

## **STHSOBU 2025 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Constitution Adoption**

The motion to adopt the Draft Constitution, as developed in 2022, was passed at the 2024 AGM and the Constitution is available in the Old Boys//Alumni page of the school's website.

### **2024 Reunion Lunch/AGM**

The 2024 Reunion Lunch was held on October 25th. Two occasional presentations were about the school's 80 pax visit to NASA's headquarters in Florida, earlier that year and Ken Boyes' ('57) reflections on pre and post 1956, when the school moved from Paddington to Bexley. Ken's presentation has since been added to the school's website and was also published in the 2024 School Journal. The (first) AGM was held at the conclusion of the meeting, including the President's Report, Annual Financial Report and the triennial Committee election. The resultant and current Committee is John Coleman '65; David Knox '65; Neville Shooter '63; Jerry Mouzakis (School representative) '82; Mark Shoolman '74; Andrew Campbell 95; Peter Claxton '56 and David Ferrier '75.

### **2025 Reunion Lunch/AGM**

The 2025 Reunion Lunch will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The occasional presentation this year will be about the establishment and collection of the Bob Booth Archive Room in the new Pemulwuy Precinct at the school by the Head Teacher of History, Robert Devlin. A brief AGM will be held at the conclusion of the Lunch. No election of OBU Committee members is required this year.

### **STHS OBU Legacy Fund**

The OBU Legacy Fund, directed by Convenor, Phil Pomfret has continued its activities in 2025 and we have now recognised 9 school recipients of financial assistance. We can say that a genuine place in the school community has been found for this initiative. Phil will again present a summary of activities to date to the upcoming Reunion Lunch. We have had a number of pleasing donations in the past year for which we are grateful. **I commend support of the fund to you (we nominally ask for a \$100 per annum donation from Old Boys).** Full details are in an attachment for your consideration.

### **Alumni Awards nominations**

The Committee has continued to respond to the school's request for nominations for Annual Alumni (significant achievement) Awards. The school's Executive will make the final decision on any awards for the current year.

### **Year 12 Graduation congratulatory cards and ties**

As with prior years, two Committee members will attend this Year 12's Graduation Ceremony on September 26<sup>th</sup>, when congratulatory cards, advising to the boys of their immediate Old Boy status and an 'Old Boys tie' will be distributed (as is mentioned in the Constitution). This initiative has been designed to engage on an initial level with each STHS student upon their graduation.

### **2025 Presentation Day awards and presentations**

Committee members will attend the year 7 to 11 Presentation Day on December 16th. The OBU has funded a group of academic and service awards across the school years for many years, which are distributed at the Graduation and Presentation Days. Committee members attend to

personally present these awards. The details of these awards are listed in the Graduation and Presentation Day programmes and are available by enquiry from the school.

### **2025 Anzac Day Ceremony**

The Committee attended the school's 2025 Anzac Ceremony, held in the school auditorium. The programme on the day was excellently presented. The keynote presentation by Year 10 History students referenced the contribution of indigenous Australians to our wartime service. A highlight of the ceremony was the contribution by the school's choir, soloist and concert band.

### **OBU 'Tech Talk' column; notification of year reunions; OBU database etc.**

The monthly school 'Tech Talk' now features an Old Boys column, which has highlighted 'save the dates' for the Annual Reunion Lunch, the development of the OBU Legacy Fund, single year reunions and other Old Boy news. etc. Each edition of 'Tech Talk' is now distributed to all Old Boys on our database. Our database is quite comprehensive for the years since 2012 and reasonable for some earlier years but still sadly lacking through the 1980's, 90's and 2000's.

### **More happening**

Currently, at school level, there is an improvement project taking place in the processes of communication, which will involve the master data base for Old Boy contacts. We have contributed to and used the school's website to more effect in the past year, as well as the school's Facebook and LinkedIn pages. There is more yet we can do with careers support and an annual dinner or event for younger Old Boys (at the school?).

I wish to express the Old Boys' thanks to the current Committee for their involvement and attention to the spirit of OBU. Also, to Keith Powell '65 for his continuing contribution to the OBU Reunion Lunch Committee and of course, Philip Pomfret for his vision and continuing work with the Legacy Fund. Ongoing thanks to the school's Principal, Steven So, the Executive, faculty and administrative staff for their great support and assistance.

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