

# Old Bathurstians' Union

## President's report 2017

It gives me great pleasure to present my fifth and final report as President of the OBU.

As I reflect over last five years I feel proud of the achievements of the small band of enthusiastic committee members

Allow me to look back and summarise some of the high points and achievements during this time:

\*In 2012 The OBU donated \$20,000 towards the urgent drainage and maintenance of the school chapel.

\*The two beautiful leadlight windows were installed at the entrance to the Kemmis building with engraved plaques.

\*A magnificent trophy cabinet was installed in the same building and houses historical trophies lovingly restored by Tim Sargeant

\*Special monogrammed OBU merchandise was purchased to sell at various functions

\*Greg Hyde artworks of the school were framed and raffled at dinners and Spring fair for extra income.

\*OBU Scholarships in year 11 and 12 were increased to \$2000 per year and we made sure these were awarded each year

\*Huge improvements were made to form a workable database of past students mainly thanks to Old Boy Jock Crossing. These included combining five different very outdated lists into one and removing doubles, non-students, friends, parents and teachers, and standardising and cleaning addresses, postcodes, phone numbers and other data

\*An automated maintenance OBU email address was set up by Jock to work in conjunction with the database and allows for communication of all kinds to ex-students such as school newsletters, school information, invitations to reunions and general enquiries

\*A leaver's contact details sheet for year 12s was introduced and collected during the HSC. This had never been done before so students were lost to our system as they left.

\*The All Saints Old Bathurstians' Union and Marsden Facebook groups were started. These now have over 800 people following them for information and posts

\*The OBU section of the school website was rewritten, updated and modernised

\*4 beautiful new basketball boards for the PE department were purchased and installed

\*A magnificent Kawai grand piano was purchased for the school music department

The writing of the school history and organising the schools' archives remains an unfulfilled project. This now, I suspect, must become a priority for the Old Bathurstians' association with the recent sale of the school and the uncertainty of the direction it will take in the future.

Once again I'd like to thank the small band of enthusiastic OBU committee members who not only attend meetings and represent us on The Foundation but also attend other school events such as Art shows, church services, balls, dinners, sporting matches, spring fair and speech days.

Special thanks to Memory who is not only our secretary but also an extremely valuable link to what's happening at the school and to Rose and David who have managed our funds so expertly.

Best wishes to the new president and incoming committee

Anne Llewellyn

Outgoing president 2017