



HSOBA IVIED TOWER NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 24 June, 2015

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zeemelah! We have gotten off to a flying start with many successful reunions and events so far for 2015.

We have already had a reunion in Adelaide and Melbourne held in March. Barrie Irons started off in Adelaide at Feathers Hotel with a small but quality field attending. It was great renewing old friendships and catching up with some Old Boys we have not had contact with for a number of years. Most senior attendees were Peter Denholm and David Lane who both left Hutchins in 1957. Ian Munro ('63) has kindly offered to be our liaison person in Adelaide for future events. Barrie then moved onto Melbourne's Chloe's Bar at the Young & Jackson with over 50 Old Boys present. The Headmaster, Warwick Dean and David Brammall ('56) were also pleased to attend and enjoyed the chance to catch up with Old Boys. We look forward to the coming reunions in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and Hobart. If you haven't received an invitation please send us your updated contact details and spread the word to your friends.



Keep an eye out for the next edition of *Magenta and Black* which will feature some of our Old Boys' in Agriculture. If you have some news to share please send it through to hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au.

I would like to put a call out to Old Boys to join the Hutchins School Old Boys' Committee. We have our AGM scheduled for Wednesday 26 August, 7.30 am in the Hutchins Conference Centre. It would be great to see some fresh faces on board, being a member is not as onerous as you may think with only a few meetings a year. We would also like to make Old Boy support groups aware that they can apply to the Committee for financial support.

Gene Phair, **President**

THE ART OF MAKING CONNECTIONS

On Friday 15 May we had the pleasure of hosting the Corporate Connections Breakfast with around 150 community members coming together to hear prominent Old Boy Greg Woolley ('91) interviewed by Campbell Breheny ('95) and Scott Harris ('87). Greg shared with guests his extensive global experience in investment banking, asset management and art trade. The event was a great success and a fantastic networking opportunity for all. We would like to thank Greg for giving up his time to share his knowledge with us. His parting message to the audience was to move forward in life with dignity, integrity and to look after mankind. Keep an eye out for the next breakfast to be held later this year.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Please send any updated contact info to hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au or update your HSOBA Online Network account at www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys

HSOBA CALENDAR

For more information on these events visit www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys

FRI 26 JUN - Sydney Reunion

FRI 3 JUL - Brisbane Reunion

SAT 1 AUG - HSOBA School Reunion for '60, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05, '10

WED 5 AUG - HSOBA Lions Unveiling and Anniversary Lunch

FRI 14 AUG - Canberra Reunion

WED 26 AUG - HSOBA AGM

FRI 27 NOV - Ray Vincent Lunch

Next Corporate Connections Breakfast date to be confirmed





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FROM SCHOOL CAPTAIN TO BOND FOOTBALL CLUB PRESIDENT

It's great to see previous School Captain Edward Burrows-Cheng ('13) doing well at Bond University. At only 19, Eddie has taken on the Presidency role for the Bond Bullsharks Football Club and is doing a phenomenal job proving age is no barrier when it comes to leadership. The men's team, despite moving up a grade following last year's premiership success, remain undefeated in 2015, and this year Bond has debuted a women's team in the QWAFA. His time at Bond may be limited due to his degree, but he holds high aspirations as to where the club is headed, "I would love to see the club go from strength to strength in the men's and get the women to perform really well on the field as they have been doing so far". In terms of off field Eddie is working on several other initiatives that he wants to see implemented in the future such as an alumni grant system for the club to give them more resources.

THE REVOLUTION OF HOBART'S COFFEE SCENE

Proud owner of popular cafe Pilgrim Coffee in Argyle Street, Old Boy Will Priestley ('03) has been in the news lately regarding the ever evolving cafe culture in Hobart which is proving to be as strong as a double-shot espresso! Tasmanian cafes and coffee roasters say they are pushing interstate and foreign competitors out of the market as locals seek a high quality caffeine hit, shunning coffee chains in favour of small independent operators. Before opening Pilgrim Coffee in 2011, Will was runner up in the World Latte Art Championships in London in 2010 and now consults to big coffee chains and Pura Milk. Since opening, Pilgrim has grown to be a hot spot for the serious coffee lovers of Hobart. Drop in and see Will and taste their popular single-origin varietals - he recommends the short black or try the filtered coffee.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

'61 Leaver Pierre Slicer QC (AO) is one of two Tasmanian's appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours Lists. Justice Slicer has been recognised for his service to the judiciary and to the law both nationally and in the Pacific and for his work in social justice and policy reform. The former Tasmanian Supreme Court Justice has had a varied career in law from providing legal counsel during the Franklin River debate to helping Samoa conduct fair elections. Justice Slicer has now decided he has 'judged enough' and is looking forward to enjoying some well-earned retirement travelling abroad.

SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR FURNITURE DESIGNER BRODIE NEILL

From Hobart to London Brodie Neill ('97) is making waves in the design industry. Whilst starting out building furniture when he was 15 in his back shed, Brodie is now a highly sought after furniture designer based in London and is the Creative Director of Made in Ratio, a studio with a reputation for design excellence winning several industry awards and gaining coverage in a host of prestigious publications across the globe. Brodie's signature fluid design is used widely for public spaces, major international retail developments and fashion brands as well as high-value collectible edition pieces for galleries and private collectors across the world. His most recent home town visit combined both business and pleasure, balancing meetings for two Hobart commissions and his late summer wedding. Brodie has been busy creating 12 of his Tristar benches which are now in place at the Brooke Street Pier and his first outdoor sculpture *The Portal* will be installed later this year which is set to change the tone of the Hobart waterfront.





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SECRET LAB DUO PUTTING TASSIE ON THE MAP

Dr Paris Buttfield-Addison ('03) and Jon Manning ('04) are a duo to be reckoned with. Formerly working in San Francisco for Meebo (which was acquired by Google) the boys created Secret Lab in 2008 back in Hobart - a mobile consulting and product development company which focuses on native iOS and Android apps and games for phones and tablets, as well as Unity games for a wide range of platforms. The team designs and builds original game concepts while simultaneously creating games under contract for other developers and publishers. Since starting the business their work has won numerous local, national and international awards including winning the prestigious AIMIA awards in 2014 and the 2010 Tasmanian Pearcey Award - one of the highest awards in the Australian technology industry. They also offer world-class developer training throughout Australia and New Zealand and if that wasn't enough they have both authored over half a dozen books on app and game development, published worldwide in multiple languages through O'Reilly Media and Wiley. Current 2015 projects include a new version of their popular *Bus Pal* application, launch of two new books with five more books to be announced soon along with three new games- *Button Squid*, *Rocket Box* and *Gnome's Well That Ends Well* among other things. Check them out and sign up to their blog at www.secretlab.com.au.



FOOTY SEASON OFF TO A FLYING START

The HSOBFC is looking forward to another successful season on and off the field. On field, the Senior side is on five wins from five games, sitting two games clear on top of the ladder. The Reserves have won two games from five and are currently sitting 5th on the ladder. The Committee has been busy behind the scenes planning and organising sponsorships and player transfers. The coaching staff have done an excellent job attracting some great new players and there has also been some new additions to the Committee including Alex "Pussman" Smith ('08), Andrew "Puffy" Smith, Edwin Zywko-Hicks and Grant Burdon ('02) who is the new Reserves coach. We also congratulate Nick Leitch ('08) on being appointed Captain of the Seniors and Alex Smith named as Captain of the Reserves. It would be great to see some more familiar faces at the games, if you would like to come and cheer along the boys please find the roster on our [website](#).



PEACOCK PERFORMS IN THE BIG APPLE

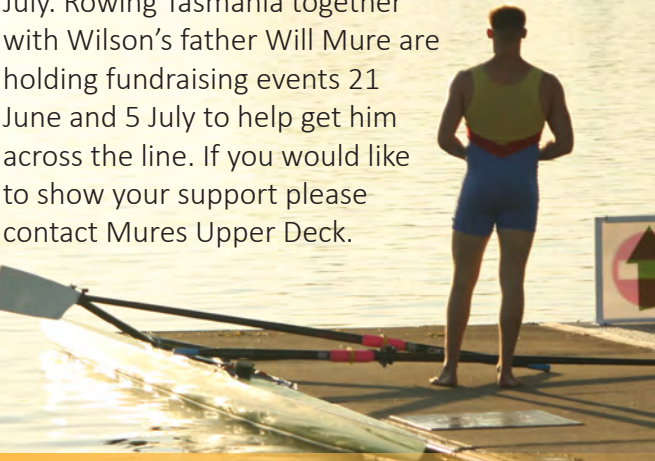
Our javelin star Hamish Peacock ('08) is enjoying great form with his best ever showing at the recent IAAF Diamond League event, finishing third in New York. The Commonwealth Games bronze medalist threw his second and third best throws of his career. Hamish has shown consistency in his recent performances reaching the 80m mark in 10 competitions this year. He will now travel back to Hobart to continue his preparations for the Beijing World Championships in August.

OLD BOYS ELLIOT AND MAT TO SAIL FOR AUSTRALIA

Elliot Noye ('09) has been selected to sail in the World Teams Racing Championships at Rutland Water, UK on 20-24 July after a seven-team regatta was conducted by the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron earlier this year. Mat Himson ('06) has also been asked to sail as another team member was unable to attend. Mat and Elliott will be sailing for Australia in the fireflies class of dinghy which has become particularly successful as a team racing boat in the UK, thanks to its high manoeuvrability, easy handling, and low cost. All the best guys!

MURE'S OLYMPIC DREAM IN SIGHT

Years of hard work and preparation have paid off for Wilson Mure ('11) who has been selected to represent Australia at the U23 World Rowing Championships in Bulgaria next month from 21-27 July. Rowing Tasmania together with Wilson's father Will Mure are holding fundraising events 21 June and 5 July to help get him across the line. If you would like to show your support please contact Mures Upper Deck.





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GILLES MERRY PUTS ON AN IMPRESSIVE SHOW FOR THE HENDRICK' PARLOUR OF CURIOSITY AT DARK MOFO

Gilles Merry ('94) is Managing Director and Owner of Yakusan Brand Experience Group which is a market leading Agency based in Sydney - www.yakusan.com. After graduating from Hutchins and Sydney University, Gilles went on to work in hospitality and marketing roles with Merivale, Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, Backroads International, BridgeClimb and then William Grant & Sons as a Whisky Ambassador developing the Glenfiddich brand in Australia & NZ. William Grant and Sons became Gilles first client in 2006 when Yakusan was launched. Yakusan works with premium, luxury and lifestyle brands providing brand strategy, experiential and event services. "I have been very fortunate to work with many of the worlds leading and emerging brands and companies and recently I was very honoured to return to Hobart to launch the Hendrick's Gin Parlour of Curiosities for Dark MOFO. We launched Hendrick's Gin into Australia and have worked to develop the brand for the past eight years. MONA, Hendricks and Tasmania are all incredibly unique and rich propositions. They have all really come into their own and are demanding global attention, it's a great combination and partnership. Although now based in Sydney, I will always consider Tasmania home, it is a great inspiration to both me, my family and the team. I am very grateful for the many opportunities and incredibly strong friendships The Hutchins School provided to us. I am still very much enjoying where these continue to lead me today. I am currently expanding our interests in the Luxury Experiential Travel Sector, this will create significant opportunities to showcase the very best that Tasmania has to offer to European, American and Asian luxury consumers I look forward to updating you on this in 2016".



FLUSHING SUCCESS FOR OLD BOYS

David Fisher ('83) has teamed up with Richard Atkins ('87) to develop and commercialise a world first environmental solution to a rapidly growing issue. David with his good friend Quintin Davenport invented a product to enable buildings to safely include the current and next generation of water efficient products. These products in many instances are prone to cause blockages. The product is called Drainwave and it is an inline plastic receptacle which manages and optimises the wastewater. Drainwave operates simply by capturing building wastewater, temporally storing it, then releasing measured volumes at intervals. Drainwave has been on the market for some time solving drainage issues on problem sites. It also has a second application to assist with the dispersion of waste water into septic absorption trenches. The product is about to be released in conjunction with the world's first 2.2 litre flush toilet. The potential market for the ultra-low flush toilet is huge; because it has the potential to save each building up to 23% of its water consumption. Drainwave has won numerous awards and is gaining strong recognition within the plumbing industry for its robust and reliable method for ensuring that drains work. The company believes that the next release application in combination with the ultra-low flush toilet will result in significant sales. David also has a successful consulting engineering business Howarth Fisher and Associates specialising in structural, civil and traffic engineering which he runs with his wife Joanne. Richard is heavily involved with the Hutchins School Old Boys. He is a member of the Committee and for the past three years he has been President of the Old Boys Football Club. Richard has his own business Island Strategic Planning specialising in the provision of strategic advice and financial planning for small business owners.



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MASONRY STILL A STRONG TRADITION

Masonry as we know it started in the 1300s as a society for “the advancement of knowledge” and it continued until it started in Hobart circa 1840. In 1926, the Hutchins Old Boys’ Lodge was established and back then it was by invitation only. This continued for the next 70 years which meant that many old scholars had not heard of the Lodge. About 20 years ago this rule was changed and selected people were invited to join and today anyone of a good character can apply to become a member which can be very rewarding for them. For the last three years the Lodge has held a Commencement Dinner at the end of January at Burbury House with partners and friends attending an enjoyable evening. The number of guests is growing each year and we encourage anyone interested in joining as a member to come along for a taste of Lodge life.

In February, two of our eldest Old Boys received their 60 year continuous membership bars - A. R. “Bob” Cumming (‘48) and David Hodgson (‘46). Barry Palmer (‘57) received his 50 year continuous membership jewel by Ewen Cummins (‘63) on behalf of The Grand Lodge.



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THIS YEAR’S IVIED TOWER AWARD

Last year Peter Bender (‘76) was presented the Ivied Tower Award for his outstanding achievement in business enterprise through the Huon Aquaculture Group. Please send in your nominations to HSOBA@hutchins.tas.edu.au by Friday 14 August. Save the date for the Ray Vincent Lunch on Friday 27 November.



A STONG FINISH EXPECTED FOR THE LION’S RUGBY CLUB

The Hobart Hutchins Lion’s Rugby Union Football Club has experienced a topsy turvey season in 2015. There is no doubt that some of the top sides have been pushed by the Lions, but a couple of narrow losses have seen them mid-table at the half way point of the season. The good news is that the run home sees multiple home games at the War Memorial Oval. The facilities here provide a wonderful viewing platform for the game. Depth initially proved difficult for the Old Boys, however mid-season recruiting has been strong. The club is looking forward to a solid finish to the season.

JACK BEARDSLEY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Jack (‘07) who won Camp Quality’s National Gillard Volunteer Award for his tireless work helping to create a better life for kids living with cancer in Tasmania. Jack has been a volunteer for the past five years and is now a Camp Leader for Camp Quality’s resilience-building program.



Chris Rae met with Peter Fysh (‘73) for a chat recently who dropped in to show his niece Laura and wife Jocelyne his old school.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH THE SCHOOL’S CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS?

The Hutchins School sport & co-curricular program provides students with a vast range of opportunities to develop and find their passions in life, be it sport, music, performing arts or debating. Maintaining the strength and value of our programs relies on a strong network of volunteers. Our greatest support comes from our Old Boys who have a passion for the School and take pride in role modelling and inspiring our students to do their best. We would love to hear from you if there is something you are able to assist with. It’s a rewarding experience and a great way to stay connected with the School. For more information please contact Adrian Finch, Head of Sport at Adrian.Finch@hutchins.tas.edu.au.