



# MAGENTA & BLACK

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We will  
remember  
them.



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# What you do matters.

Courage is 'to stand up for what is right, even when it is not easy'.

- Fergus Charles, School Captain

Alexander Healy (Year 2) and James Pash (Year 12) participating in the Years 2 & 12 program

FROM THE HEADMASTER



DR ROB MCEWAN Headmaster

At the motivational heart of a virtuous state of character are the values of compassion and kindness that bring with them an imperative to care for others. It is not enough to simply aim to build good men of character or include the words of compassion, kindness, integrity, humility and courage in mottos or speeches. To be compassionate and kind requires all of us to value others and their wellbeing, to care for each other. It requires understanding and engagement. To be compassionate and kind requires us to act.



Dr Rob McEwan

Our School Captain, Fergus Charles, urged all boys to act when he shared the theme set by this year's Year 12 leaders – courage. Fergus told us that courage is 'to stand up for what is right even if it is not easy'. We can demonstrate courage through daily acts of kindness and compassion. By listening, speaking out and stepping up for those in need.

Amongst the articles included in this edition of Magenta and Black is a small sample of some of the important community issues that boys have engaged in to support others over the past semester. Examples include a focus on mental health with the adoption of SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY as this year's major charity. A school-wide approach to bullying that has included a parent/carer presentation on cyberbullying, boys in Year 8 producing anti-bullying videos, all boys in the Middle and Senior School participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying, and the School developing confidential reporting software to promote bystanders to speak up. The Year 12 leaders raised awareness around domestic violence through the event, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes that included senior girls from St Michael's Collegiate School joining the boys for the event. Respect and equality for women remained a focus throughout the semester with a highlight being an inspiring speech by Toni Moate, Telstra Business Woman of the Year, who encouraged all boys to become Male Champions of Change at the Mother's Day Breakfast.



[above] Year 2 and 12 students playing soccer together  
[left] James Anderson (Year 12) with Charles Denneutin (Year 2)



The development of character flourishes in a needs-supporting environment that provides boys with opportunities to engage meaningfully in the social issues that surround us in society. For this reason, a review of all community service initiatives is underway that aims to move service beyond fundraising to student engagement and service learning. This review is a key element in the expansion of character development in boys and will frame wellbeing initiatives within a context of giving – valuing others and their wellbeing and responding accordingly.

The development of character does not occur by accident. It is not something you turn on. It develops through years of conscious effort and attention until wise and courageous choices become ‘second nature’. Rules serve only to point us in the right direction. To check we are on the right track as our character is developing. Character is not something you remember to do or be. It is who you are. The opportunities for our boys to develop good character exist every day. ✦

Watch your thoughts, they become **words**;  
watch your words, they become **actions**;  
watch your actions, they become **habits**;  
watch your habits, they become **character**;  
watch your character, for it becomes your **destiny**.

– Original source unknown

# A collective knowledge

FROM THE ACTING  
DEPUTY HEADMASTER



**MR SIMON ANGUS** Acting Deputy Headmaster

‘The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never of any use to oneself.’

– Oscar Wilde



Mr Simon Angus

The community of Hutchins extends far beyond its students and teachers. It is a well-connected family of past and present parents/carers, an extensive alumni and many friends. We are fortunate that this large family continues to engage with our school, contributing in many ways that provide our current students and staff with opportunities to learn and grow.

Great schools invest in their staff, they support them to develop into outstanding classroom practitioners, visionary leaders and support staff. Whilst most staff development occurs through professional study, workshops, conferences and seminars, staff of The Hutchins School are also fortunate to have opportunities to learn from the School’s wider community who share their knowledge and experiences to help us to advance our thinking as leading educators and administrators.

This year, at our ‘Lunch with...’ series, invited alumni and friends shared their stories and their wisdom with many of our staff over lunch in the School’s Boardroom. Invited Old Boys and special guests included Chief Economist Saul Eslake (’74), tireless fundraiser of ‘Mobart Mo Bros’ Tom Windsor (’99) and horticulturalist, researcher and company director Richard Warner (’65). Staff were also very fortunate to share lunch with a close friend of The Hutchins School, the Honourable Elise Archer MP who has had an impressive career as a practicing Solicitor and Member of Parliament with a career highlight in 2014 when she became the first female Speaker in the House of Assembly’s 158 year history.



(top right) Three generations of Hutchins students – Edward Conacher (’66), Harry Conacher (Prep) and Mr Mike Conacher (’95).

(above top) Staff members at the ‘Lunch with...’ series with the Honourable Elise Archer MP

(above) Staff members at the ‘Lunch with...’ series with Mr Richard Warner (’65)

The generosity of our wider community is integral to the ongoing success of The Hutchins School, the staff and students are deeply appreciative of the time and effort that many make to support the important learning that takes place in our school. 🦋

# Deep thinking, deep learning

MRS JENNY MANTHEY Head of  
Early Learning Centre & Junior School

Make it  
Say it  
Draw it  
Write it



Our theme in the ELC and Junior School this year is 'Deep Thinking, Deep Learning' and this applies to staff as well as students.

One of the many professional learning opportunities staff are participating in this year supports the teaching and learning of mathematics. We were lucky to secure the services of teacher/consultant Anita Chin once again, to work with teachers from Fahan School and Hutchins; Kindergarten to Year 6. Anita has over 20 years' experience in mathematics education, was a contributing consultant to the NSW Mathematics K-6 Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum and is a highly regarded speaker at both national and State teaching conferences in Australia. Last year Anita unpacked aspects of the Mathematics curriculum with teachers. During her visit in Term 1 this year, Anita modelled best teaching practice with a class from each year level while teachers observed and then she debriefed with the teachers after.

The key idea behind Anita's visits is to ensure a whole school approach to Primary mathematics in terms of culture and beliefs as well as behaviours and practice.

#### In terms of culture and beliefs:

- There should be a positive mathematics culture. Every child has a mathematician's mind and all children are entitled to experience the joy of mathematics. The mathematician is thinking, looking for the pattern and listening for the words, not just the numbers. It is not about ability it is about a mindset. It is knowing process and understanding process – when and what process is required.
- The mathematics curriculum is honoured. We know that the Australian Mathematics curriculum is 'written with broad brush strokes'; it has to be teased out to have a well-articulated scope and sequence, ensuring that the teaching takes children deeper as well as further.
- Risk taking and fruitful struggle are celebrated. As teachers and parents/carers we often jump in to help a child too soon. We need to create an environment where it is safe for children to get the wrong answer, as they wrestle with the process – to value the process not just the product.



Mrs Jenny Manthey



**Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations or algorithms: it is about understanding.**

– William Paul Thurston

(above and below) Anita Chin working with teachers and students

- As a primary school we need to be committed to a consistent quality instructional model, where all children are exposed to 'on level material' but then every child is supported to develop at their own pace.

**In terms of behaviour and practices:**

- 'There is common language for mathematics across every classroom K–6, and teachers know the Maths content across K–6 not just their year level or stage. There is a sequential development of mathematical language and it needs to be scaffolded so the readiness of the child is honoured in the process. The language should not get in the way of the concept, it should enhance it.
- There are common daily mathematics routines across all classes K–6
- Good questioning extends and supports all learners
- Mathematics is hands-on, practical and visible. Whatever age children are they need to make it, say it, draw it, write it! To get children into thinking like a mathematician they need to draw and/or make a mathematical model, describe it in words and then describe it using numbers and symbols. Mathematics should be language rich and concrete; it should not be reduced to numbers.

What do we do in a Maths lesson? A Year 5 boy summed it up best when he said, "Wow! We did nothing but we did everything!". 🌟



# Bullying: No Way!

**MR KEN KINGSTON** Acting Head  
of Middle School

Last term, on 16 March, the Middle School joined forces with the Senior School boys to make a big statement around the issue of bullying. We encourage our Middle School boys to be actively involved in the effort to eradicate bullying from our school. Middle School has historically been a time when bullying can start to happen because of the complex social relationships and, sometimes competitive, interactions boys have as they start to explore their own identity. Too often, bullying is considered a by-product of establishing self-identity within a social group or even as a natural part of growing up.

Bullying is not something we should see as normal or a natural part of growing up. Of course, boys will sometimes be unkind to each other. They will compete, disagree, have conflict and make mistakes. These normal social interactions can sometimes lead to unacceptable reactions or behaviours. They are also experiences that boys can learn from and develop social skills through the process.

As a community, we can make a stand against bullying by having conversations about what it is, taking positive steps to name it, deal with it and support those who are the victims of it. Bullying should not be seen as a rite of passage for young people as they grow up. The character strengths of kindness, integrity, compassion, humility and courage are central to our goal to raise good men. Young men with these strengths should also stand up against bullying.



Mr Ken Kingston

(right) Middle and Senior School students making a statement against bullying

For learning to take place we need to actively engage boys in discussions about bullying, what it is and how to deal with it. Bullying, as we know is not an isolated behaviour but a pattern of behaviour that is a damaging misuse of power. Left unchecked, many of these behaviours may be carried into adulthood. We touched on the consequences of this when our boys participated in awareness raising of domestic violence through White Ribbon Australia. It is our hope that we can reduce violence in our society, especially against women, by educating our young men about these issues early.

# BULLYING.



**HUTCHINS**  
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By working together to make our school a safe environment where bullying is a rarity and where supporting each other is normal, we can create a community where all can prosper. It is our hope that the next generation will know how to show healthy respect for one another and have the courage to stand up against injustice, intolerance and bullying in all its forms. 🦋

# Looking beyond ourselves

MR ROGER McNAMARA Head of Senior School

## Hutchins support for White Ribbon

Early in Term 1 our senior boys wanted to draw attention to domestic violence and the broader issue of respect toward girls and women, and standing up for what is right. Our School Captain Fergus Charles and Emma McCulloch, Head Girl at St Michael's Collegiate School, addressed all students from Years 5–12 before our Walk a Mile in Her Shoes relay race.



Mr Roger McNamara



The statistics clearly show that men are the leading cause of domestic violence in Australia and the challenge with young men is to encourage them to recognise these statistics without them feeling like they are being specifically blamed. Fergus linked our 2018 theme of 'courage' to his address and asked the boys to be part of a community where we stand together for women and girls. The focus for the boys is on having the courage to be part of the solution.

St Michael's Collegiate School Head Girl –  
Emma McCulloch and The Hutchins School  
Captain – Fergus Charles



The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes relay is a fun event that is now an international institution. It draws attention to the issue of domestic violence and respect toward women and girls, and challenges boys to think about conversations and statements they hear amongst their friends, see on social media and actions they see but perhaps 'let slide' because they thought they weren't 'serious'. Having the courage to stand up and speak up when needed is exactly how we would like a Hutchins student to respond – that was the challenge put to all of our boys.

Following on from Fergus and Emma's speeches, the crowd were entertained by the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes high heel relay race between a team of Year 1s, Year 8s, a combined Year 5/6 team, the Collegiate Prefects and a staff team. Heels, in all manner of sizes were available, the fit was secondary (think the ugly sisters in Cinderella, especially for those with size 13 feet).

## SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY

Mental health is a community wide concern that is unfortunately on the rise despite the increased efforts of national organisations like Headspace.

We as a school are proud to be working closely this year with Mitch McPherson from SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY. Mitch has already had a close relationship with Hutchins having been a guest speaker at last year's Headmaster Seminar Series but also through his ongoing work with Stephens House. Under the direction of Head of House Mr Mike Conacher, Stephens House have been working in the mental health space for the last few years and this year's Year 12s were encouraged by what they saw happening and as a group wanted to expand this influence in the Senior School. Throughout the year we will be holding small events during the school day, including a 'Shorts Day' in honour of Ty McPherson, the boys will assist with the running of the SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY black tie event in August and will run a major fundraising community quiz night on behalf of the charity later in the year.

Mitch addressed our boys last term and finished his speech by asking the boys to remember four simple SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY key messages...

Conversations matter.

Listening makes a difference.

Get any help you need.

Be kind.

Stay tuned for upcoming events designed to increase our knowledge and awareness of depression and mental health. ✨

# Semester One Sport snapshot

Hutchins AFL First XVIII in Melbourne

**MR JASON BERRY** Director of Sport

Hutchins Middle and Senior School Students have been involved in a wide range of sporting activities in 2018, achieving some outstanding results and competing with determination and school spirit.

## FIRST XI CRICKET STATE PREMIERS

After a seven year hiatus, the SATIS First XI cricket trophy was returned to Hutchins with a stirring victory in the State Final against Scotch Oakburn College on the War Memorial Oval. After being dismissed for a modest first innings total, Hutchins held their nerve on the start of day 2 to secure first innings points, before batting out the day. The team led by Captain Dominic Hughes-Churchett (Year 12) was well served over the season by all players, with exceptional performances by opening bowler Caleb Oakes (Year 12) who bowled 2x5-for matches and Wicketkeeper-Batsman Lewis Drury (Year 11) who top scored with a mammoth 188 to help the side into the final.

## SSATIS CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 30 May, the Southern SATIS Cross Country was held at the Tasmania Police Academy, Rokeby under typically icy conditions. Competition was of a high standard, with Hutchins showing enormous determination and courage to record some pleasing results. Captains Harvey Chilcott and Lachlan Chambers (both Year 12) finished first and second respectively in the Open Boys event, Harvey winning for the 5th consecutive year in a blistering time. Henry Madsen (Year 7, U13), Christopher Eyre (Year 8, U14), Lachlan Rogers (Year 8, U14), Edward Golding (Year 9, U15), James Giannis (Year 9, U15), Christopher Law (Year 10, U16) and Hector Gallagher (Year 12, Open) all recorded top 5 finishes. In another fantastic day, Hutchins won the U14 and Open age groups as well as the Senior Boys Shield and the Aggregate Boys Shield.

## SATIS/SSATIS SWIMMING

Hutchins continued a run of strong performances in swimming, rewarded with a clean sweep of trophies in the Southern SATIS and State SATIS Carnivals. Hutchins took home the Junior Boys Shield, Senior Boys Shield and the Aggregate Boys Shield in both events, with a string of outstanding individual and team performances. The team was brilliantly led by Harrison Grant and Simon Watt (both Year 12) along with the other members of the successful Open team.

## HEAD OF THE RIVER

The final event on the Tasmanian School Rowing Calendar was held in March with the Head of the River at Lake Barrington. Hutchins performed strongly across all age groups, winning the Open Four, U16 Four, U16 Eight and a multitude of junior races, trophies and shields. The Head of the River Open Eight race saw Hutchins finish a close second to Scotch Oakburn College, after a breathtaking comeback in the last 750m.

## AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL (AFL) & RUGBY UNION SPORTING TOURS

Hutchins has been proudly represented in recent Victorian tours. During the Term 1 holidays, the Hutchins U16 and U18 rugby teams participated in the Victorian Schools Sevens Competition at Xavier College. In a high standard of play, the U16 boys finished runners up in the cup final, with the U18 boys finishing 3rd in the 16 team competition.

On 1 June, the Hutchins AFL First XVIII travelled to Melbourne to take on Yarra Valley Grammar. After an arm wrestle, the result hinged on a kick with three seconds to go, with Hutchins emerging victorious by four points. Hutchins then played an away SATIS match against Launceston Church Grammar School on Melbourne Grammar School's home ground, Flack Park, with Hutchins winning by 82 points.

There have been many outstanding performances from Hutchins students over the summer holidays and so far in 2018. Some notable achievements from Middle and Senior School students include:

## National representation

- **Lewis Drury** (Year 11) attended Cricket Australia's National Rookie Camp in January. Lewis was also selected in the Cricket Tasmania Development Squad.
- **Henry Chambers** (Year 12) was selected in the Australian Futures Hockey Squad, and was invited to attend the Youth Olympic Games selection camp in June.
- **Hugo Allison** (Year 7) represented Australia at the International Cadet World Championships in Germany
- **Samuel King** (Year 12), **Jack Allison** (Year 9), **Benjamin Boman** (Year 9), **Howard Tapping** (Year 9), **William Cooper** (Year 11), **Finn McLagan** (Year 10), **Charles Zeeman** (Year 10), **Hugo Allison**, **Joshua Ragg** (Year 12) and **Oliver Hugo** (Year 8) competed in the SB20 World Championships in Hobart.

## Representation

- **Edward Golding** (Year 9, U16 2000m Steeplechase), **Jagga Pybus** (Year 11, U18 100m, 200m, Long Jump), **Robert Elkerton** (Year 11, U18 1500m, 3000m), **Lachlan Chambers** (Year 12, U20 3000m Steeplechase) and **Harvey Chilcott** (Year 12, U20 3000m Steeplechase) were selected in the Tasmanian team which competed at the Australian National Junior Athletics Championships.
- Harvey Chilcott represented Tasmania at the Australian Athletics All-Schools Championships and received a Silver Medal in the 3km and a Silver Medal in the 2km Steeplechase.
- Samuel King, William Cooper, Charles Zeeman, **Nicholas Smart** (Year 11), **Christopher Eyre** (Year 8), **Charles Salmon** (Year 7), Howard Tapping and Oliver Hugo represented Hutchins in the Sailing Nationals in Blairgowrie.
- Samuel King, Joshua Ragg and Charles Zeeman won the Tasmanian Schools Match Racing Championship. Nicholas Smart, William Cooper, Oliver Hugo and Finn McLagan finished 2nd.
- **Benjamin East** (Year 12), **Ashby Bingham** (Year 10) and Henry Chambers represented Tasmanian in the Australian National U18 Men's Hockey Tournament.

- Ashby Bingham and **Vincent Harman** (Year 10) represented Tasmania in the U16 Outdoor Hockey Championships on the Gold Coast.
- Henry Chambers and Vincent Harman represented Tasmania in the U18 Indoor Hockey Championships in Goulburn.
- **Luke Palmer** (Year 8) and Vincent Harman represented Tasmania in the U15 Indoor Hockey Championships in Goulburn. Vincent Harman was selected as Captain of this team.
- **Oliver Burrows-Cheng** (Year 11) represented Tasmania in the National Academy Squad Australian Rules series.
- **Zachary Phair** (Year 9) represented Tasmania in the U15 State Cricket Championships in Queensland and made 62 against Western Australia.
- **James Scott** (Year 7) and **Cohen Ratcliffe** (Year 7) represented Tasmania in the U13 National Cricket Championship.
- **Ben Ferguson** (Year 8) and **Douglas Matson** (Year 8) represented Tasmania in tennis at the national teams event, The Foundation Cup, in Adelaide. Tasmania had good wins over Victoria and Western Australia to place 5th.
- **James Anderson** (Year 12) represented Tasmania in the U18 Pizzey Cup for tennis in Brisbane.
- **Ethan Loring** (Year 7) and **Axel Murden** (Year 8) were selected in the Tasmanian U15 team which compete at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne.
- **Oliver Brancher** (Year 7) represented Tasmania in the U14 State Rugby Team.
- **Thomas Couser** (Year 7) was selected in the Tasmanian U13 Table Tennis Team.
- **Oliver Pooley** (Year 8) represented Tasmania in the U14 Tasmanian Boys' Water Polo Team. Tasmania were Bowl finalists and winners.

## Individual performances

- Harvey Chilcott was awarded Athletics Tasmania U18 Athlete of the Year.
- Samuel King finished 2nd in the National Radial Sailing Championships.
- Hugo Allison, Oliver Hugo and Christopher Eyre competed in the Tasmanian School Teams Racing Championships and finished 2nd.
- **Thomas Reeves** (Year 11), **William Hodgman** (Year 11), **Harrison Ireland** (Year 11) and Oliver Burrows-Cheng have been involved in the Australian Rules Football State and Mariner programs.
- Oliver Pooley won the State Title and Gold medal in U14 surf lifesaving Iron Man and State Bronze medal in surf swim. Oliver also won a State Bronze medal in U15 board race.
- **Henry Burnett** (Year 9) competed in the State Karate Championships and won the Gold medal and is the current 14/15yo AKF State Karate Champion for KATA. Henry also won a Gold medal for 14-17yo TEAM KATA and a Silver medal for 14/15yo KUMITE.

## **Hutchins students achieved outstanding results at the Australian Rowing Championships.**

- Schoolboy coxed four 4th in A Final – **Jarrold McMullen** (Year 12), **Dylan Taylor** (Year 11), **Hamish Allan** (Year 12), **Oliver Lamb** (Year 12) and **Charles Parnham** (Year 9)
- Schoolboy single **Thomas Vermey** (Year 10) 3rd in B Final
- Schoolboy single **Hamish Johnston** (Year 12) 5th in C Final
- Men's U23 Lightweight Pairs Hamish Johnston and Sam Casey (14) 2nd in A Final
- Men's U17 Double Scull 1st in A Final **Sam Mounter** (Year 9) and Thomas Vermey (National Champions)
- Men's U17 Single Scull 2nd in A final **Lucas Wigston** (Year 10) (Silver medal)
- Men's U17 Single Scull 4th in A Final Thomas Vermey

## Team success

### **Basketball**

- Year 7 SSATIS champions

### **Cricket**

- 1st XI SATIS State Champions
- 2nd XI SATIS State Champions

### **Football**

- 1st XVIII State Finalists
- 2nd XVIII

### **Rowing**

- First Four and U16 Eight and U16 Four winners at the Head of the River
- Open First Eight, 2nd in the 2018 Head of the River
- Open First Eight winners of the Southern Head of the River at Franklin
- State Championships and Head of the River success in all junior groups

### **Rugby**

- U16 rugby team competed in the Victorian Schools Rugby Union Xavier Sevens Tournament. Finishing 2nd in the U16 and 3rd in the U18 divisions.

### **Sailing**

- Winners of the Tasmanian Schools Match Racing Championship.
- 2nd in the Tasmanian Schools Teams Racing Championship

### **Swimming**

- Southern SATIS swimming Junior and Senior Shields, Boys Aggregate Trophy and U14 Pennant
- State SATIS swimming Junior and Senior Shields and Boys Aggregate Trophy

### **Tennis**

- SSATIS 1sts Runner Up
- SSATIS 2nds Champions 🏆

# Language & culture in synergy

**MR ERIK MARR**

Senior Classroom Teacher

What a remarkable experience. The 2018 China Tour epitomised all of the tangible and intangible benefits of actively developing an understanding of language and culture in synergy, as 17 Hutchins students from Years 10 and 11 willingly embraced the many challenges presented to them through experiencing the varied charms of Beijing and Xi'an.

The staff and students associated with the two school exchanges were fundamental to all that we did. The first week was spent at The Second High School Attached to Beijing Normal University, where we acquainted ourselves with a fine array of culinary treats from the canteen – 'zhege' and 'nage' (this and that) were crucial early on, but the group quickly moved onto more precise descriptions of what they wanted. Hutchins teachers made sure the students were well versed in the art of haggling with local stallholders: they had to work hard for the array of goods that they brought back home! During an early visit to Beijing's Pearl Market, one student managed to get 95% off the asking price of a scarf!

The street food markets were a sight to behold, where the fearless sampled scorpions and crickets, although the millipedes seemed like a step too far. We experienced Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, The Temple of Heaven, The 798 Art District, the Hutong district and the Australian Embassy, interspersed with a fabulous trip hiking along a wild section of the Great Wall. We finished off with a day spent with Chinese buddies, who showed them parts of Beijing that are not in the guide book, including an organised weekend event in a city park that involved a group of parents bargaining for the best spouse for their child.

The train reached over 300kmh as we steamed through to Shaanxi Province. On our arrival in Xi'an, we were welcomed in great style by the staff of the Xi'an Foreign Language School, as we celebrated establishing the first school relationship

In the words of Lao Zi, the revered Chinese Philosopher and founder of Taoism, "千里之行始于足下 Qian Li Zhi Xing Shi Yu Zu Xia – *the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step*". Some of the many steps that these Tasmanian pioneers took



Students visiting the Australian Embassy in Beijing

in Hobart's newest sister city. The students then headed off for a week of homestay experiences with their buddies. Hotpot and karaoke seemed to typify the evenings, while the days included the Terracotta Warriors, a sensational Qin Dynasty cultural immersion, remarkable views from the Hutong Lake, Pagodas, Northwest Polytechnic University, the City Walls, the delights and occasional discomfort of the public transport system. The mass karaoke event attended by all of us as our stay approached its end was truly memorable.



on their respective journeys were culturally experimental, linguistically successful, perhaps spiritual and most certainly uniquely personal.

Congratulations to all involved for making the most of this memorable journey. 🍷



Students trekking on the Great Wall

# Headmaster Seminar Series

MRS MICHELLE MIZZEN Editor

## PAUL DILLON

On 5 April Paul Dillon made his annual visit to Hutchins to address our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Paul has been working in the area of drug education for the past 25 years.

Through his own business, Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) Paul has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He is a strong advocate for young people to ensure that they have access to quality information and best practice drug education.

In 2009 Paul's best-selling book for parents was released, titled *Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs*. He also regularly provides media comment and is regarded as a key social commentator in Australia, appearing on a wide range of television programs including Sunrise, TODAY and The Project. We encourage you to visit Paul's website where he discusses topical issues of the day, as well as addressing some of the questions and queries that he is regularly asked, by those attending his presentations.

Each of Paul's presentations builds upon the information he has passed on to our boys in the previous year.

Paul also presented to over 200 parents/carers on Thursday evening and provided practical advice to parents/carers and students regarding parties, drugs and alcohol. Paul is a regular visitor to the School and we thank him once again for his guidance and expertise.



## DR ARNE RUBINSTEIN – Rites of Passage

Dr Arne Rubinstein

On 15 May we had the pleasure of hosting Dr Arne Rubinstein as part of our Headmaster Seminar Series. Arne is the CEO of the Rites of Passage Institute, he is a nationally and internationally in demand speaker for his practical, entertaining and insightful presentations which are suitable for a broad range of audiences.

His extensive knowledge on adolescent behaviour, parenting, Rites of Passage, corporate leadership and transformation provide a highly entertaining and insightful event that engages and educates any audience. Arne's 2013 book *The Making of Men*, has become a best seller and is a practical handbook for parents/carers and teachers of boys. *The Making of Men* details his model of Boy Psychology versus Healthy Man Psychology and the fundamental differences between them. Young men need to learn how to be the gatekeepers of their own futures as well as their emotions, and it's the role of the whole community to ensure this happens.

The Headmaster Seminar Series are free seminars that are open to the public. Nearly 400 attendees filled the Terence Butler Auditorium to hear Arne speak about answers and tools to help a generation of young men and women to be happy and motivated about life. He also provided practical guidance to stop them from going off the rails as well as providing some techniques for parents/carers to maintain healthy communication and to successfully manage the changing relationship with their teenager.

We have received a wonderful response about the seminar and we would like to thank Arne for visiting the School as a speaker and for also being part of implementing a Rites of Passage program for our students.

Find out more about Dr Rubinstein and the Rites of Passage Institute at [www.ritesofpassageinstitute.org](http://www.ritesofpassageinstitute.org). 🌟

Paul Dillon with Year 11 students  
Angus McMaster and Benjamin Farrell



# Lest we forget

MRS MICHELLE MIZZEN Editor

Each year we commemorate the sacrifices and courage shown by thousands of young Australians and New Zealanders at the annual Anzac Services across this country and on the fields in far-away lands where Australian and New Zealand troops fought so bravely.

So profound has been the impact of war on communities large and small that in the very large majority of country towns you visit, regardless of size, in all Australian States and Territories, you will find in the main street a cenotaph or memorial to fallen soldiers. We have our own memorials marking those Hutchins Old Boys and staff who served and those who died fighting for this country. They hang in the chapel and museum, and the oval we gathered upon for this year's Anzac Day Service is the War Memorial Oval.

This year our Anzac Day Service was especially significant as we mark 100 years since our involvement in World War I. On 2 May, the service was held on the War Memorial Oval where over 1,000 students, staff and invited guests joined together to honour the service and sacrifice of our original Anzacs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts and peace operations over the past 100 years.

We welcomed Commander Charles Rex ('65), retired, who as an Old Boy left Hutchins in 1963 to commence a long and distinguished career in the Australian Navy from 1964 to 1995.

We were honoured to invite Charles to address our school community at this important occasion.

Charles shared with us his story of leaving Hutchins in 1963 to complete his last two years of schooling at the Naval College in Jervis Bay before being posted in Vietnam. Charles saw active duty in Vietnam as a naval pilot, flying helicopters and overseeing daily missions before returning to Australia and continuing a remarkable career as a navy pilot. We were honoured to have Commander Rex join us for this year's service and to unveil a newly commissioned Honour Board to commemorate Old Boys who served with the Australian armed forces post-World War II.

*At the  
going down  
of the sun  
and in the  
morning ...*



The 2018 Anzac Service held on the War Memorial Oval on 2 May 2018



Our Headmaster, Dr Rob McEwan, shared the story of the Battle of Lone Pine. The battle is named after a single pine tree that stood on the top of a ridge. This tree served as a landmark and the area became known as Lone Pine. This fierce battle in August of 1915, saw more the 2,000 Australians and 7,000 Turkish troops killed in hand to hand combat.

The solitary pine was destroyed in the shelling but the site remained known as Lone Pine. It was to become a poignant symbol of the Anzac spirit, kept alive decades later in Australia through a son's love for his mother.



Lance Corporal Benjamin Smith, whose brother Mark was killed in the Battle of Lone Pine, collected cones from the branches used to cover the trenches. He sent them home to his mother in New South Wales, in commemoration of his brother.

Mrs McMullen kept the seeds sitting in a drawer for 13 years before planting them in 1928 and producing two seedlings. One was planted in their home town of Inverell where her sons had enlisted. The other was planted in the grounds of the Australian War Memorial site in 1934 to honour all those who fell at Gallipoli.

Today the Lone Pine is anything but lonesome. Thousands of trees have been cultivated from the Australian War Memorial's Lone Pine and planted all over Australia. One of these pine trees stands between the two tall hedges on the War Memorial Oval. This pine tree was presented to the School on Remembrance Day, 11 November 2005 by RSL President Mr Ian Kennett and Senator Guy Barnett. This pine tree is a direct link to the Lone Pine found on the Gallipoli peninsula, and represents more than a terrible battle where so many lives were lost, but also the bravery, sacrifice and mateship that are part of the Anzac spirit. This year, State RSL President Mr Terry Roe unveiled a plaque to mark this important tree, this symbol of the Anzac spirit.

**Lest we forget. ❦**

The Year 5/6 Choir performing for His Royal Highness, The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex

# Singing for a Prince

**MRS ANNE MORAN** Acting Head of Music

To most young people, a prince is only ever encountered in books and movies, but on 10 April the boys in Year 5/6 Pride Choir not only met a real prince – they sang for him!

His Royal Highness, The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, was in Hobart to officially open the new lily pad enclosure at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. This was one of the major events in the bi-centenary celebrations of the gardens.

The weather was perfect, and added to the festive atmosphere. The wait was long, but worth it when the Earl of Wessex finally approached. The choir stood under the Anniversary Arch, and Year 4 boys lined the pathway to the arch. Hutchins definitely had a presence!

The choir sang 'Tree Song' by Ken Madema – a song about the beauty and resilience of nature. The Earl stopped to listen and spoke to Mrs Jayne Duffy and several boys.

It was definitely a day that the boys will remember for a long time. 🐾

The String Quartet playing in the Conservatory



# Our boarding family



Mr James Bourne

**MR JAMES BOURNE** Head of Boarding

Our boarders are very fortunate to enjoy a genuine family atmosphere in the House – because they are surrounded by real families and mentors who are dedicated to providing a secure, structured but enjoyable environment to support learning and co-curricular activities.

Hutchins boarder, Thomas McShane (Year 12) is from Oatlands and commenced boarding at the School in 2013. Thomas' older brother Ben was also a boarder and graduated Year 12 in 2016. Thomas shares his story of boarding at Hutchins with us.

"My family grew up on a farm south of Oatlands. Dad is a third generation farmer at Stonehenge, running a farm of 9,000 acres. As well as the farm, we have a horse riding facility and accommodation. I attended the local school, Oatlands District High School, until Year 6 and started at Hutchins in 2013 in Year 7.

The boarding house has given me a number of opportunities. These are opportunities that I would never have been able to access because of the remoteness of where I live. Boarding has given me access to all of the School facilities in school hours and a large majority out of school hours, for example, we are able to go to the gym, use the sporting fields, and weights room every afternoon and night. The best thing about The Hutchins School is the mateship I have gained over the years and the high level of teaching staff.

Compared to living in the country, Hobart gives me great access to a large range of services and activities. An example of an activity and opportunity that I have been able to access because of the fact that I am located in Hobart is State rugby. An opportunity that I never would have been able to take up living in a remote community.

I have been offered several leadership opportunities at the School including being chosen as Captain of Burbury House this year, as well as a Prefect of the School.

I think what makes Hutchins unique is that the School provides personalised opportunities for all boys and their interests." 🐼

Boarders Hei Laam (Johnathan) Lau (Year 11), Thomas McShane (Year 12) and George Hallett (Year 8)



# Staff farewells

MRS MICHELLE MIZZEN Editor

## Mr Roy Servant

After 24 years of dedicated service to The Hutchins School we farewell Mr Roy Servant. Roy commenced as a full-time teacher in 1994 and was appointed as a Senior Classroom Teacher in 1999. Many of you will have known Roy as the Head of Buckland House where he led the staff and boys pastorally from 2007.

Given the considerable service Roy has given to Hutchins over many years there will be generations of Hutchins boys who will recall stories of time spent with Roy, not only in the classroom where he was an extremely capable craftsman and teacher, but equally in the lunchtime gym sessions he ran. Roy started the World's Greatest Shave Buckland House charity activity and was a person who many staff felt was a good listener and who supported his fellow colleagues.

We thank Roy for his commitment to the School and the boys, and wish him well for the future.

## Dr Adam Forsyth

Earlier this year we farewelled Dr Adam Forsyth who was appointed as the 16th Principal of St Michael's Collegiate School.

Adam is an exceptional leader with considerable leadership experience in teaching and learning, pastoral care, and staff and community engagement. Adam's appointment as Principal promises a continued, strong and collaborative relationship between The Hutchins School and our sister school, St Michael's Collegiate School.

We are delighted for Adam, and on behalf of the Hutchins community congratulate him on his



appointment and look forward to working closely with St Michael's Collegiate School in the future. 🍷

Dr Adam Forsyth

# Years 2 & 12



Joseph Bailey (Year 12)  
and Elliot Gall (Year 2)

MRS MICHELLE MIZZEN Editor

In Terms 1 and 2, our Year 2 and 12 students have been catching up for activities outside the classroom. This special relationship will develop over the year when the two year groups will spend time together and on the last day of school, for the Year 12 students, they will share lunch, play games and place items in a time capsule. The Year 2 students will continue the tradition of singing to the Year 12s at the end of their final chapel service.

When the Year 12s return for their 10 year reunion the current Year 2s will then be in Year 12 and they will open their time capsule together. Those Year 12 students will then repeat the tradition for the next generation of Year 2s.

In Term 1, the boys came together for a game of cricket and soccer on the War Memorial Oval. In Term 2 the Year 12s helped the Year 2s to practise how to tie a tie and do up their shoelaces.

There were some interesting methods and some execution was a little unorthodox but the most important thing is that the boys enjoyed spending time with each other. 🍷



Samuel Botte  
and Torin Jones  
(both Year 11) in  
Treasure Island

# Treasure Island

MRS MICHELLE WEEDING Head of Visual and Performing Arts

## TREASURE ISLAND – THE PANTO! by Richard Lloyd

The senior Drama class presented this swashbuckling story full of skullduggery on the high seas. Hutchins revisited this Panto having last performed it 13 years ago. This year our sold out audiences were treated to a modernised production with just a touch of nostalgia. The class developed hilarious characters in search of the treasure on a desert island with a 'little death by choccie!' Classic Pantomime characters, romantic interludes, a Crimson Parakeet and lots of fun was had by everyone; cast, crew and audience alike.

## HOUSE DRAMA

This competition has been running since 1958. Over the last 50 years, it has seen many House competitors strutting their stuff for the appreciative crowds in the hope of gaining glory and the coveted House points. This year saw another new format introduced. The crew of eight representatives from each House had half a day to polish their performances prior to their lunchtime show for the Senior School audience. Most Houses took advantage of the time given in the week prior to meet and create their show. Houses were required to use the given theme to develop their fully devised and produced performances within the six minute deadline. Outstanding performances were developed and once again hilarious shows were produced. We were all amazed by the use of technology so easily integrated into each performance that enhanced and set the scene for their stories to unfold. This year's results were Thorold 1st, Buckland 2nd, School 3rd and Stephens 4th. 🍷

# Dance

MRS JACQUIE COAD Dance Teacher

SPECIAL FEATURE  
PERFORMING ARTS



Dance @ Hutchins is continuing to grow every year and has seen the need to expand to five troupes across the School. The boys compete in various Eisteddfods throughout the year and then we celebrate all things dance with a Showcase in August.

The senior boys recently travelled to Brisbane to compete against 38 other colleges from Queensland. They were lucky enough to place in three out of their four routines and were awarded the Adjudicators Choice Trophy for the event. 🍷



# Mother's Day Breakfast

FERGUS CHARLES School Captain



Thank you to all the mothers, carers and special friends who came along to the annual Mother's Day Breakfast held on 25 May.

Being in Year 12, I can see the particular importance of this morning for both mothers and the boys – not only is it a chance for the boys to show appreciation for the tireless work our mothers do for us, but also a final chance for the mothers of the Year 12 boys to celebrate and reflect how they have raised a unique individual with a variety of strengths.

This year we were very lucky to have Toni Moate, The CSIRO's Director of National Marine Infrastructure and last year's Telstra Business Woman of the Year, as our guest speaker.

Toni's talk was both captivating and inspirational, as she touched on the power of lifelong learning and her very interesting journey. However, what stood out as particularly powerful was her message of the importance of equality in both the community and workforce as well as ending domestic violence. These messages reinforced this year's theme of courage; and challenged us all to have the courage to stand up for what is right when are called to.

We thank Toni for her time and particularly her generosity of donating the money given for her presentation to The Hobart Women's Shelter. We would also like to thank the businesses who kindly donated prizes. The money raised went to SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY, our chosen charity for 2018. 🌟

# ELC Grandparents' Day

MRS MICHELLE MIZZEN Editor

Our ELC Grandparents' Day is one of our favourite events for the year. On Friday 23 March over 350 grandparents, parents, carers and special friends filled the Auditorium for a concert followed by morning tea and a visit to the ELC classrooms and Book Fair.

Frederick Wiggins and Jonni Marino from Year 2 did a fantastic job as hosts, as did all of the boys in their performances.

Our Year 1 boys also invited their guests to their Music/French lesson afterwards to join in with some instruments and singing.

Well done to the boys, teachers and staff involved in organising the morning! 🌟



(left) Fergus Charles (School Captain), Toni Moate and Harvey Chilcott (School Vice-Captain)  
(above) William and Frank Fuglsang with their grandparents Christine and John Fuglsang

# Free on a Tree

MRS MICHELLE MIZZEN Editor

When Year 4 student Oliver Edwards started his 'This Matters Challenge' he did not anticipate quite the level of response that he has received from the community.

In the Junior School a home study program called the 'This Matters Challenge' is offered to help engender the ongoing love of learning of each student and his family. It seeks to bring together a variety of home study options with all that a student does beyond the 'school gate' and opportunities for rich family-time interactions.

The 'This Matters Challenge' involves the students participating in self-directed homework challenges in the areas of Giving, Service in School and Community, Physical Activity and the Outdoors, Academic Excellence, and Excellence in the Arts.

As part of his challenge Oliver with his mother's support, created the Free on a Tree movement which empowers people to make a direct difference to their community during Hobart's winter by wrapping a coat around a tree. Anyone in need can then take the coat for free. Oliver aims to distribute 50-100 coats this winter and is accepting donations from fellow students, staff and the wider community.



Oliver Edwards (Year 4) making international news with his Free on a Tree project

SPECIAL FEATURE  
FREE ON A TREE



Oliver has not only been busy promoting the movement but along with his mum Cathy, he has been responding to media enquiries locally and nationally. They have been interviewed by The Mercury and ABC News locally. They have also appeared on national TV shows including Studio 10, The Project and The Weekend Edition of the TODAY Show.

Visit the Free on a Tree Facebook page to find out how you can support the movement. Great work, Oliver! 🐾



LOU BALCOMBE ('04)

# Taming the wild.

Lou Balcombe entered Hutchins in Year 7 in 1999 and graduated Year 12 with Distinction. Whilst at Hutchins Lou received an outstanding design award in the Tasmanian Wood Design Collection Exhibition, placed 4th in the School Surfing Championships, received the prize for Information Systems and held the position of Buckland House Prefect.



In 2016 Lou and best mate Cody McCracken co-founded Wild Pedder which is an adventure tour company presenting the pristine wilderness of Southwest Tasmania to those who dare to venture. Lou and Cody are passionate about sharing the incredible diversity and experiences that can be had in Tasmania's wilds. In 2017 Wild Pedder was awarded silver for the New Tourism Business Award at the Tasmanian Tourism Awards. In 2018 Lou and Cody were recognised at the Destination Southern Tasmania – Southern Stars of Tourism Awards by taking out the Rising Star category which celebrates the work of our region's younger industry leaders (32 years and under). They were acknowledged for donating 5% of their net profit to the Tasmanian Land Conservancy as well as developing capabilities for disability expeditions and offering money from fundraising for emergency homeless shelters.

Lou took some time out from trekking in the wilderness to share with us some memories about his time at Hutchins and the importance of pursuing your passion.



## Tell us about your life since graduating from Hutchins

Leaving school in 2004, I deferred a uni degree and spent two years working and exploring my way around Australia. From vineyards in Margaret River to farms in NSW, it was a memorable period of my life. In 2010 I graduated from UTAS with an engineering degree and went on to work for a couple of years as a design engineer. In 2013 following adventures overseas I started working as a wilderness guide within the remarkable Bay of Fires. In 2016 my good friend Cody and I took a leap and started our own wilderness tour named Wild Pedder, which is starting to see success with awards, national and international press, and many thrilled guests!



(top) Cody and Lou  
Image courtesy Alice Hansen  
(above) Lou on Mt Eliza  
Image courtesy Cody McCracken

Cody and Lou above  
Lake Pedder  
Image courtesy  
Chris Crerar



### What are some of your Hutchins memories?

Even though I consider myself an atheist, I find great memories in the chapel on Monday afternoons with Father John. He was a lovely, caring fellow, and the hymn singing was always best enjoyed at full volume with the lads!

The design school was a big part of my time at Hutchins, especially woodworking with Mr Turbett. I have great memories of designing and creating craft and furniture, some items which are still with me today.

### Who or what were your main inspirational influences during your time at Hutchins?

I find inspiration in people that are passionate about what they do, and I feel this is especially important with those that teach the next generation.

Most definitely there is a skill required to teach the content of a subject to young people, especially in engagement and interest. Some of the most inspirational people were those that, intentionally or not, taught social skills. Mr Birch for his respect. Mr Rae for his patience and understanding. There were many more!

### What part do you think your time at Hutchins has played in creating your interest in your chosen field?

I don't think Hutchins played too strong a part in my outdoor education. Back in the early noughties, we had a yearly camp, but not too much more. I now find myself envious of the modern day outdoor education and recreation courses offered at Hutchins, which are now world class!

There is obviously more to operating a tour business than the tours themselves, and I think that the majority of the methodical skills required to operate a business were fostered in my early days at Hutchins.

### What advice would you give to today's Hutchins students?

Life is singular and life is short, unknowingly short. My late brother Nick ('00) gave me some advice shortly before his unexpected death. He inspired me to change my life, and pursue my passion. He told me to do what makes me happy until it no longer does. Combine that with being kind and caring to those around you, and I think it's a pretty good recipe for success.

To find out more about Wild Pedder visit [www.wildpedder.com.au](http://www.wildpedder.com.au) 🐾

The new electronic scoreboard on the War Memorial Oval



# From the Parents' Association

**MRS LOUISE CHRISTIE** President, The Hutchins  
School Parents' Association

Term 1 of 2018 was filled with a number of events and activities for the Parents' Association. We have seen the installation of the Senior School water drinking fountain and the fabulous electronic score board on the War Memorial Oval. These are some of the valuable additions to the School that have been made possible by generous parent contributions and support.

We will have to wait until 2019 for our next Blokes and Spokes bike ride as the two weekends it was planned were rained out and unfortunately meant we had to cancel. It would be great to get 240 riders registered again for next year!

Some changes have been made to the Year Group Parent Representative program and volunteer representatives have been organising events and gatherings. The Year 4 group organised a disco for the boys and their families which was a great success. This is an important program that we have run for over five years to bring families together and make connections beyond the classroom. Many thanks to Mrs Georgia Burbury for her co-ordination of this program.

Our first Community Hub had a great turnout and we were able to hear from Hutchins staff about Rory and digital technologies. Following on from the Headmaster Seminar with Dr Arne Rubinstein the theme for our second Community Hub was Rite of Passage led by Mr Ken Kingston. This session was well received by parents. Keep an eye out for the next two Community Hub events which will be held in September and November.

A focus of the Parents' Association over the new few months will be the preparations for our School Fair which will be held on Friday 19 October.

We have continued to have strong turnouts to our bi-term meetings. Everyone is welcome to come along. You will find future dates and times posted on the Parents' Association page of the Hutchins website. 🍷

# Old Boy Reunions

**BARRIE IRONS** (Deputy Headmaster 1999–2011)

Our Launceston Reunion once again coincided with Agfest and was held at Kings Bridge Bar and Restaurant. We had a great turnout with over 25 Old Boys in attendance including the President of the Hutchins School Old Boys' Association Mr Tim Munro.

It was back to Young and Jackson for the Melbourne Reunion on 18 May and the Sydney Reunion was hosted by Old Boy, Julian Train ('94), at The Barber Shop. It was good to have Headmaster, Dr Rob McEwan and Registrar, Mr Stuart Hammond, at both functions. Mr John Groom, the newly appointed Director of Advancement also attended the Sydney function.

We had a healthy turnout at all functions. It is amazing how the dynamics of younger Old Boys has changed. Getting home early on a Friday night is now a priority for those with young families. There was lots of chatter, laughs and sharing of news. I do encourage you to drop us any snippets of news so that we can share with other Old Boys.

The next round of functions is the Reunion in Perth on Friday 17 August and Adelaide on Friday 24 August. Please start gathering up your Old Boy friends and let us make them memorable occasions.

Reunion tickets can be booked online at [www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys](http://www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys) 🍷



(above) Richard Bannon ('13), Nanak Narulla ('11), Harsh Makharia ('15), Richard Lovell ('11) and Ben Jarvis ('15) at the Sydney Reunion  
(right) Simon Bayley ('86) and Malcolm Campbell ('88) at the Melbourne Reunion



(above) Jackson Willows ('11) and Tim Stacey ('95) at the Melbourne Reunion

(above right) Barrie Irons, David Willis ('90) and Andrew Murdoch ('91) at the Sydney reunion  
(right) James Hawkins ('95), Stuart Poole ('90), Charles Kemp ('88) and David Sheahan ('93) at the Melbourne Reunion



(above) Sam Trethewey ('01) and Julian Sawyers ('05) at the Melbourne Reunion

(right) Timothy Rowland ('64), Greg Bateman ('62), Bruce Levett ('74) and John Burnett ('85) at the Sydney Reunion

Stay up-to-date with the latest news at [www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys](http://www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/old-boys) or follow Hutchins School Old Boys' Association on Facebook

# Where are they now?

CHRIS RAE Head of Senior School (2001–2008)



Chris – a wonderful contributor who led by example

STAFF MEMBER

Chris Smith

## Teaching at Hutchins 1975–1989

**Positions held** At various times: Head of Senior School, Year Head, Head of Business Studies, Head of Stephens House, Master-in-Charge of Rugby, Timetable Executive Director Hutchins Foundation. Taught Economics, Accounting, Mathematics, Religious Education and introduced Computer Studies to Hutchins. Boarding house 1975-76, 1982-84.

## What other professional educational positions did you hold?

Whilst at Hutchins: State Chair Australian College of Educators (ACE), Council Member ACE, HSC Economics marker, Chair SATIS, Board Chair St Aloysius Primary School

**House affiliation** Stephens – also School 1982-84 when responsible for junior boarders.

## Who were some of your close work colleagues?

David Brammall, John Millington, Ian McQueen, David Hoskins, Russell Morton, David Lincolne, Mike Fishburn, Chris Rae, Jim Ludwig, Ian Munro, Jeffery Boyes, Geoff Stephens, Stuart Cripps, Ian Millhouse, Don Wilson, Matron Jean Smith.

“The School had many wonderful role models for young teachers in teaching boys, leadership and community building. It was a very professional and supportive environment for those who joined it!”

In this popular section, long serving teacher Chris Rae catches up with past staff members.

## Memories you have of education during the time?

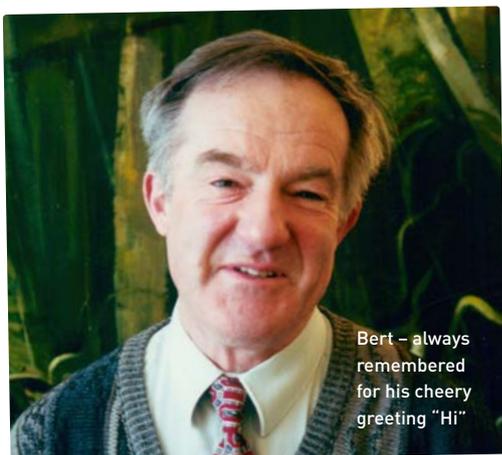
1. “It was a time of significant growth for Hutchins as the School grew from around 500 to 1000... (providing) much wider options for students in terms of the breadth of subjects, co-curricular options and capital developments.”
2. “Technology was just starting to take its place – log tables changed to calculators and computing began as a subject. Although I had established Computer Studies, students were frequently ahead in their understanding. Fortunately, I was able to divest myself of that subject to a very willing and able Dr Jim!”
3. “There was a great emphasis on providing an education that was more than the subject matter. Pastoral care, leadership training, loyalty, community service, social skills, personal faith, integrity. It was indeed a holistic education being offered!”

## How do you see education today?

- “There is greater emphasis on collaborative and group learning. The teacher is more of a guide, enabler and mentor than deliverer of content.”
- “Young people have a very strong social conscience and this is reflected in the areas of focus frequently chosen by student leaders.”
- “Students are often arriving at school from more complex and sometimes less structured home environments as part of a society that expects more from schools in areas that were traditionally the responsibility of the family. This places a greater burden on teachers.”

## What of life after Hutchins?

1. From Hutchins, Chris was appointed Principal of Star of the Sea College in George Town, then Head of Guilford Young College, Hobart Campus. Principal of St Virgil’s College followed (9 years) – then a National Director position with Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA), which governs 53 Catholic schools nationally (7 years).
2. In 2017 he moved to a part-time position with EREA as Chair Youth+, This involves overseeing 19 flexible learning centres nationally, established to support disenfranchised youth who, for various social, emotional and behavioural reasons, are unable to attend mainstream schools.
3. Part-time work (or semi-retirement) is allowing more time together with wife, Jill, for grandchildren and travel... “and the vegetable garden!”



Bert – always remembered for his cheery greeting “Hi”

#### STAFF MEMBER

### Bert Smith

#### Teaching at Hutchins 1987–2000

**Positions held** Head of Science, Faculty Committee, plus a lot of dedicated after-school tutoring, much valued by the boys.

#### What other professional educational positions have you held?

Post-school HSC External Marker, exam critic and setting exams for Physical Sciences (Physics/Chemistry) for a number of years.

**House affiliation** Tutor (mentor) for Buckland and later Stephens.

#### Who were some of your close work colleagues?

Sally Dunn (now Mrs Sally Westcott)... “a very nice lady and a very capable lab technician”, Ian McQueen... “nice bloke, great Housemaster”, David Brammall, Cyril Browning (ground staff), Lewis Prince... “could probably see him any time of the day at Hutchins, including 3am!”, Liz McQuilkin, John Millington, Mr Peter Starkey, Russell Morton, Stuart Cripps, John Overton and Mr Peter Crofts with Bert recalling: “One ‘April Fool’s Day’ Peter decided to play a trick on the morning class by having an analogue clock with the dial showing a mirror image of the (supposed) time. For the class to read the real time, they had to use another mirror! Needless to say, the boys were totally confused. One even threatened a strike.”

#### What memories do you have of education during this time?

“The quality of teaching and pastoral care in the School”

In one HSC class (which included Fahan School and St Michael’s Collegiate School girls), Bert informed the students that diamonds were a better conductor of heat than copper. Testing this simply required one to touch a (larger) diamond to one’s lips and for the result to be a cold feeling. The following day Bert received a call from a very unhappy parent!

#### How do you see education today?

- Very concerned that Science education is ...”going backwards in the State system due to a lack of suitably qualified teachers, especially in Physics/Chemistry.”
- “Due to the above, I question the wisdom of public high schools going to Years 11/12 in the sciences... [they] need qualified staff, suitable laboratories and equipment [and] all are very expensive.”

#### What of life after Hutchins?

1. Tutoring Physics/Chemistry + Physical Sciences ... “including some with refugees” (Sri Lankans/Tamils).
2. Utilising his knowledge/skill in dealing with computer problems for many people, mostly in the home environment. He has written articles for a computer magazine and been a technical editor for a major American computer book company. Bert has also undertaken many Microsoft exams (11 or 12)... and has found... “arguing with Microsoft on a problem is like arguing with God!”
3. Busy all the time and has great respect for the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics which his version says: “Everything tends to a state of increasing disorder!”
4. For recreation, Bert enjoys walking or as he calculated: “5 million, 500 and 50,000 mm per day” – and tries to keep to fit whilst not violating the Law of Conservation of Energy! 🍷

# Hutchins for life

MR JOHN GROOM ('86) Director of Advancement



Our alumni community includes not only Old Boys, but also extends to past staff, past parents/carers, and of course Old Girls. If you have been a member of the Hutchins family, then you are Hutchins for life.

Having recently been appointed to the role of Director of Advancement, and as an alumnus myself, I am determined to engage with all alumni. I intend to approach this task in an inclusive, not exclusive way. In the very short time that I have been in the role, I have been inspired by the genuine warmth with which members of the alumni describe their association with this school.

As we approach our 175th anniversary celebrations, we will be eager to draw out the many stories of how Hutchins has shaped so many lives.

I recently met with Old Boy, Tom Edgerton ('49). We met after he, along with other Old Boys, was honoured at our annual Anzac Service for having served our nation in the armed forces since World War II. Having grown up in Rosebery in modest surroundings, Tom was given an opportunity to attend Hutchins on an EZ Scholarship as a boarder. This was an opportunity that he seized and it was an experience that he is enormously grateful for.

At Hutchins we are a family. Once you are a member of this family, you will always remain a member. You are Hutchins for life.

The Advancement Office has a plan to engage comprehensively with our alumni. We are also in the early stages of preparing for the 175th anniversary. In the near future we will be calling for submissions of essays to be included in a compilation to acknowledge this significant milestone. Our aim is to collate 175 stories to be included in the publication. Please contact the Advancement Office on (03) 6221 4239 if you would like to be involved. 🐼

(above) Tom Edgerton ('49) pictured with Headmaster Dr Rob McEwan at the recent Anzac Service. Tom was recently included on a newly commissioned Honour Board listing those who have served their country since World War II.

(right) The Bethune Shield  
(below) Some Rustik at St  
Stephen's Church hall, c1968 –  
R Millar, R Wilkinson, P  
Thompson and R Howell



The Bethune and House Challenge Debating Shields now hang proudly in the School Museum, flanking the historic Hutchins honour roll memorialising those Old Boys who made their mark in early 20th century civic life.

## Impromptu reunions

Late last year saw an impromptu reunion of some 1970 leavers in Hobart. Former Senior Prefect Rob Wilkinson had visited the State earlier in the year and got his old band members together to revisit the music of 1969–70 Hobart



'supergroup' (there may be a small amount of bias here), Some Rustik. The boys had such a good time doing it that rash promises were tossed around, to the effect that we may yet see them play in public once more!

Rob came back to Hobart in December, attended Speech Night and organised another reunion, for which he gathered a few more mates together. All eyes and ears are on the next reunion.

# News from the Archives

MS MARGARET MASON-COX Archivist/Historian

There were lengthy and intensely detailed preparations from all sides for the School's Anzac Day Service and the unveiling of a new honour board memorialising those who have served their country since World War II.

## Honouring service

An interesting, varied and moving ceremony saw students, staff and invited guests assembling on the War Memorial Oval, not far from the Lone Pine tree. A plaque telling of its origins on the battleground of Gallipoli was also unveiled. Former RAN helicopter pilot, Commander Charles Rex ('65) kept the entire audience engaged with his exposition of the necessity of '10 out of 10 percent' concentration in the workplace and in life. The new electronic scoreboard was used to great effect, with images of Len Uren (1905, no. 1683) and friends adding to the drama and sense of occasion. The choir and band performed admirably, as did the boys who participated in the ceremony.

Not unexpectedly, we continue to discover Old Boys who have served or are currently serving, and look forward to adding their names to the board. This will hang in the Chapel of St Thomas alongside the Boer War and World War I and II honour boards.

## 100 years of inter-House competition

This year is the centenary of The Hutchins School Cock House Competition. In 1918, following the arrival of Headmaster C C Thorold and his introduction of an inter-House competition to raise school spirit, the Hutchins School House Challenge Shield was presented by then Chaplain J W Bethune. This served as the ultimate trophy for inter-House sporting dominance until 1961. It was superseded in 1962 by the presentation of the W J Gerlach Shield, in honour of the long-serving Hutchins master and tennis coach.

In 1923 a second shield, the House Challenge Debating Shield, was presented to offset the focus on sporting dominance. It was not until 2002 that Hutchins formally recognised all-round academic excellence with the presentation of the Gumley Shield, named in honour of alumnus and former Rhodes Scholar, Dr Stephen J Gumley ('74).



P Thompson, N Saunders, P Blackwood, M Simmons, S Young, R Millar, W Newitt, M Peterson, H Gibson, S Bamford, R Wilkinson, R Howell and R Giblin, on the waterfront, December 2017



Prefects with Headmaster J R Oberlin Harris, 1936 (T D Simpson seated 3rd from left)

(below) Framed print of a Dambusters bombing raid donated by T D Simpson c1997, personally signed by the members of his team

## A moving response

We had a moving response from Peter Burton ('70) to Dr Adam Forsyth's article 'Realising a Dream' (Magenta & Black, Dec 2017). Peter writes that he owes a great deal to the teaching he received at Hutchins – specifically from Physics teacher Vern Osborn, 'the most wonderful, informative and greatest influence of my schooling days.'

After a brief stint at the University of Tasmania, Peter became a medical microbiologist in a private pathology laboratory in Hobart. He has recently retired after 47 years in the profession. His administrative work and responsibility for 30 staff never diminished his love of laboratory work.

'I am sure that Vern's influence all those years before led me to undertake laboratory work through his wonderful and challenging Physics classes at Hutchins. At his funeral, the attendance of so many Old Boys bore testament to his ability to guide, to enthuse and be a major influence on so many of his boys.'

– Peter Burton in an email received 6 February 2018

## 'The Dambusters' anniversary

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the British war effort involving those RAF fighter pilots nicknamed 'The Dambusters', who bombed three German dams to great effect on 16–17 May 1943. One of those involved was our own T D Simpson (1931, no. 3122).

Thomas Drayton ('Tommy') Simpson attended Hutchins from 1931 and led a full and active school life. In his final year of 1936 he was Senior Prefect and Captain of Buckland House, and served on both the Sports and the Literary and Debating Society Committees. Both his sons, Clive (1961, no. 5064) and Fraser (1968, no. 5705) attended Hutchins. Younger son Fraser, a past donor to the Hutchins Archives and Heritage Collection on behalf of his father, travelled to the UK for the 75th anniversary celebrations. ✨



# Recent donations to the School

## MS MARGARET MASON-COX

Archivist/Historian

**Book:** *The Tasmanian Coast: A Photographic Circumnavigation* by J H Brettingham-Moore (1997) – donated by J H Brettingham-Moore (1935–45, no. 3281), June 2017.

**Letter** from R S Valentine to HSOBA Chairman, 1949 – anonymous donation, 16 October 2017.

**Diaries** (2), 1943; **school magazines** (11), 1938–44; **photographs** (47); **letters** (3), 1955–56, 2001; **programs** (4): 1946, 1948; **Wild Life Magazine**, 1948; **Walkabout Magazine** 1959; **booklets** (2), *The Vegetation of Tasmania* (W Curtis, 1949) and *Tasmanian Education* (Dec 1952) – belonged to L D Crawford (1934, no. 3268), donated by Mrs Ann Crawford, 4 November 2017.

**Booklet/colour filters** ('Cinemoid' mediums) – donated by Robert Dick (1946, no. 3867), 15 November 2017.

**Blazer**, HSOBA; **Hutchins Newsletter**, 1978; **school roll**, 1957; **programs** (3): 1956–57; **HSOBA reunion programs/docs** 2010 (6), 1998 (4); **photographs** (18) – donated by David Anderson (1955, no. 4483), 16 November 2017.

**Programs** *Ruddigore* 1956; *The Yeomen of the Guard* 1957; *The Pirates of Penzance* 1954; **photographs** (14); assorted docs: reference 1957 (C S Brammall); testimonial 1957 (W J Gerlach); newspaper cutting/photo re 1956 Olympic Games, OG lapel pin; Schools Board certificate 1957; letter and certificate re Franklin Scholarship, 1953; **assorted docs** (9) (+ copies) re Australian Boys' Choir: letter; certificate + badge; news cutting/photo; progress



Cross Country team  
with R Penwright, 1954  
(C Chen standing  
2nd from right)

# Vale

MS MARGARET MASON-COX Archivist/Historian

We extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of all Old Boys and community members who have passed away since our last edition.

report; program; letter; reference; letters (2) – belonged to Julian Jones (1952, no. 4290), donated from Estate of J M K Jones, 22 November 2017.

**Photo album:** Lance Morrisby's classes 1993–2009 – donated by Lance Morrisby (1958–68), 29 November 2017.

**Photographs** (box), boarding house – donated by Chris Rae (1963, no. 5178), 29 January 2018.

**Book:** *That First Antarctic Winter: the story of the Southern Cross Expedition of 1898–1900 as told in the diaries of Louis Charles Bernacchi* by J Crawford (1998) – donated by Mrs Janet Rucker (née Crawford), 19 February 2018.

**Annual report and prize list, 1946** – donated anonymously, February 2018.

**Photographs** (2); **badge**, prefect; **cufflinks**, Hutchins pair; **blazer pocket**, embroidered with colours; **tie**, HSOBA; **cap**, sports – donated by Charles Payne (1935, no. 3303), 28 February 2018.

**Magazines** (2), 1989; **Junior School Journal**, 1985; **bicentennial memento for school students** (2); **ties** (3) – donated anonymously, 13 March 2018.

**Magazine article** (photocopied) from *Choir and Organ*, Jan/Feb 2018 – donated by David Kirby, 22 March 2018.

**Assorted documents, 1997–2007** – donated by Bill Toppin, April 2018.

**Assorted documents:** photocopy of **1887 Hutchins advert** from Walch's Almanac; Centenary Appeal prospectus, 1945; Centenary Building Development prospectus, 1946; Centenary Dinner program, 1946; Centenary Ball program, 1946;

**testimonial:** N Round, 1947; Building Appeal Prospectus 1962 – belonged to Neville Round (1944, no. 3760), donated by Mrs D Round, 26 April 2018. 🐾

GIBB, Donald Menzies	Old Boy 1949	9 November 2017
SMITHIES, Alison Joy	Staff	10 November 2017
WALCH, John Andrew	Old Boy 1946	6 January 2018
TERRY, Benjamin Gibson	Old Boy 1977	19 January 2018
MCLAREN, Professor Alexander Clark	Old Boy 1946	10 February 2018
HENRI, Professor Stuart James	Old Boy 1969	4 March 2018
WILSON, Peter Henric	Old Boy 1959	29 March 2018
WILLIS, David Lindsay	Old Boy 1947	9 April 2018
BOULD, David James	Old Boy 1989	17 April 2018
THOMAS, Neil Moira	Old Boy 1937	17 April 2018
BLOOMFIELD, Peter William	Old Boy 1948	2 May 2018
CUTHBERT, Huon Chas	Old Boy 1935	21 May 2018
KENNEDY, Iain Malcom	Old Boy 1965	2 June 2018

**NB** The year following Old Boy designation refers to the leaving year, assuming the student completed Year 12. If this is unknown, the student's entry year will be given, e.g. Old Boy e1924.

## Eugene Christopher CHEN (1940–2017)

E C Chen attended Hutchins from 1945–57. He soon made his mark as Captain of Form IIIb, the first of many form captaincies which would hone his leadership skills and cement his popularity. By the time he left the Junior School he had served as Form Captain three times, as Chairman of the Chess Club and won prizes for his athletic prowess.

In Senior School, Chris continued to excel in athletics and cross country, also captaining the First Rowing Four and Eight and the First XVIII. In his final year he was Captain of Stephens House and its athletics and football teams, a Probationary Prefect who served on the Games Committee, and Captain of Boats and Athletics. He also had a quick rise through the Air Force Cadets to the rank of Sergeant, and performed well in debating, winning the prize for Senior Orator in 1957.

After leaving Hutchins, Chris spent five years in England, meeting his future wife on the ship which took them there. Following his return to Tasmania he worked in Hobart in the apple shipping department at Jones & Co and for the Hydro-Electric Company at Strathgordon. He and his wife then moved to Melbourne, and later Sydney, where Chris managed large department stores and public companies, eventually renewing his link with Tasmania by working for a marine engineering firm which supplied a range of equipment for Incat. Around this period they holidayed on Flinders Island, where they later bought the former Wireless Station and retired.

Chris was visiting his daughter in the UK when he became ill and passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. His friends remember Chris as generous, unconventional and funny. He was the mainstay of numerous 1957 reunions – which involved Old Boys and their wives having long weekends away together, enjoying the sights, company, food and drink – which were planned to the last detail and famously ran like clockwork. Chris is sadly missed by his many friends.

## Mrs Alison Joy SMITHIES (1953–2017)

Mrs A J Smithies was educated in Tasmania at Clarence High School, Hobart Matriculation College and the University of Tasmania, where she gained her BA degree with Honours in Geography. Alison English and Social Science at Burnie and Wynyard High Schools. A move to Sydney saw her



Mrs A J Smithies, 2002

teaching Geography to matriculation level boys at Holy Cross College, Ryde. After returning to Tasmania and taking time off to raise her children, she joined the Humanities Department at Hutchins in 1984, teaching Geography in the Senior School.

Alison was popular with students and staff, contributing quietly but effectively. She administered the Student Tribunal during its short but memorable arbitration history. After some years as Teacher-in-Charge of Table Tennis, she became manager of the water polo teams from 2007–13. She was also a long-term mentor of Stephens House boys, winning the intra-House Leading Light Competition with her student group in 2011.

In 2013 Alison left Hutchins and moved to Victoria with her husband, former Director of Development, Mr Tony Smithies. There they could be closer to their daughter and grandchildren; their son, Nicholas ('99), had passed away tragically in 2003. Alison's health gradually declined and she passed away on 10 November 2017.

Group in front of Macquarie St school, 1952  
[C Chen standing 5th from right]



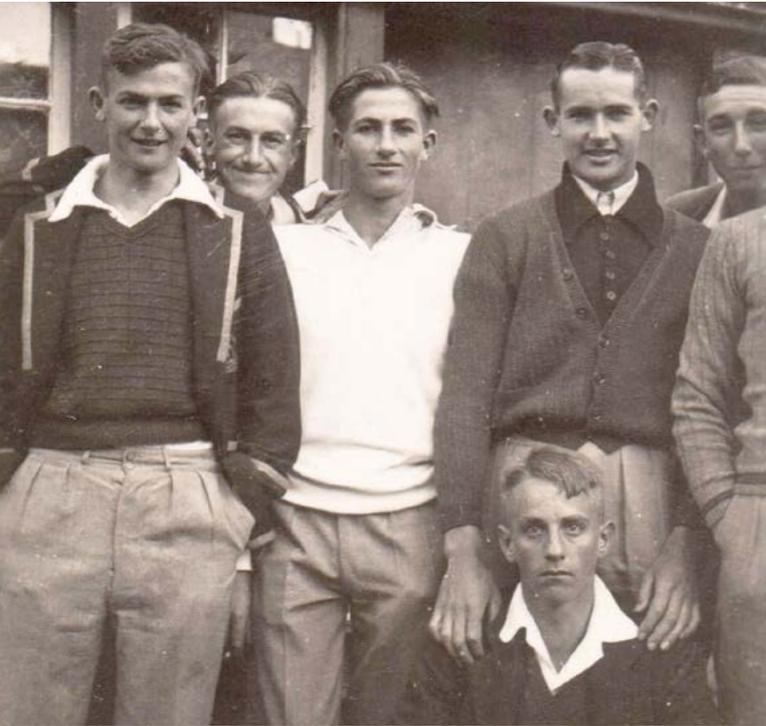
## Neil Moira THOMAS (1922–2018)

N M Thomas attended Hutchins from 1932–37. He was an active student who involved himself in Scouts and later Cadets, and acquitted himself well in swimming, tennis, table tennis, cricket and shooting. Sailing became an enduring passion – one which ultimately would benefit his old school. His involvement with the School continued well after he left; he played table tennis and later tennis for the Old Boys, in between times enlisting in the RAN to serve his country during WWII.

After the war, Neil lived in Melbourne where he served on the Old Boys Victorian branch committee for many years, flying home on a regular basis for holidays and to attend HSOBA reunions. By 1963 he was President of the Victorian branch of the HSOBA; he had a Hutchins Cub pack named after him in

1934, and in 1989 he donated an oil painting by former schoolmate Owen Lade (1934, no. 3272) to the School. In 2003 he was honoured for his generosity in funding building improvements at Southport, and in 2006 he established the Neil Thomas Sailing Scholarship. His friendship with then Headmaster Warwick Dean and their common interest in sailing led to the establishment in 2016 of the Hutchins Sailing Academy.

Neil Thomas could be called the ultimate Hutchins contributor. He lived a full, active and generous life, and passed away on 17 April 2018. 🕊



(top) Sailing buddies N Thomas, B Gulline, G Thomas, E Boyes and N Bayles, c1936

(above) E Terry, Mr and Mrs D Shepherd and N Thomas at a Victorian reunion, 1997



Neil Thomas with Mrs Megan Killian-Richardson at the opening of the Sailing Academy, 2016

# 2018 calendar events

## TERM 3

### HSOBA Perth Reunion

Friday 17 August

### HSOBA Adelaide Reunion

Monday 20 August

### Dance@Hutchins

Saturday 25 August

### Junior School Grandparents' Day

Friday 30 August

### Jazz@Hutchins

14 September

### Prefects AFL Grand Final Breakfast

Friday 28 September

## TERM 4

### School Fair

Friday 19 October

### Years 11/12 Art Exhibition

Friday 9 November

### HSOBA Ray Vincent Lunch

Friday 16 November

### Junior School Speech Night

Thursday 6 December

### Hutchins Leavers' Dinner

Friday 7 December

### Middle/Senior School Speech Night

Tuesday 11 December

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