals – Lakeside Stadium
Wednesday 21 October	Cadet Parade – Quadrangle Scotch College
Tuesday 8 December	Christmas Carol Service – Scotch College
<b>Wednesday 9 December</b>	<b>End of Term 4</b>

Our club continues to grow and remains in a strong position. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for staying in contact with the School and former colleagues. As always, if you have any ideas about possible future events, have feedback about recent events or there are any matters that you wish to raise regarding the club please contact any member of the committee or email Hugh, [secretaryospsc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryospsc@gmail.com) year.

With best wishes to you and your family,

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