



OSPSC

Old Scotch
Past Staff Club

March, 2023

Dear Fellow Member,

There was a positive review of the club events for 2022 at the committee meeting held on 8th February with the attendance at functions indicative of good support from members. Clearly, our most popular functions remain the start of year Brunch @ Kooyong and the Christmas Cocktail Party held at Scotch.

The financial report for 2022 showed a balance of \$7,640. It is not our wish to grow this balance but rather to ensure funds are used to subsidise attendance at our functions to the benefit of as many members as possible. Members who attended all 4 events in 2022 received a subsidy of \$85 while those who attended last year's brunch and cocktail party received a subsidy of \$53. We were pleased to note that last year's operations were run at a small deficit which is in line with our aim to reduce our balance to around \$5,000 over the next 3 to 4 years. Since 2017 a grant from the annual distribution of earnings of the John Bell Armstrong and Sutherland Armstrong Perpetual Fund has been allocated to the club by the Scotch College Foundation and we have recently received notification that a grant of \$3,000 has been allocated for 2023. The club is most grateful for this support for its purposes.

2023 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.

Prior to the 2023 AGM Neil Cracknell retired from the committee after 15 years of wonderful service to the club. Neil was a founding member of the club in 2008, was our first President and his wit and support will be missed around the table at committee meetings. Neil's enthusiasm along with that of other founding members of the committee has helped build a very successful club with a membership now standing at 199. Supported by Jan, Neil has been a great participant of club functions and we are very grateful for their support over so many years. We sincerely thank them and trust we will see them at future functions.

Jon Abbott, the former Head of the Junior School (2010-20) agreed to fill the casual vacancy created by Neil's retirement and has agreed to join the committee. Jon and Cheryl have enjoyed their

involvement in the club and it was felt appropriate that another past member of the Junior School teaching staff join Christine Robertson on the committee.

The Committee consists of 10 members. Committee members are elected for a period of 2 years, with 5 retiring each year. At the recent AGM Jon Abbott, Doug Galbraith, Christine Robertson, Ian Savage and Hugh Wilson were re-elected for a further 2 years.

Welcome

Since my last newsletter in August 2021 we have welcomed:

Tony Geremia	Partner Member
Kate Ikingier	JS Teacher. Retired 2022 after 14 years of service.
Annemaree Jones	School Risk Manager, serving for 11 years.
Cornelia Koehne-Drube	JS Teacher of German. Retired 2022 after 18 years of service
Larry Koehne-Drube	Partner Member
Brian Sampson	JS Teacher, Diector of Studies. Retired after 31 years of serviceand
David Skelt	SS Teacher, Head of House, Biology and Science. Retired after 13 years of service.
Keith Wilson	SS Teacher, Geography and History. Left in 1989 after 19 years of service.
Brian Woolacott	SS Teacher, Dean of Studies, TIC Scotch @ Cowes, TIC Outdoor Activities. Retired 2022 after 44 years of leadership and service.

Club membership presently stands at 199

Deaths

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

R.R. (Dick) Briggs	Member, died 9 October, 2022, Scotch student 1954-57, SS Science and Mathematics Teacher 1964-80, School Archivist 1993-2006.
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2022 Christmas Cocktail Party: Thursday 24 November: Junior School Staff Room, Scotch College

This year's cocktail party was held in the Junior School Common Room and was preceded by a tour of the Junior School Assembly Hall, the Library and the Technology Classrooms. Our thanks to Grant Phillips, the Retiring Deputy Head of the Junior School, for leading the tour. Our thanks also to Tom Savill, the Head of the Junior School, for welcoming members to the school. Following 7 late withdrawals due to illness, 76 members attended the function and 13 apologies were received. The committee and members extended their thanks to Ken Wheat for all his work in organising this very successful and popular event and to the School for facilitating the occasion.

Club Events 2023

Tuesday 28 February: Brunch@ Kooyong, 9.00 am-11.00 am.

There was a record attendance of 65 members, (23 apologies received) at the very successful brunch held once again in the wonderful dining room with views on two sides to the backcourts and the redeveloped main stadium court. The large attendance of members and the subsequent buzz of conversation again spoke to the success and popularity of this event. All members had received the papers for the club's 15th AGM which was held in its usual brief fashion.

Our special thanks go to Ken Wheat and the function staff at Kooyong for the careful arrangements and excellent catering.

Wednesday 3 May: Scotch @ Cowes

Following our practice of having one function a year out of Melbourne, members will have recently received information regarding a trip to Phillip Island to view the facilities at the Scotch site followed by lunch at the Cowes RSL Club. A bus and driver have been booked for transport and bookings are requested as soon as possible. Some members may wish to make their own way to Cowes.

A Movie Morning @ The Palace, Balwyn

The final date for this function will be determined by the availability of a suitable film but it will be within Term 3 (18 July-15 September). Lunch will follow at Augello's Restaurant.

Thursday 30 November: Annual Christmas Cocktail Party, Boykett Room, 5.30 pm.

School Dates 2023:

Thurs 6 April Term 1 Ends

Thurs 27 April Term 2 : Boys Return

Thurs 4 May Autumn Concert (1), IRH 7.30 pm

Fri 12 May Cordner Eggleston Cup, 2.00 pm, MGS

Tues 16 May Autumn Concert (2), IRH, 7.30 pm

Thurs 18 May Autumn Concert (3), IRH, 7.30 pm

Fri 26 May OSCA Annual Dinner, 6.15 pm

Friday 2 June Cadet Tattoo, Main Oval, 7.00 pm

Tues 13 June Winter Concert, IRH, 7.30 pm

Thurs 22 June Term2 Ends

Tues 18 July Term 3 : Boys Return

Thurs 27-Sat 29 July Senior School Musical, Geoffrey McComas Theatre, 7.30 pm

Thurs 3 Aug Scotch Strings Concert, IRH, 7.30 pm

Thurs 10Aug School Bands Concert, IRH, 7.30 pm

Tues 15 Aug School Choral Concert, IRH, 7.30 pm

Thurs 17 Aug Science Oration, Geoffrey McComas Theatre, 7.30 pm

Tues 29 Aug Foundation Day Concert, Hamer Hall, 7.30 pm

Sat 9 Sept House Athletics and Family Day, Main and Lower Ovals

Fri 15 Sept Term 3 Ends

Tues 3 Oct Ter 4 : Boys Return

Sat 14 Oct APS Athletics Sports Finals, Lakeside Stadium 1.00 pm

Thurs 26 Oct Spring Concert, IRH, 7.30 pm

Tues 5 Dec Summer Prom Concert, Ian Roach Hall 7.30 pm

Wed 6 Dec Scotch Family Carol Service, Memorial Hall 7.30 pm

Thurs 7 Dec SS Term 4 Ends

Fri 8 Dec JS Term 4 Ends

On behalf of members, I thank our Secretary, Hugh Wilson, for his work in keeping members connected to the club and to events at the School. We also remain grateful to OSCA, The Foundation and The School for their on-going support of our club. 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 Wilson, secretaryospsc@gmail.com

The Committee and I look forward to seeing you at the club events this year.

With best wishes to you and your families,

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