



**OSPSC**

Old Scotch  
Past Staff Club

March, 2024

Dear Fellow Member,

Our committee met on Monday 5 February to review the operation of the club during 2023 and to make plans for 2024. There is no doubting the collegiality evident at club events with attendances remaining very strong and membership having reached 200.

Our club exists as part of the Scotch Family under the auspices of OSCA and recently, OSCA has approached all clubs to sign a 'Clubs Charter' that seeks to give an appropriate framework to the operation of all OSCA clubs. Following agreement at our committee meeting, I have signed the Charter on behalf of our club.

The financial report for 2023 showed a balance of \$7,113 with the club's operations running at a small deficit in line with our aim to reduce our balance to around \$5,000 over the next few years. We are most grateful for the strong and on-going support of the School, The Scotch College Foundation and OSCA. In 2023 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. We have recently received letters indicating that these grants will be maintained in 2024.

We continue to send birthday cards to members as they reach milestone birthdays. Some of these members live interstate and some have not been able to get to club functions for some time. We have received some delightful communications from these members who continue to receive newsletters and follow the events of the club. I thank our secretary, Hugh Wilson, who coordinates the sending of these cards.

#### **2024 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.

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

### **Welcome**

Since my last newsletter in July 2023 we have welcomed:

Kanthi Jayarajah	SS Teacher Librarian 22+ years
Robert McLaren	Vice Principal, Mathematics, retired after 27 years.
Carlos Sinay	ICT, retired after 30 years.
Annabel Sinay	Partner Member
Geoffrey Wemyss	Head of House, Mathematics, retired after 46 years.
Robyn Wemyss	Partner Member

Club membership presently stands at 200.

### **Deaths**

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

Dr Alistair Webster      Member, died 26 September, 2023, Aged 74.

Ian Doherty ('60)      Partner Member, Died 6 November 2013 Aged 81, husband of Robyn Doherty.

### **2023 Movie Morning: Wednesday 9 August**

28 members attended the showing of 'The Miracle Club' at the Balwyn Palace followed by lunch at the nearby East & Co restaurant. Our thanks to Christine Robertson for her detailed organisation behind this event.

### **2023 Christmas Cocktail Party: Thursday 24 November: Boycott Room, Scotch College**

The end of year function had us returning to the Boykett Room in Cardinal Pavilion. A record number of 78 members booked to attend and there were 16 apologies. Unfortunately, 8 members had to withdraw due to illness. This is always a very popular event with excellent catering and a great opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season with former colleagues. I thank Graham Bradbeer who led us in reflection of absent former colleagues and their families. We are also very grateful for the assistance of OSCA in contributing to some new costs of associated with this event. To investigate further venues at the School for members to enjoy, the committee visited the school earlier this month to view various spaces that might be available. As a result, the Foyer of the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre (Science) has been booked for later this year.

The committee and members again extend their thanks to Ken Wheat for all his work in organising this very successful event.

### **Club Events 2024**

#### **Tuesday 27 February: Brunch@ Kooyong, 9.00 am-11.00 am.**

There was again a large gathering at our Kooyong Brunch with the attendance of 60 members, (44 apologies received). The beautiful morning made the special setting all the more welcoming. This year we especially 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 new members, Rob McLaren, the former Vice Principal and former Head of House, Geoff Weymss and Robyn Weymss to their first club function as well welcoming back a number of members attending for the first time in a number of years. We further welcomed the Executive Director of the Scotch Foundation, Tim Shearer and the Executive Director of OSCA, Scott Montgomery both of whom were asked to pass on our thanks for the support given to our club. I am pleased to report that the club's 15<sup>th</sup> AGM only briefly interrupted the flow of conversations that filled the room as a delightful breakfast was served. Our thanks go to Ken Wheat and the function staff at Kooyong for all the arrangements and excellent catering.

### **Tuesday 31 April and Wednesday 1 May: Visit to Como House and Lunch**

A flyer opening bookings for this event will be distributed later this month. To enable appropriate arrangements to be made for guides at Como House I encourage members who wish to attend to book as early as possible. To give members an alternative day of the week and as there is a limit of 24 people each day, tour and lunch bookings will be available on either day. Our thanks to Doug Galbraith for convening this event.

### **Wednesday 14 August: NGV Pharaoh's Exhibition and Lunch**

During 2024 and in partnership with the British Museum, the NGV is presenting 'Pharaoh', a landmark exhibition of more than 500 works celebrating three thousand years of ancient Egyptian art and culture and the rule of the Pharaohs. The tour of the exhibition will be unguided so members will be free to make their own way through the exhibits. We will then re-gather before moving to Young and Jackson's for lunch. Our thanks to Ian Savage for convening this event.

### **Thursday 28 November: Annual Cocktail Party at Scotch, Sir Zelman Cowan Centre for Science, 5.30 pm**

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

### **School Dates 2024:**

Sat 23 March APS Regatta (Heads of the River) Nagambie

#### **Thurs 28 March Term 1 Ends**

#### **Tues 16 April Term 2: Boys Return**

Wed 15 May Autumn Concert (1), IRH, 7.30 pm

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

Tues 21 May Autumn Concert (3), IRH, 7.30 pm

Fri 24 May Cordner Eggleston Cup, 2.00 pm, Scotch

Fri 31 May OSCA Annual Dinner, 6.15 pm

Tues 11 June Winter Concert, IRH, 7.30 pm

#### **Fri 21 June Term 2 Ends**

#### **Tues 16 July Term 3: Boys Return**

Thurs 25-Sat 27 July Senior School Musical, Geoffrey McComas Theatre, 7.30 pm

Tues 6 Aug Scotch Strings Concert, IRH, 7.00 pm

Thurs 15 Aug Science Oration, Geoffrey McComas Theatre, 7.30 pm

Tues 20 Aug School Choral Concert, IRH, 7.00 pm

Thurs 22 Aug School Bands Concert, IRH, 7.00 pm

Tues 10 Sept Foundation Day Concert, Hamer Hall, 7.30 pm

Sat 14 Sept House Athletics and Family Day, Main and Lower Ovals

**Fri 20 Sept**      **Term 3 Ends**  
**Tues 8 Oct**      **Ter 4: Boys Return**  
Sat 19 Oct      APS Athletics Sports Finals, Lakeside Stadium 1.00 pm  
Thurs 31 Oct      Spring Concert, IRH, 7.30 pm  
Tues 3 Dec      Summer Prom Concert, Ian Roach Hall 7.30 pm  
Wed 4 Dec      Scotch Family Carol Service, Memorial Hall 7.30 pm  
**Thurs 5 Dec**      **SS Term 4 Ends**  
**Fri 6 Dec**      **JS Term 4 Ends**

Members have made it known to me how much they appreciate the work of our Secretary, Hugh Wilson, in keeping them connected to the club and to events at the School. Our thanks go to Hugh. 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)

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

With best wishes to you and your families,

Ian