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The Old Geelong Collegians' Association

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY

... So Says The President

At the annual meeting of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association in June, Brian Thom was elected President for the ensuing year.

Brian attended the College in 1950-53, played in the first football and cricket teams, and later took up accountancy with his father's firm, of which he became a partner. He is now general manager of the Capital Permanent Building Society. One of his daughters is a student at the College. He was asked for his thoughts on assuming office.

"Coming in as President of this Association after Ian Everist presents a challenge. The enthusiasm and dedication he brought to the position makes him a hard act to follow. But I was encouraged by the attendance of Old Collegians at the 80th annual dinner: it was one of the largest there have been, and there is strength in numbers.

The Association is much more than its President or its General Committee. After all, its primary object is to unite those who have attended the College and to foster good fellowship among them. We are united by a common interest in the College, its past, its present and its future, and, as I am also a member of the Council, I can assure Old Collegians that the College is going ahead by leaps and bounds, as is proved by the public demand for student places.

If, during my term as President, I can encourage more Old Boys and Girls to extend their interest to the OGCA and play an active part in its functions, we shall have built on the work of Ian Everist.

When asked why I had accepted the position of President, I suggested it was the only way I could see of getting out of the job of Treasurer. But there is more to it than that: I trust I can do something for the College in return for what it has done for me. To do so, I need the support of all members of the OGCA, and for this reason I stress the need for participation in the Association's activities to the greatest degree possible.

I want to see more members at our dinner, our branch reunions, our year-group get-togethers and our sporting days. There is plenty to get into. The greater the participation of members, the better the social atmosphere we can create, and the more we shall all be informed about what is happening around the College. This in turn will build our unity.

I acknowledge the confidence the Association has placed in me and assure you the enthusiasm is there to see the OGCA and the College itself prosper and strengthen. With your enthusiasm too, we can fulfil our objects."



BRIAN THOM

OGCA OFFICE-BEARERS 1981-82

President: B.G. Thom

Vice-Presidents:

J.S. Weddell, R.W. Farrow

Hon. Secretary: M.J. Betts

Hon. Treasurer: W.C. Phillips

Hon. Auditor: D.L. Cameron

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Elected Members:

G.D. Amezdroz, S.M. Anderson, Miss S.A. Carruthers, S.J. Coulson, Miss K.M. Elliott, I.T. Forsyth, A.G. Gray, G.P. Hallebone, D.A. Jarman, Miss V.G. Law, R.A. Leggatt, A.F. McIlwain, I.M. McIlwain, K.A.I. MacLean, R.J. Nation, T.J. Rooke, G.H. Wallace Smith, D.L. Whitcroft.

Ex-Officio Members:

The Chairman of the College Council, The Principal, Branch Presidents.

Hon. Life Members of Committee:

Past Presidents

Executive Officer:

T.J. Hill

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CALENDAR

OGCA

13 Dec.	Cricket, OGC v Tunbridge Club (at G.C.)
9 Feb.	Cricket, OGC v G.C.
9 Feb.	Cricketers' Club Dinner
27 Feb.	Sydney Barbecue (see Branch notes)
28 March	A.P.S. Bowls
March	Cricket, Geelong v Melbourne OGCs
2 April	Albert Bell Club dinner
29 April	Camperdown Mixed Company dinner
25 June	Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner, Geelong

COLLEGE TERM DATES

Term I	10 Feb. — 7 May
Term II	26 May — 13 Aug.
Term III	8 Sept. — 10 Dec.

A.P.S. CRICKET & TENNIS (at first-named school)

12-13 Feb.	G.C. v Caulfield
19-20 Feb.	Scotch v G.C.
26-27 Feb.	G.C. v Carey
5- 6 March	Haileybury v G.C.
12-13 March	G.C. v St. Kevin's
19-20 March	G.G.S. v G.C.
26-27 March	G.C. v M.G.S.

ROWING

2- 3 April	Head of the River (on Barwon)
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A.P.S. FOOTBALL (at first-named school)

29 May	Wesley v G.C.
5 June	G.C. v Xavier
26 June	Caulfield v G.C.
-3 July	G.C. v Scotch
17 July	Carey v G.C.
24 July	G.C. v Haileybury
31 July	St. Kevin's v G.C.

MONEY TALK

The OGCA, like the individual, is nowadays concerned about ever-increasing costs, and, still like the individual, needs an income — which, in this case, can come only from financial memberships.

As an example, the cost of mailing — just mailing — this issue of Ad Astra is about \$1200. The recent postage jump added \$200. The Association has been sending Ad Astra to all 5000 OGCs, but it may soon have to consider limiting its coverage and adopting a selective mailing list.

It should be clear to all that a Life Membership taken out in 1930 at \$10.50 (five guineas), or in 1960 at \$21 (ten guineas), is now, through nobody's fault, of minimal value to the Association. Realising this, and without being told, some wiser senior (financial) members have lately made *ex gratia* contributions towards expenses. And the joining rate among present day leavers is heartening.

But scattered through the years there are OGCs who have never yet come to the point of giving realistic support. And there is still a large number of potential members among those who left school in the years 1963-78 (inclusive), when financial membership was waived in favour of contributions to the Geelong College Building Fund — which brought excellent results for the College but was to the financial disadvantage of the OGCA.

Now is a good time to become a financial member. Latest list of new members on page 4.

AT THE COLLEGE

CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL



When Mr. Geoff Neilson retired as Chairman of the College Council last July, he was succeeded by Mr. Garnet S. Fielding LL.B., who is the sixth occupant of this important position since College entered the A.P.S. in 1908.

Mr. Fielding joined the Council in 1979 and became Deputy Chairman in 1980. He is aged 46 and married, with three children: his two sons are Old Geelong Collegians, and his daughter has just completed a two-year term on the College teaching staff.

Educated at Scotch College and Ormond College, Mr. Fielding took his law degree in 1956, since when he has practised as a partner of the firm of Messrs Whyte, Just & Moore, Geelong. Away from work, his interests embrace the Australian outdoors and the Italian culture: he speaks Italian, has travelled extensively in Italy, and is President of the Dante Society of Geelong.

In 1977 the President of Italy conferred on Mr. Fielding a Knighthood of the Italian Order of Merit in recognition of his work among Italian migrants in Geelong.

ENDOWMENT

The Council is continuing steady development of The Geelong College Endowment Fund, the objects of which were set out in *Ad Astra* in June 1980. Since then the corpus of the Fund has grown from \$83,000 to about \$183,000, and the Council desires to increase this to at least \$1,000,000 during the next few years.

Gifts to the Fund may take different forms, e.g. legacies or property trusts leaving the College as ultimate beneficiary. Gifts at present are not tax deductible for income purposes despite many submissions to the Commonwealth Government requesting that they be granted the same consideration as gifts to universities and other such institutions.

The College Bursar, 'phone (052) 22 1088, is pleased to discuss ways and means of arranging gifts to the Fund.

APPOINTMENTS

Newly appointed to the College Council in 1981 are:
Rev. S. McCollum, minister of St. David's Uniting Church, Newtown.

Mr. R. Vickers-Willis, undergraduate, Old Collegian 1966-77 (school captain 1977).

Rev. J.C. Lavender, minister of Uniting Church, Geelong City Parish.

Dr. J.P. Ayerbe, Geelong veterinary surgeon.

Mr. C.J. Smit, executive at Alcoa, Geelong.

THE LEADERS

Chairmen of the College Council in their turn have been:

Mr. Charles Shannon	1908-1921
Mr. Stanley B. Hamilton-Calvert	1922-1939
Sir Arthur Coles	1939-1968
Dr. Norman Wettenthal	1969-1977
Mr. Geoff Neilson	1978-1981
Mr. Garnet Fielding	1981-

MR. NEILSON

Geoff Neilson entered the College kindergarten in 1935, since when, boy and man, he has filled most of the possible positions about the place. He has been connected with the government of the OGCA from 1950 to the present day, and this year was made a Fellow of the Association. He joined the College Council in 1960 and was chairman from 1978 to 1981.

At a recent school occasion Mr. Fielding spoke of Geoff's precious gifts used in the service of the College, his fine, lucid mind, his prodigious knowledge of all facets of the school, his wise and even judgment, along with the highest level of personal integrity.

Geoff gives the same loyalty and dedication to his profession of accountant, and there too he has risen to the highest level: last month he was installed as president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, a very demanding position. It is for this reason that he relinquishes the College Chairmanship with regret.

We congratulate him on this latest honour and wish him a happy, successful term of office. We can also assure him that in the near future there will again be scope at the College for the exercise of his many talents.

WHAT'S WHAT?

- College entered 121st year, 8 July.
- The new H.S.C. gives recognition to candidates' work during year.
- Opening of Ian Watson Gymnasium, Preparatory School, 10 October.

Captain of School: Sarah Henderson
Vice-captains: John Hale, Sally Macmillan.
Dux of College: Elizabeth Lomas.



Sadly, most good things come to an end, and it is with regret that Collegians, past and present, learn that Mrs. Pat Wood is retiring from the College staff at the end of this year.

In 1959 Mrs. Wood was appointed part-time librarian of the George Morrison Memorial Library. Very soon she was persuaded to accept full-time appointment and proceeded to transform and develop the old library into the modern facility, a focal point of College life, which it is today. Mrs. Wood's knowledge and appreciation of literature, her enthusiasm and administrative ability, together with her warm, friendly personality, enabled her to inspire her assistants, successive Library Councils and the College authorities to support and assist her in her notable achievement of building up the fine Resource Centre which the library has become. She attracted and encouraged students by her approachable and sympathetic attitude, with the result that the library is now a friendly, happy place attractive to students, while still a well-regulated area for study as a result of her firm control.

Mrs. Wood was the first lady on the Senior School staff and soon gained acceptance as a most welcome member of the Common Room. As a pioneer, she blazed a trail in that wasteland of male monopoly which has made the advent of other ladies to the staff much more pleasant for them. Her advice and influence have been invaluable also in the smooth introduction of co-education to the College since 1975.

In 1974 the O.G.C.A. elected her one of its first lady honorary members, and in 1981 she became an Honorary Life Member. Our best wishes are extended to Mrs. Wood in her retirement.

Athletics captain, College Cup: Gary Filbay.
Cricket captain: Brad Hutchesson.
Football captain: Mark Longden.
Stroke, 1st VIII: Anthony Scott.
Stroke, 1st IV (girls): Karen Braithwaite.
Best and fairest, Geelong Women's Hockey Association 'A': Fiona Purnell.
Best and fairest, 'A' section YWCA summer netball: Robyn Humphreys.
Winners of their sections, netball: College 5 and College 6.
Winners of C.D. Fisher Trophy, Perth football carnival: College First XVIII.

AT WORK & PLAY

For general information on OGCA membership, functions, teams, branches, individuals, ties etc., contact Executive Officer Tim Hill, P.O. Box 5, Geelong 3220. Office opens Monday and Tuesday, phone (052) 21 1939; at other times ring 49 1226. Some specialist phone references appear in the notes below.

Making History

Our first-ever Old Collegian women's team played in YWCA winter netball in Geelong. Finding their title too long and ancient-sounding, they became simply the OGCs. Top marks to Katy Millard (managing director) and Susie Wieland (runner-up for best and fairest in "A Reserve" section), with thanks to Mr. Ray Lancaster (mentor). The girls are now entered in a summer comp.; more players wanted: contact Katy at 43 8665.

Golf

At the OGC golf day Des Gaunt became first holder of the new perpetual trophy. The 4-ball went to Milton Poulston and John Williams.

After 51 years Collegians won the P.S.O.B.A. meeting at Royal Melbourne on 17 November. David Wright ('53) was individual first, supported in the team event by Roger Wettenhall ('29), Don Carmichael ('45), John Harvey ('48), Rodger Bodley ('53) and Graham Senior ('61). Congratulations to all of our thirty representatives!

Rowers

The Albert Bell Club has gained 60 new members, taking its total to 380. Its next project is the provision of a video recording system which will enable College coaches and crews to study closely their styles and techniques.

A valiant effort, particularly by President Wally Lawler, to promote an international rowing course on Belmont Common, unfortunately caught a serious political crab.

Inquiries to Tim Sproat, (052) 47 1159.

Cricketers' Club

The fixture list on page 1 shows how this group is gaining momentum. Forward planning includes a newsletter between seasons in 1982. Club sub. \$5; school leavers \$2.50.

Hockey

The move to organise a women's section of this well established club was nearly successful and must be a goer in '82. Prompt action needed: ring Michael Carr, secretary, (052) 92875, or Roger Nation 21 3226 (bus.).

In the men's section, our "A" team reached the finals, while "B" missed only on percentage. Richard Carr (captain/coach/star forward) was named best and fairest in the Association's first division. Greg Illingworth won the club b. and f., and Stephen Davey received an award for outstanding service to the club and to hockey in general.

Amateur Football

This year Lynton Bullen is president of Geelong Amateurs, with Jim Fidge vice-president and Michael Kelly on the committee. The club caters for under-age as well as open players. Jim's phone (052) 21 2933.

Skiing

Two shares in the Pegasus Alpine Club are available for purchase. The lodge can be booked at reduced rates in summer for bushwalking or simply getting-away-from-it-all. Secretary is Peter Betts, P.O. Box 787, Geelong, phone 21 2479.



IT HAD TO BE

Lance Wiffen ('69) and Mrs. Wiffen nee Pamela Spratt ('73)

WEDDINGS

Ken Evans to Mandy Burston, Langwarrin, 6 December 1980.

Michael Thompson to Lesley Wilkinson, Busselton, W.A., 2 May.

David Plueckhahn to Jill Moody, Geelong, 27 June. Ian Moreton to Camille Grogan, Condobolin, 8 August.

Jon Hooford to Margaret Hoult, Brighton, 22 August. Andrea Rachinger to Derek James, Geelong, 10 October.

John Gant to Patricia James, Drysdale, 10 October. Pamela Spratt to Lance Wiffen, Geelong, 30 October. Geoffrey Humble to Ros McGee, Geelong, October. Frank Herd to Susan MacKinnon, Geelong, 7 November.

Kathrine Hope to David Schofield, Batesford, 7 November.

MEN OF LETTERS

Claud Notman ('27) is one of those valuable regional historians who are saving a great deal of local lore from oblivion. "Of Sheep and Men", newly published, is not a catalogue of breeders and their breeds; though centred on the merino, it is also a documentation of the early settler's fight for existence.

Robert Ingpen ('50), in "Australia's Heritage Watch", presents in words and watercolours the argument as to whether the heritage value of certain buildings, e.g. the Geelong Club, is greater than the importance of the space they occupy.

"Small Town Rising", a novel by Bill Green ('53), explores prejudices and motivations in a country town where aboriginal and white cultures conflict. Bill has just received a senior two-year grant from the Commonwealth Literary Fund, the only one awarded to a Victorian this year.

In "The Sunburnt Soul", Dr. David Millikan ('56) investigates the impact of church and religion on the Australian way of life. He feels that there are communication failures between the church and the people.

Ted Stephens ('49) is the joint author of the story of Sutherland's Creek Primary School and is working on a history of the Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society.

A most impressive book, "The Grain Harvesters," by Dr. Graeme Quick ('49) in collaboration with Dr. W.F. Buchele, Iowa State University, is "the story of the tools, machines and systems used throughout history to harvest grain".

ANNUAL REUNION, GEELONG

The reunion dinner in June drew the largest attendance for many years, due in part to a chartered bus service from Melbourne, a successful innovation which is likely to be repeated.

Michelle Quigley and Bob Merriman were well received as speakers by nearly 200 members ranging in age from 18 to over 80 and including several ladies (though it is hoped there will be more present in future).

Credit for a cheering result goes to Syd Weddell and his committee in Geelong and to Alex Gray in Melbourne, as well as the Executive Officer, Tim Hill. They have shown what can be done and are already preparing for the next gathering on 25 June 1982.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Bill Dix ('39), the new chief at the wheel of Ford Australia, having risen in 40 years from mailroom junior to managing director.

To Ian Redpath ('54), test cricket veteran, now named an honorary life member of Marylebone Cricket Club.

To Brigadier John Hooper ('43), who moves from A.C.T. to Sydney to be Commander, Second Military District.

To Christopher Wright ('60), manager of Sydney Branch of Colonial Mutual Life.

To Ernest McCann ('22), whose name "is synonymous with the Geelong Show" after 50 years of service, including 19 as president.

To Kenneth Smith ('77), on winning the Greeves Scholarship awarded by Manchester Unity in Victoria.

To Hugh Champness ('69), most improved fighter pilot and winner of the Sir Richard Williams trophy for 1980. Presently he is instructing cadets at Point Cook.

GRADUATIONS

B. Com. - A.J. Angelovich, R.I. Inglis, R.W. Humphreys.

Dip Eng. - R.L. McBride

B. Eng. - R.G. Kenner, C.J. Rolland

B.Sc. - P.S. McKeon, S.W. Rosson, N.T. Denning (Hons.) W.A. Hines (Hons.)

Dip. Art & Design

- C.F. Habal

B.A. (Educn)- A.M. Pullin

B.A. - K.A. Alderton, A.E.C. Moore, P.D.S. Nall, H.G. Todd, M.G. Vines, R.J. Windmill.

Dip. Occ. Ther.

- S.M. White

LL.B. - M.G. Vines

B. Ag. Econ. - H.L. Cock, A.M. Kelso, D.C. Jackson, A.G.

Morrison, M.R. Laidlaw

B. Ag. Sc. - G.F. Witcombe (Hons.)

B.F.A. - G.M. McKindlay

HERE & THERE

Dr. Wesley Fabb ('43) is director of the Family Medicine Programme, a federally funded scheme for training recently graduated doctors as general practitioners. Last May **Dr. Peter Fleming ('45)** joined F.M.P. at Jolimont, Vic., as national educator and researcher.

Uniting Church postings for 1982 include **Rev. Ron Blackwood ('31)** to Mildura, and **Rev. Peter Blackwood ('55)** to Warrnambool.

Douglas Ooi ('66) and **Ronald Ooi ('68)** are principals in Kim Eng Securities, one of Singapore's leading sharebroking houses. They are in regular contact with **Keith Low ('66)**, a commission broker, and have been visited by **Andrew Hewitt ('65)**.

Kate Hope ('73), having completed occupational therapy, is at Baxter House, Geelong Hospital.

"The Fagg Report" takes its name from our **Keith Fagg ('69)**, who offered a year's service to investigate the condition of isolated children in the Outback. It brought a quick response from the Federal Government, which raised the level of financial assistance to parents.

Leon Mitchell ('72), at the University of Melbourne is doing research towards a doctorate in physics.

Jim Cox ('54) is a partner and tax manager in the Canberra office of Arthur Young & Co., chartered accountants.

Michelle Quigley ('73) — Miss Victoria 1980 — played a leading part in the presentation of Miss Vic. '82.

Mike Randell ('41) has become treasurer of the Victorian Farmers' & Graziers' Association.

A group of OGCs graduated from UNE, Armidale, in April. **David Jackson** and **Michael Laidlaw** have both gone to I.C.I., David in the rural division at Toowoomba, Q., and Michael at Katanning, W.A.

Andrea Pullin ('74), graduating from Deakin, has been teaching at Wallington Primary School.

Frank Pam ('49) has earned praise as concert director of The Melbourne Musicians.

In a brisk life of farming, car racing, music, business promotions, cruise charters and overseas travel, **Ross Roper ('41)** has found 2000 hours to produce a beautiful scale model of the barque Derwent, on which his grandfather came to Australia in 1852. (Perhaps he has found the secret of the 35-hour day). The model can be viewed at Hamilton (Vic.) Art Gallery.

Sarah Leach ('74), after doing nursing school at Geelong, is to start at St. Vincent's, Melbourne, in the New Year.

Simon Gillett ('72) again stroked the Australian lightweight coxless four to victory in the World Championship in Bulgaria, and **Robert Leach ('76)** was in the under-18 crew which finished fourth.

Duncan MacKenzie ('55), as federal president of the Micrographics Association of Australia, was much involved with Information Technology Week in Adelaide.

Jennie Le Deux ('74) completed her dental training in 1980 and is working for the Bellaire dental clinic, Highton.

Chris Stinton ('63), Maleny, Q., specialises in the import of Triumph car parts and their distribution about the S.W. Pacific.

Adrian Gordon ('63) has left Geelong to become assistant engineer at Port Hedland, W.A.

Peter T. Hill ('66) has returned after five years' engineering experience in the copper mines of Zambia and the diamond mines of Angola, to be a project engineer with Minenco Ltd., Melbourne.

David Woolley ('38) continues to blow his oboe with the Royal Opera Company orchestra, which played for the royal wedding.

Boyd Craig ('66) has sold his Madrid restaurant and is studying theology for entry to the Community Church of Madrid.

Graeme Witcombe ('73) was working with B.H.P. before his trip overseas, from which he has just returned.

Tina Wishart ('73) graduated from Melbourne State College and is teaching at Queenscliff H.S.

Elsden Partridge ('48) has continued his association with rowing as coach at Southport School for the past three years.

Robert Jones ('44) retains rural interests on a reduced scale at Table Top, N.S.W., between Hume Highway and Hume Weir.

When not travelling round P.N.G., planning future power needs, **Michael Nation ('64)** does a lot of sailing and has recently qualified as a Scuba diving instructor.

Sir Roland Jacobs ('03), who died in June at the age of 90, was so much involved in community service that he deserved the title "Mr. South Australia". He was certainly the respected father figure of the S.A. branch of OGCA.

Comodore Domara (Tommy) Clarke ('35) died last May when visiting New York. His 41 years in the RAN included service throughout World War II and, later, the command of aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney.

Tony Inglis ('76) rowed in the M.U.B.C. coxed lightweight four which won the championship at this year's national titles, and also stroked the winning light-weight four which took the inter-varsity title. He has now been awarded a full blue.

Sue Wieland ('76) is teaching gym in Fern Tree Gully, having deferred her gym course for a year.

Tony Douglas ('50) and family, including **Marina ('77)**, have moved from Werrimull to Garston Station, Wentworth, N.S.W. **Sholto ('76)** has been jackerooing up north; while playing football in Townsville he found himself opposed to **Tony Smart ('77)**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following 1981 leavers had taken up Life Membership when Ad Astra went to press:

Michael Armytage, Louise Barrett, Neil Barrett, Karen Braithwaite, Fiona Brake, Richard Burgess, Julie Burn, Rohan Dadds, Angus Edgar, Mark Foo, Samuel Golding, Jeanne Grant, John Hale.

Andrew Harvey, Bradley Hutchesson, Elizabeth Lester, Gregory Linsdell, Mark Longden, Sally Lord, Andrew McKellar, David Mackay, Sally Macmillan, Peter Major, Ian Mander, James Poulston, Andrew Quigley, David Quigley, Angela Read, Neil Savery, Sheldon Sidwell, Wayne Smit, Andrew Thoms, Alistair Uebergang, Elizabeth Verrell, Melinda White.

A good number of Collegians of earlier years have also become Life Members:

1935: Kevin Binch; '37: Jack Palmer; '43: Robert Leggett; '44: John Burgess; '46: Harold Mountjoy; '57: Russell Morris; '58: John Holland; '59: Roger Nation; '60: John Funston, Peter Mitchell, Arthur Rickaby; '61: Lachlan Taylor; '63: John Menzies; '66: Steen Andersen, Peter Hill; '67: Wayne Hill, Gavin Mountjoy; '68: Peter Jeremiah; '69: Duncan Fraser, Richard Hill, Murray Mountjoy.

1970: Andrew Cameron, Geoffrey Hill; '72: Owen Mountjoy, Debra Trembath; '73: Hugh Cameron, Timothy Walpole; '74: Sally Carruthers, Dale Mountjoy; '75: Tony Carruthers; '76: Wendy Abrahamson; '77: James Anderson; '78: Richard Armytage, Brett Middleton; '79: Tim Epstein.

There is also a number of Annual Memberships.

OBITUARY

With regret we record the deaths of our fellow Collegians and extend to their bereaved families our sincere sympathy.

Sir Roland Jacobs	('03)
E.V. Gross	('15)
A.M. Brushfield	('17)
C. McD. Pagels	('19)
I.S. McL. Murphy	('20)
N.A.V. Young	('20)
R.E. Mockridge	('25)
N.R. Palmer	('27)
J.N. Gatehouse	('28)
J.E. Leigh	('30)
S.B.C. Reid	('31)
D.A.H. Clarke	('35)
J. McN. Morton	('41)
D.L. Bell	('47)
J.M. Adler	('53)

BRANCH NOTES

Event of the year was the revival of the Brisbane dinner, the work of John Keays ('21), who rounded up twenty-three OGCs, including half a dozen Victorians wintering in the sub-tropics.

One of the first duties for President Brian Thom was a visit to Hamilton, where 50 OGCs and wives dined at the Racing Club.

At Maroocha the Grampians branch enjoyed dinner and a talk from Bob Merriman on his cricketing experiences in India.

Ian Everist and his wife, Barbara, joined Canberra Collegians at their reunion. David Berryman ('52) was elected branch president, with Andrew Walls ('25) vice-president and Rob Nash ('50) secretary and treasurer.

Sydneysiders were disappointed not to have someone from Geelong at their reunion in June, but are pushing on with a barbecue for Saturday 27 February at the home of A.O. (Tony) and Judy Whiteside, 29 Kokoda Ave., Wahroonga. Contact John Cameron at (02) 20578 in office hours, or (02) 427 3469 in the evening.

At Ballarat the Rev. Ewen McLean held interest with anecdotes from his years as student, chaplain and house master; while at Mildura Bert Keith looked back over outstanding events of the last 66 years.

Thanks to all those who work in our branches, organise gatherings and entertain visitors; and to Geelong members who maintain the College contact as visitors, drivers or speakers.