



# HSOBA IVIED TOWER NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zeemelah! We have had a busy year so far and I am looking forward to the remaining HSOBA events on our calendar.

In March our Waterboys (sailors, surfers and swimmers) got together and enjoyed a scrumptious lunch outside in the School courtyard. This was the first 'themed' reunion that will see our Old Boys reconnect based on their interests and passions and we look forward to many more to come.

Our inaugural Corporate Breakfast in April was a hit with around 100 members of our community in attendance. A big thank you to our MC John Groom ('86) and guest speakers Brent Crosswell and Jim Wilkinson MLC ('69).

I was pleased to be able to host our Melbourne and Sydney Reunions in May and it was great to catch up with many familiar faces. These reunions are absolutely crucial in keeping contact with each other and the HSOBA.

Our sports teams have started off the year well. Coming off a Senior Premiership in 2012, The Hutchins School Old Boys' Football Club are continuing their track record of success at the top of the table. The Hobart Hutchins Lions Rugby Club continue to develop strongly and are on track to becoming the premier club in Tasmania. It is vital that we continue to maintain strong ties with these clubs and I encourage you to show your support.

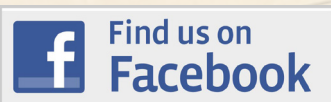
The HSOBA will be running a few events during Anniversary Week this year. There will be a 'Lions' Lunch' during Anniversary Week to acknowledge the unveiling of another Hutchins Lion (enclosed is an invitation with all the details). Dust off your sports boots and join us for the Old Boys Vs Students Anniversary Cup. We also hope to pack the boarding house again at our School Reunion.

Save the date for other key events coming up later in the year - our next Corporate Breakfast, Boarders' Reunion, Oatlands Golf Day and our Ray Vincent Lunch.

Thanks to those of you who have updated your contact details with us recently, it is so important that our database is up-to-date. If you know of others who have moved on please encourage them to get in contact with us.

We have had some great Old Boy stories published on our webpage as well as in *Magenta and Black* recently. If you have some news to share please send it in to [hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au](mailto:hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au) or drop us a line on our [Facebook page](#).

Gene Phair  
President



## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Please send any updated contact information to:

[hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au](mailto:hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au)

If you are a member of our HSOBA Online Network please update your account details at:

[www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/oldboys](http://www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/oldboys)

## HSOBA CALENDAR

**MON 29 JUL** - Old Boys Vs Students Anniversary Cup

**WED 31 JUL** - Lions' Unveiling and Anniversary Lunch

**FRI 2 AUG** - Book Launch - *Character Unbound: A History of The Hutchins School* by Margaret Mason-Cox

**SAT 3 AUG** - School Reunion Dinner for Leavers of 1948-58, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003

**FRI 6 SEP** - Hutchins Corporate Breakfast

**TUE 29 OCT** - HSOBA Leavers Lunch

**FRI 1 NOV** - Boarders' Reunion

**SUN 17 NOV** - Oatlands Golf Day

**FRI 29 NOV** - Ray Vincent Lunch







## WATERBOYS BACK ON CAMPUS

In March our sailors, surfers and swimmers got together and enjoyed lunch in the Bell Tower courtyard. This was the first of our Waterboys' Reunions and was well received. A highlight was guest speaker Don Calvert ('52) - well-known Tasmanian yachtsman who told many tales of his time at Hutchins.

We hope to extend these themed reunions into other areas and look forward to Series 2 'Paddlers' (rowers, kayakers and other underwater sports).



## A CORPORATE BREAKFAST WITH A DIFFERENCE

Discussion of sport and politics could be seen as a less than ideal way to start a Friday; except if it involves a football legend, one of Tasmania's most affable politicians and delicious breakfast fare!

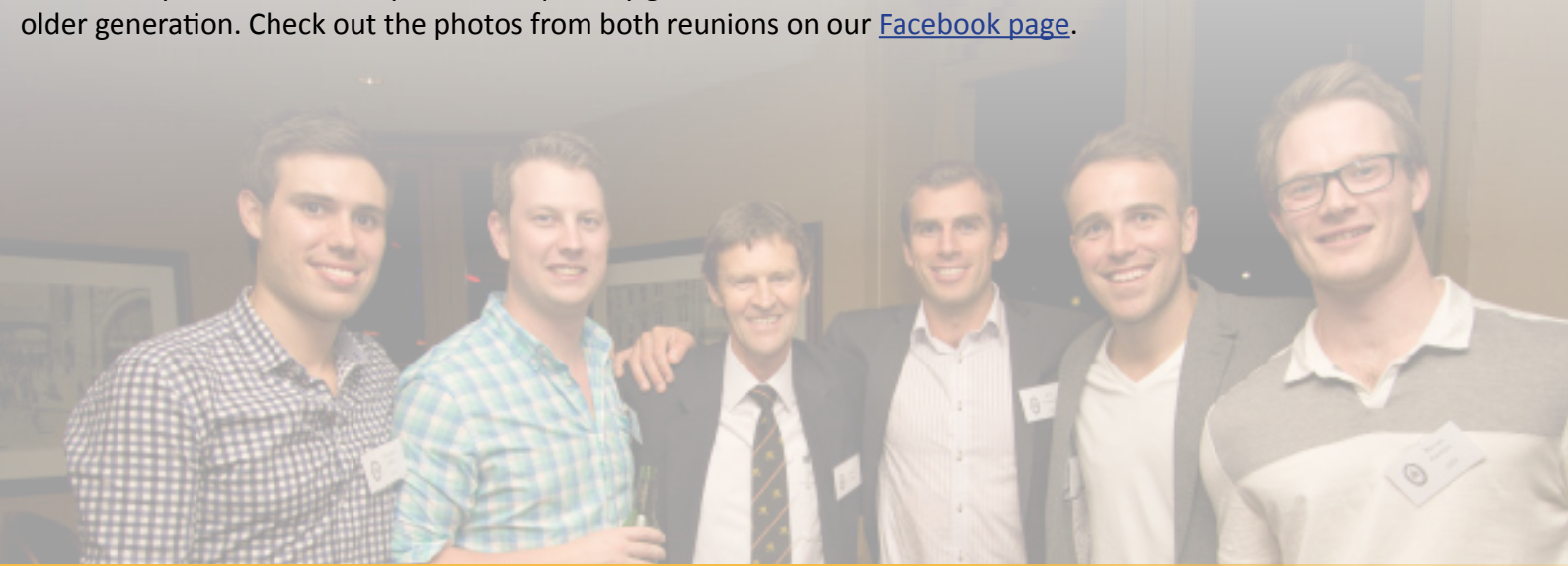
In April Old Boys and the Hutchins community enjoyed our inaugural Corporate Connections Breakfast on 'Culture in Sport - are we reaching a tipping point?'. John Groom ('86) lead the 'On The Couch' style interview with Brent Crosswell (former Australian Rules Footballer) and Independent MLC Jim Wilkinson ('69) (former VFL and State Cricket player) which provided some very entertaining discussion. Guests enjoyed the chance to network with others from our business community and we look forward to the next breakfast event in September.

## CONVERSATIONS AND DRINKS FLOW IN MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY

Gene Phair ('87), President of the HSOBA and member of the School Board, hosted our Melbourne and Sydney reunions back in May. Barrie Irons (highly regarded former Deputy) also attended on behalf of the School and we were fortunate enough to have Chris Rae (respected teacher and Old Boy '66) join us for the Melbourne gathering.

The Melbourne Reunion was well attended with about 70 Old Boys filling up Young and Jackson's Chloe's Bar. Many stories and tales were shared across many generations. Barrie finally escaped James Avery ('95), Matthew Nation ('95), Matthew Anning ('95) and Sam Gardner ('97) just in time to catch the last tram home! Many Old Boys appreciated the chance to catch up with Chris and we are grateful to him for making the trip over.

The Sydney Reunion took place at the Star Casino, hosted again by Old Boy Richard Gush ('93). This was also well attended by about 50 Old Boys. It was especially good to see some of the 2011 leavers there as well as some of the older generation. Check out the photos from both reunions on our [Facebook page](#).







**BACKING APPLES: OLD BOY CONFIDENT IN ICONIC INDUSTRY**  
 Orchardist Howard Hansen ('90) has expressed his confidence in Tasmania's best-known industry, featuring in the State Government's 'Business in Action Campaign'. Hansen Orchards is a well-known name in the industry, supplying the nation and the world with apples since the 1800s. The company also supplies cherries and exports its produce across the globe – from Taiwan to Russia! Howard is quoted in the campaign as saying he believes with the right product at the right time, opportunities for the Tasmanian orchard are as great as they have always been.

### MARCUS ASSISTS DEPRESSION-AFFECTED FAMILIES

Marcus Pringle-Jones ('86) has worked in the financial services industry for both domestic and international organisations including HSBC, Commonwealth Bank, Macquarie, UBS and is currently employed by Bell Potter Financial Group. Marcus graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Tasmania in 1996 and has since completed further postgraduate studies in Finance at the Securities Institute of Australia.

He is currently on the Board of Directors for The White Cloud Foundation which was created in 2011 with a mission to help increase resources and improve access to support for people, families and carers who live with depression in Australia ([www.whitecloudfoundation.org](http://www.whitecloudfoundation.org)).

### AWARD WINS FOR OLD BOY WINE MAKER

As part of the team at Josef Chromy wines, Jeremy Dineen ('90) has won a premier international winemaking award. One of their chardonnays, from the vineyard and winery near Launceston, has scooped up a Gold Medal at The International Wine Challenge in London. The same chardonnay also won the Regional Chardonnay Trophy at the Decanter World Wine Awards in London.

### HONOURABLE MICHAEL HODGMAN QC AM: DISTINGUISHED OLD BOY REMEMBERED

The HSOBA and Hutchins community is deeply saddened by the passing of The Honourable Michael Hodgman QC AM ('55), a distinguished Old Boy and past parent of Hutchins. Michael made a significant contribution to the development of the School throughout his life and was awarded the 2012 Ivied Tower Award, one of the highest accolades that the HSOBA bestows. As a former federal minister, member of the Tasmanian Legislative Council, the Tasmanian House of Assembly, and the Australian House of Representatives, Michael will be remembered as a colourful and vocal giant of Tasmanian politics. Michael is also well known for his strong support and work to retain Australia's constitutional monarchy. We acknowledge his outstanding contribution to Hutchins, Tasmanian and Australian communities and our thoughts are with family and friends. He will be sadly missed.







# HSOBA EVENTS

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### UPDATE FROM THE LODGE

In May the Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge hosted their traditional 'Scallop' night - an annual event that the Lodge hosts for the Derwent Valley Lodge (DVL) which is reciprocated with a 'Strawberry' night that the DVL will host in December. The Old Boys put on a show with an array of plump and plentiful scallops. The DVL is now under pressure to return the favour!

The Lodge is looking forward to their installation of Bro. Guy Brian Roberts ('04) as Worshipful Master on 24 July. If you are interested in joining the Lodge please phone 6265 1007.



### HUTCHINS CORPORATE BREAKFAST Friday 6 September

Save the date and start getting your table organised for our Corporate Breakfast in September. If you have any ideas for our next topic or guest speakers please send them in!

### OLD BOYS BACK ON CAMPUS FOR ANNIVERSARY WEEK: Monday 29 July- Friday 3 August

To kick off Anniversary Week we are going to start a new tradition of a Student Vs Old Boy Anniversary Cup. Building on our traditional Rugby match and Debate the idea is to get together with your old sports team or club and play off against the Hutchins students to take out the Cup. This year we are calling on members of Rugby, Basketball, Table Tennis, Debating, Chess and Badminton to form teams to take on the students. Please [contact us](#) if you are keen! On the Wednesday we invite you to join us at the annual Anniversary Lunch where we will unveil our new Hutchins Lion (invitation enclosed). This is a combined event with Board, Foundation and Parents' Association members and one that we hope to build upon.

A reminder for the year groups that are invited to attend the Hutchins Reunion Dinner, please get your mates together and [book](#) your tables. If you would like to be a co-ordinator for your year group please [email us](#).

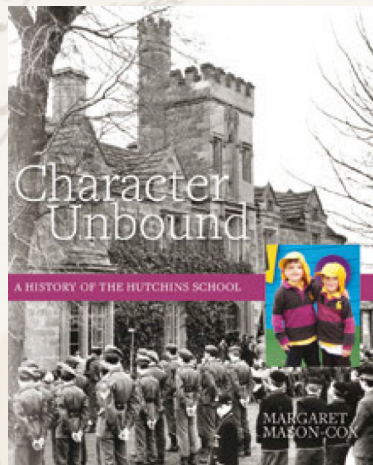
### ATTENTION BOARDING COMMUNITY: FIRST REUNION

Friday 1 November

We are excited to host our first boarding reunion but we need your help! Our boarding records only date back to 2006 so if you are a former boarder please let us know! Assistance with co-ordinating year groups would be much appreciated.

### TIM FISH (1956- 2013)

At the time of printing we have just received the devastating news of Tim's passing. As a former Old Boy and Teacher he will be deeply missed. Our sincere condolences to family and friends. A full tribute will be published in the October edition of *Magenta and Black*.



### 'CHARACTER UNBOUND' LAUNCH Friday 2 August

*Character Unbound: a history of The Hutchins School* by Margaret Mason-Cox is due to be launched in Anniversary Week. Many Old Boys feature in the book which is available now for [pre-purchase](#) on the School website.

Please find enclosed an invitation to attend the launch. If you would like more information on the book please email [hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au](mailto:hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au)