



HSOBA IVIED TOWER NEWSLETTER



Friday 14 March

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zeemelah! Welcome to the first Ivied Tower Newsletter for 2014. We look forward to another great program of events this year and to also working with our Old Boys clubs and societies.

We finished off 2013 well at the annual Ray Vincent Lunch in November. It gets bigger every year with close to 100 Old Boys in attendance with a good mix of old and young coming together. Congratulations to Tim Bowden our deserving Ivied Tower Award winner in recognition of his outstanding achievement in the fields of journalism, television broadcasting and literature. Another highlight of the lunch was presenting our current Headmaster, Warwick Dean, with Honorary Old Boy Membership.

We started the year off hosting the Hutchins Lodge Commencement Dinner in January which was a great evening and we look forward to building on this new tradition. Our reunion program started last week with Barrie Irons and James McLeod hosting our Sydney reunion. Please make a note of our reunion program for 2014 and let us know if you are in the area as we may not have your correct address. We also seek year group co-ordinators to help us round up the troops. If you are interested please let us know.

Thank you 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 wonderful stories published recently celebrating the success of our Old Boys. Keep the news coming, we would love to hear from you and if you are in the area drop into the School for a chat. Email us at hsoba@hutchins.tas.edu.au or drop us a line on our [Facebook page](#).

Gene Phair
President

HUTCHINS OLD BOY JOINS PRESTIGIOUS LIST OF OXFORD SCHOLARS

We are proud to congratulate Sam Forbes (2005 Leaver) who won the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University for 2013. Past scholars include politician Bob Hawke, Tony Abbott, Bill Clinton, Nobel Prize winner Howard Florey and Tasmanian writers Peter Conrad and Richard Flanagan.



Sam will pursue his passion for linguistics at Oxford University: particularly in relation to the cognitive development of infants and toddlers. Since leaving Hutchins, Sam majored in Chinese and Japanese at the University of Tasmania then went to China to do a Masters in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics at the Nanjing Normal University.



HSOBA CALENDAR

FRI 16 MAY - Melbourne Reunion

FRI 30 MAY - London Reunion

SAT 2 AUG - School Reunion for Leavers of 1949-59, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 & 2009

WED 6 AUG - Lions' Unveiling and Anniversary Lunch

FRI 26 SEP - AFL Grand Final Breakfast

FRI 17 OCT - HSOBA Corporate Breakfast

TUES 28 OCT - HSOBA Leavers' Lunch

FRI 21 NOV - Canberra Reunion

FRI 28 NOV - Ray Vincent Lunch

Brisbane Reunion - Date TBC





HSOBA LATEST NEWS



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SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR SAILING CHAMP RICHARD HEWSON ('97)

After much success breaking many records in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, Richard decided to focus on solo sailing and set a new challenge to compete in the Mini Transat Race in a Mini 650- one of the most extreme ocean races where the world's best race over 4000nm solo across the Atlantic. And he has done just that.....

'On November 2013 I was amongst 84 of the world's best solo sailors starting the 2013 Mini Transat from Douarenez in France. Due to bad weather within two days three boats had been lost and many people had pulled out of the race. Having grown up sailing in Tasmania I was in my element enjoying the 30-50kt winds and 6m seas. With only 40nm to go before the finish of the first leg of the race I was winning by over 10nm when we heard the news that the race officials called the race off due to extreme weather forecasts. Whilst disappointed with this decision I was happy I was winning the race earning mutual respect from my fellow international yachtsmen.

After we re-started the race from Sada to Guadalupe we battled our way down the Spanish coast. Luck was definitely not on my side for the second race. While working my way into a tactical position that would potentially win me the race, I had the misfortune of damaging my keel and rig in a series of incidents that were beyond my control. It is not in a Hutchins Old Boy's mentality to just quit, and despite constant setbacks I continued to repair my boat and race hard to catch the now distant leaders. In the end I had to make one of the hardest decisions of my life - to abandon the race while I still had the option of reaching safety. I can't remember ever having to quit something or never finishing a game so this decision was a very difficult one.

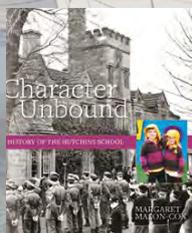
My school years at Hutchins taught me to never give up and there is a familiar saying that comes into my head every time life get tough; "Vivit Post Funera Virtus". We are only on this earth for a given period of time and I am still living every day of my life to accomplish the dream of winning the toughest race in the world and to be on the start line for the 2015 Mini Transat. The only factor to accomplish now is to find a new sponsor. I am seeking new sponsorship for my AUS816 boat before May 2014 so I can be guaranteed to race. If you are interested in some invaluable publicity in Europe and want to be involved in an amazing race then please contact me. Perhaps in the years to come we will have a Hutchins Old Boy attracting the world's attention, such as skipper Alex Thompson and his Hugo Boss campaign that marks the pinnacle of solo offshore racing'.

Vivit Post Funera Virtus, Richard Hewson

To read Richard's full story visit the [Old Boys website](#).

HISTORY OF THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL

Character Unbound - a history of The Hutchins School by Margaret Mason-Cox is now available for purchase on the School website - a great read in which many Old Boys feature.



JONATHAN WOODS ('80) FROM CANADA PAYS US A VISIT

Last week we had a visit from Jonathan with his wife Pauline and children Thomas and Sofia. Jonathan had a short time at Hutchins, spending his junior years here before his family moved to Toronto, Canada where he works as a National Sales Strategy Manager for Toronto Dominion Bank. They are spending a month in Australia visiting Pauline's family in Victoria before heading up to the Gold Coast and the Whitsundays. Jonathan was certainly impressed with the changes that have occurred at Hutchins over the past 30 years.



NICK ELLSMORE ('96) DROPS US A LINE

Nick who normally resides in Sydney is trying out life in chilly Boston for a few months while his wife is on a six month work secondment. 'It's certainly ticking the 'different from home' box with the weather the way it is- being in the middle of the 'polar vortex' over here gives me a whole new appreciation of how mild the weather is back home, even at the worst of times. Work-wise, I'm still working on things back in Australia; at the moment I'm doing corporate advisory work in the IT security field. After starting, building and selling my own IT security company, it's an area that I've got a good appreciation of. That being said, I expect I'll start another company doing something a bit more adventurous when I get back to Australia mid-year'.



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NEWS FROM THE OLD BOYS FOOTY CLUB

The HSOBFC is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Lister ('04) as our Senior Coach for 2014. As most of you may know, Matthew is a very well-regarded footballer and Hutchins Old Boy.

Over the past decade the Club has had an extraordinary level of success having won seven senior and six reserve premierships since the turn of the century. We narrowly missed out on adding to that ledger last year, losing narrowly to DOSA in the grand final.

We are determined that the Club should provide a positive environment for leavers to play sport and consolidate relationships to support them socially and in business. To that end we are working hard on a strategic agenda aimed at developing the HSOBFC network and ensuring the long term survival of the Club. Some initiatives of note include:

- The facilities at Queenborough Oval are well below par. We are working with our stakeholders to address this.
- On field success has not always coincided with financial success. We are looking to increase our sponsorship dollars but we are not after donations. Our aim is to actively promote our sponsors so that they obtain value for money.
- This year we will introduce a general membership for supporters. This will operate as an alternative to Pivot Club membership. For \$60, you will receive free entry to home games, a membership ring, and a specially designed stubby holder. Most importantly it will give our supporters a sense of ownership of our club. Scarves, polo tops and hoodies will also be available for purchase.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help at committee level and at home games and we look forward to seeing you all at the footy, hopefully we can go one better in 2014!



RECENT GRADUATE SCOOPS UP WESTPAC AWARD

The Westpac Community Leaders Awards are an opportunity to give local heroes a chance to be truly recognised; to acknowledge those individuals (across four categories) who make a significant contribution to our social fabric through their service to not for profit organisations in Australia. Congratulations to recent leaver Allen Chen ('11) who has won the 2013 award in the Treasurer category for his work with United Nations Youth Australia.



OLLIE ('03) SERVES IT UP TO THE POMES

Remember when you were lucky if you got a piece of orange at half time when playing sport as a kid? Well it is now a very different culinary scene with Old Boy and Tasmanian chef Ollie Mellers in charge. Ollie has recently been busy serving up an array of Tasmanian culinary delights for lunch as Tasmania play host to England over the summer cricket season at Blundstone Arena. Whilst it was reported that England had issued an 82 page list of dietary requirements to cater for its players including instructions for over 200 meals and beverages, this was a breeze for master chef Ollie who has previously worked with Heston Blumenthal and Gordon Ramsay at Lords. Ollie served up lunches to the Poms including Wagyu beef, spatchcock, marinated oysters and poached salmon showcasing Tasmania's finest. While the refurbishment of Blundstone Arena added a few kitchen challenges, Ollie said that when work was complete he expected to be able to serve even better food than at Lord's!

HAMISH HAS HIS SIGHTS ON GLASGOW

Hamish Peacock ('08) is on his way to qualifying for the Australian Flame team for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Hamish currently holds a B standard qualifier however hopes to throw an 81m A standard qualifier to make the team for the games. Hamish threw more than 81m last year but it was before the selection period opened. Hamish who is in his final year of civil engineering at UTAS hopes to make the team and win a medal in Glasgow. 'I was ranked third in the Commonwealth last year so a medal should be an aim for me'.



HSOBA EVENTS



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THE LODGE STARTS THE YEAR BACK ON CAMPUS

The idea that former pupils of Hutchins could form a Masonic Lodge of their own originated in 1925 in the mind of the late Worshipful Brother G A Gurney who was then Bursar of Hutchins. However before the plan could reach fruition Wor. Bro. Gurney passed away. His colleagues proceeded with the scheme and met enthusiastic support. They convened an informal meeting of Old Boys of Hutchins, Queen’s College, Kings Grammar School and Franklin House on 16 April 1926. The meeting decided to present a petition, on behalf of the Old Boys and staff of the schools, to the Grand Master for a Warrant of Constitution empowering the petitioners to form “The Hutchins Lodge”. Bro. Waring was appointed as acting Secretary. The Consecration ceremony was conducted on the 3 August 1926 by the Grand Master (Most Worshipful Brother Claude James).

Since that date the Lodge has continued with a new Wor. Master each year. Today it is the only school Old Boys’ Lodge in Tasmania in its own right and the current Wor. Master is Guy Brian Roberts (’04), the first Hutchins Old Boy to hold this position this century.

The current Headmaster, Mr Warwick Dean, has indicated that he would like to see this long-standing tradition continue and has offered his support. For the last two years in January the Lodge has had a Commencement Dinner at Burbury House and it has been deemed a great success.



HSOBA 2014 REUNION PROGRAM

Do you currently reside in Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane or London area? Or are you a leaver of 1949-59, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 or 2009? If so please send us your updated email and residential address so you don’t miss your invitation! For event details and to book tickets to our 2014 reunions please visit our Old Boys [Website](#).

INTERESTED IN COACHING OR ASSISTING THE HUTCHINS SPORT PROGRAM?

The Hutchins Sport program provides great variety for students with over 30 sports to choose from. We welcome the support of volunteers to be involved in the program through coaching, managing and assisting staff. Visit The Hutchins School Sport [website](#) for more information or contact the Head of Sport at adrian.finch@hutchins.tas.edu.au if you are interested in being involved.



SYDNEY REUNION A GREAT SUCCESS

David Willis (’90) got the evening off to a flying start by recommending a great venue for the night – a private lounge at The Republic Hotel in The Rocks. Over 50 Old Boys enjoyed a fine evening reminiscing and storytelling with James McLeod adding a few of his own! A highlight was the camaraderie across the various age groups from youngest leaver Yash Makaria (’13) to more senior attendees like David Salter (’51), Peter Gregg (’62) and Leigh Batchelor (’62). Photos are now viewable on our [Facebook page](#). Let’s keep spreading the message to get more Old Boys there next year. These gatherings are a great way to network and catch up with old friends. Can Melbourne double these numbers on May 16?