



# HSOBA IVIED TOWER NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 24 September, 2014

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zeemelah! As we draw closer to the end of year we are looking forward to finishing strongly with our two key events - the Corporate Breakfast and the annual Ray Vincent Lunch scheduled for November. Save the dates for these popular events, invites will be sent out next month.

We have had a busy year of reunions and events. Our interstate reunions were well represented - a special congrats to Melbourne Old Boys who beat Sydney with numbers in attendance, but only just! Can you both reach triple digits next year? We look forward to our final reunion in Canberra on Friday 21 November. For those of you in the area, save the date and start rounding up the troops. If you haven't received an invitation please send us your updated contact details.

We were extremely pleased with the record turn out for our School Reunion in August, Burbury House was full to the brim with a great representation from year groups from the 60's through to 2009. We also celebrated Hutchins Anniversary Week by unveiling our new Hutchins Lion, Rear Admiral Edward Pitcairn Jones.

The Old Boys have done well on the sporting fields for 2014. Whilst battling injuries this year, the Hutchins Lions Rugby Club continue to develop strongly and are on track for a solid season next year.

Congratulations to the Old Boys Footy Club for a stellar season on the field with both Reserves and Seniors in the Grand Finals with the Seniors bringing home the flag again.

Keep an eye out for the next edition of *Magenta and Black* which will feature some great Old Boys' stories. If you have some news to share please send it through to [hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au](mailto:hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au) or drop us a line on our [Facebook page](#).

I look forward to welcoming our new 2014 Leavers' to the HSOBA at the Leavers' Lunch in October. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas break.

Gene Phair, **President**

## OLD BOYS FLY THE FLAG AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

We are as proud as punch to have Hutchins Old Boys wearing the green and gold representing our country at the recent Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Congratulations to Hamish Peacock ('08) who won bronze in the Javelin at the Commonwealth Games with a throw of 81.75m. Well done also to younger brother Huw ('10) who narrowly missed out on the men's final for the Hammer Throw. A great reward for years of hard work with coach and father, Evan Peacock.

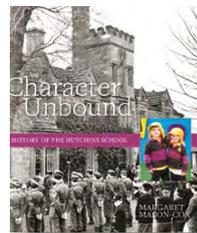
We also acknowledge our world-class hurdler Tristan Thomas ('04) who also qualified for the Commonwealth Games but due to injury, unfortunately had to withdraw. Tristan now has his eye on the Rio Olympic Games in 2016 and we wish him all the best.

**Pictured right:** Hamish Peacock flying the flag after taking out the bronze.



## HISTORY OF THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL

Purchase your copy of Margaret Mason-Cox's *Character Unbound* - a history of The Hutchins School from our website. A great read for Old Boys!



## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Please send any updated contact info to [hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au](mailto:hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au) or update your HSOBA Online Network account at [www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys](http://www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys)

## HSOBA CALENDAR

To book tickets to the below events visit [www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys](http://www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys)

**FRI 26 SEP** - Hutchins AFL Grand Final Breakfast, Burbury House.

**TUES 28 OCT** - HSOBA Leavers' Lunch

**FRI 7 NOV** - HSOBA Corporate Breakfast, Burbury House

**FRI 21 NOV** - HSOBA Canberra Reunion, National Press Club

**FRI 28 NOV** - HSOBA Ray Vincent Lunch, Burbury House

**FRI 23 JAN** - Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge Commencement Dinner, Burbury House





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## THE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 168 YEARS

The School's 168th birthday was celebrated in true Hutchins style with a myriad of events for our community to celebrate. Events of significant importance for Old Boys was the traditional Anniversary Debate, the School Reunion Dinner and the Anniversary Lunch and Lions Unveiling. The Old Boys again took on the students in the annual Anniversary Debate. This year's topic "We would rather be real men than gentlemen" sparked some entertaining arguments. Roland Lawrence ('09), Tim Johnstone ('77) and Tony Park ('74) fought well in a close debate, however the students came out on top and secured the win.

On Saturday 2 August, Old Boys from years '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04 and '09 enjoyed a sumptuous Reunion Dinner at Burbury House, the drinks and conversation flowed well into the night. Over 180 Alumni were in attendance, a record gathering to date. It was great to see a mix of young and old coming together to reminisce and share tales of the past. In true fashion the Hutchins School Song was sung with great pride and passion – the whole of Sandy Bay may have heard it too!

Anniversary week celebrations concluded with the Anniversary Lunch held at Burbury House, supported by The Hutchins Foundation. Over 100 guests were in attendance as the John W Burton boat was named and dedicated, the 2014 Foundation Awards were announced and the new Hutchins Lion was unveiled.

## A NEW HUTCHINS LION

The Association was proud to unveil another Hutchins Lion. One of the first Australians to go on active service for the Empire, Rear Admiral Edward Pitcairn Jones was born in 1850 and entered Hutchins in 1862. After leaving school he joined the Royal Navy, where he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1874 and Captain in 1895, following active service in the Sudan and Egypt for which he was awarded both the Khedive Star and Egyptian Medal. As Captain of HMS Forte at the outbreak of the Boer War in 1899, Jones commanded a naval brigade which played a vital part in breaking the Siege of Ladysmith, his actions in this and the subsequent relief effort gaining him the order of Commander of the Bath. Soon after, he travelled to the west coast of Africa to suppress the Ashanti Rebellion and was later promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral.

## RICHARD WILKINSON NAMED TASTAFE APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

In early September, Tasmania's training industry celebrated the achievements of the states trainers, trainees, apprentices and employers at the annual Tasmanian Training Awards and our very own Richard Wilkinson ('02) was awarded the 2014 TasTAFE Apprentice of the Year. After completing an Architecture degree and an Environmental Design degree Richard realised that his true passion was in building. After three years working for Troppo Architects in Western Australia, he returned home in 2011 to complete a mature-age carpentry apprenticeship with Perry & Perry Builders. Richard will now represent Tasmania at the Australian Training Awards in Adelaide in November and we wish him the best of luck.





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## TIM LYONS WINS NATIONAL EUREKA SCIENCE AWARD

We congratulate Tim for his achievements recognised at the recent Australian Museum Eureka Prizes Awards recognising excellence in the fields of research & innovation, leadership, science communication & journalism and school science. Tim won the 2014 Defence Science and Technology Organisation Eureka Prize for Outstanding Science in Safeguarding Australia for his invention of a helicopter buoyancy device.

Tim, who is an ex-Navy Clearance Diver and Managing Director of One Atmosphere developed the Pegasus Aircraft Buoyancy System (ABS): an emergency buoyancy system designed to save lives following a helicopter crash at sea.

When a helicopter hits the water, the crew are more at risk from drowning in the fast-sinking craft than from injuries caused by the crash itself. Previous emergency helicopter flotation devices require the pilot to maintain control and activate airbags manually after impact, however, the Pegasus system activates automatically and the airbags inflate incredibly fast to full volume in under a second. Inflation systems this fast have previously proven too unwieldy and heavy for everyday use, but Tim used an innovative gas-supply system to remove the need for heavy gas cylinders.

The Pegasus was designed for the Army's new fleet of Tiger helicopters, which will be spending more time flying over sea now that the Navy is building two huge helicopter ships. However the bolt-on/bolt-off device can be easily adapted for other craft.

"This technology will not only safeguard defence-force lives, it can also be fitted in police, search-and-rescue, tourism and private craft, and on helicopters servicing offshore oil rigs" said Australian Museum Director and CEO Kim McKay.

Visit our [Facebook page](#) to watch Tim demonstrate how the Pegasus system works.

## OLD BOY BRINGING BACK THE 49ERS TO TASMANIA

Mat Himson ('06) and Robbie Tuck (current Staff member) are part of a team of four that have the 49ers National Championships in their sights. The boys have been training hard all winter and hope to do well in the RYCT Theatre Race Series on home turf in October on the River Derwent, the first time the 49ers have sailed in Tasmania competitively in over 15 years. They are then off to Melbourne to race in the ISAS World Cup Regatta in the lead up to the Nationals held in Perth from December 28- 3 January. The boys will be competing against current Olympians and are in good form to do well. They are currently seeking sponsorship so we encourage you to get behind them and show your support. Keep an eye out for the boys racing along in front of Sandy Bay Beach on October 8, and follow their progress on their Facebook Page 'RYCT 49er'.

**Pictured right:** Mat Himson, Robbie Tuck, Luke Eizele and Ben Phibbs



From left: Commodore Richard Batt with Andrew Hunn. Photo Peter Campbell

## ANDREW MAKES WAVES IN SAILING

Old Boy and champion one-design helmsman Andrew Hunn ('71) was awarded the prestigious Governor's Cup in May at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's annual Prize Night.

Andrew and his crew sailing various one-design yachts, known as Voodoo Chile, in November 2013 won the MC38 Australian Championship in Sydney, in February 2014 finished second overall in the Aberdeen Asset Management Farr 40 National title in Hobart and in March won the Melges 32 Australian Championship in Sydney.

Andrew is currently racing his new Farr 40, Voodoo Chile, in the 50th annual Big Boat Series in San Francisco Bay, California. The Rolex Big Boat Series for Farr 40s is regarded as the 'dry run' for the 2014 World Championship for the prestigious, high-performance one-design keelboat class which St Francis Yacht Club will also host on windy waters in October. This will be his first overseas regatta in the prestigious Farr 40 one-design keelboat class, helping for the first time the boat previously raced by Prince Frederik of Denmark.





# HSOBA LATEST NEWS & EVENTS

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## YOUNG LEADER MAKING HISTORY AT THE LODGE

In July, Wor. Bro. Guy Brian Roberts ('04) was Installed as the Wor. Master. Wor. Bro. Guy - the first member since the Lodge was formed in 1926 to do two years in a row as Wor. Master. It is great to see a young Old Boy of the School (former House Prefect and Chapel Warden) in the role of Wor. Master.

Freemasonry adopts the fundamental principles of integrity, goodwill and charity as the foundation for an individual's life. As Guy stated at the HSOBA Leavers' Lunch last year "being a Mason is a wonderful character reference for you to carry through life, especially if you travel. Other masons will offer a hand of friendship to travelling or visiting masons throughout the world".

For those that may not know, for over a decade now non students of the School are allowed to join if they are thought to be of a suitable character and acceptable to the Lodge. There is also a common misconception that to become a Mason you must be asked to join the Lodge by a member which in fact is not allowed. Many people have missed out by waiting their whole lives to be asked to join the Lodge.

If you are interested in experiencing a taste of Lodge life, you and your partner are welcome to attend the Hutchins Lodge Commencement Dinner at the School on 23 January 2015. You may even see some of your old school friends there. For more information on the Lodge please enquire at the School or contact the Lodge directly at [hutchinsoldboyslodge@gmail.com](mailto:hutchinsoldboyslodge@gmail.com)

## LIONS PREMIERSHIP WINNERS FOR 2014 - ZEEMELAH!

Congratulations to The Hutchins School Old Boys Football Club who have had a very successful season for 2014. The Senior team, led by coach Clinton Brown, beat DOSA to win the Old Scholars Football League Grand Final on Saturday at North Hobart Oval. The Reserves side, led by coach Sam Palazzolo, came from fourth on the ladder to also play DOSA in the Grand Final, but unfortunately were beaten on the day. All players, coaches, trainers and the HSOBFC committee are to be commended on an excellent season, on and off the field.

Thank you to all of our loyal supporters and in particular, The Pivot Club for their continued support throughout the season.

The Best and Fairest Presentation Night for 2014 will be held on Friday 17 October at The Old Woolstore Hotel. For tickets please contact Louise Bodycoat at [secretary\\_hsobfc@hotmail.com](mailto:secretary_hsobfc@hotmail.com)



## WHO WILL RECEIVE THE IVIED TOWER AWARD THIS YEAR?

Last year Tim Bowden ('54) was presented the Ivied Tower Award recognising an Old Boy who has excelled in his chosen field of endeavour. We look forward to announcing the recipient for 2014 at the annual Ray Vincent Lunch on Friday 28 November. Save the date in your diaries!

## SUITS AND STORIES - THE CORPORATE CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST IS ON AGAIN

Save the date of Friday 7 November for the popular Corporate Breakfast. Details of the guest speaker will be announced soon. Watch this space!

