



### Message from the President

I hope you are all well and taking up the challenges of the new world order. It has certainly thrown up its moments. I am eternally grateful that I live in Australia and even more so, Tassie. Yes, island isolation does have benefits.

Progress is being made and we still hope, nice to dream, to be able to catch up with you in 2020.

We are proud to now launch our new Community Hub. We are really excited by its potential, especially for Old Boys and their links with the School and each other. It will make connection and communication easy as we reach out across the globe.

Take care and stay safe!

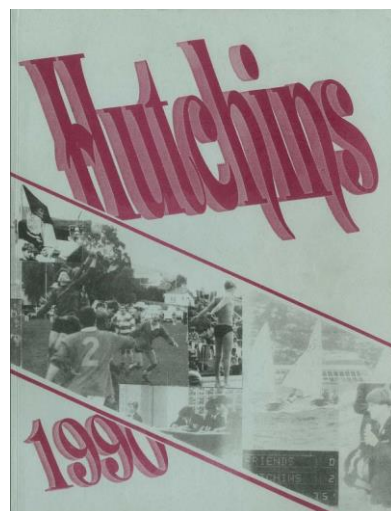
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Barrie Irons'.

Mr Barrie Irons, HSOBA President



### Would you like to see your school magazine?

We have a full digital archive of the Virtus magazine available on the Hutchins Community Hub. To see your leaving year magazine, go to <https://community.hutchins.tas.edu.au/resources> Note that you will need to register to gain access. Enjoy!

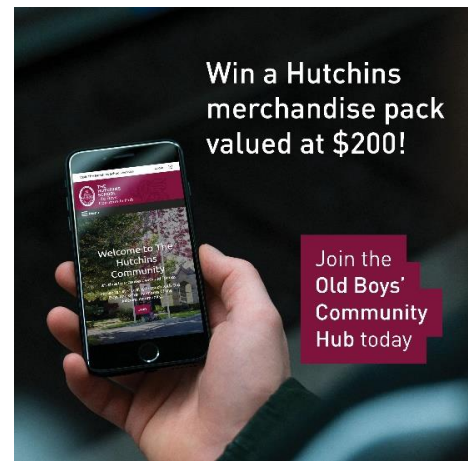


## Our Community Hub is LIVE

Our [Community Hub](#) is full of features such as our [News](#) section to share stories and updates on members of our community; our [Shop](#) where you can buy a scarf to wear when you go support the Old Boys; and our [Network](#) where you can reach out to other members of the community.

We also have our [Clubs](#) section, where you can join different industry networks, sporting clubs or geographical regions, making it easy to reach out and keep in touch with one another.

On our [Events](#) page you can get tickets to reunions, our [Golf Day](#) and other events, and keep updated with event details.



## Miena Village Development

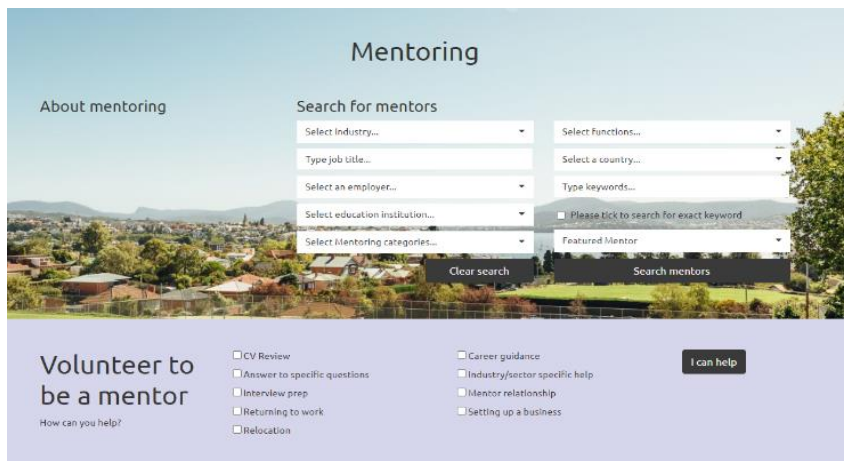
What do you get when you cross a fly-fishing nut with an entrepreneur who has a passion and vision for the high country? The answer is the Miena Village Development.

James Johns ('85) has teamed up with fellow Old Boy and classmate Jason Garrett ('85), to create an incredible vision for the central highlands. Together they have acquired the Great Lake Hotel and have commenced a redevelopment of the site.

The strategy involves constructing a new hotel (to replace the existing Great Lake Hotel) including self-contained accommodation, general store, café and fuel station. The estimated \$20 million investment also includes developing a new 95 km world-class bike trail, known as the Great Lake Trail.

This exciting vision for the township of Miena, perfectly halfway between Hobart and Launceston, is another example of Old Boys collaborating in business.

*Jason Garrett ('85) with business partner and fellow Old Boy, James Johns ('85) at the front of the Great Lake Hotel at Miena.*



## Mentoring

It is said that wisdom is the combination of knowledge and experience.

Our mentoring program is designed to connect our alumni, allowing our community's expertise and advice to be shared

to the benefit of all.

Our Community Hub provides a platform to ask for a mentor, and to volunteer to be a mentor. Mentoring can be a relationship that offers a relaxed and helpful additional perspective to someone who is looking to develop their skills, seeking direction and advice, or just a soundboard for support and encouragement.

To sign up, find the Mentoring section (pictured) of our Community Hub under the Careers tab.



## Where is our first Ivied Tower winner now?

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the introduction of the Ivied Tower Award. Philip Pearce ('85) was the inaugural winner and we tracked Philip down to find out what he's been up to.

Philip now resides in Sydney after spending a combined 16 years living in Singapore, Shanghai and Hong Kong. He is the CEO of ESR, a logistics real estate business. Prior to that he headed up the Goldman Group's greater-China business.

Coming from the family farm at Longford, Philip was a boarder at Hutchins from 1978 through to 1985. He cites Chris Rae (a fellow Ivied Tower recipient!) as his greatest influence.

These days Philip loves spending time with his wife Sharon and twin children. The family also enjoys getting back to their holiday home at Plenty in Tasmania's south at every opportunity.

For further information on the prestigious Ivied Tower Award, visit <https://www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/ivied-tower/>

*Philip Pearce ('85) pictured here with his wife Sharon, and children Tom and Phoebe*





## Spread far and wide

The Hutchins Old Boys' network is unusually dispersed. Many old boys set off to gain experience and travel and many do not ever return which is why we love hearing stories from abroad.

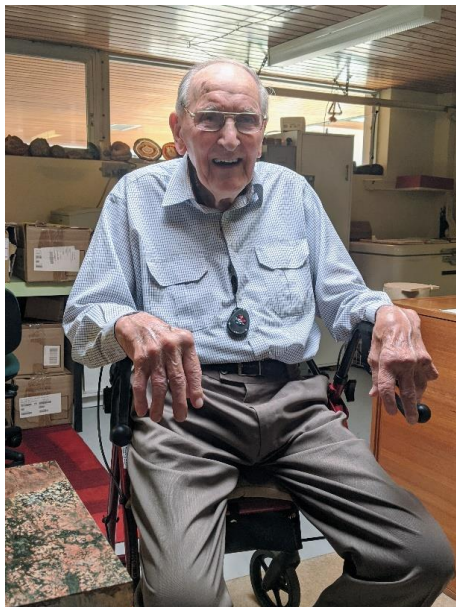
Andrew Yeoland ('87) has spent his working life travelling and

working in Europe and the Asian region, a period spanning 25 years. During that time he has witnessed rapid change.

Andrew has held several roles in sales, marketing, strategy and general management. Those roles have been in the glass packaging industry and he has lived in China, Switzerland and more recently Vietnam.

Andrew remains deeply connected to his school mates and broader Hutchins community members despite living abroad. He is married to Rachael and has a daughter Lily aged 13.

*Andrew Yeoland ('87) pictured with his wife Rachael and daughter Lily.*



## We need your help

We are determined to locate our oldest living Old Boy. While we are in regular touch with quite a few who are well into their 90s, surely we've got a centenarian!

As we approach our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a school, we hope to celebrate our longest serving community members. Our aim is to have a list of our 10 oldest Old Boys in preparation for next year's important milestone celebration.

If you have a family member or an old mate who is an Old Boy and 'approaching the ton', please let us

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

*John Elliston AM ('41) recently celebrated his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. John resides at Castlecrag, NSW with wife Joan.*



## Beyond sustainable Wagyu beef

Tas Ag Co becomes first farm in Tasmania to register soil carbon project eligible through UN Paris Agreement

Tas Ag Co is a Wagyu beef farm just outside of Deloraine, founded by husband and wife team Stephanie and Sam Trethewey ('01).

They produce regeneratively farmed grass-fed Wagyu beef, using a variety of non-conventional management methods. In time, as the business continues to build its soil carbon levels, the

property will be re-tested, with all carbon credits counting towards Australia's global emissions reduction target under the Paris Agreement.

"We're already seeing a steady increase in our productivity as a direct result of our focus on soil carbon. It's exciting because it's not just about improving environmental health. Increasing soil health means we're increasing plant health, which also increases animal health," said Sam Trethewey, Tas Ag Co Managing Director.

The announcement marks a key milestone for the new business as it prepares to launch its product to consumers later this year.

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