Celebrating 100 Years: William “Lockie” Rait

Dr William Lockhart Rait is our oldest known Old Boy. He turned 100 on 10 June.

He started at Hutchins in 1917. One of his class mates at the time was Errol Flynn. Errol’s father was Professor of Biology at the University of Tasmania and later on taught Dr Rait.

He recalls that he used to catch the tram from his home in Trafalgar Place to the School most days. The fare was one penny and there was apparently a very good lolly shop opposite the School where you could buy four liquorice blocks for a penny – so some days he walked!

CC Thorold was headmaster at the time and HD Erwin was senior master and taught Physics and Chemistry.

Dr Rait left Hutchins in 1929 and went on to have an incredibly varied career. He obtained a Bachelor of Science from the University of Tasmania and later studied medicine at Melbourne University. He worked as an entomologist with the CSIRO in Canberra and also taught at St Peter’s College in Adelaide.

He served in both the Army and the Air Force and was involved in the establishment of the Aviational Medicine School at Point Cook. He served in World War Two, Korea and the Malay Peninsular emergency.

He was an observer at the Maralinga atomic tests in the 1950’s (and recounts that he thought the atomic bombs were “rather pretty”). He later worked extensively in public health.

The Hutchins community salutes Dr Rait not only on reaching 100 but also on a life of achievement.

Commissioning of Rev Matthew Gray

Our new Chaplain, the Reverend Matthew Gray, was formally commissioned by Bishop John Harrower OAM at a special service in St David’s Cathedral in February.

As part of the service Rev Gray received symbolic gifts from each part of the School community. Here Tim McQueen presents a gift on behalf of the Middle School boys.

Bishop Harrower commissions Rev Matthew Gray as Hutchins’ new Chaplain.
What a start to 2009! The start of the year has been a busy one and much has been achieved by students, staff and supporters of The Hutchins School.

In acknowledging these efforts and achievements, I wish to note that a major contributor to our school’s successes has been the emergence of a strong sense of community. This sense of community is quite palpable as I observe and join with participants within and outside the School who have combined to support our teaching and learning programs, co-curricular activities in sports, visual arts, manual arts and performing arts and in our major functions and whole-of-school initiatives.

For example, this year’s Annual Fair demonstrated the willingness of many sections of the School community to join together in support of the Parents’ Association. This was a profitable experience, not just in financial terms but also in terms of developing friendships, furthering connectedness, enjoyment of effort realised and absorbing the results of a job well done. And what a terrific evening it was!

Another example of our community at work finds expression in staff efforts related to planning for the future of the School. Following the launch of the Strategic Plan at Speech Night 2008, staff from across the School have volunteered to join and train with one of six Strategic Change Teams. Each team will address change related to one of six strategic initiatives set out in the Strategic Plan. Parents and other interested stakeholders will receive updates on the progress of implementation via information broadcast on the School’s website, http://www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/.

In this sense too I thank The Hutchins School Old Boys’ Association for its initiatives related to developing the same sense of community, as it seeks out old boys, develops interesting events attracting old boys to the School fraternity, and in its efforts to engage earlier and more often with students of the School.

Further, the Commissioning of Reverend Matthew Gray at St David’s Cathedral was another well supported community event, which saw the cathedral filled and rejoicing together in acknowledgement of the continuity of our Anglican tradition and practice.

Perhaps an outstanding example of the unity of purpose at The Hutchins School was our application for funding under the Australian Government’s Building the Education Revolution financial stimulus offer. Schedules for conceptualising building needs, planning, co-ordinating, engineering, developing architectural plans, developing quantity surveys and administrative logistics and communications were achieved within a short timeframe simply by the extraordinarily effective and timely response by members of the Board of Management, the Executive and staff of the School working as one.

Similar expressions of support came this term via the Governor’s presentation of the Annual Webber Lecture, Grandparents’ Days, ANZAC Day, Welcoming Dinners for mothers and new parents, Principal’s Forums, Parents’ Association financial support for several projects and eight Follow Your Dreams awards presented to senior students by the Hutchins Foundation.

Students’ successes this term have been recorded in areas such as: Mathematics Olympiads, Science forums, business planning competitions, interstate sporting trips, Harmony Day presentations, choral and musical evenings and presentations, National Geographic Geography Competitions, students being ambassadors on Open Day, the SRC raising many thousands of dollars for the victims of the Victorian Bushfires, back-to-back Head of the River for our Rowing First VIII and second places for the Cricket First XI and the Tennis First VI in state finals, Hutchins yachting teams and individuals competing in school, state and international events.

Other resounding successes have come in the form of the Relay for Life, The Shave for Cancer, Mat De Hoog winning the Melanie Godfrey-Smith Prize for Music, the Youth Science Forum in Singapore’s Hwa Chong Institute, student dance troupes competing in the Eisteddfod finals and the Year 11 and 12 Drama and Performance Class presenting The Venetian Twins.

Phew! I think you might call this a flying start. Well done to all.

Mr Warwick Dean
Principal
“It is a myth that Coke makes you fat...
It is a myth that Coke rots your teeth.”
(page7 of the Weekend Australian April 4-5 2009)

That was the gist of an advertising campaign that played on the “myth-buster” theme. The smiling children boast that they have a “myth-busting mum”. She then explains the reasonable step of including Coke as part of a healthy diet for her children.

This suggestion prompted some outrage from various groups interested in dietary habits. The Advertising Standards Board said that the campaign was fine but earlier this year the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission decided that it misrepresented the truth in a material way and required a public apology. A full-page advertisement in seven major newspapers across Australia suggested that the advertisers should have been clearer. No doubt the company discovered that confession is good for the soul!

At the end of Term One I spoke to the boys about a healthy relationship with God as an “ABC”. Coca Cola demonstrated the first one for us – “A” for Admit. We need to start with “clearing the air” between us and God. If we have spent little time thinking about God or acting in ways that acknowledge his role in our lives, then we need to start by admitting that even card-carrying Christians regularly ignore God and need to “fess up”. Confession has had a bad name in recent years as guilt-inducing; but as a young secular adolescent I remember feeling guilty almost constantly. It would have been great if someone had helped me to deal with guilt in a healthy way. Confession or admitting I’m wrong is a necessary and helpful part of a relationship with God.

John Newton was a great example of a man who had a huge load of guilt to deal with. He was a slave trader who profited from the misery of fellow human beings. He crammed African men, women and children into spaces that would not allow them to stretch out fully on the ships that held them for weeks at a time. A cry to God during a fierce storm made him rethink his life. He started to read the Bible for himself and to remove the vices from his life. Although he remained a slave trader, he began to believe the message, concluding that Jesus Christ had died for his sin. He believed (“B”). But there was more to come.

He realised that, as a slave trader, his whole life had been based on a false premise and he needed to change. So he gave his life over to God and asked Him to fix the wrongs and make him a new man. This was his Commitment (“C”). The results, by any measure, were extraordinary. John Newton became a pastor and preached the Gospel. As he did so, he confessed the life he had lived, including a denunciation of the hideous but legal slave trade. A young man in his congregation heard the message and set about changing this injustice. Eventually William Wilberforce, with the help and encouragement of his old pastor, banned the traffic of slaves in the British Empire. What an astonishing result from one man coming to faith in Jesus Christ!

Newton wrote a song that inspired generations – you may know it: Amazing Grace. It discloses his movement from a “wretch” who was blind and lost, to a man who can stand, seeing clearly and found by the God who created and saved him. A simple ABC – Admit, Believe, Commit – changed a life and profoundly influenced the Western world.*

My first term has been a chaotic yet encouraging start at Hutchins. My thanks go to staff, parents and boys who have been friendly and helpful as I get used to my new home. In particular, I have been delighted by the great assistance of our Community Chaplain, Mark Nash, a former NBL basketballer currently playing for the Chargers, who gives us two days of his busy week. I was also humbled and encouraged by my commissioning at the Cathedral and wish to thank the Hutchins community for that amazing welcome.

Reverend Matthew Gray (Rev Matt)

* Many people may have missed the movie Amazing Grace (Walden Media, 2006), which details the life of William Wilberforce and gives no small credit to John Newton. I heartily recommend this inspiring true story.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Hutchins was again an active participant in the Relay for Life at the Domain Athletics Centre in March. Not only did the boys take part directly in the event but they also undertook a number of fundraising activities in the lead-up to the weekend.

Another event that the boys got behind during term was the Shave for a Cure, while the SRC also raised over $4000 for the Bush Fire Relief Appeal.
In mid January Edward Pascoe and John Wilson attended the inaugural IBSC (Independent Boys' School Coalition) Leadership Conference at Christ Church Grammar School in Perth. They have provided a report on the event:

The conference was attended by School Captains and Vice Captains from major Independent boys' schools from around Australia, and was aimed at providing extra information and training to further our leadership qualities.

Activities included a number of high quality speakers (such as recently retired cricketer Justin Langer, world class sailor Peter Gilmour and Ros Worthington, a key figure in WA charity circles) as well as leadership development activities such as learning to be part of a team on a tall ship (SS Leeuwin). The conference also included a visit to the SAS barracks, which gave us a view of leadership from the other end of the spectrum.

The conference was a great opportunity for us to talk with other boys taking on similar roles and added several dimensions to our approach to leadership. We walked away with a greater understanding of ways in which to lead people and how to involve their ideas and values along with ours.

Leadership must come from inside and passion is the key

Edward Pascoe and John Wilson
COMMUNITY EVENTS

NEW PARENT DINNER

Our New Parent Dinner this year stretched the capacity of the venue with over 160 new parents (along with some “old hands” and senior staff) attending this important “welcome to Hutchins” event. Sponsored each year by the Hutchins Foundation, the dinner not only welcomes new parents but lays the foundations for getting involvement and support for the School in a variety of ways.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAYS

Term One saw us holding Grandparents’ Days for the Early Learning Centre (ELC), Middle School and Senior Schools. These are always fantastic days, widely anticipated by both the grandparents and the boys.
MOTHERS’ DINNER

Just how do you silence 70 mothers intent on having a good chinwag? This was one of the challenges facing the boys from the Student Representative Council (SRC) when they put on a special Mothers’ Day Dinner in May.

The answer turned out to be really easy – bring on Jordan McCreary (backed by Matt de Hoog on keyboards) with a special song “just for the mums in the audience”.

The dinner was a new event on the calendar. The settings and service had a definite “boys’ touch” and might not have been completely perfect (garden gnomes holding down the balloons formed the feature decorations!) but the enthusiasm of the boys was evident in the way they served the mums.

There was great food plus some fantastic entertainment. In addition to Jordan’s conversation-stopping performance, Will Colvin’s band performed at the start of the evening. A special guest appearance by Barrie Irons and his chocolate wheel helped separate some of the mums from the contents of their purses.

The evening raised over $1000 for the SRC’s charity for Term One (Bushfire Relief), and is sure to become an annual fixture.

Dads won’t be forgotten either, with a breakfast being planned for the last week of Term Two.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Anzac Day is always a special occasion on the School calendar. This year we invited back a number of Old Boys to join us at the special Anzac Day Assembly.

Mr Tom Vincent (1954), Mr John Kerr (former staff), Hon Michael Hodgman QC (1956) and Hugh Burridge (2008) look on at the Anzac Day Assembly.
**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**2009 MELANIE GODFREY-SMITH PRIZE**

Matthew De Hoog is the winner of the 2009 Melanie Godfrey-Smith Prize, presented at the first assembly in Term One. Matthew is pictured here with his parents, Mary and Peter.

The Melanie Godfrey-Smith Prize is an annual prize valued at over $1500. Mrs Godfrey-Smith is a former parent, and a passionate supporter of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, and has established this award in order to encourage students to develop and share that passion. The prize itself comprises two gold tickets to all TSO and Australian Youth Orchestra concerts in Hobart, as well as an opportunity for the recipient to mix with the orchestra members and visiting performers and conductors.

Footnote: in May Matthew performed (on oboe) as a soloist at a reception at Government House.

**CHATS YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM**

During the Easter holidays six boys travelled to the Hwa Chong School in Singapore to participate in the CHATS Youth Science Forum. CHATS is an acronym for China, Hong Kong, Australia, Taiwan and Singapore. Schools from each country meet annually to present scientific investigations they have been carrying out throughout the year. Representing Hutchins were, from Year 10, George Dargaville (testing the effectiveness of red blood cell membrane stabilisers), Charles Haward (how age changes hamstring flexibility), David Lord (investigating a Gauss gun) and Anton Roberts (the effect of using recycled water on agricultural crops). Sam Crofts and Michael Manthey from Year 9 also teamed up for a presentation (developing a personal energy source).

The excursion also provided an opportunity to experience a different culture and to tour the busy island of Singapore. Visits included the National History Museum, the Science Museum and Imax, Little India, Chinatown, the Marina Barrage, Jurong Point shopping mall and Vivocity. The final day was a fun-filled tour of Sentosa Island. The forum was a rewarding experience and, despite the high temperatures and humidity, a great time was had by all. All the boys were great ambassadors for The Hutchins School.

**2009 WEBBER LECTURE**

The Webber Lecture is an annual event named after the Reverend Michael Webber, the former Dean of Hobart, who delivered the inaugural lecture in the series in 1998. The focus of each lecture is on ethics and the lecture forms a key part of the School’s Religion and Philosophy program.

This year’s Webber Lecture was delivered by His Excellency The Honourable Peter Underwood AC Governor of Tasmania.

The title of his paper was “Electronic Communication in the New Millennium: is it Affecting our Social Intelligence?”

We were truly delighted that the Governor was able to deliver what was a challenging and thought-provoking lecture on a topic that is extremely relevant today.

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**FOOTNOTE:** in May Matthew performed (on oboe) as a soloist at a reception at Government House.
In early May the Year 11 and 12 Drama / Performance class presented *The Venetian Twins* - A Musical Comedy by Nick Enright and Terence Clarke, based on the play of the same name by Carlo Goldoni (1747).

We presented a mix of the old and new – modern elements stylised from traditional acting techniques and themes. *Commedia dell’arte* emerged as a popular form of entertainment in Italy during the mid-1500s through to the mid-1700s.

We gave *Commedia* an Australian flavour by exploring the highly visual, physical and energetic stock characters. We certainly brought the audience a comedy with a twist!

Mrs Michelle Weeding
Head of Performing Arts

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The Hutchins School funded a three day artist-in-residence program this year with the participation of a group of Year 11/12 Art Production students. We were fortunate to obtain Tasmanian artist, Benjamin Kluss (aka Jamin) who specialises in graffiti/Stencil art. Students learnt the art of stencilling and spray painting on a large scale. The workshop culminated in the design and creation of a permanent communal art frieze on the large brick wall between the Art block and the Middle School basketball courts. The frieze remains a work in progress and we envisage it’s completion by the end of 2009. We would like to express appreciation to all those involved in implementing this program.

Mrs Rachelle Robinson • Mr Joshua Hanek
This year, as part of our learning, our Year 5 class has been growing some vegetable gardens. We started off by getting five apple crates. Mr Stevens, a community gardener, came in and helped us fill the apple crates with soil and then helped us add lime, manure and potting mix. After doing that we planted carrot, spring onion and beetroot seeds in seed tapes. We then planted seedlings of silver beet, lettuce, broccoli and cauliflower, and watched them grow. We also did surveys of how well the plants were growing and how tall they were.

After the Easter break, a retired horticulturist named Helen came in to help develop our plants even further. She showed us how to thin out the carrots and beetroot. Aphids were starting to be a problem. We didn’t spray the plants because our gardens are organic. Instead, we tried to pick the aphids off with our fingers. We also had our first salad that day! Yum!

The next time we went up we got some polystyrene boxes and filled them with potting mix. We planted sage, chives, Italian parsley, curly parsley and thyme in them. After that we got some snow peas that Helen had kindly soaked for us and planted them in our vegetable gardens.

We all brought an empty milk carton to our gardens to fill with potting mix. We had already named paddle-pop sticks so that we knew which milk carton was which. When we got back to the classroom we took some broad beans, which we had soaked overnight, made a hole a thumb deep in our potting mix and put in the bean.

After two weeks growing in the classroom, our beans were ready to transplant into the garden. We were shown how to tip the soil out and put the seedling in the hole we had dug in the garden. In the space where we had harvested the lettuce and cauliflower from, we made two drills and sowed some carrot and radish seeds.

After the holidays we will harvest the carrots, beetroot, rainbow beet and broccoli. Yummy!

Rainjan Blakers (Year 5)

Although the day started in bright sunshine at Dru Point, the black clouds and drizzling rain rolled over the hills just as the buses arrived!

Despite a wet start, our Kinder students got events under way and followed the Hutchins Lion around their course, cheered on by many mums, dads and grandparents. Our Preps were also hot on the Lion’s heels as they took off around their course and were then followed by the Year One and Two students. Congratulations to all of our boys from the ELC who ran fantastically in very trying conditions. A huge thanks to all parents and friends who came along to support their children.

By the time the Junior School boys took to the course the clouds had cleared away and sun was again shining. It was still quite cold, but all boys gave it their best shot and all present witnessed a fine display of athletic ability and steely determination. Congratulations to all boys who competed: you put in a great effort and did your house teams proud.

When the points were tallied there could only be one winner, School House, which was closely followed by Stephens, Thorold and Buckland, in that order.

Mr Shane McAloon
Director of Junior School Sport
Our diverse summer sport program now offers Hutchins students the opportunity to participate in eighteen sports and activities. Congratulations go to the boys who have participated and a tremendous thank you must go to our coaches and administrators. Their continual efforts and support for our boys is indicative of The Hutchins School spirit.

SWIMMING

On Wednesday 11 March at the Southern SATIS Swimming Carnival and Friday 27 March at the State SATIS meet, the Middle and Senior School boys participated well and often courageously at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Hutchins won the Aggregate Boys Trophy at the SSATIS carnival and gained two second places at the SATIS carnival. Launceston Church Grammar School enjoyed the state finals, taking seven out of nine possible events. Alec Guerzoni broke the Under 14 50m Breaststroke event in the SSATIS carnival, having several winning races in all strokes at both meets, while Captain Nicholas Cannell also had outstanding results and provided expert coaching throughout the term.

The teams were:

**Under 13:** Rajat Rao, Mitchell Hibberd, Jock Stalker, Ben Robinson, Oli Jones

**Under 14:** Alec Guerzoni, Cam Brumby, Ed Burrows-Cheng, Sam Rhodes, George White, Ben Watkins, Henry Garrett

**Under 15:** Jarrod Hibberd, Max Macmillan, Sam Heron, Hugh Nichols, Seung Won Kim, Ben Macmillan

**Under 16:** Chris Peterson, George Williams, Alexander Hay, Matthew Allanby, Rory Middleton, Andre Postma, Charles Haward, Henry West

**Open:** Nicholas Cannell, Lewis Stadler, Henry Williams, Jack Bishop, Simon Hay, Dwayne Fitzpatrick, Dougal Middleton

TENNIS

Thanks to the exceptional coaching of Mr Ray Harrison and administration of Mr Peter Crofts, Tennis continues to develop at Hutchins. The SATIS Firsts and Seconds Tennis finals were played at Hutchins on Friday 3 April. The Hutchins Firsts team of James Roberts-Thomson, Shaun Thomas, Jack Saffin (c), Jack McMeniman and Ed Pascoe (unavailable due to clash with Cricket) were up against Scotch Oakburn College. Doubles matches were played first, with the top Hutchins pairing of James Roberts-Thomson and Shaun Thomas coming out on top 7-5, 6-3. Scotch Oakburn were too strong in the second doubles, defeating Jack Saffin and Jack McMeniman 2–6, 1–6.

In the singles matches there was some power hitting with a nail-biting victory from Shaun Thomas (3-6, 6-4,10-4) and good efforts from Jack McMeniman and Captain of Tennis Jack Saffin. The day concluded with a great win from James Roberts-Thomson (6-2, 6-4) at line 1 in another high-quality match. This placed Hutchins at a dead even 3 rubbers all, but sadly, after count-back, Scotch was victorious, winning by 7 sets to 6. The Hutchins Seconds, Harrison Hughes, Charles Dargaville, Julian Brown, Tom Misson, Oliver Burke and Luke McKay (reserve), played Launceston Church Grammar. Harrison Hughes and Charles Dargaville had a close match in the top doubles but it wasn’t reflected in the score: they were defeated 2-6, 4-6 by the Grammar boys. Julian Brown and Oliver Burke, on the other hand, delivered, winning 6-3, 7-6. Harrison led the charge in the singles, coming back from a set down to clinch a great win in a third-set super tie-break 3-6, 6-2, 10-8. Tom Misson played some power tennis to win in two sets 6-0, 7-6 and the final was clinched when Julian Brown prevailed in his rubber 7-5, 6-2. Charles just failed to make a clean sweep of the singles losing his match in the third-set super tie-break 3-6, 6-4, 8-10. The final match score saw Hutchins Seconds winning the state final by 4 rubbers, 9 sets to 2 rubbers, 5 sets.
ORIENTEERING

Orienteering continues to draw large numbers to the sport, with Hutchins boys participating in the 2009 Tasmanian Schools Orienteering Championships held at Austins Ferry on Sunday 5 April. Congratulations to George Williams on his victory in the Boys Senior 11/12B division.

ROWING

Hutchins continues to be a strong force on the sport of Rowing. The Hutchins School Boat Club experienced a fabulous Head of the River regatta at Lake Barrington on 4 April 2009. The First VIII won a close-fought race from St Patricks’ College by two-thirds of a length – just three seconds over a 2000m course – and well clear of Launceston Church Grammar, Scotch Oakburn College and The Friends’ School. Congratulations to the winning crew of Jamie Pope, Charles Jackson, Charles Holmes, James Heron, Sam Hunnibell, George Burbury, Tom Chapman (Captain of Boats), Nathan Holloway, Nick Edwards (Cox) and to Coach Mr Mike Partridge and Fitness and Conditioning Coach Mr Ron Nylander.

All age groups won their senior events, the Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 boys all winning their quad sculls. Hutchins crews rowed first and second in the Under16 VIII event and all age groups had great success in other divisions and boat sizes.

The Hutchins School Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 boys won the Junior Aggregate Trophy with 84 points from St Patricks’ College (65), and Launceston Church Grammar and St Patrick’s College came equal third on 58. The Hutchins School Under 16s won the Senior Aggregate Trophy with 63 points from St Virgil’s College (50) and The Friends’ School (37).

The Hutchins School Open squad missed the Open Aggregate Trophy by one point: the winner was The Friends’ School, with St Patrick’s College third. This was a great effort: the First VIII only rowed the Senior VIII event, meaning it was up to the First IV in all other events to accrue the points.

A sincere thank you to all parents and supporters who, through their expertise and selfless commitment, enabled the season to be so successful. The efforts of those parents, Old Boys and friends of the School who made up the coaching squad are especially appreciated.

Thank you to all the supporters including the school bus contingent. It was great to see the First VIII moving down to the ways to a loud rendition of the School Song. They were sent on their way to a strong Zeemalah and strongly supported at the 1900m mark.

BASKETBALL

Basketball at Hutchins continues to improve. All grades play in the SSATIS competition. Year 8, Year 9 and First teams made it through to their respective finals, with the Year 8 team and Firsts winning their finals. The Firsts team, captained by Robinson Vignes, has had an excellent first term and, with their win against GYC in the southern final, now play St Patricks’ College in the state final to be held on Wednesday 21 October in Launceston. This will be the first time a state final has been held for basketball. Jordan Stanwix, James McMahon, and Ashley Afoomas-King were all dominant during the season, with big man Francis Pascal chipping in on the boards, and Year 9 Jhobin Aflatooni playing some excellent minutes off the bench.

SAILING

Our sailors continue to excel at both state and national level. Our teams finished first and second in the State Schools Team Sailing Championships held at the Sandy Bay Sailing Club over the Easter weekend. Hutchins will now be invited to compete in the National Schools Team Sailing Championship in Brisbane in July. Congratulations to the Captains Elliott Noye and Rohan Langford and all the sailors who sailed during the championships. Congratulations also to Mr Murray Jones for his brilliant coaching and the many parents who have helped with Sailing at Hutchins.
CYCLING

Our Cycling teams have been competing extremely well in all disciplines. Mountain Biking (MTB) was also included for the first time in our Summer Sports Day program. Most noted competitors have been Eugene Smith in the national downhill MTB championships and Henry West who recently came second in the Devon 80 cycle race through Deloraine. Congratulations to all our cyclists and to Mr Michael Thorne for his continued enthusiasm and coaching.

SPORT SHOOTING

Sport Shooting is now in its third year of operation. Recently Hutchins held the inaugural Hutchins Sport Shooting Invitational against Launceston Church Grammar School. The past two encounters between our schools at both state championships have seen LCGS win by one bird each contest. This time Hutchins had LCGS’s measure and took home the invitational again by one solitary bird. Thanks must go to Mr Kent Moore (Teacher in Charge), Mr Stuart Headley and Mr Ray Williams for their support.

CRICKET

Cricket at Hutchins this year was another for the record books. Deputy Principal Mr Barrie Irons continued as coach and the season started with a fine win against the Old Boys. Larry Owen was the destroyer with 6 for 42. We then reclaimed the Boot trophy from Peninsula School with a win by five wickets despite rain washing out the second day. Marcus Davies, winner of the David Brammall Medal, bowled fast and accurately to snare 6 for 26. The team then set off to Perth to play matches against Scotch College, Hale School and Christ Church Grammar. Despite missing a few senior players the team performed well managing to win two out of the four games we played. Dougal Middleton (Vice Captain), Edward Pascoe and Aaron Headley provided the batting highlights on tour. New boy Francis Pascal claimed seven wickets, including a hat trick, in his first game for the School. Skipper Robb Macmillan chipped in well with bat and ball.

For the second year in a row we went through the season unbeaten, winning many of the games by a substantial margin. This allowed us to host the state final, playing against Launceston Church Grammar School. We started as overwhelming favourites, having defeated Grammar twice. LCGS was sent in to bat and dismissed for 179. Joe Carroll was the destroyer with 5 for 16. Our batting was put to the test with some good LCGS bowling, which saw us bowled out for 139 despite a stubborn 34 not out from Aaron Headley. Rain was threatening as LCGS went in to bat again and was skittled for 79, Robb Macmillan claiming 5 for 25 and Marcus Davies 3 for 19. We had the relatively simple task of scoring 120 runs to win in about 35 overs. An opening stand of 42 put us in the driving seat. However, this task became too great – all out for 74. Matt Clark (33) and Aaron Headley provided the only real resistance. Full marks to LCGS for never giving up. The team deserved its victory in two days of gripping cricket.

The individual highlight of the season was the all-round performance of Joe Carroll. He topped the batting averages with 322 runs, including 108 not out against Scotch Oakburn College, at 46 per innings, the bowling averages (26 wickets at 8.7) and also won the Richardson Award. Other top performances came from Robb Macmillan with 23 wickets at 12.3 and Sam Allender 88 against SOC.

WEIGHTS AND FITNESS

The introduction of Weights and Fitness as a stand-alone sport has seen a large number of boys engaging in fitness during lunchtimes. Under the careful and knowledgeable instruction of Mr Roy Servant, boys have been swapping the chips and pies for activity. With the addition of Miss Danielle Calvert as fitness instructor three times a week, the boys have had a mini boot-camp style training environment during the forty-minute lunch break. This has been an exceptional innovation for our sport program. Thanks must go to all the boys, Miss Calvert and Mr Servant for a tremendous program, which was a 2008 finalist in the Tasmania Get Active Awards.

Mr Wayne Brown
Director of Sport
We were truly delighted towards the end of Term One when legendary Hutchins Science Master Mr Vern Osborn paid a visit to Hutchins. Mr Osborn taught Science at Hutchins for thirty years from 1954. During this time he saw the move from Macquarie Street to the current campus, as well massive changes in the teaching of Science.

The year kicked off with Staff Development activities during the week before the boys came back to School. This provides an excellent opportunity for staff to be trained in key areas such as first aid and safety as well as a range of more direct personal and professional skills. It is also an opportunity for faculties and mini-schools to put their planning in place for the coming year.

One feature was the staff dinner at the end of the week, which was held at the Old School, highlighting the importance of the traditions of Hutchins. Staff and their partners were invited and the dinner was addressed by Mr Phil Smith, ABC journalist, Air Force Reserves Squadron Leader and storyteller, who delivered a strong and relevant message that “what you do matters”.

The dinner is generously supported by The Hutchins Foundation, who sees the event as an important part of building the sense of community at Hutchins.

On Thursday 6 August a special afternoon tea for past staff will be held at the School, commencing at 3.00 pm. All past staff (retired or still working) are warmly invited. Contact Tony Smithies on (03) 6221 4206 if you would like further information.
The 2009 Fair was the biggest event in years, with record crowds and record results. Although the results are still being finalised, it looks as if this year’s event has raised some $25,000, which the Parents’ Association will return to the School.

The Fair featured a number of new activities this year, along with all the old regulars: the rides, climbing wall, food stalls, book stalls and chocolate wheel. The motor bike Show and Shine organised by current parent Mr Greg Rowell certainly got everyone’s attention, with a dozen Harley-Davidsons and other bikes roaring unannounced into the middle of the fair at 6.00 pm, while the introduction of Laser Skirmish proved very popular. We also had a special kiddies entertainment from Makebelieve, which was well received. The event wound up with another innovation – a post-fair concert by Old Boy and Melbourne-based recording artist Mr Cameron Tapp.
In recent years the Parents’ Association has implemented a process whereby staff can submit applications for financial support for specific projects around the School. This process has recently been completed, and the following projects were approved:

- Purchase of a new piano for the Music Department (benefit from Kindergarten through to Year 12)
- Essential repairs to the Chapel Organ (benefits whole of School)
- Purchase of fifty chairs for the Conference Centre (benefits whole of School)
- Additional resources for the Centre for Excellence (benefits students in Years 3 to 12)
- Purchase of additional furniture for the Junior School Library (benefits students in Years 3 to 6)
- Equipment and materials to support the PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) in ELC (benefits students in Kinder to Year 1)
- Play equipment for the ELC (benefits students in Kinder – Year 2)
- Gym equipment for the Senior School Sport and Fitness program (benefits students in Years 7 -12)

In total these projects are valued at approximately $35,000 and represent your efforts being put to positive use. You can help by getting involved and supporting Parents’ Association events.

A new event on the calendar will be the Parents’ Association Race Day at Elwick on Sunday 11 October. This will not only be a great social outing but also an opportunity for members of our community to promote their business through sponsoring a race and organising client hospitality. If you would like more details please contact Tony Smithies on (03) 6221 4206.

What could be better than having Mum or Dad volunteer to take your place in class for a day? Well, that’s what happens with Middle School Swap Day, when the parents get to experience first hand what goes on in the classroom.

Amazingly, none of the parents received a detention during the day!

Old Boy Mr Andrew Hall (1985) headed straight to the back of the classroom when he attended this year’s Middle School Swap Day early in Term One.

The sporting highlight of Term One was undoubtedly the Staff victory in the Staff v Student Tug of War – we’ll let the pictures tell the story!
The Hutchins Foundation has just completed the 2009 round of Follow Your Dreams. The program was introduced last year to assist students, through cash support, to pursue and achieve a dream.

The growth in applications has been fantastic, with thirty-two applications received this year. The judging process was extremely difficult as there were just so many top applications. In the end, eight awards were made.

Rob Mallett and Connor Sweeney both received awards for assistance with specialist singing lessons. Joe McGrath was given an award to help him with training and coaching for Equestrian events. Ben Lieutier received support for specialist art materials. Stuart Ednie will receive assistance with paying for flying lessons. Luke Chamberlain received an award to assist with the purchase of woodworking tools. James Wheller will use his award to help purchase a new performance keyboard and Henry West will be purchasing special night training lights to help him pursue his competitive cycling dream.

Each of the awardees had something in common: a clear vision and a demonstrated passion for the dreams they were pursuing. All boys are encouraged to apply for these awards in future years.

The Hutchins Foundation Bequests Committee, headed by Mr John St Hill, recently launched a new information brochure, which has been included in this issue of Magenta and Black.

The Foundation encourages every member of the Hutchins community to consider leaving a gift to Hutchins as part of their Will. Even a small percentage of a modern estate can translate into a significant gift to the School and at the same time it provides a positive and productive memorial for the donor.

If you would like more information, please contact Mr Tony Smithies in the Foundation Office on (03) 6221 4206.

This year’s Annual Appeal was recently launched. It will focus on providing additional resources for the various libraries across the School. As the libraries provide key learning resources, and given the developments that are shortly to commence with the new Learning Centre, this appeal is very important. Donors can specify which library they would like their funds directed to.
The Hutchins Archives and Heritage Collection continues to grow and develop, with the many generous donations received since the last edition of Magenta and Black adding to the fascinating school, community and personal histories gathered there. To encourage the boys to come in and browse there are daily screenings of videos from the collection. While there, they can experience “real” typing on a 1930s portable typewriter, or make an archives bookmark using the former Hutchins Foundation seal stamp. More requests for historical assistance from students, staff and members of the public are making a busy job even more frenetic, while helping to raise the profile and increase the usefulness of our historically significant collection.

Volunteers Mr Richard Lord, Mrs Alex Hagan and Mr David Brammall provide invaluable assistance – with Richard acting as general research assistant and working on the completion of a staff inventory, Alex cataloguing the uniform collection and David naming and dating photographs. Mrs Catherine Dean is researching “Hutchins women”, digging up fascinating information about the wives, sisters and daughters of former headmasters. Student volunteers Ben Schneider, Nik Charles and Zach Lieutier are scanning school magazines for uploading to Sharepoint, eventually to be made available to the wider community via the worldwide web. We are sincerely grateful for all their efforts. We are also grateful to Mr Ian Madden and Mr Chester Pearson for the opportunity to copy their school photographs for inclusion in the collection.

Ms Margaret Mason-Cox
ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN

Recent Acquisitions


Copy of Junior School photograph, 1948 – donated by Mr W G Wallace (1946, no. 3898), Nov 2008.


Assorted papers – donated by Mr D C P Brammall (1945, no. 3789), Nov 2008.

Underwood portable typewriter, belonged to Dr Aretas William Overton Young – donated by daughter, Mrs Margaret Headlam, Nov 2008.

Painting of Macquarie Street School (donated Jul 2008); two photographs; HSOBA blazer; belonged to Tom Vincent (1943, no. 3703) – donated by Mr T W Vincent, Nov 2008.

Trophy: Champion Rifle Shot of School, won by Ian Madden (1945, no. 3816), 1951; Athletics Certificate, J M Madden (1914, no. 2050), 1918; postcard featuring Macquarie Street building, 1908 – donated by Mr I M Madden, Nov 2008.


Silver pendant for batting average, awarded to Ron Rattenbury, 1954; assorted photographs (7) of Hutchins sports teams and boarders – donated by Mr R H Rattenbury (1950, no. 4149), Nov 2008.

Framed medals, Companion of Order of St Michael and St George awarded to Thomas Murdoch (1883, no. 1087), President of Legislative Council of Tasmania, 1943; licence, Chevalier of the Order of the Crown, awarded to Thomas Murdoch, 1939; assorted photographs; The Bulletin newspaper, 5 September 1918 – donated by son Mr T B Murdoch (1927, no. 2869), Nov 2008.
Diaries, photographs, letters, papers belonged to former student C S W Rayner (1902, no. 1613) – donated by Mr Peter MacFie, Nov 2008.


Book: The Official History of the Hutchins School; assorted photographs and certificates: The Tasmanian Mail pictorial, 1 June 1907 – donated by the family of the late Mr Paul M Sansom (1936, no. 3362), Nov/Dec 2008.


Book prizes: The Rise of the Dutch Republic: a history by J L Motley (3 vols), awarded to H C Webster, Form VI, 1921; Lives of the Engineers: Boulton and Watt by S Smiles, awarded to H C Webster, Dux of Form VI, 1921 (1917, no. 2196); Stories from Shakespeare by Thomas Carter, awarded to D E Webster, Form Illa, 1921 (1922, no. 2559); Stories of Whales: and other sea creatures by F T Bullen, awarded to D E Webster, 1924; framed print of old Hutchins, assorted medals – donated by Mr Ashley Webster, son of D E Webster, Nov 2008.

Scanned photograph of Hutchins Cadets, c1941 – donated by Mrs Susan Hall, daughter of Gregory John Clark (1937, no. 3396), Nov 2008.


Book: An Historical Atlas of Modern Europe from 1789 to 1922 by C Grant Robertson and J G Bartholomew, Scripture Prize awarded to G G Blackwood (1933, no. 3196), 1936 – donated by Mr K C McKenzie, Jan 2009.


Silver honour badges, athletics, 1913–16 (7); Hutchins, Cananore Football Club cap and jumper badges and boater ribbon, Queens College boater ribbon detail; Hutchins School, Southern Tasmanian Secondary Schools’ Athletic Association Championship Certificates, 1918 (6); HSOBA blazer pocket; Queens College leavers’ dinner menu; Associated Schools’ Annual Sports Meeting programme, 1919, belonged to Alan D Goodfellow (1913, no. 1972) – donated by Mrs Helen Clennett (Goodfellow) on behalf of family members Pat (Collins) and Alan Charles Goodfellow (1946, no. 3873, d. 2008), 26 Mar 2009.


Videos and cassettes, belonged to Jeffery M Boyes – donated by Ms Christine Howard, Freemasons Home, Lindisfarne, 23 Apr 2009.
BENEATH THE IVIED TOWER

OBITUARIES

We are saddened to report the passing of the following Old Boys. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Mr Anthony Ashbolt (1931 leaver)  
Mr John Burton (1960)  
Mr Wallace Geeves (1945)  
Mr Robert Ireland (1967)  
Mr Robert Kellett (1960)  
Mr Alastair McLeod (1984)  
Mr Matthew Morgan (1997)  
Mr Stuart (John) Pixley (1956)  
Mr John Sorrell (1955)  
Mr Graeme Stafford (1941)  
Mrs Mona Stephens (Past Staff)  
Mr Ben Symonds (1925)  
Mr Cam Tyson (1939)

GEOFFREY COLMAN QC (1944)

We were saddened to learn late last year of the passing of our 1944 Senior Prefect Geoffrey Colman QC. Geoffrey became a prominent barrister in Victoria and was a driving force behind Old Boy activities in Victoria for most of his life. He was also a regular supporter of the School and a regular visitor to Tasmania. His most recent visit to Hutchins was in 2006, when he took part in the Induction of Senior Prefect Mat de Gouveia.

ANTHONY ASHBOILT

Mr Ashbolt was a prominent and innovative Tasmanian businessman, and was managing director of AG Webster and Sons from 1957 to 1982 and chairman until his retirement in 1993. He entered Hutchins in 1931, and subsequently his sons and grandsons were also enrolled as students. His son Andrew is a former Chairman of the Board of Management.

BENEATH THE IVIED TOWER

HSOBA ON THE MOVE

The Hutchins School Old Boys’ Association under the guidance of new President Nicholas Dwyer (1999) is currently working on a strategic plan for the next five years. Part of this exercise has involved a workshop with some of the Senior School boys, to pick their brains and find out what they think. The workshop was conducted by Mike Gozzi (2000) and Ralph Jackson (1983).

The Strategic Plan for the HSOBA will be released at the AGM on Tuesday 18 August 2009.

FATHER-SON COMBO

The 2008 President of the Hutchins Old Boys’ Association Tony Park had the pleasure of presenting his son, Alistair, with his Old Boy Badge just before last year’s Valedictory Chapel Service. These occasions don’t come along very often and we are delighted to have captured it on camera.
A new event hit the Old Boy calendar in March with drinks at the Principal's residence for Old Boys who are also current parents at the School. The evening was well attended with around forty Old Boys on a brilliant March evening!

Hutchins’ Librarian Ms Katie Richardson married Simon Holloway on Saturday 2 May at Meadowbank Estate. The wedding was attended by a large Hutchins contingent.

Alexander Sharman (1994), former Hutchins student and Captain of Rugby, gained his first test cap recently playing in the World Cup Rugby Qualifying round for Paraguay against Uruguay in Montevideo. This was followed by games against Chile and Argentina. He has spent the last seven years playing Rugby in the UK, USA, Spain, and now Paraguay.

Guest Speaker at the 2008 Ray Vincent Lunch was 1995 leaver and local stockbroker Matthew Torenius. Matthew provided an entertaining but thought provoking analysis of the current financial crisis.

The Ray Vincent Lunch also saw David Brammall (1956) being presented with an Honorary Life Membership of the Old Boys’ Association. David has provided extraordinary service to Hutchins first as a student (and as Senior Prefect in both 1955 and 1956), as a staff member, Deputy Principal and on a number of occasions as acting Principal, and as a long time cricket coach. Since retirement, David has retained an active interest in the Hutchins community.
The following biographical updates have recently been submitted to the Website.

**John Biggs** (1951) writes “I retired from the University of Hong Kong in 1995, but return frequently to consult on University teaching. The rest of my time I spend in Mt. Nelson writing novels, most with a Sino-Australian flavour. My fourth, Tin Dragons, is an historical romance about Chinese tin miners in NE Tasmania in the nineteenth century and was published this year. Webpage: www.johnbiggs.com.au”

**Peter Anderson** (1959) is retired and living at Coles Bay. He still does some land surveying, seniors rowing and enjoys time with his grandchildren.

**Michael Hudson** (1962 Senior Prefect) is a paediatrician in private practice in Indiana USA.

**Tony Arnold** (1967) retired from AMP in 2005 after 37 years of service (the last 20 years were in the Superannuation area). He now spends his spare time at his shack fishing and diving around the Tasman Peninsula area.

**Christopher Holloway** (1974) is a Director of JMG Engineers & Planners - Head of Electrical Section. He joined the Hutchins Board of Management in 2008.

**Ross Paul** (1976) is Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer with the Bakers Investment Group. Based in South East Queensland, they provide a range of Financial Services and Products in Alternate Energy (www.bakersgroup.com.au). Prior to this he spent 18 years with the World Bank in Washington DC, South Africa and Australia in senior technical and managerial roles. His final position with the World Bank was as Manager (Business Planning and Resource Allocation), responsible for co-ordinating the business planning and US$2+ billion administrative budget of the World Bank covering their 10,000 staff in 100+ offices around the world and operations in over 180 countries and territories.

**Marcus Laycock** (1976) has been busy with the development of historic properties in the Hobart city area and building up a good rental property base both commercial and domestic. He is President of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Chairman of Breakaway Inc, an organisation to provide disabled children and their families with a holiday experience on the Tasman Peninsula, and President of the Tasmanian Friends of the Australian Archaeological Institute in Athens. Otherwise, as he says, “my time is my own”.

**Shaun Lennard** (1979) is often in the news campaigning for motorcycle safety. He is National OHS Manager, Australian Taxation Office, Chairman of the Australian Motorcycle Council, President of the Tasmanian Motorcycle Council and a member of the Tasmanian Road Safety Council. He comments that “safety was my hobby, now it’s my job too!”

**Adam Coleman** (1983) has lived in the USA since 1994 and recently relocated to South Texas after eight years in North Carolina. He is working in the Oil and Petroleum industry and is married to Gabriella.

**Mark Kyle** (1984) is a Property Valuer with Herron, Todd, White in Bellerive. He and his wife Rachel have also operated food stalls at Salamanca Market since 1996. They have two boys, the youngest born earlier this year.

**Jeremy Buddle** (1987) is working as a GP in Lower Sandy Bay.

**Lewis Crofts** (1989) is happily living in Melbourne with his partner Sharon. He is working in the wholesale motorcycle industry with the Suzuki Motor Company.

**Stuart Burgess** (1989) has been living on the Sunshine Coast Queensland for about four years after travelling around Australia for two years. Married to Jo and has two daughters Ella (3) and Zara (1). Employed as a Sales Manager for a national steel firm, and is wondering where the last twenty years have gone.

**Andrew Clennett** (1989) is currently living in Perth after several years living and working internationally. Married to Catherine, also Tasmanian, with two children - Oliver and Sophia. He is working for Woodside Energy and busy building a home.

**Edward Clerk** (1989) married Nicola Thomson in 2002 and has two daughters, Louisa and Beatrice. They have
been living in Perth since 2004 after four and a half years living in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Edward works for Golder Associates as Manager of Mining Environmental Services and was appointed an Associate of the Company in 2009.

Sergei Nester (1989) is setting up ViewBuild offices around Tasmania, Australia and the world for the award winning ViewBuild software (check it out at www.viewbuild.com). Married to Jane Howlett (who is standing in the next State election) and has two children Dimitri (13) and Penelope (18 months).

Richard Palfreyman (1989) and brother Sam (1999) have recently re-furbished the old Dr Syntax Hotel in Sandy Bay Road and re-opened for business as The Bay Hotel. Getting great reviews for its food, wine and ambience, it’s well worth a visit.

William Gillham (1994) is currently working in the emergency department of a major regional hospital in Western Australia. He is about to go back to university to undertake further studies.

Michael Maclurkin (1994) now lives in the UK and sails regularly (competitively) from Southampton.

Geoffrey Owens (1994) is living in Kingston and running a business called Team Discovery, which runs adventure-based team development events (check them out at www.teamdiscovery.com.au). Geoffrey is married to Renae and they have three children.

Isaac Lawrence (1995) is working for BOC Gases Ltd Hobart as a Safety Sales Specialist. In addition he is running his own small business, Tassie Quad Adventures (www.tassiequadadventures.com.au)

Christopher Halse-Rogers (1999) writes that “Following completion of a BSc (Hons) at UTAS in 2003, I moved to Sydney to commence a PhD at UNSW at Kensington. I am in the process of final writing up of the thesis at present and am enrolled at the University of Sydney in a graduate degree in Education (Science/Mathematics). I am to be married in October to Samantha Wicks, an engineer, who hails from Perth”.

Rowan Ashby (2001) is working within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra.

Matthew Dean (2001) is a First Officer with FlyBe, Europe's largest regional airline. He lives in Southampton in the south of England.

Nicholas Bostock (2005) is currently studying music at the University of Tasmania.

Congratulations to Old Boy and Past Parent Tony Bisdee OAM (1962) on his recent award in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List. The Order of Australia Medal was awarded for services to local government and the Southern Midlands Community.
COMING EVENTS

Friday 14 August      Junior School Grandparents’ Day
Tuesday 18 August     HSOBA Annual General meeting
Friday 28 August      Jazz @ Hutchins
Thursday 3 September  Father/Son Breakfast
Friday 4 September    End of Term 2
Monday 21 September   Start of Term 3
Sunday 11 October    Parents’ Association Race Day
Tuesday 1 December    ELC and Junior School Speech Night
Friday 4 December     Ray Vincent Lunch
Tuesday 8 December    Middle School and Senior School Speech Night
Friday 11 December   Leavers’ Dinner

HUTCHINS SCHOOL OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION AGM 18 AUGUST 2009

Notice is hereby given that the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Hutchins School Old Boys’ Association will be held in the Conference Centre at The Hutchins School 71 Nelson Road on Tuesday 18 August at 5.30 pm. Nominations for the Committee and any business to be raised at the meeting needs to be received by the Secretary by close of business on Tuesday 4 August.

Nominations now open for the 2010 Ivied Tower Award

The 2010 Ivied Tower Award recipient will be announced at this year’s Ray Vincent Lunch in December.

If you would like to nominate an Old Boy for this award, please go to the Old Boy Website at www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/oldboys or contact Tony Smithies in the Alumni Office on (03) 6221 4206 for additional information. Nominations close on Friday 6 November.

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