



HSOBA IVIED TOWER NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zeemelah! Wow where has this year gone! 2013 has been a busy and rewarding year for the HSOBA and we are looking forward to finishing the year with the annual Ray Vincent Lunch on Friday 29 November.

We were extremely pleased with the turn out for our Old Boys' Reunion in August and were also delighted to unveil Eric Newham Waterworth ('23) as our Hutchins Lion for 2013. Old Boys were also well represented at the AFL Grand Final Breakfast with guest speaker Chris Grant and we look forward to continuing our new corporate breakfast tradition next year.

One of the highlights this year has been the launch of *Character Unbound: A History of The Hutchins School* by the School's Archivist Margaret Mason-Cox - an interesting read in which many Old Boys feature and a worthy edition to the School's history.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new 2013 Leavers' to the HSOBA and I look forward to handing over your Old Boy badges at Speech Night.

Please save the dates for our events scheduled for next year. I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Gene Phair, **President**



HISTORY OF HUTCHINS LAUNCHED

In July 2005 Margaret Mason-Cox was commissioned to write the third history of The Hutchins School.

The first history, *The Official History of The Hutchins School*, was written by Basil W Rait and published in 1935.

The second history, *The Hutchins School Macquarie Street Years 1846 – 1965*, was written by Dr Geoffrey H Stephens and published in 1979.

On 1 November 2012 the extended and final edition including the 'Toppin years' was handed over to the Headmaster for projected publishing in 2013. Funding for publication has been provided in a joint venture by The Hutchins School Foundation and The Hutchins School and to the delight of all *Character Unbound* was launched in the presence of the Board, Foundation, the Hutchins Old Boys' Association, Parents' Association, Headmaster, staff and friends of The Hutchins School on Thursday 19 September 2013.

This history is not simply a chronicle of the past. Margaret's account embodies and reflects the culture of The Hutchins School; it acknowledges our respect and mindfulness of the past, yet it invites the reader to look to the future and contemplate that which has been learned from a rich past.

It was fitting that *Character Unbound* was officially launched to our community by Old Boy, journalist and author, Tim Bowden: "... Margaret Mason-Cox's history ... takes Hutchins' history right up to the present day, and what a contrast to my father's and indeed even my blackboard and chalk education. Hutchins at its Sandy Bay campus has blossomed into a magnificent school, offering subjects and personal development opportunities of quality and richness that I could not have imagined in the 1940s and 50s.

It now has a published history that blends the past and the present into a compelling narrative ... Congratulations to all concerned with the production of this terrific book, and I am delighted to be able to declare it launched".



CHARACTER UNBOUND:

A HISTORY OF THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL

Margaret Mason-Cox takes a fresh look at the School's formative years up to the move to Sandy Bay in 1965, before focusing on the trials and achievements of those who conceived, planned and executed the transformation of Hutchins into a modern and highly successful school for boys. From initial resistance to the leaving of Macquarie Street, through the difficulties in countering the unsettling effects of the social revolution of the 1970s, to experimentation with varying forms of co-education, to embracing the technological revolution and encouraging the admission of international students.

These issues and more – along with the day-to-day events which occur in any school, as well as those peculiar to a single-sex independent school like Hutchins – are examined through the convenient prism of the Headmasters and the staff they selected to provide the best education and pastoral care in their collective power. No leader achieves in isolation – and this is especially true in an educational context. 'Vivit Post Funera Virtus' – what they did mattered.

To order your copy of this beautifully written, designed and illustrated history of our school, visit The Hutchins School website: www.hutchins.tas.edu.au and order online, or phone the School on 6221 4200. Copies can also be purchased from Reception.

NEWS FROM PARAGUAY

Alex Sharman ('94) recently dropped us a line about his rugby and weightlifting success in Paraguay.

Alex has been described as the best rugby player in his position in Paraguay. His club team Curda recently won their final against rival Lague in a convincing win which was televised and saw much attention in the press. "At the end of the game a lot of the crowd ran onto the field, and all sorts of people who I don't even know asked me to have my photo taken with them". After the game Alex announced his retirement, preferring to finish playing well at 35. "I think its better to finish on top. Especially after the final we had, winning convincingly.... When I told the guys in my club they all said "no" and sang "Alex no se va" (Alex don't go)".

Recently Alex's trainer in his gym suggested he enter the Paraguayan Power Lifting Competition and he ended up coming 3rd in the Heavy-weight Section. "I enjoyed competing and got a medal, so it was fun. I did 130kg Bench Press, 140kg Squat, and 150kg Deadlift. I'm strong but need to improve my technique a bit and will be able to lift a lot more, as I have the power, but lack technique a bit, so I had two foul lifts".





NEW HUTCHINS LION UNVEILED

Eric Newham Waterworth ('23) was unveiled as our Hutchins Lion for 2013 at the now annual Anniversary and Lions Lunch on 31 July in Burbury House. Eric (1905-1990) was a practical engineer, designer and inventor who invented an automatic record-changer at the age of 20 which he patented in the UK. He built sound equipment for Hobart's first talking picture theatre, the Avalon in 1932 and went on to become a consulting engineer and production manager for Australia's first factory manufacturing safety razor blades. He then began making precision optical equipment for the University of Tasmania, and his firm later produced camera lenses, microfilm readers, projectors, and medical equipment including the first humidicrib (the Waterworth Infant Respirator) in 1950.



Photo: Kim Eiszele

MAKING WAVES IN THE WOOL INDUSTRY

Russell Fowler ('06) who farms the Blackwood property near Ouse, is taking a forward-looking approach to sheep farming, pushing the breeding boundaries attempting to produce a dual-purpose Merino that retains its renowned fine wool traits but also has the meat of a fat lamb. Russell, a seventh generation farmer is exploring sheep genetics by fine-tuning the traits of a Dohne ram, a South African sheep breed known for its meat qualities and wool and joining it with a Merino ewe. "We are trying to get the traits of the Dohne with the progeny having mothering ability, high fertility, rapid lamb growth rate and fine wool under commercial pastoral conditions".

A HISTORICAL MOMENT FOR THE HUTCHINS LODGE

Congratulations to Old Boy Guy Roberts ('04) who was elected as the new Worshipful Master on 24 July, the first Hutchins Old Boy to hold this position this century. Guy was first initiated into Freemasonry on 23 August 2006, and is currently employed with M2 Telecommunications and studying Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Tasmania. The Lodge is thrilled to have such a young leader whom they hold in very high regard.



OLD BOY WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Tim Lyons ('96) Managing Director of One Atmosphere recently accepted the 2013 National Defence Innovation Award for their Pegasus system which is designed to keep helicopters at the surface after a crash or controlled ditch in water. Lyons said "Once fully developed, Pegasus will be a lightweight cost effective option for Defence to consider, which may help save lives".

1983 FOOTBALL PREMIERS REUNION

The Hutchins Old Boys' Football Team of 1983 recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of their memorable premiership year. 1983 was especially significant because the team won three premierships over a three week period, that being the Southern Tasmanian Old Scholars' Division, the defeat of the Southern District Amateurs which included the likes of Claremont and Sorell and then the State Premiership against Old Scotch.

The reunion was a resounding success with 20 of the 22 players involved coming from all over Australia to be together again (some from as far as WA, north QLD, ACT, NSW and VIC). Sadly Alec Burbury ('80) had passed away. In addition, they were unable to locate the competition's best and fairest Michael Cook, but they have vowed to find him before the 40th! The boys all went to see the current team play on the Saturday at Queenborough and then had a huge private dinner upstairs at the Ball & Chain followed by a barbecue at Coach Clenn's (John Clennett ('68)) on the Sunday. The team had a remarkable year despite having lost the first 4 games - it was on for young and old for the new coach. The boys only lost one more game before the three huge wins. The camaraderie and spirit of achievement was evident all weekend.



HSOBA EVENTS



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WHO WILL WIN THE IVIED TOWER AWARD AT THE RAY VINCENT LUNCH THIS YEAR?

Last year Saul Eslake ('74) was presented with the Ivied Tower Award which recognises an Old Boy who has excelled in his chosen field of endeavour. We look forward to presenting the next winner at the annual Ray Vincent Lunch and encourage you to attend. **Book your tickets now for the Ray Vincent Lunch on Friday 29 November on the School Website or call 6221 4281.**

SAILING RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Congratulations to Robert Gough ('87) who was 2012 TAS Sailor of the Year for coming 6th in the Moth Worlds this year in Hawaii. Nephew Charles Connor (Year 10) also placed 44th in the Worlds and was 31st in the North Americans and 1st in the Junior US Moth Nationals!



HONORARY OLD BOY BARRIE IRONS RECEIVES HSOBA MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Barrie Irons for receiving his HSOBA Membership at The Hutchins School Reunion Dinner on Saturday 3 August. Barrie hosted around 150 Leavers from 1948-58, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003 and much to his surprise he was presented with an honorary membership from Gene Phair at the conclusion of his address, receiving a standing ovation from all. Barrie has done so much for the School and the HSOBA and his membership couldn't be more deserving.

It was a fantastic night with a mix of young and old catching up to relive tales of the past. Around 40 Old Boys enjoyed a tour of the School before enjoying a delicious dinner in Burbury House. Check out the photo album on [Facebook](#).



Masa Kurihara ('01) drops in for a visit. Pictured with his wife and Dr Jill Abell.



Barrie Irons caught up with Tim Burbury ('90) in Abu Dhabi. Tim is a successful lawyer over there managing large contracts.



HSOBA LEAVERS' LUNCH, 29 OCT
Welcome to the Old Boys' Club gents!
Check out the photos on [Facebook](#).



Guest of honour George Burbury ('90) presents students with their prizes at the End of Year Headmaster's Awards Assembly.

HSOBA CALENDAR

FRI 29 NOV - Old Boys Vs Student Cricket Match, WMO

FRI 29 NOV - Ray Vincent Lunch

TUE 21 JAN - Hutchins Lodge Dinner

FRI 11 APR - Corporate Breakfast

FRI 16 MAY - Melbourne Reunion

SAT 17 MAY - Sydney Reunion

SAT 2 AUG - School Reunion

WED 6 AUG - Hutchins Anniversary and Lions Lunch

THU 4 SEP - '13 Leavers' Reunion

FRI 26 SEP - AFL Grand Final Breakfast

FRI 17 OCT - Corporate Breakfast

FRI 28 NOV - Ray Vincent Lunch

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