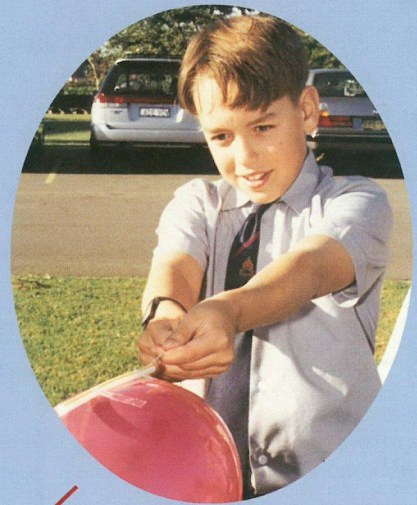
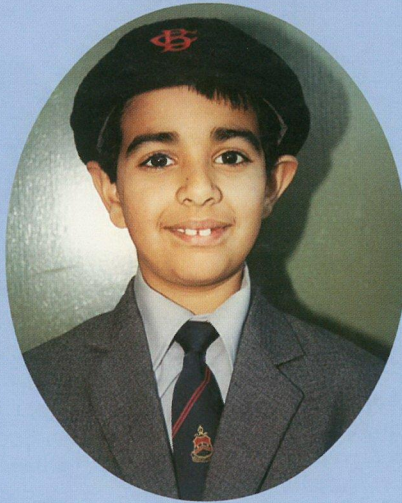
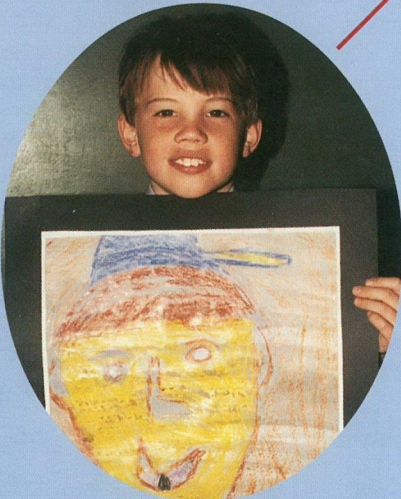
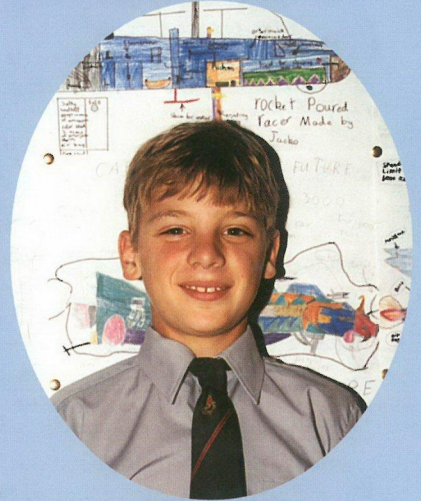


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# It seems to me o o o

A personal reflection by a different member of the Barker Community each issue

## The Internet in the Senior Library

**I**nformation literacy has been a method used by school librarians for many years in assisting students to handle information. This process involves six steps – **defining, locating, selecting, organising, presenting and assessing.** In the past, the library has used the tools of catalogues, indexes, and vertical files.

These tools have now all been changed in format from mainly print media to electronic media, perhaps most effective of which is the CD-ROM. Students have learnt to manage these changes extremely well. However, neither these print media nor these non-print media are updated with sufficient frequency to provide the absolute latest in information on any given topic. The records can sometimes be several months behind the current state of news or knowledge.

Furthermore there is a normal researcher expectation these days for information to be accurate and 'up-to-the-minute' complete. **This is where the Internet has proved invaluable.** The Internet can provide information on an endless number of topics that is potentially current to the minute, and this is how it is used in the Library.

The steps in handling information as mentioned above still apply to electronic information research, especially on the Internet, as the information standard can vary so widely.

I choose to think of all information on the Internet as unedited and in a fluid state, sloshing back and forth. Students have to be able to use it wisely.

**At Barker, senior students are encouraged to use of the Internet only after exhausting all other information sources available to them.** They use book resources, CD-ROM indexes for journal articles, vertical file resources and so on.

To use the Internet they make an appointment with the Librarian. In an initial interview they discuss their information needs and work out key-terms for searching. **The Internet is online, so they must learn to be efficient in their searching.**

The search is logged and the appropriate 'search engine', which is a program to help 'navigate' the World Wide Web efficiently, is decided upon, depending on the subject. One may choose Lycos, Webcrawler or some other 'index'. The search may take several seconds up to several minutes. Once a suitable article or site is discovered this information can be printed out and the student is able to take away information to use in an appropriate way.

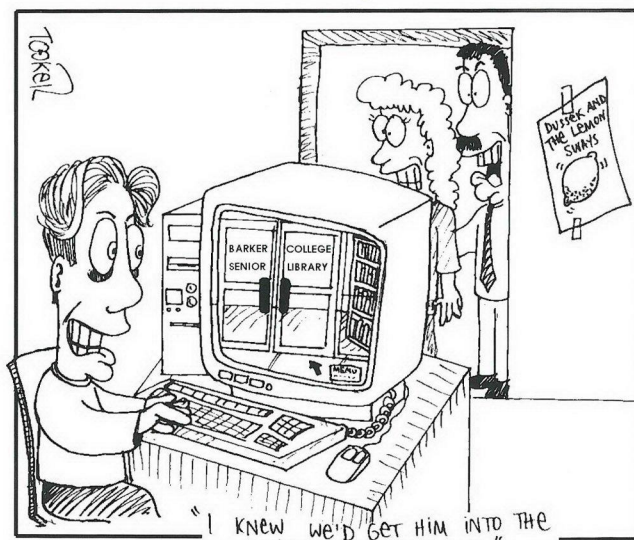
It seems to me that if used intelligently and with discipline in this manner, the Internet is an exciting tool for discovering information and helps to develop the students' awareness what the global information web can provide.

Barbara Yates

Co-ordinator of Library Services and Cybrarian



*Charlton Roberts and Jessica Kearns, Year 11, casting the net or maybe caught in the web, but enjoying the search.*



COVER: Representatives from the Class of 2005. Clockwise from top: Saurabh Bajaj, Matthew Jackson, Sam Millar, Brenton Simons, David Pintos-Oliver, Nicholas Hayes, William Mulligan, Matthew Hawke. See page 14.



## 'and that ... made all the difference'

Drama

## 1996 HSC ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCES by THE YEAR 12 DRAMA CLASSES

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -  
I took the one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

So reads the final stanza of Robert Frost's famous poem, *The Road Not Taken* (1916). Andrew Springer's recitation of these lines at the close of the Year 12 ensemble's performance focused audience attention on the production's central concern: individuals make choices in life and they must then face the consequences of these choices.

The dramatic context in which the ensemble explored the nature of choice involved a pastiche of three narratives. The first, set in the late eighteenth century, was an adaptation of excerpts from Peter Weiff's play, *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of Clarendon Asylum Under the direction of The Marquis De Sade*. The second used excerpts from three stories by the New Zealand writer, Katherine Mansfield, with the time frame being early this century, whilst the final narrative explored the choices faced in the present time by fictional North Shore boy, Graham Mackenzie.



Andrew Christie, Tamara Salamacha and Andrew Parcell, part of the Year 12 Drama ensemble performing for assessment.

Though each narrative incorporated a vastly different social milieu, the production linked the three by a common structure. The first half of each piece looked at the characters' lives up to the age of 17 when a family argument took place and the second half explored the choices the characters then faced. Jean-Paul Marat and Katherine Mansfield make choices which bring them fame whilst Graham Mackenzie tries several options imaginatively but at the end of the play still has his life before him.



Shelley Hill as Ida Baker and Alicia Swallow as Katherine Mansfield

Incorporating this framework into such an eclectic production cannot have been easy. The program explains the nature of the rehearsal process: the two Year 12 drama classes worked separately for six weeks with one class devising scenes for the three characters before the turning point of the family argument while the other



Duncan McDuie, Hugh Hassey and James Moore appearing in *Marat-Sade*, the first of the three narratives.

worked on the choices faced by the characters after the argument. Then came two weeks of interaction prior to the performance dates when students had to 'tease the story' out of their devised scenes.

The result was extraordinary, with moments of intense theatrical poignancy and some exceptional individual performances. Thirty-two students were being assessed on the first night. In each piece the central character was played by a number of students. In *Marat*, Tamara Salamacha's Coppelius-like rendition of the murderess, Charlotte Corday, was outstanding whilst the at times nonsensical, stylized dialogue of Lachlan Milne and Duncan McDuie in a cameo scene delighted the audience. Jeff Waugh seems to have a happy knack of scoring plum roles: who else would be able to make-up as Aladin Sane and be the sole male (and father-figure) in the Katherine Mansfield piece, having no less than ten girls in tow?

There were some very good performances by those playing Katherine, and as her mother, Anika Burgess was well suited.

It was the Graham Mackenzie narrative that audiences most enjoyed, probably because of the obvious parody of life in the raw for an adolescent living in the nineties on the North Shore. James Grellman was popular as Graham's bully-boy older brother (I wonder why?) as was Ben Bathgate's delightful rendition of the super-nerd. Mark Drew swapped his tutu for an apron and played Graham's mum while Alex Dechnicz replete with *Split Enz* hairstyle gave a memorable, if slightly irreverent, performance as the minister.

Technically this production broke new ground at Barker, with its use of analogue sonic manipulation to produce a range of sound effects and an on-going sound track for the scenes which heightened dramatic tension effectively. Nic Littlemore, Lachlan Milne and Andrew Christie are to be congratulated for their innovative composition and operating. As *Marat*, Andrew Christie also sang unaccompanied and Adam Grace did similarly in the Graham Mackenzie piece. In both cases, the singing added another theatrical dimension to the performances.

Over five hundred students, parents and teachers watched this production. Whilst many found the material difficult, the audience reacted strongly to the range of life experiences being presented, whether these involved the murder of Marat in his bath, the risqué bi-sexual loves of Katherine Mansfield or the inimitable Graham, daring to be different from the rest. For nearly two hours we were held, watching the choices made and consequences faced, wondering about our own lives and the path we are taking.

Alister Wilkinson



# from the Acting Headmaster



**T**his is the last time that I write as Acting Headmaster. It has been a privilege to serve Barker in this capacity. When I took over the reins at short notice in February last year I did so with some fear and trepidation. I was mindful of the massive demands the school makes on its Chief Executive and wondered if I was equal to the task. I reassured myself with the belief that Barker is well served by its senior staff and managers and that I would have their support. I have relied heavily upon the advice, experience, loyalty and encouragement of the three Acting Senior Masters. Mr John Dickson, Mr Max Cowdroy and Mrs Sue Field. They were ably assisted by Mrs Joy Hill, Ms Helen Graham, the Tutors, Housemasters and Subject Co-ordinators. I thank them, the School Council, staff, parents and students for what they have done to enable our School to function so effectively through its Hornsby Centenary Year and on into 1996.

**Barker is such a successful school because of the enormous voluntary contribution made by many people.** Members of Council devote hundreds of hours to planning and to work on Committees. There are few School activities which do not depend upon the voluntary service of members of our community. Without the assistance of the Barker College Mothers' Association the many social functions which we enjoy could not take place. The tuckshops in the Junior and Secondary schools are entirely dependent upon the voluntary help of our Mums. Directors and members of the Foundation join with the Old Barker Association and the Friends of Barker to foster friendship and fellowship and raise funds.

I wish to pay special tribute to the voluntary contribution of another group of people. We assume that they are paid for their services. In most cases they are not. **I refer to our teachers who give thousands of hours over and above the time for which they are paid as teachers.** All teachers at Barker have a sporting or co-curricular responsibility. The majority give considerably more time than the required two afternoons of coaching and the Saturday game.

Our students enjoy camps, tours, excursions, bushwalks, musicals, plays and concerts. They spend lunch times and afternoons in the Computer rooms, the Design Centre, Music Centre, the ovals and the gymnasium. They can do these things because teachers give time to organise and to supervise. This is done often at great cost to themselves and their families.

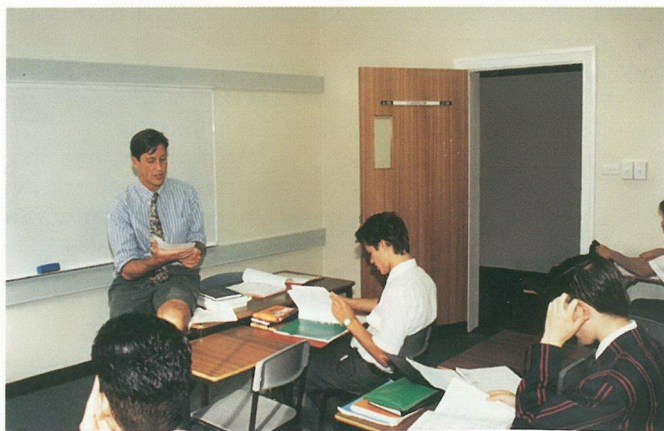
We read much in the press about teacher stress and burn-out. I am not surprised. As year follows year, teachers are asked to do more and more. The introduction of the School Assessment Program as part of the HSC Course has added massively to the daily work of teachers. The continuous stream of tasks and tests to be set and marked, together with the administrative task of scaling and recording marks is burdensome. The growing demand for accountability in education is another pressure on teachers. Teachers are required to work very much harder than they did twenty or even ten years ago. The workload of Subject Co-ordinators has doubled over the last decade. The School has responded sympathetically and generously to help teachers meet these challenges. The provision of aides, support and ancillary staff to assist with invigilation of examinations, with photocopying, typing, printing, report processing, sports coaching and relief teaching has gone a long way to lighten the burden. Despite this, teaching is no sinecure. We are blessed with a dedicated group of professionals.

Recently, a professional consultant who was visiting Barker and who has visited many other schools in New South Wales, remarked to me that Barker stood out as a school in which the good relationship between teachers and School authorities was nothing short of remarkable. This is something we cherish and we must strive to maintain in the years ahead. Barker is not only a pleasant place for students. The School authorities have done much to ensure that it is also a pleasant workplace for its teachers.

## The Hornsby Hundred Project – Stage 2

This project is rapidly nearing its completion. Middle School boys are enjoying the use of their new and spacious locker rooms and toilets. **The refurbished classrooms on the middle floor in the West Wing are in use and it will not be long before the classrooms in the main building are occupied.** The wide verandahs and walkways surrounding the new classrooms and locker rooms provide welcome shade and shelter. Soon the boys will be challenging each other at *Barkaball* in the courtyard once more. Their play areas have been somewhat restricted during the building operations and the outdated lockers have cluttered the corridors. We look forward to an era of peace without the sound of pneumatic drills and circular saws.

A new Computer Laboratory has been established in the Hornsby Hundred Building. There is an insatiable demand from students and teachers for computers. Our many laboratories are



*Mr Geoff Lancaster conducts a Year 12 Computer Studies class in one of the refurbished West Wing Classrooms. While it is not easy to capture the essence of a basic teaching space of walls, windows, desks and chairs on film, in this instance the clean, light, airy atmosphere is readily apparent. Why even the blackboard is a whiteboard!*



used for the teaching of Computing Studies and are being used increasingly by teachers in various subject areas. There is excellent software available. Planning for yet another laboratory is under way for next year.

The Building and Grounds Committees have brought to completion a number of projects. The new all-weather astro-turf cricket nets adjacent to *Rosewood* have been a boon to cricketers. The amenities block adjacent to No. 3 Oval has been renovated. Construction of the Old Barker Association Outdoor Performance area on top of the amenities block will commence in Term 2. Landscaping around the grandstand has been completed. This has turned the area into a very pleasant precinct. It is hoped that a permanent outdoor barbecue facility will soon be built in the area south of the Gymnasium entrance.

### Staff

I was sorry to receive resignations from two valued teachers during the Christmas vacation.

**Mr Rob Smith joined the staff in 1979. He was a dedicated teacher of English and History.** In his early years at Barker he played an important part in Extension Education. He served with distinction as Housemaster of Wade for eight years. We wish him every success as he takes a new direction in his teaching career.

**Ms Sarah Dalton** taught English with flair and vigour for two years. She gave up a career in advertising to teach at Barker. She has returned to advertising and we are the losers.

At such short notice we were extremely fortunate to gain the services of two experienced teachers. Both have outstanding records in teaching and in co-curricular activities. Mrs Shauna Colnan hails from Ravenswood and took over Ms Dalton's classes. Mr Greg Cunningham comes to us from South Africa and is teaching Mr Smith's classes.

I conclude by thanking the Barker community for its support over the past year and a half. My wife and I have been deeply touched by your kindness, friendliness and generosity. It has been a unique and humbling experience and we thank you for it.

B.C. Thiel



Dr R. E. Kefford will be commissioned as Headmaster of Barker College at a ceremony in the Leslie Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 2 June.

We look forward to his arrival and that of his wife Margaret and their family. I know that Dr Kefford looks forward to taking up the challenge.

He has already absorbed vast amounts of briefing papers. He has been fed information by practically every Department in the School.

In the month prior to his commissioning, Dr Kefford will spend time in the School getting to know his managers, teachers, support staff and key members of parent committees and associations.

He should hit the deck running in June!

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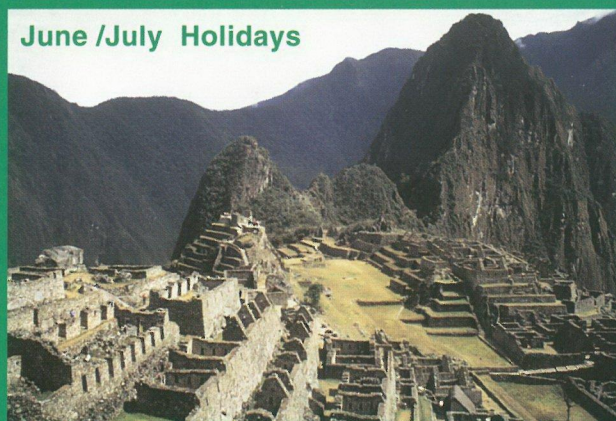
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Contact Mr Alan Ryrie or Mr Mike James at the School  
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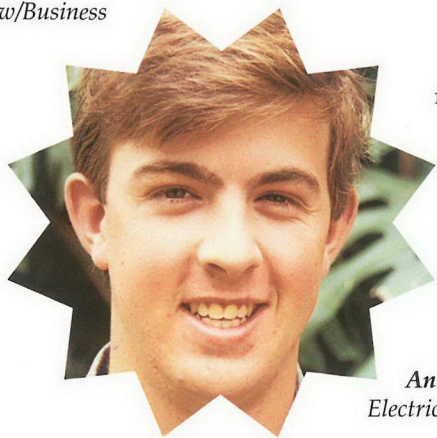
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## THE SUCCESS OF THE CLASS OF 1995



**Sally Adam**  
Law/Business



**Andrew King**  
Electrical Engineering

**A**lthough overall our **Higher School Certificate** results were not quite as good as those of 1994, they equalled or were better than our 1993 results and certainly reflected another very strong performance. Seventy-seven students were placed in the top 10% of the State with 15 of those in the top 1% (TER of 99.00 or over)

Of equal interest was the performance of our candidates in the lower percentile bands where 70% of our candidates were in the top 30% of the State.

Students represented in the top 10 places in the State in individual subjects were **Sally Adam**, 2 Unit Modern History, and 3 Unit Business Studies, **Jarrad Murray**, 3 Unit Business Studies, **Janette Curgenvin** and **David Winton**, 3 Unit Computing Studies.

We have been pleased with the continued success of our students in gaining University Scholarships. Those of our 1995 HSC Cohort who have been successful are:

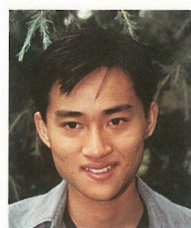
- Chancellor's Scholar in Electrical Engineering, Sydney University: **Erwin Lee**
- Alumni Scholar in Biological Sciences, Sydney University: **Nicholas Hagan**
- Co-op Scholars, UNSW:

**Charles Shale & David Winton**, Business Information Technology

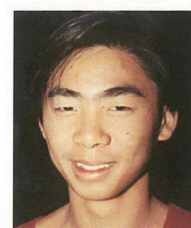
**Andrew King**, Electrical Engineering, **Mitchell Dixon**, Civil Engineering

These scholarships involve aspects other than straight academic achievement and reflect the 'all round' education of our students.

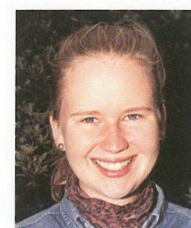
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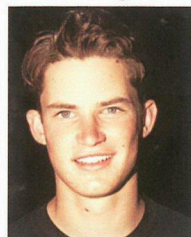
**Erwin Lee**  
Electrical Engineering



**Michael Poon**  
Medicine



**Anita Panov**  
Architecture



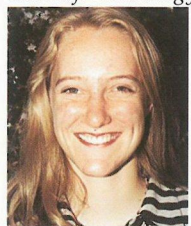
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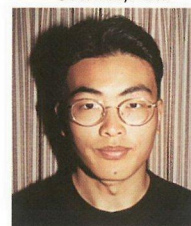
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Science/Law



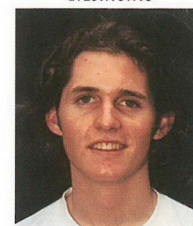
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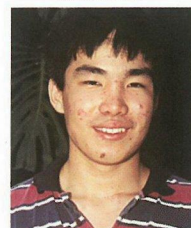
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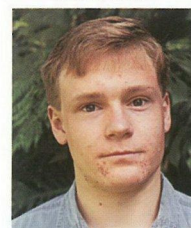
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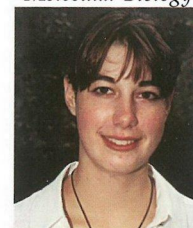
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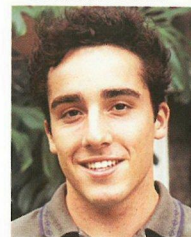
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Commerce Law



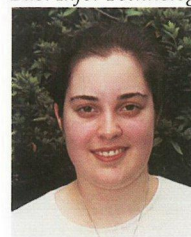
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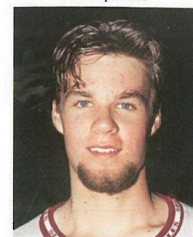
**Gillian Walker**  
Arts/Law



**Mitchell Dixon**  
Civil Engineering



**Janette Curgenvin**  
Inf. & Comm. Technology



**Jarrad Murray**  
Commerce

### Students who achieved TERs of 90 or more:

1 Sally Adam	99.75	40 Timothy Dixon	95.45
2 Andrew King	99.60	41 Janette Curgenvin	95.40
3 Erwin Lee	99.55	42 Benjamin Jobbins	95.20
Michael Poon	99.55	43 Amy Jones	95.00
5 Anita Panov	99.40	44 Julie Fitzpatrick	94.95
Charles Shale	99.40	45 Fiona Creal	94.80
Isaac Lin	99.40	46 Louise Allen	94.70
8 Katrina Webster	99.30	47 Deborah Bayliss	94.60
9 Simone Cripps	99.20	48 Amanda Gamble	94.35
10 Terrance Lim	99.10	49 Gabrielle Stanek	94.30
11 Nicholas Hagan	99.05	50 Jessica McCormack	94.25
Bobby Tan	99.05	51 Earl Butler	94.20
David Winton	99.05	52 Jacob Jonker	93.95
14 Gillian Walker	99.00	53 Kent Hindmarsh	93.90
15 Valent Lau	98.95	54 Alexander Drury	93.85
16 Nicholas Woodward	98.70	55 Andrew Boak	93.75
17 Andrew Weatherall	98.45	Sarah Cleggett	93.75
18 Jarrad Murray	98.20	57 Benjamin King	93.45
19 Trent Le Breton	97.65	58 John St Quintin	93.40
20 Ashley Miles	97.60	59 Robert Matiuk	93.25
21 Karen McWilliam	97.55	60 Kerry Li	92.85
22 Scott Crowe	97.45	Stephanie Rouvray	92.85
23 Claire Toynbee	97.35	62 Kim Ng	92.80
24 Christopher Stark	97.20	63 Lucinda Leonard	92.25
25 David Garrick	97.15	64 Lori Ahn	92.20
Kate Law	97.15	65 James Crossie	92.15
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28 Sophia Banks	96.90	Peter Scott	92.10
Alexander Hoch	96.90	68 Penelope Legge	91.30
30 Trevor Watling	96.60	69 Christina Charley	90.90
31 Paul Dooley	96.45	70 Allison Marley	90.85
32 Steven Chung	96.40	71 Simon Brown	90.80
Mitchell Dixon	96.40	Matthew Thomas	90.80
34 Jonathon Solomons	96.10	73 Michael Tebbutt	90.40
35 Janet Ma	96.05	74 Matthew Bertie	90.35
36 Fiona Keast	96.00	Belinda Turnbull	90.35
37 Brett Ruitenber	95.85	76 David Crofts	90.30
38 Kate Fitzgerald	95.80	David Lions	90.30
39 Andrew Lau	95.60		



## A true 'Braveheart' takes out the Award

## ACHIEVEMENT

**B**arker student, **Benjamin King**, is the 1996 joint winner of the *Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize* which is awarded to a student who has overcome significant disadvantage or disability to achieve academic excellence in the Higher School Certificate. This prize was established by the Board of Studies in 1994 in memory of Brother John Taylor, one of the distinguished members of the Board, who died in 1993. It comprises a cash grant and a certificate recognising the award.

Ben's story is one of quite remarkable courage and perseverance. He was born with a congenital heart defect so all of his school life was severely disrupted. In 1991, after a series of heart operations, doctors decided all traditional avenues had been explored and their only medical recourse was to organ replacement.

In 1992 Ben received a heart-lung transplant and as a result he missed a considerable amount of schooling. All the anti-rejection drugs meant that Ben continually suffered from headaches, nausea, blood pressure and weight problems. **Despite this Ben achieved excellent results in his School Certificate.**

When he entered the Senior School in 1994, Ben could not apply for any special provisions because his was a 'pre-existing illness'. Over the two years Ben was hospitalised at St Vincents for a total of 63 days. Ben completed all assessment tasks and exams without complaint, never asking for any special favours nor time extensions and making outstanding effort in all subjects. All the time he had the worry of heart rejection and again the constant nausea and headaches from the massive amounts of medication he was required to take.

Two weeks before the 1995 Barker HSC Trial Exams, Ben collapsed at School, cutting his head open and requiring a large number of stitches. He was re-admitted to St Vincents where it was discovered that his blood pressure was so low that he would have to have a Pacemaker inserted into his chest cavity. He was treated for severe dehydration and also underwent an angiogram. Despite these procedures, Ben was discharged two days before the Trials and he sat all his exams with our other students, receiving no special provisions.

He entered for the HSC Examinations taking 3 Unit English and Modern History and 2 Unit Mathematics, Economics and Ancient History. One week before the HSC Examinations his original Pacemaker moved, so that a new one had to be inserted. Again Ben returned to Barker to sit all of his HSC exams.

**His resulting TER of 93.45, 57th out of the School candidature of 269, was an amazing achievement.**

As a sportsman Ben always represented the School with pride, excellence and a sense of commitment. In 1994 he played cricket for the 5th XI. In 1995 he played in the 3rd XI, usually batting as opener or at number 3. He is an excellent fieldsman, as evidenced by his classic, diving catch against Trinity to effect a valuable breakthrough. In the winter of 1995 he was a very responsible Rugby Manager of the 16A XV and the 5th XV.

Ben was one of the founding members of the guitar ensemble in 1991 and he has remained with the group through to 1994. He has been involved in Outdoor Education and he went on the *Alice Trek* in 1994. Ben has shown his concern for others less privileged by being involved in the Red Shield Appeal. The School recognised Ben's leadership potential, appointing him a Senior in 1993 and a sub-prefect in 1994-1995.

Endorsing Ben's application for the *Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize*, his consulting thoracic physician, Mr Alan Glanville, wrote,

"In essence it is a credit to this young man to have overcome the not inconsiderable hurdle of living with severe congenital heart disease and receiving a Heart-Lung Transplant procedure which has allowed him to pursue a vigorous normal lifestyle and be a productive member of the community."

Ben has always set himself the highest goals and has never taken anything for granted. At the moment he is working as a part-time delivery boy for Kentucky Fried Chicken to help pay his University fees. He has begun an Economics/Law degree at UTS and it is his ambition to become a lawyer. Never heard to complain, Ben said of his HSC year that he was "used to" the problems.

"I try not to think about the transplant and be normal," he said. "I guess it could be seen as special but I don't think of it like that. I just did what everyone would have done - the best they could."

Joy Hill



*Acting Dean of the Senior School, Mrs Joy Hill offers congratulations to Ben in Barker Senior School Common Room, on the announcement of his becoming joint winner of the Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize.*

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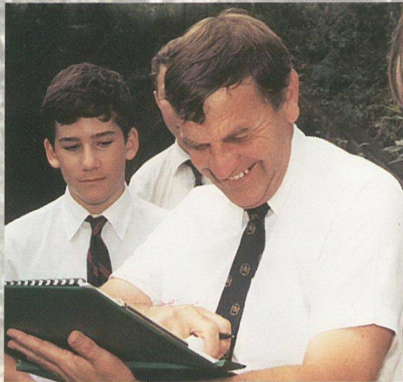
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## Geography

# Barker STREAMWATCH

Waitara Creek crosses under Malsbury Road just south of Barker campus on a course which takes it down to the Hawkesbury River, and Year 9 Barker students are keeping a learned eye on it. The School is a member of *Streamwatch*, under the sponsorship of Telstra and part of the Water Board Special Environmental Program.



Nicholas Rodwell assisting Mr Grieve to chart the results.

The job the Geography classes do each week is to monitor the water quality of the Creek in this chosen location, using a *Streamwatch* test kit, and through a computer link-up system, *Keylink*, report the results to the Water Board. When desirable they communicate with other schools networked around the country and overseas.

In effect, it is a check for substances that could make people sick or that could kill plants and animals that live in it or use it. Too many such substances gives rise to a condition of *pollution*. Of course the regular pattern of readings also permits detection of changes introduced by such events as industrial waste injection, paint or oil spillage, sewage inflow or a phosphate build-up which can lead to outbreaks of blue-green algae. Where pollution or other irregularities are discovered, the schools are encouraged by *Streamwatch* to initiate various forms of affirmative action to improve the situation.

Wednesday 6 March saw Class group 9GGOA at work in the creek conducting a series of 12 definitive measurements of the water quality for the on-line transmission. They had only 40 minutes until lunch so there was no time to be idle, and the exercise proceeded with commendable order and precision under the guidance of Ms Carole Wellham and Mr Bob Grieve.

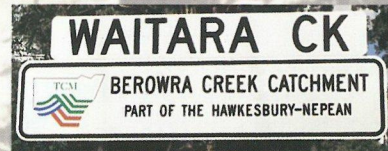
In the wash-up on this fine autumn day, with the water at 19°C, it was determined that Waitara Creek had a very good level of dissolved oxygen, a low turbidity (both essential for plant and animal health), a neutral pH value, acceptable biochemical oxygen demand, zero heat pollution, marginally high phosphorous and satisfactory levels of nitrates (usually derived from fertilisers).

However the stream was certainly stressed. The level of dissolved and suspended solids was far too high; and the faecal coliform colonies reading at 5200/100ml was extremely high, being some 35 times the acceptable limit! (Was there a cracked sewerage line upstream?) It was not difficult to convince the boys, armed as they were with protective gloves and long-arm samplers, that any additional dermal contact with the water might best be avoided, and in terms of liquid consumption, it seems that everybody was more than content to hang on for a lunchtime Coke!



Chris Tonge with the long-arm sampler for the turbidity test.

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Stephen Cartwright, Douglas Low and Andrew James checking out the nitrates levels.



Roger Cheng and Tim Robinson testing for faecal coliform.



Ms Wellham and David Munro conducting the phosphorous test.



# Vision for Leadership

**T**here are not many occasions on which our links with the other Anglican schools in the Diocese of Sydney are highlighted. However, in March each year at St Andrew's Cathedral, students from about twenty-five schools come together for the **Annual Service for Prefects of Anglican Schools**.

Prefects from Barker attended the service where, with five hundred other students, they prayed for their schools and for themselves as student leaders within those schools. **They were addressed by the Archbishop of Sydney.** After the service they had the opportunity to meet and talk to fellow students from such schools as The King's School, Shore, Blue Mountains Grammar, Danebank, Abbotsleigh, SCECGS Redlands, Illawarra Grammar School, Trinity Grammar, St Catherine's Waverley, Cranbrook, Meriden and of course St Andrew's.

**The Archbishop, Harry Goodhew, spoke passionately of the need for vision in those who would exercise leadership.** He told a number stories of women and men of vision who had made a very significant impression, both on people of their own times and on subsequent history. He also said:

"I count it a very great privilege to speak to you this morning. Because so much of the future of the Australian community, as well as the future of your school this year depends upon you. I congratulate you who have been elected and appointed prefects and therefore leaders within your school community. This will make it a large and challenging year for you. I wish you well under God.

"In the old King James Version of the Bible, in Proverbs 28:19, we read: 'Where there is no vision the people perish'.

"A vision is a clear picture of what the leader sees his group being or doing. It may be the provision the particular quality of education that created many of your schools a long time ago, where a few dedicated people gave themselves to that particular calling. It may be the formation of a home where there is love and where children grow up to maturity and go out into the world as well-rounded human beings.

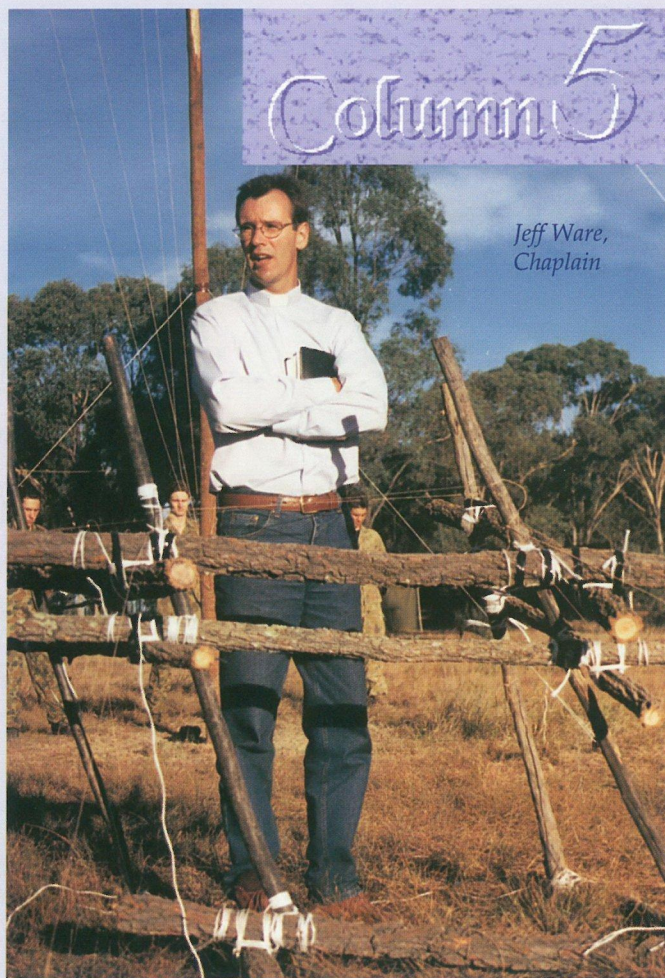


*Robin Foxcroft, Ingrid Mansfield and the Chaplain setting out for the Prefects' Service at St Andrew's Cathedral.*

"You have been appointed as leaders in your schools. I want to ask you: What will carry you forward as an effective prefect in the year that lies before you? Do you have a vision for your school? Do you share a vision with your school of what it might be for its students and for the community?

"Young men and women, it is visions that ultimately stir actions. I encourage you to get a good vision. As well, I'd like to ask you what vision do you have for the days that lie beyond school, as to what it might mean to live as worthwhile human beings?

"Let me suggest what you might do if you want a worthwhile, challenging vision for your life, that enables you to live with conviction and purpose and meaning.



*Jeff Ware, Chaplain*

*Chaplain Ware delivers the Easter message at the outdoor Church Parade of Cadet Unit on the final evening of Annual Camp at Singleton. Jeff was not being forcibly restrained by all that woodwork! The timber corral is in fact a pulpit constructed by C1 Platoon, who also came up with a wonderful rustic altar table and lectern!*

"First of all, I encourage you to give yourself, heart and soul, to God who wills only the best for you and the best through you. Secondly, give yourself some space in your life, to reflect, to pray, to think and to wait. Allow God – quietly or dramatically, instantaneously or over a period of time – to place in your heart a deep desire to achieve something that is good – not just for yourself but for others.

"Do you have a vision? And if you do, will you respond to that vision with determination and hard work? Vision underpins all leadership. We need women and men who will offer leadership out of a vision that is good.

"I want to remind you that the life which achieved most in human history was the life of a man who had a vision. It was simple, very simple. He said, 'My will is to do the will of Him who sent me'. And it took him to the cross. And beyond the cross to the resurrection, to the right hand of God, to open the door to eternal life to us. It was a great vision. To do the thing that God sent him into the world to do. And it rescued us."

Back at Barker, on Ash Wednesday, we held the first of our special Chapel Services for 1996. It was a tremendous way to acknowledge the start of Lent. The Senior Choir gave great assistance in the singing of the hymns and offered two fine choral pieces, *Lord, for Thy tender mercies sake*, by Hilton and *Kyrie Eleison*, by Mendelssohn. The next major service is the Junior School Family Service on Pentecost Sunday, 26 May.

Later in the year there is the Cadet Service in November and then, on Advent Sunday, our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend at least one of these services each year.



## Boarding Diary of an Avenue Boarder..

**Monday, 7.20am:** Wake to turgid tones of the Triple Jay breakfast show – Phew – just enough time to be out of bed before MOD Giltrap comes around for inspection.

**7.21am:** Make excellent impression of student who has been up for an hour or so doing extra homework when MOD Giltrap knocks on the door, milliseconds before bursting in. This week is already off to an excellent start.

**7.25am:** Stumble into bathroom. Turn hot tap fully on, expecting lukewarm water because everyone else has had a shower. Scalded by powerful stream of burning hot water. What's going on? They must have fixed the hot water system last Friday.

**7.40am:** Stagger across to Dining Hall. Have usual boarder power breakfast – 8 Weet-Bix, milk and sugar, 2 pieces of toast, butter and honey, cup of coffee. Now no need to bludge recess food off day boys.

**8.15am:** Drop in to Sister's. Say hello to her while cleaning teeth. Must maintain dental hygiene to be taken seriously by any girls!

**1.00pm:** Race to lunch in Dining Hall from Assembly. Foccacia, cheese, ham and tomato and soup – not bad here today. Decide to relax, have a chat and get seconds.



Paul Croaker at Prep in his Avenue room.

**3.30pm:** Back to the House. Check whether cleaners have vacuumed. Did they manage to pick up little bits of hole-punch paper left scattered on the carpet? No-one will ever know!

**6.00pm:** Dinner after an afternoon in the weights' room and in the pool. Life's tough at the moment!

**6.10pm:** Receive a Caramello Bear because of usual outstanding effort for the Old School on the weekend playing fields!

**6.30pm:** House meeting: Get told that it's *Get Tough Week* for the MODs (masters on duty / messengers of death). They are sick of being treated like human alarm clocks. Have usual fun at the expense of Alex K.O. Kar, our resident boxing fanatic.

**10.30pm:** Time for bed. Quite a productive day. Did 3 hours homework and

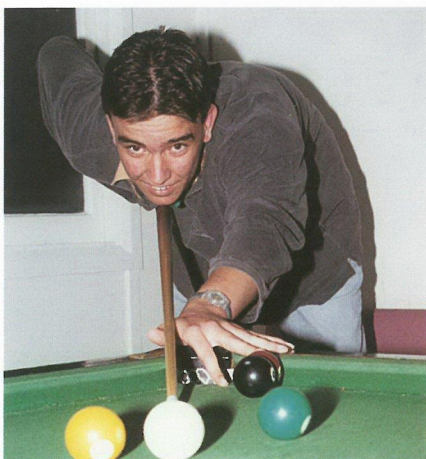
study – and made sure Giltrap knew by the end of the night. When parents ring him this week, he's bound to report hard work. Plan to relax a bit tomorrow night.

**Tuesday, 7.00am:** Oh no – late for Fitness. All is not lost – just a quick hop over the back fence onto *Rosewood* to join bleep test: no-one will even notice the pyjamas.

**8.00am:** Finished Fitness – did quite well except for bagging out. Forgot about wearing those pink silk boxer shorts to bed.

**8.00pm:** Supper as usual. Scored finger buns and cakes from a BCMA function – the mums love us. Lots of Plume girls over for supper tonight (very loud). Must be Year 11 guy's birthday!

MODs Summers, Wearne and Goodburn in cheerful moods because of *Get Tough*



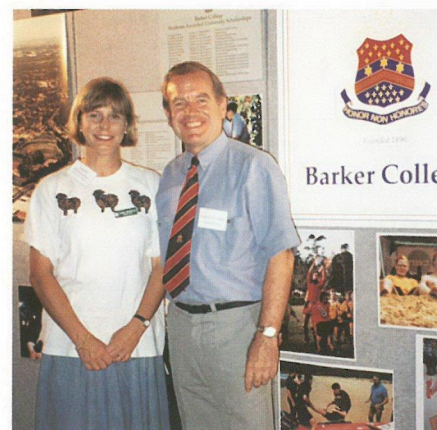
Stephen Jeffery Year 12 of Coffs Harbour.

*Week.* They think this idea is really funny and are joking that next week will be *Get Tougher Week* – and then *Stay Tough Week* the week after. Do these guys have difficulty at home?

**10.00pm:** Early to bed. Not a bad day. Easy practice this afternoon – all up to date with homework. Best part of the day was watching Mundy dig a hole and plant a tree because he was late out of bed. MOD Binet just loves busting us. Is he striking out because his pets keep disappearing in unusual circumstances?



Cos Canning, 1996 President of the Boarder Parents' and Guardians' Association.



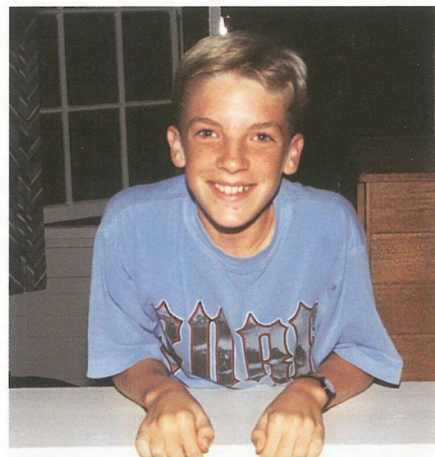
David Cooper meets Boarder mother, Lindy Henderson, on Barker stand at Newcastle Show.

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:** All uneventful, thankfully!

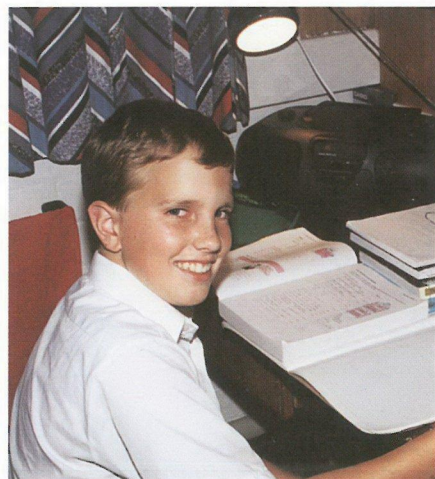
**Saturday, 9.00am:** Feeling of exhilaration on signing out for the weekend with MOD Goodburn. What's on the agenda? First of all down the road and thump Knox, then return to warm bosom of family home, enjoy company of loving parents and pets and home cooking, before going out to a gathering of friends on the lower North Shore. A great weekend! Then of course back to the Avenue for Chapel on Sunday with the Rev. Ware, pizza and a couple of hours work on Sunday night – bed – and then we do it all over again.

Who said life wasn't meant to be easy?

Anon



Nicholas Mason Year 7 of Carter House.



Matthew Edmonds Year 7 of Carter House who hails from Hong Kong.



## Perfect Plumage

How does the thought of having eighteen sisters sound? Pretty scary? – tell us about it! The thought of living at school for two years may not sound all that appealing but in reality it is a great time for all who live in Plume House!

Waking to the sounds of sweet birds, accompanied by sunlight drifting through the leafy trees that surround the House, is only part of the morning picture. Reality adds the cries of the MODs accompanied by complaints echoing forth from girls hidden beneath warm doonas.

Eating breakfast, lunch and dinner with the likes of Rob Canning, Nick Turner and Max McLachlan may seem like a privilege to some, but for the Plume girls it is a fact of life. We share all meals and at dinner we are moved from table to table so that we all get to know one another.

On returning to Plume after a 'hard day at the office' you'll see some girls dragging themselves into sports gear, others grabbing instruments for band and

others trudging to Hornsby to gather 'supplies' (essential for survival while studying!). The noise and laughter is a great way to end the day. Also part of boarders' survival are the famous *tucky bucks* for tuckshop food. The Business Office has regular visits from Ali Mandalis, Sarah Sheldon, Shelley Hill and Stacey Bellis – after all it just goes 'on the account'!

The telephone at Plume is constantly engaged; the mad rush for the phone is inevitable as its shrill bell beckons from its shrine. Girls diligently organise their time out; leave is available each afternoon and on all weekends. Some girls, who have a home in Sydney (Jess Cox, Vicki Baylis), go home every weekend, some who live in Newcastle (Sarah Sheldon, Emma Stronach) go home often during the term. Others stay with parents when they come to Sydney (Alicia Gee, Tamara Salamacha, Nicole Hoare, Casey Edwards). Girls who aren't going out organise themselves to go into the movies or bowling, often with the boys from the Avenue.

Boarding may have its faults and flaws and when that desperation strikes there is always the Plume House Coke machine and Macca's across the road! (The Plume girls must contribute a large portion of their profits). But boarding at Barker is great fun and you meet and get to know so many people from different backgrounds and cultures. To use a cliché, Plume is 'one happy family' made up



Boarder Parents at The Blue Gum Dinner, after the February Meeting of the Boarder Parents' and Guardians' Association.

## Boarding

of teenage girls and, the MODs and the Davis family. Like all families we have our moments but, all in all, **boarding is a ball!!**

Rachel Chapple, Casey Edwards, Stacey Bellis, Sarah Sheldon, Nicole Hoare



Casey Edwards, flute player and Proms' vocalist, in her Plume House work station.



Stacey Bellis, Sarah Sheldon and Rachel Chapple relaxing in Plume common room.

## Barker Proms Concert in February

## Music



Robert Mc Dowell, Barker's Ringo Starr and Gene Krupa, gave a virtuoso display on drums at the Proms.

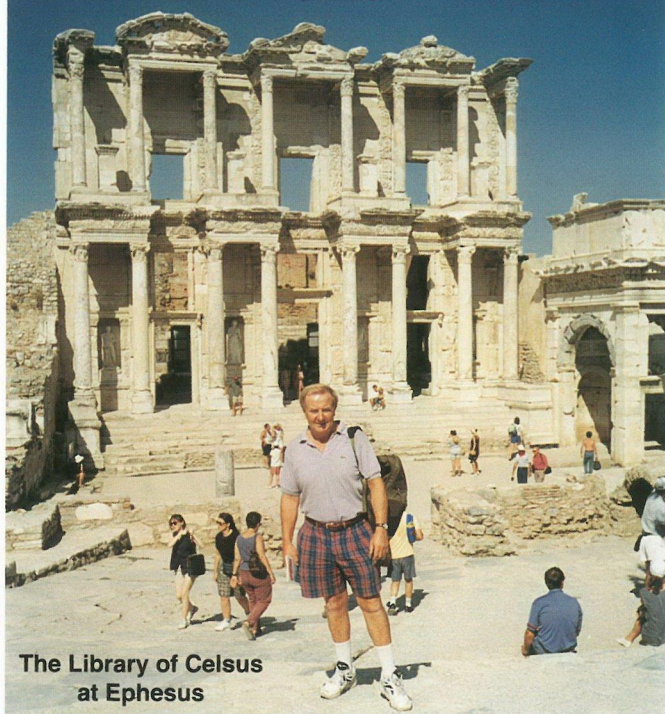
The Proms began life as the *Symphony Under the Stars* but sadly was another event to be "clouded" into the Leslie Hall, where nevertheless a large and enthusiastic Barker crowd was arranged on the floor to greet it. The BSO gave us some Lloyd Webber to relax everyone with the famous and familiar, and the MSC sang the *Hymn to Freedom*. CB3 played *Walkabout* with new teacher Jodie Pritchard conducting; and SB2 bracketed *Malagueña*, *Tin Roof Blues* and *At the Hop*. The MSSO gave a delightful recall of our favourite Seasons, *Spring* and *Autumn* before CB2 really began to stir the blood with *Mobbusters*, *Russian Sailors' Dance* and the immortal, *Rock Around the Clock*. The latter had all the ankle biters (including William Allington) deserting their dinner, their rugs and mums and dads to sway around the Hall, an adrenalin rush from which they showed no subsequent recovery! SB1 came on with a super cool vocal rendition of *Stormy Weather* by Casey Edwards Year 11 and followed it with *Stompin' at the Savoy* and *Five-Foot Two, Eyes of Blue*. The 15 played *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* and *Pavane* and *Mattachins* from the Capriol Suite. CB1 then gave us the Spanish *El Relicario*, *Trepak*, *Radetsky March* and Bizet's ever popular *Farrandole*. To round off the feast they all came back, firstly under James Allington, furiously busy with his baton as we set off to open wide *The Great Gate of Kiev*; and then under Peter Walmsley for the ritual of the twice-rendered Barker version of the 1812 *Overture*, complete with the cannonading hand-clapping of the enraptured audience. This was a great night with superb talent on display and maybe next year we will get our stellar performers out under the sky! I did have a bit of trouble hearing some of the spoken introductions which is a pity at a Proms. One must get quiet and attention. Perhaps, I thought, it would be nice if the BTC could help out with some vocals next-time around.





## LATIN LEANINGS

The Odyssey of our Latin Master, John Tate, through the Ancient World



The Library of Celsus  
at Ephesus

Last year I was fortunate enough to be granted an extended long-service leave, and so I left Australia at the end of June '95 and returned only a few days before school resumed at the end of January '96. During this time, having arranged to meet up with various friends en route, I visited many countries: the States, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, the Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, the U.K. and Mexico. I'd like now to tell you about just some of the amazing sights I saw, especially those relating to the ancient world. (It is good to be reminded that this ancient world which students of Latin meet through their study of *The Cambridge Course* and set texts actually existed and is not just a figment of somebody's fantastic imagination!)

A short train trip from Rome takes you to the site of the ancient city of **Ostia (Ostia Antica)**. Most of the Italians on the crowded train that hot August day were heading off to the beach, and so only a handful of us got off a short distance earlier at Ostia Antica station. I had not been there before, and was amazed to see how huge an area the site covered and in what an excellent condition were the ruins, especially the mosaics on the floors of the shops which depicted the sort of merchandise that would have been on sale: fish, fruit and vegetables, ironware, fresh water etc. This site allowed you to conjure up in your mind the hustle and bustle of the ancient Romans as they went about their everyday lives as vividly as wandering around the streets of ancient Pompeii. (And the beach would always be there the following day!).

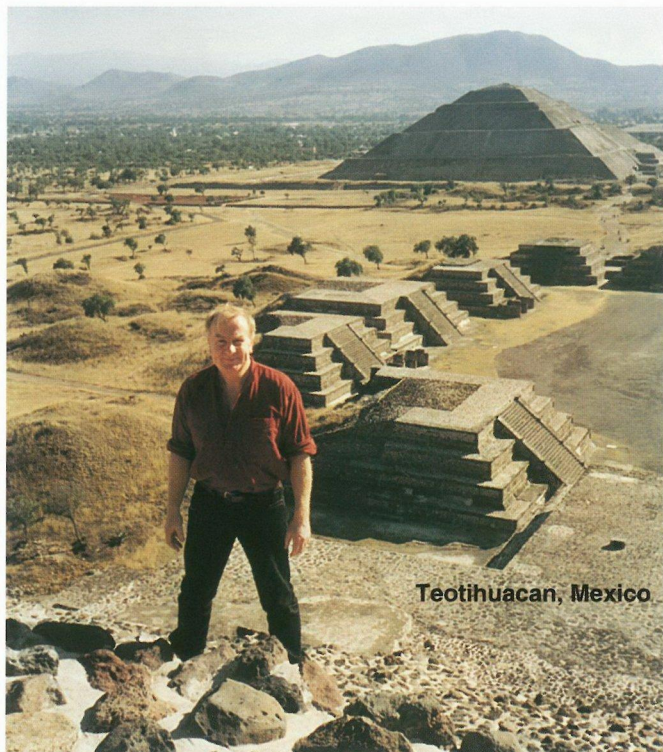
Two great civilisations have left their mark on the **Greek island of Santorini**. One belongs to prehistoric times and is that which is coming to light in the excavations at Akrotiri. The Minoan Cretans settled here and as you walk around these ruins, which are now all under cover, you can see the fantastic wall-paintings, pottery and architecture, two- and three-storied houses which were built of the material available in abundance on the island, small irregular stones and mortar of mud mixed with straw. It is a lot more dramatic to see the diverse objects of the Minoan Cretans' everyday life on site, rather than behind a glass cupboard in a museum.

From Santorini we caught an overnight ferry, crowded with locals, tourists, goats, dogs, hens, etc. to **Kusadasi in Turkey**.

## TATE'S TRAIL

Turkey is an amazing country which possesses some of the best preserved and cared-for ancient ruins in the world. A major highlight was the ancient site of Ephesus. As you walk slowly along 'Curetes Street' on both sides of which stand statues of prominent persons and where the paving and columns were last repaired in the fourth century AD, you catch scintillating glimpses of one of the most famous sights in Turkey— the library of Celsus. This library was built between 117 and 120 AD for Julius Celsus Polemaeanus by his son as a monumental tomb. Its facade is two-storied and the detail in its elegant design is incredible. Every visitor, of course, has to have his or her photo taken in front of this amazing edifice (just to prove that they were really there!) – and I was no exception!

I spent a few days on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey in **Antalya, which was in Pamphylia**, a region which enjoyed almost continuous settlement from the beginning of mankind due to the favourable climatic and soil conditions. Famous tourists like Antony and Cleopatra once visited this area. From there I did a day excursion to the ancient city of **Perge**. Our Turkish guide was very skilled in his description of the ruins of the baths and fountains to enable us to visualise the original beauty and grandeur of these structures which were once decorated in green marble and where dozens of intricately shaped animals' heads spouted out clear water from their mouths. We walked around the 'agora' or market place where St Paul once preached. From there we drove to **Aspendos** where you can see the best preserved Roman theatre in the world, and then onto the seaside resort of the ancient city of **Side**. The amazing thing about this place is that people still live in and around the ancient walls which serve as a striking contrast to the modern boutiques which they frame.



Teotihuacan, Mexico

From **Goreme**, in Central Turkey, we drove out to **Derinkuyu** where we climbed down 75 metres below the ground to walk around a 2000-year-old underground city which once housed 5000 inhabitants – a warren of tunnels and rooms, including huge round rocks used for blocking passageways if the enemy approached.

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In 1960 there was no world English really in terms of the number of people using it. Now we have 150 countries all using it in some form as an official or semi-official language.

— David Crystal, 1995

## IN THEIR OWN WRITE

The place is the Barker Undercroft. A group of students is reading some Year 7 writing posted in the display case:

**SPIT SPLITS TOWN OF ST HELEN**

**ST HELEN TIMES**

**BOY TRAPPED IN ADOPTION CASE**

**WHO OWNS SPIT?**

These are some headlines for 'newspaper front-page stories' based on the Year 7 Term 1 novel *The True Story of Spit McPhee*. In an adjacent display case there is a large number of limericks from Year 7, also based on this novel. These display cases, labelled *In Their Own Write*, provide the students with an instantaneous means of 'publishing' the writing undertaken as part of their English studies. Mr Greg Cunningham, a new member of the English staff, is co-ordinating these postings.

Writing, in the English Department, covers many different forms. Paragraph writing is emphasised in the first part of Year 7, before the writing of the essay is introduced. Essay writing is one of the central forms of writing in English classes in all Years and it assumes a most significant place in the Senior Years. To provide some extra assistance, Mr Andrew Hood is conducting workshops in essay writing for Years 11 and 12 in Terms 2 and 3.

The creative aspect of writing is also important in the English classroom. Students in the Middle School write in many different styles and forms including: journals, diaries and anecdotes; songs, ballads, poems; autobiography, biography; speeches, debates and lecturettes; posters and advertisements; letters; stories; news articles, editorials and reports; and scripts for dramatic and audiovisual presentation.

These varied writing orientations aim to develop the ability to write clearly, using the conventions of punctuation and spelling, keeping in mind the purpose of their writing and the audience being addressed. As well, the different writing modes help to develop their self-expression, imagination and creativity. As they write, they are our poets (the word comes from the Greek verb *poietes*, to make), shaping and defining their world.

Writing is also encouraged through a number of activities outside the classroom. Both in the Middle and Senior Schools there are Written Expression prizes, presented at Speech Night. These competitions provide students with the opportunity of presenting a portfolio of their writing, covering a variety of different forms. Students may write for their own publication, *Indoles*, in *The College Barker*. There are also a number of Writing

## WRITING MATTERS!

Competitions conducted on a State-wide basis which students are encouraged to enter. The best-known of these is *The Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of the Year Award*. Barker students have had a considerable degree of success in the competition, with David Graham (1992) being a NSW winner.

Part of the writing program of the English Department is to expose students to contemporary authors and over the past few years many have visited the School and this year visitors will include Peter Goldsworthy and poet Robert Gray.

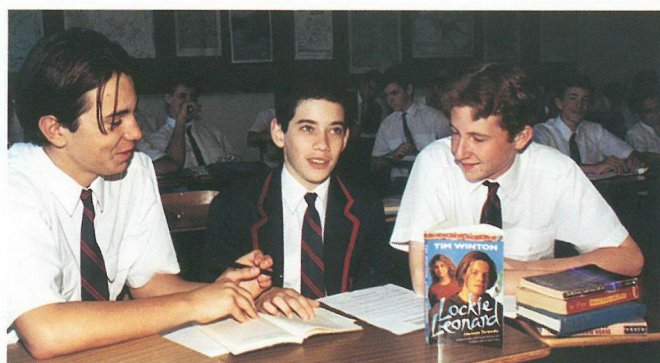
A key initiative in our writing program in 1996 will be our first *Writers' Weekend at The Grange* in Term 3. We aim to take away 25-30 of our students who are interested in writing and through workshops, lectures and time to write and reflect, develop their interest and capability. Several of the English staff will be there as tutors and, it is hoped, a professional writer will also assist. The setting of Mt Victoria and *The Grange* in the cool of August should provide a most appropriate backdrop for writing, where,

*Mist lingers around  
the lights. Across the valley  
sounds the comforting  
amble of a train. Fire warms  
us inside, its coals linger.*

— Winter evening at the Cottage, Mt Victoria

The poet W.H. Auden was once asked why he wrote. He replied that he liked 'hanging around words'. It is the essence of English teaching that we like 'hanging around words' and a number of the English staff enjoy not only the words of others, but also the creating of their own works of poetry and short stories. This is an enriching combination – teaching and writing – and it is hoped later in the year to present some of our writing to others.

Ian Keast



Year 9 boys, Gabriel Killen, David Symonds and Jeremy Hoare discussing the merits of 'Lockie Leonard', the novel by Australian writer, Tim Winton. With the publication of his more recent novel, 'The Riders', Tim is now enjoying international acclaim.

Of course I had to make a 'pilgrimage' to the site of Troy (having taught the *Aeneid* for many years!). As you approach the site you come across a huge wooden horse (not the original!). Although the site now is, for the most part, mounds of rubble and remains of stone walls, the excavations are very well presented with drawings along the way of what each section would have looked like at the time of Aeneas and Dido, Turnus and Mezentius, Achilles and Hector!

Latin students in Years 9 and 10 are all too familiar with *King Cogidubnus*, and so when I was in London I had to catch a train out to *Fishbourne* to see the site of his palace. This site is also very well presented, and computers and videos are used to 'resurrect' the life and troubled times of the Romans in Britain.

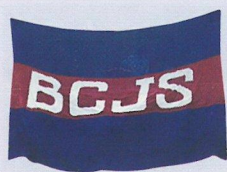
On my way back to Australia I spent three weeks in Mexico.

Just outside of Mexico City lies the pre-Aztec ancient site of *Teotihuacan*. At its height (500-600 AD) it was one of the largest cities in the world as well as being an example of urban planning. The thing to do there is to climb two enormous structures: the pyramid of the Sun and the pyramid of the Moon (this will provide you with sufficient exercise for a year!). At the top of one of these pyramids I read the words which somebody had scrawled on stone:

*'MAN FEARS TIME BUT TIME FEARS THE PYRAMIDS'*, and I recalled some of the ancient sites I had visited over the previous seven months. In a few days' time I would be arriving back in Sydney and I wondered what legacy, in terms of buildings and structures, if not literature, would be left to be seen and read for the tourist to Sydney in 4,000 AD!

John Tate





**YEAR 3  
STARTING  
OUT**  
- see Cover

**Y**ear 3, 1996, in the Junior School is starting at the dawn of the second century of Barker at Hornsby. The boys will enter the Secondary School at the dawn of a new millenium. In due course they will become part of the **Class of 2005**.

So who are they and what have they been up to in their first term?

There are 50 boys, neatly divided, 25 with Mrs Valerie O'Brien and 25 with Mr John Ralph. Both teachers have worked hard speedily to induct the boys into the ways of Barker and to set them on the path of Three-R learning.

However not long into the term, sportsmaster, Mr Campbell Smith descended to begin an audit on fitness, coordination and ball skills. **His task was made easy because of the whole-hearted participation of no less than 15 parents in his program.** Karen Board, Peter Chadwick, Kathleen Czinner, Christina Dale, Rhonda and Kazuya Honda, David Kelly, Jennifer Kilroe-Smith, Christine Leaming, Susan Pintos-Oliver, Linda Ruddock, Fe Schaffer, Paul Simons, Margaret Sparke and Douglas Walker were all involved in the six-week program with sessions on two mornings of each week. The boys were divided into 8 teams, each of which was named after a prominent Barker sportsman of the past, and the famous names of *Taylor, Windeyer, Seeto, Walker, Worboys, Marks, Wallace and Renshaw* soon echoed around the campus. The teams rotated between the activities of running, throwing, catching, kicking, striking, tumbling, remedial, and extension. Remarkable progress was made.

**Lots of mothers lined up for Tuckshop duty** with almost the same enthusiasm as the boys lined up for tuck, and also made their way to the delightful **Year 3 BCMA Morning Tea** at the home of Stephanie Binsted in Pymble.

Back in class the boys set out on illus-



*James Taylor with his 'Charlotte's Web'.* trative modelling projects, great big self-portraits, and drawings of amazing rocket ships. The two classrooms were transformed by the displays of their work.



*Scott Kelly and Greg Kilroe-Smith getting acquainted with Sir Isaac Newton.*

**An introduction to experimental science was not forgotten,** and the most popular experiment involved two boys, a balloon, a drinking straw, some string, some magic tape and the Barker Oval fence. Blow up the balloon, tape it to the straw, thread the string through the straw, tie one end to the fence, pull the string tight, release the balloon, and you have a guided rocket, or a super dragster, and a fine demonstration of what Kelvin Lo described as the "transformation of stored wind energy into the energy of motion". You also have teamwork

and a sharpened zest for learning.

The boys were off to Chapel on Wednesdays, and on Fridays Mr Dodd called them across to his **Christian Studies-with-a-difference** classroom. Mrs Samild was on hand to teach **Music** and Mrs Pointon ever keen to see the boys learning to love the **Library**.

As the term advanced the formalities of the **Swimming Carnival** at Hornsby impinged and the champions champed: David Pintos-Oliver, Timothy Dale, Ben Schafer and Matthew Hawke were the U8 stars, David setting no less than 6 new records!

On the last day of term came the **Athletics Carnival**. David, Timothy and Ben were again the U8 Champions, but this time it was Ben Schaffer who created a new record, 5.02m in the U8 Shot Put.

And so Year 3 boys set off for the Easter holidays, generally well pleased with their first term at Barker and more than eager to start Term 2 with that super dooper fun-and-bonding camp at Galston Gorge!

I have only been around the School for two years and so have never seen a 'generation' pass through Barker College as has been the privilege of a number of our teachers. I will not make the Valedictory Dinner in 2005, or perhaps even see these Year 3 boys safely into the Middle School but it would be nice to revisit their endeavours from time to time and see just how great a fire of academic, cultural and sporting achievement has been kindled from the sparks struck by loving parents and dedicated teachers during their first weeks among us.

### Mr Munnoch writes home

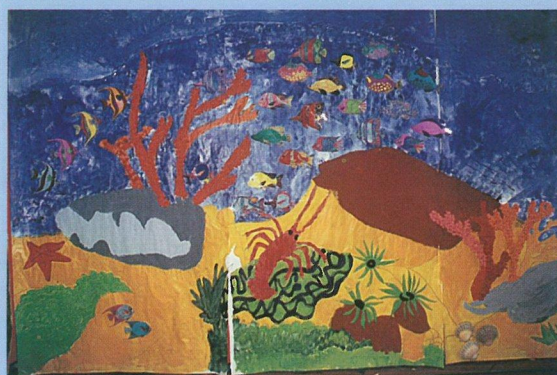
**F**ormer Junior School teacher, and rugby coach, David Munnoch, will be returning to Barker in Term 3 this year. In February he wrote from Trieste, Italy, where he is living with his family:

"I have been refereeing this year and I was appointed to ref a Benetton Treviso Under 18 match. Before the game **Michael Lynagh** came into the dressing room to say hello as he remembered my refereeing last year. **He signed a poster for Barker!** He asked if I was staying for the main game that afternoon, which I was, and he said to see him before the game to meet his parents. **It's easy to see why he was chosen as Australian Captain.** He is a very humble person and fame has not given him a big head at all. A real gentleman. I was able to buy a Benetton rugby top before the game. I did a game at *Venezia Lido* last week and it was strange having to catch the boat from the Grand Canal to go to the island to ref the match. We have had rain for weeks and the ground was full of mud and the temperature was minus two. Once again, I was frozen. I'll try and send the poster soon."



*Year 3 mums, Rhonda Honda, Christine Simons and Jacqui Hughes-Narborough with Mr Harrison at the BCMA Morning Tea.*





'Seascape' – part of the gigantic mural pinned to the wall of the Year 5H classroom.

### Year 5 All at Sea

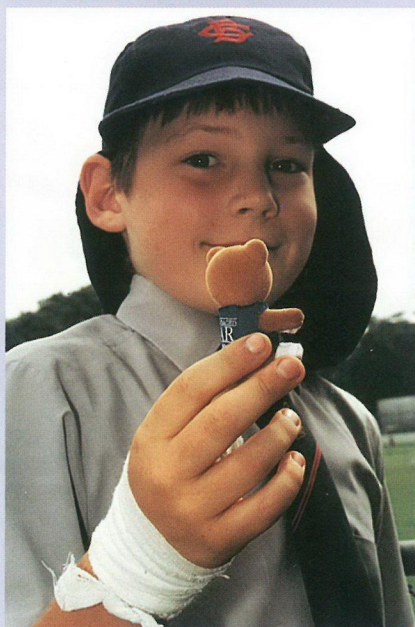
Year 5 boys have been studying 'The Sea' in depth this first semester in their HSIE and Science & Technology work. Their studies have been concentrated upon the oceans, the life within them and how we use 'The Sea'. Some of the questions to which answers have been attempted include, 'Why is the Ocean an essential element in the global ecosystem? Is the Ocean in crisis? How can we manage the Ocean in the future'.

Years 5H and 5S have created interesting displays in their classrooms, while 5B and 5F have designed and constructed model land yachts. In Science and Technology, Year 5 boys have looked at Sailing, Sinking and Soaring, with the computer program, *Kraken*, and literature such as *Storm Boy* and *Blue Fin* by Colin Thiele.

Neal Farebrother

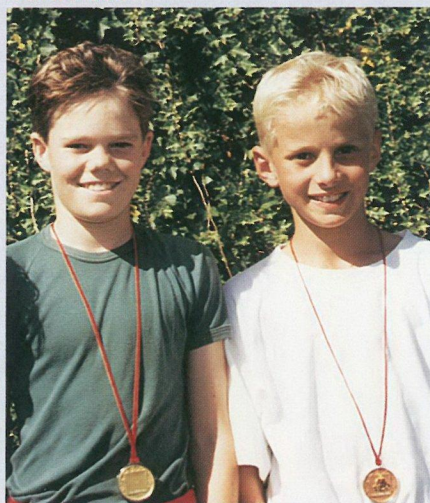


### Bandaged Bear Day

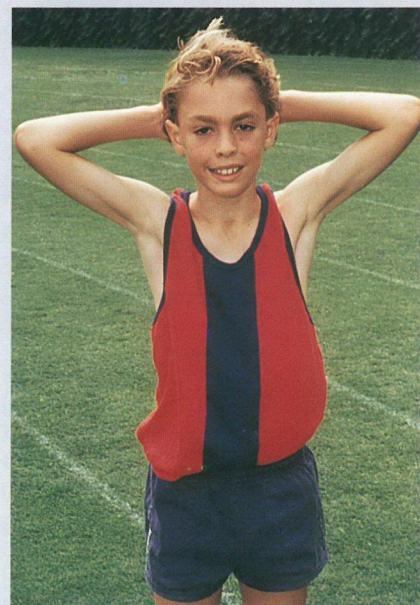


Daniel Davy-Thorburn Year 5 was genuinely bandaged himself, on the day he bought his Bandaged Bear to provide funds for teddy bears for the kids in Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.

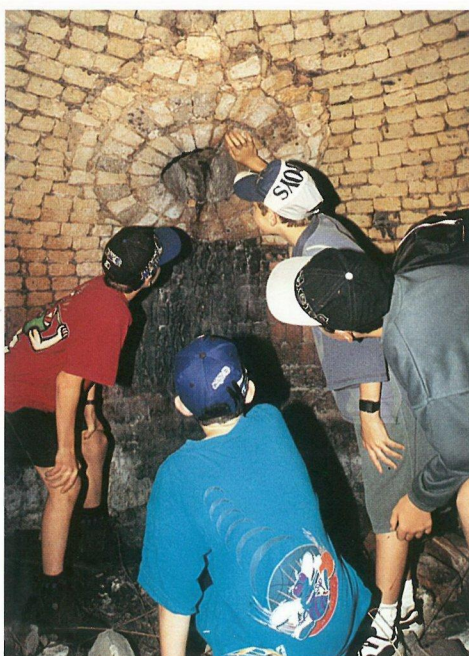
### Athletics



Chris Burnett, in green, as House Captain and U11 Age Champion helped Byrd House to win the Athletics Shield for 1996. James Watson, in the white of Flinders, is the 1996 Athletics captain and he was third in the U11 Age Championship. In a top year for Athletics, at the Junior School Invitation Carnival, Barker won 9 events in a row, including a hat-trick of relays, the U10, U11 and Open.



Adam Webster, who broke the record for the U11 200m by half a second, won the 1500m and the 800m with an incredible sprint and came second in his Age Championship in the Junior School House Athletics on Barker Oval. Look out Cross Country!



The exquisite and enduring brickwork of the kilns.

### Year 8 on the Wolgan

### Outdoor Education

Alan Ryrie and his team have added a new feature to the Year 8 Outdoor Education week at *The Grange* in the form of an overnight camp on the banks of the Wolgan River in the abandoned shale-oil mining town of Newnes, near Lithgow. The Wolgan valley is walled in by magnificent sandstone escarpments and since the closure of the old Pub, has been bypassed by the 'biker' fraternity and is largely restored to its former beauty and serenity.

After setting up their tents in tidy clusters and cooking an evening meal, the boys crocodile out on an *Eveready*, *Duracell* and moonlight reconnaissance of the ruined mine works, when the ghost town ambience and John Laverack's commentary is marvellously enlivened by the darting torch beams and silent silhouettes.

The second day begins with a clever team-building exercise on how to pass a body across a stream without getting it dunked. The ingenuity which emerges is enough to delight both Robin Hood and Little John, but it ends up in much the same light-hearted and dampish scuffling as overcame those men of Sherwood!

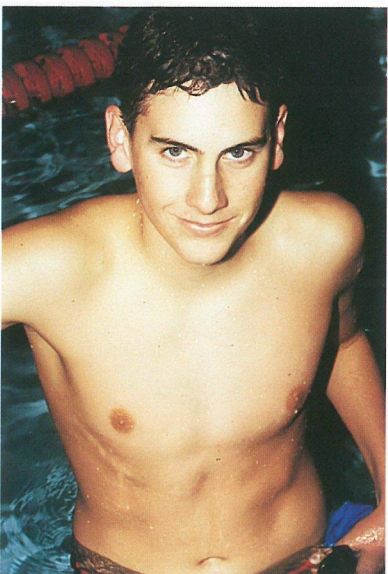
Then comes a two-hour tramp along the old railway alignment to the Glow-worm Tunnel, a talk on the life cycle of its luminous inhabitants, and a walk through, once more in the dark, to see them shining their little lights. Deb Worrall's introduction also warns of giant vampires, mosquitos and voracious water rats, so that one is loath to watch the boys disappearing into the pitch black opening and somewhat surprised to see all of them safely back in class at School on the following day.

This diversion to Newnes is multi-dimensional activity and a classy innovation!





David Randle of Butters asserting with trade-mark vehemence that, "Australians are a Nation of Imitators"



Stuart Angus of Wade won the U16 400m F/S, 50m B/S and 200m Individual Medley, the latter in new record time.

# HOUSE SHIELD

In the Middle School every boy is allocated to one of eight Houses and comes under the pastoral care and guidance of Housemaster and his or her assistants. Regular House meetings are held and the Houses provide the basis for intra-School team competition in sports and other activities. The winning House on aggregate for the year collects the House Shield at Speech Night.

Wailes House under Mr Russell Dorey has won the Shield for the past five years! However change is in the air – Mr Dorey is away on long-service leave and after Term 1 Wailes is yet to win an event!

In order to consolidate the challenge to this outrageously dominant House, and perhaps to build the tension a bit during the year, *The Barker* is surveying the progress of the competition at the end of each term in 1996.

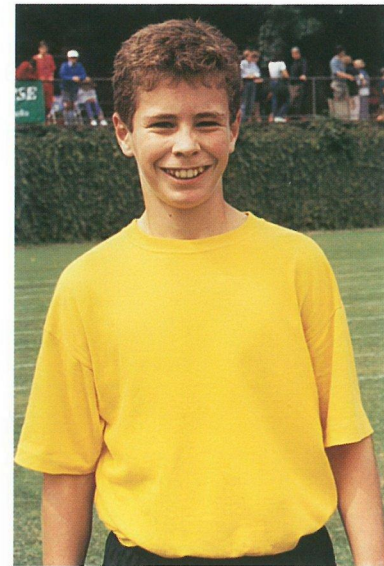
So far we have had the Swimming, Debating and Athletics events. Yet to come are Cross-country, Basketball, Rugby, Soccer and Chess.

The **Swimming** was a repeat triumph for the House with the worrying name of **Wade**, proving much to Mr Kirk Marks' distress, that it is better to have one foot on the bottom! In the **Debating** the same House was no less successful, proving that they talk as well as they walk. In the **Athletics** **Butters** House were victors for the first time, and Wade were fifth, proving that the sword is mightier than the ward!

Mr Cowdroy cleverly allocates points, 8 to 1 in reverse order to the placings in events, and his progressive scorecard is set out below. Wade leads from a rejuvenated Wilson and the dangerous Wailes and Butters. Andrew, Boyce and Pain have work to do, and Holt must indeed, as their new motto suggests, holt all of them in their tracks!



Adrian Buchan of Wade shows his incredulity in dissenting. Wade very narrowly won this Junior semi-finals Debate.



Ben Liddy of Wailes, victor in the U15 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and 3000m, breaking the 800m record by a second.

## HOUSE SHIELD PROGRESS SCORES



HOUSEMASTER	R. Jenkins	S. Solomon	R. Dorey	M. James	G. Bayne	D. Ward	R. Clezy	C. Reid
HOUSE CAPTAIN	J. van Royen	J. Black	C. Brooks	D. Hebblewhite	B. Mundell	K. Chui	J. Hunter	S. McDowell
SWIMMING	8	6	5	4	7	1	2	3
DEBATING	8	6	4.5	3	1.5	4.5	7	1.5
ATHLETICS	4	6	7	8	3	5	1	2
POINTS TO DATE	20	18	16.5	15	11.5	10.5	10	6.5
RANK TO DATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8



## A Vintage Summer Season

**B**arker's senior sporting teams completed a fantastically successful summer season:

**Basketball:** The Firsts won the CAS Premiership with an 8-2 win-loss ratio. Leevi Romanik, Rob Canning, Joe Harvey and Anthony Wallis were selected in the CAS Firsts with Mr Fedeles as coach. Paul Henry made the CAS Seconds. 14B and 13A teams were undefeated.

**Cricket:** The First XI remained undefeated but were runners-up to Knox, who secured more competition points through the season. *A more comprehensive cricket report appears on page 25.*

**Tennis:** The Firsts came third in a very strong CAS Competition and the Seconds came second. The 15A, 15B, 14A and 14D teams all remained undefeated. Barker won Open Division of the Strathfield Schools' Tennis Tournament.

**Waterpolo:** The Under 14 team was Barker's most successful to date with a succession of convincing victories in Term 1.

**CAS Swimming:** Barker again swam to 5th place at this remarkably high-quality event but were only 2 points behind 4th. The number of 1sts, 2nds and 3rds all increased and a huge percentage of Personal Bests were swum. The strength and depth of our Juniors augurs well for continued improvement in future seasons.

**Softball:** The Firsts again won the ISA Premiership.

**Girls' Waterpolo:** The Firsts were equal premiers in the Barker Invitational Tuesday Competition.

**Girls' Basketball:** The Firsts were runners-up in the A Grade Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Competition.

*Ian Moyes & Anne Horne*



*The emerging U14 Waterpolo team. Robbie Piper (circled) was selected in the U14 State Waterpolo Team for matches in May.*



*Girls' Waterpolo team players, Colleen Sibbersen, Ingrid Mansfield, Caroline Ewen and Edwina Gilbert in a match with the U14 Boys.*



*Captain Cameron Freebairn, centre top, coach Colin Reid, and their victorious team in the Open Strathfield Schools' Tennis Tournament.*

## Senior Sport



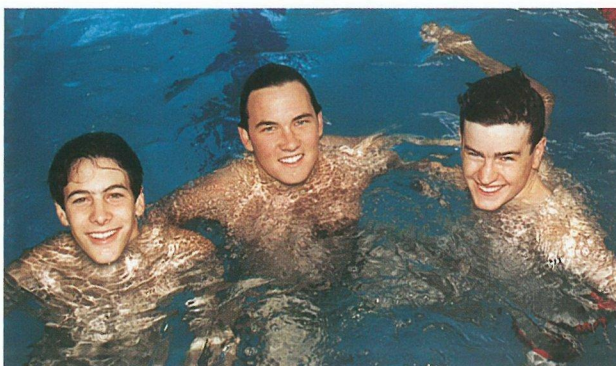
*Some members of the all-conquering Softball team on the day of their challenge against the boys' Cricket Fourths. Claire Featherston, Leanne Thomas, Linda McKeown, Alex Bertie, Fiona Tham, Penny Packard, Melissa Bolling*



*Junior School swimmers in the CAS Team, Ryan David, Justin Roberts and Peter Nash. Peter was our sole first placegetter at the Carnival. These three boys with John Allen later won the U12 50m Relay for Barker at the State Primary Carnival in March.*

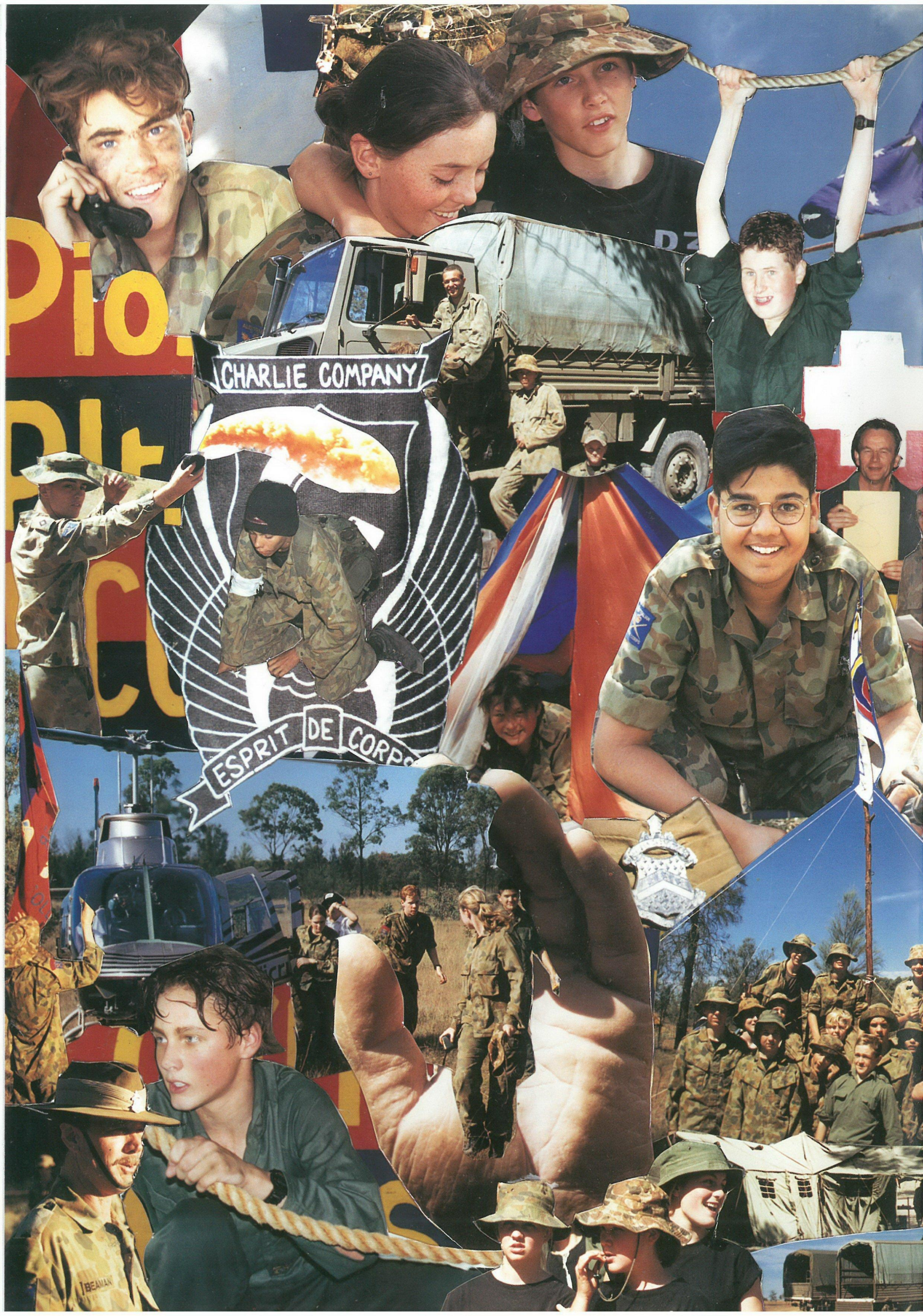


*U13 CAS swimmers, Ben Pintos-Oliver and Ben Nichols. BP-O claimed second place in both the 50m F/S and the 50 m B/S and was selected for the NSW All Schools' Championships, along with Bevin Shields, Chris Tynan and our girl swimmer, Trinity Chan.*



*Senior CAS swimmers, Nick Deeks, Team Manager, Brett Moore, and Team Captain, Lachlan Munro.*



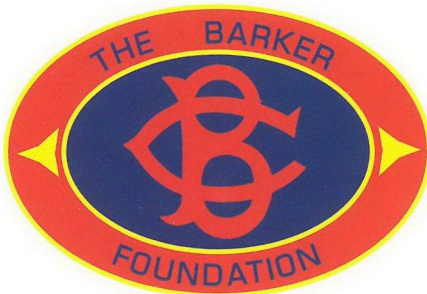




# Castrametation BCCU-Style at Singleton







## WHAT A BEQUEST CAN DO

We receive some wonderful mail for the Foundation in the Development Office. Seldom does a day go by without the evidence of someone's generosity to the School. Recently we had an even more special day than usual. We received notification from Perpetual Trustees of a legacy for the "sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars to the **BARKER FOUNDATION LIMITED** to be applied ..... in such manner ... as (it) shall in its absolute discretion determine". The language may be legalese, but the sentiment is greatly appreciated by the Foundation directors.

It is worthwhile looking at how such a bequest will benefit Barker.

**One thing is for certain; this gift will not end up funding facilities.** Looking around the campuses at Hornsby and Mt Victoria, it is evident that the facilities provided are generally excellent. Our community has responded wonderfully to the call for the development of capital facilities as was described in the last edition of *The Barker*. People will give to programs from which their children will benefit directly, especially when donations can be tax effective. However, we have difficulty attracting funds for scholarships and bursaries as such donations do not gain a tax deduction. So, it is obvious that we will put this major gift to work providing assistance for worthy students who could not otherwise be able to benefit from a Barker education.

Fifty thousand dollars would provide for six full scholarships or 13 half scholarships for a year if applied immediately, or it would enable half-a-dozen students to complete their senior schooling on half fees. Perhaps a wiser use of the funds is to invest them and apply 8% annually to a bursary. This would enable scholarship support of half fees for one Barker student per year in perpetuity. What a nice problem for the Directors to have; determining the wisest path for the use of this bequest.

## WHY WE NEED BEQUEST SUPPORT

There is real concern for a cost blow-out in school education. Barker is currently a Category 2 school, which means that a reasonable level of support is received from both the State and Federal governments on a pro rata basis. Such support is diminishing in real terms, and our reclassification into a higher category will force tuition fees to increase. Barker is traditionally a school that has gained much from having diversity in its community. It has never been a school simply for a wealthy elite.

As I have mentioned, the problem is magnified by the fact that there is no allowable tax benefit for gifts towards scholarship support. Therefore, the only way that we can bridge the growing financial gap is to enlist the support of large numbers from within our community to ensure our future.

## THE OVERALL PROGRAM

Not everyone has a spare \$50,000 to leave to Barker. We are in the process of seeking support from many former students to develop a major source of funds, the interest from which will be used for similar scholarship support. Let's look at how this can be achieved: Obviously each family is restricted by its individual means and needs. Some can afford to give much, others may not be able to afford anything at all, but if we took a sum of, say, \$10,000 as an average legacy, how many of these would be required to make a real difference at Barker? 100 such bequests would allow 20 half scholarships to be awarded annually in perpetuity, even allowing for inflation. If only 10% of households in the wider school community were to give such support to Barker, the Foundation would be in the wonderful position of being able to fund 90 full scholarships every year.

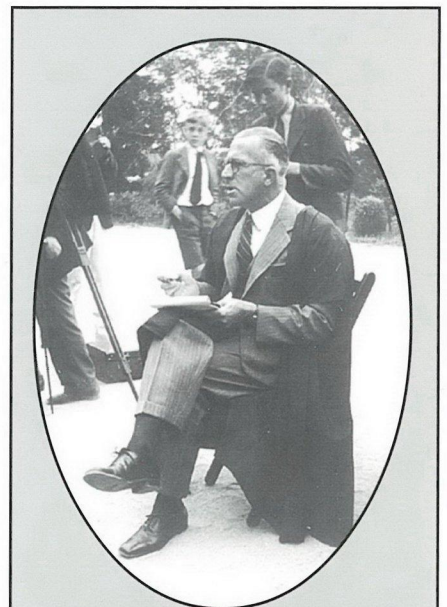
## THE LESLIE'S MEN PROGRAM

The task has begun in earnest with the Leslie's Men Program. Each one of us has a special bond with Barker, either as a student, parent or member of staff. The men from W.S. Leslie's era are the ones who endured both the struggle for survival through the Great Depression and the deprivations and hardship of the war years. As John Griffiths (1948), Chairman of Council recently wrote, "Barker, its boys and its old boys, was Leslie's life and it is no exaggeration to say Bill Leslie expended his life for Barker. Barker is his memorial: a living memorial in which his pupils have been privileged to share and receive a preparation for life."

It is gratifying to see that more than a dozen of Leslie's Men have already responded to the Chairman's call to "make a tangible acknowledgment (of their respect for *The Boss*) by way of a bequest to Barker". The program is gaining momentum, and it is the hope of all those concerned that a very large number will respond similarly. Not only from this significant era of Barker's history, but from all ages.

**Endowment support for Barker is certainly the Foundation's single most important task.** Facilities are obviously necessary, but the long term financial stability of the School is paramount. Diogenes grasped the idea a very long time ago when he wrote "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth". And we all know that a Barker education is very special indeed.

*John Dakin - Director of Development*



## LESLIE'S MEN LUNCHEON

**Calling all Old Boys who were at Barker in time of *The Boss*!**

Do set aside Saturday 3 August to attend the next *Leslie's Men Luncheon*.

This will be held in the Dining Hall before the home game against Knox.

We will have the opportunity to meet the new Headmaster, Dr Kefford and Mrs Kefford.

Invitations will be forwarded closer to the date.

**A bequest to Barker that benefits the endowment fund can help to**

- keep down fees
- provide scholarships
- secure the future of the School

**Contact John Dakin, on (02) 847 8283, fax (02) 476 6688**



## The Teas, Tuckshops, Tuck-ins, Tours and Tennis of Term 1

BCMA

**T**erm 1 1996 started exactly the same way every term for the BCMA seems to start at Barker — busy with organization and full of anticipation of the fun and friendships in store.

The 1995 Class Mothers (a fabulous 154 in total) met on the first Thursday of Term 1 and commenced planning their **Morning Teas**. I was delighted to be able to attend 9 out of 10 of those functions and pleased to say that these were all very special occasions at which I am sure many new friendships were formed and old friendships renewed. Apart from the tremendous attendance, especially as so many of our mums are now at work, I was thrilled at the wonderful support given to our request for helpers on Pavilion and *Rosewood* rosters, Lamington Drive planners, volunteers for 1997 Class Mothers and with prizes for the *Barker Bonanza*. If you would like to assist in any of these areas it is definitely not too late. We would love to hear from you. Our **Crested Goods** sales during the morning teas were record-breaking and I am positive that as Barker Supporters in our shirts we will be a force to reckon with on any sporting sideline.

The **Tuckshop Lead Mothers' Morning Tea** was as always a great opportunity for lively discussion. We 'taste tested' some new products and to the delight of the junior boys we have introduced quite a few new lines which seem to be proving very popular. Jan Turchini, our new Junior Tuckshop Roster Convener, has really smartened things up. She and Michelle Zarin, her Senior Tuckshop counterpart, have both ensured the continued smooth running of this wonderful facility.

Our first major social occasion for the year, the **Junior and Middle School New Parent Dinner**, was held on Wednesday 28 February. The evening was a great success and very well attended. Gael Gregory, our functions co-ordinator, and Ian Ridgeway, Barker's chef, did a marvellous job of organizing the meal. A special thanks to both of them and also to our BCMA Committee members and Contact Class Mothers who did a wonderful job of welcoming our brand new parents in the traditional Barker style.

Our **BCMA Chapel Service and General Meeting** was held on Monday 11 March. After hearing the convener's reports, Mr Thiel expressed his gratitude for the work of the BCMA throughout the School. Likewise when people ask me about my 'Big Job' I am very quick to tell them that with the wonderful Committee behind me and the support of the Class Mothers, it is not such an



Sandra O'Neill, Ingrid Shears, Geri Thomas and Anne Mitchell at the Year 11 Morning Tea in St Ives for which Helen Symons was hostess.


enormous task but a great privilege to be part of the team.

Two very enjoyable Term 1 functions closely followed. At the **Year 11 Parents' Social Evening** the Class Mothers absolutely excelled themselves with the magnificent supper they provided for the 350 parents. The other great social function in Term 1 was the **Year 7 Family Barbecue**. There were initial worries at 4.00pm when everything seemed to be 'flying horizontally' in a gale force wind. As the wind dropped spirits rose and 320 Year 7 family members enjoyed a very relaxed evening. The Class Mothers and Fathers worked tirelessly catering, cooking and cleaning up.

As Term 1 drew to a close we were busy to the end with a very successful **Tennis Day** and a wonderful outing to **Elizabeth Macarthur Cottage** for a China Exhibition and morning tea.

It is hard to believe Term 1 is over. We have had such a good time at our BCMA functions and we are looking forward to many more 'Year' social evenings and of course to our grand *Barker Bonanza* and *Lamington Drive* both in early June. Please continue to support and be part of our fabulous Barker community and to help us fulfil our main aim of the BCMA which is 'to foster friendship and to develop the community of the School'.

Kathy Switzer— President 416 7763



# Barker Bonanza

Saturday 1st June, 1996  
7.00pm at Barker Gym

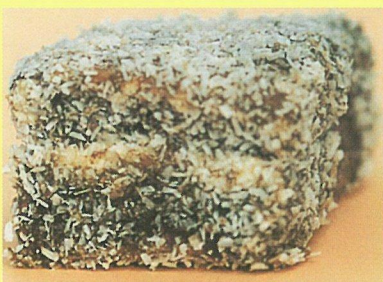
BYO Drinks & Glasses

The BCMA and the Barker Foundation are holding a casual dinner dance in the form of the Barker Bonanza. 'A night in the country' to be held at Barker. So get out your wool ties, R.M. Williams boots, Akubras, jeans and get a table together for a night of fun with lots of dancing and a delicious spit-roast dinner.

Organise your own table of 8 or we will be happy to place you on a table according to your child's class.

**Ticket price is \$35.00 per person. Ring Kay Burgess 847 8283**

## Lamington Drive



It's that time of the year again,  
**THE ANNUAL BARKER LAMINGTON DRIVE!**

We hope to make more than ever.  
We are aiming to top 35,000!

Please, every local reader of *The Barker*, place an order by 22 May, on the slip provided. Then 300 shift-working mothers will toil all day in the Lower Gym on 6 June to guarantee your pick-up or delivery that afternoon.

**Let's go!**  
**Support the School by supporting the Lamington Drive.**

Co-ordinators: Sue Bayliss 888 1292  
Maureen Boak 489 1248







1. Large Umbrella



2. Fridge Magnet  
- metal with Clip



3. Wallet



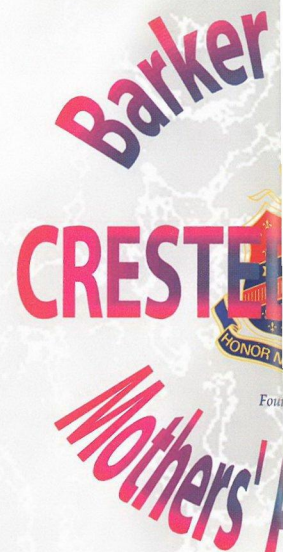
4. Car Window Sticker



5. Fridge Magnet  
- plastic



5. Soap



## Utility Items



7. Supporters' Shirts  
- Short & Long Sleeved, S to XXL



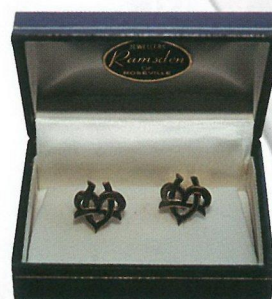
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9. Scarf



11. Charm – Gold

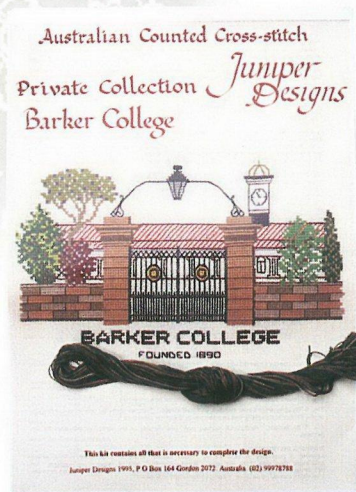


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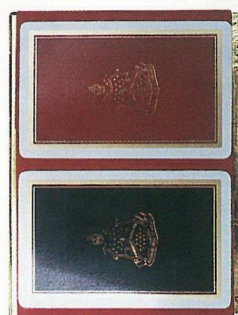


10. Tie

## Clothing & Accessories



13. Cross Stitch – Mint  
Gates  
linen or aida cloth



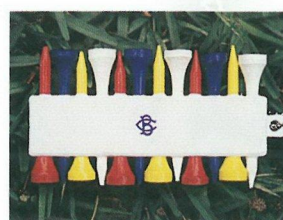
14. Playing Cards



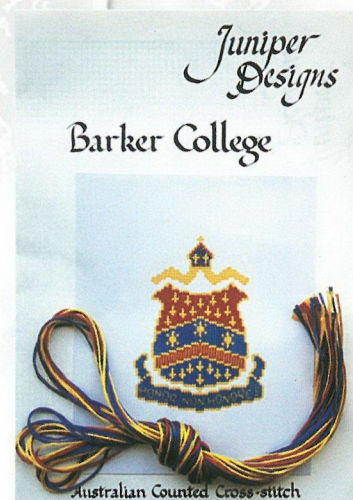
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17. Bridge Scorers



18. Golf Tee Caddy



16. Cross Stitch – Crest  
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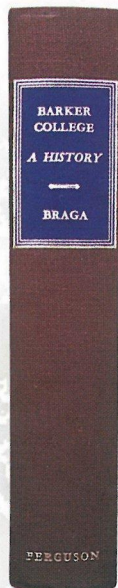
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ALL OF THESE  
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THE GOODS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE  
WHERE THEY ARE SOLD

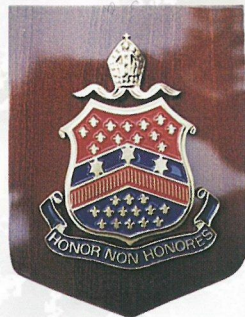


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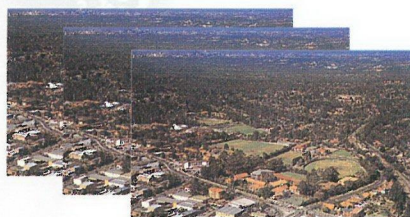
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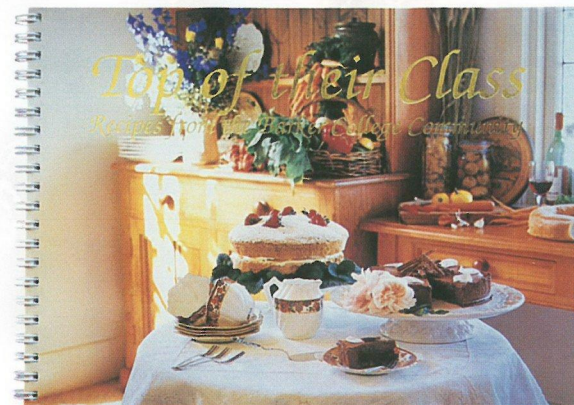
19. History of Barker  
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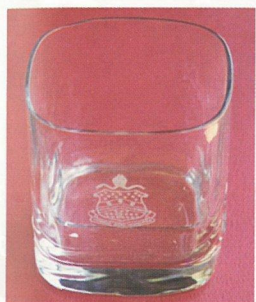


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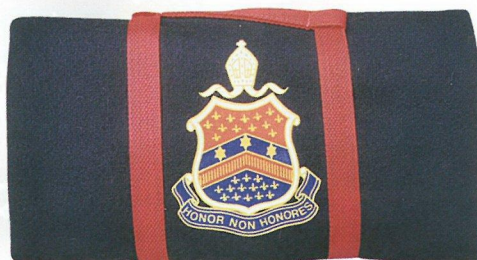


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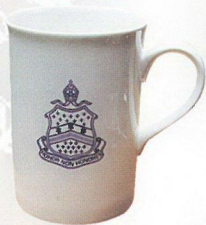
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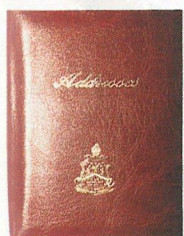


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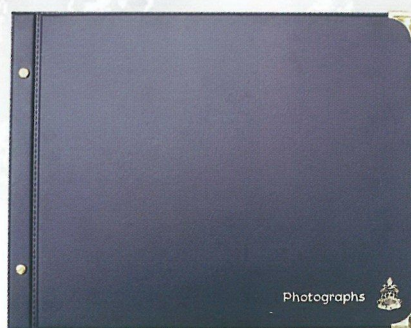
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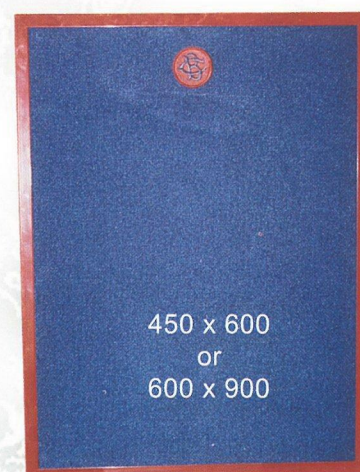
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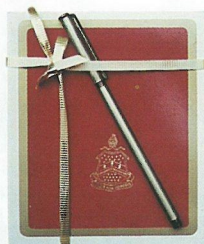


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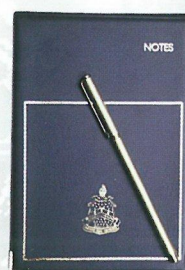
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# YER, ON MARKS

Neil Marks wraps up the Cricket Season with an 'Interesting Idea' from the past, and a reflection on the present power and good fortune of Steve Waugh; as we also salute a quartet of top performers during the Barker season of 1995-6 and take a look at the dominance of our CAS cricket.

## AN INTERESTING IDEA

**B**arker and Knox have always been great sporting rivals. "The Knox match" is more than a phrase, it is a battle cry. The battle, though, is mostly friendly and students of both schools have a healthy respect for one another.

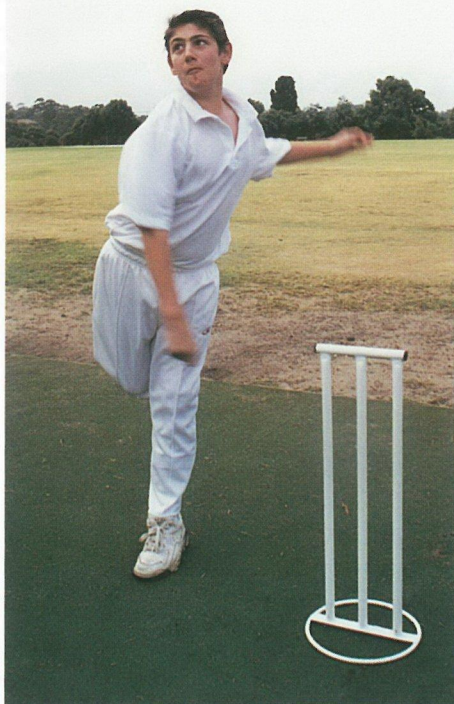
Over many years, Barker has mostly had 'the wood' on their rivals in cricket and basketball, while in swimming Knox have blitzed us year after year and have also come out on top in athletics. (Though in the last nine years, under the coaching of Ian Moyes, Barker has made a magnificent comeback.) In rugby, the teams have been more or less even and each year there is a



*Peter Phillips seems to be enjoying this simple defensive push. That was not his form however in the 15C match against Shore in February. Peter led his side to victory with 200 n.o. off 104 balls (strike rate 192.3) including 183 in boundaries (8 sixes and 34 fours). He was awarded a pair of batting gloves by the School. This was a great Saturday for Barker cricket, with victories in 17 of the 21 completed games.*



*Steve Waugh with Blues' Manager, Neil Marks, the big MMI target Sign, and the even bigger cheque! Neil's ditty, 'The \$140,000 Hit', was first published in 'Inside Edge'.*



*Another top performer that weekend – James Dakin – seen here at practice in the new astro-turf wicket at Rosewood, completed a 'birdie' hat-trick, four-wickets-in-four-balls, during the 14D match against Shore on turf at Shore. His four off-break victims were all caught. A fifth escapee was dropped at cover, and another man he 'bowled' had the good fortune to find that the bails had failed to dislodge!*

*James trophy, naturally enough, was that terrific ball, mounted on an inscribed plaque.*

## THE \$140,000 HIT

In Perth, the WACA Cricket Ground  
Has seen great feats unfurled,  
And all those famous cricket deeds  
Are known throughout the world.  
Greg Chappell made his maiden ton  
And Lockie showed his tricks,  
The Windies fell to brave Merv Hughes  
And Dougie hit that six.

It was here that Garth McKenzie  
First bowled himself to fame,  
Where the mighty Dennis Lillee  
First learned to play the game.  
Though their deeds will last forever,  
The greatest deed, for mine,  
Was a day in late October  
When Tugga hit the sign.

The Mercantile Insurance Co.  
Had offered lots of cash  
To hit a little piece of tin,  
So all would have a bash,  
Around Australia's major grounds  
From straight hit down to fine,  
In eight strategic places stood  
A little painted sign.

Big hitters round the wide brown land  
Had tried to no avail,  
Jones, Ponting, Bevan, Border, Boon  
Showed even champs can fail.  
For two years unsuccessfully  
Men slogged for all they're worth  
But never hit a bloody sign  
Until that day in Perth.

The WACA's not an easy ground,  
On which to score a win,  
But let me state it's harder still  
To hit a piece of tin.  
The ground is fast and long and wide,  
(I saw one hit score nine),  
You'd give long odds to Bradman that  
He couldn't hit a sign.

This day the Western Warriors  
Were playing men in blue,  
And Joey Angel made the break,  
Knocked Slater's stumps askew.  
Then from the darkened locker room,  
With countenance benign,  
Out strode the great Steve (Tugga) Waugh,  
His eyes fixed on the sign.

He took his guard and settled in,  
For Reid was bowling well,  
And with his nose down on the pitch  
Survived a hostile spell.  
Waugh then unleashed his finest shots,  
Still playing down the line,  
He smashed the ball all round the field,  
But nowhere near the sign.

Tom Moody bowled to keep it tight  
And sent a slow one in,  
But Tugga saw it quickly and  
He aimed it at the tin.  
The clouds stood still, the strong wind dropped,  
The sun began to shine.  
The ball flew like a tracer shell  
And crashed against the sign.

The crowd's cheers rent the western skies,  
The Blues let out a roar,  
(No doubt the greatest hitting since  
McDougall topped the score).  
Tug' clenched his fist and held it high,  
Emotion to the fore,  
Not much for 'Slat's' or 'Mo' perhaps,  
But quite a lot for Waugh.

All the rest was anti-climax,  
Of that there is no doubt.  
Soon after Waugh's dramatic hit,  
Young Stewart got him out.  
The skipper seemed quite happy, though  
With 'Tayls' it's hard to tell,  
But he asked the ump a Question:  
"Did we win the game as well?"

Back in the rowdy locker room  
We quaffed the beer and wine,  
And we raised our glass to Tugga –  
Our mate who hit the sign.  
Still it makes you stop and wonder  
Why Destiny's design,  
Made sure the greatest player was  
The first to hit the sign.

And when the World's Great Umpire gives  
This faithful servant out,  
I'll journey to Elysian Fields  
With not a care or doubt.  
For I have seen the champions play  
This golden game divine,  
And was watching at the WACA  
When Tugga hit the sign.

N. Marks



titanic struggle between the two. They may only be schoolboys playing, but it is one of the great spectacles of Sydney sport to watch Barker play Knox at Warrawee on a fine winter's day. This story concerns the arch-rivals playing in a cricket match, over thirty-seven years ago.

The Barker First XI was a very fine team and had been undefeated in three years of under-age cricket, on their way through to the seniors. Players of the calibre of Ron Shand, 'Feather' Blazey, Dave Prince, Paul Locke, Lynn Marks, Bruce McKinnon and Mookie Ratard had bowled out the opposition with ease and scored runs with the gay abandon of the Sri Lankans. They were a formidable force, brushing all before them, and the next match against Knox would be no exception. But the Knox coach had other ideas!

The Knox team did not have the penetrating bowlers of Barker nor did they have the depth in batting, nevertheless they had two very good batsmen who could hold their own in any company. So the coach devised a wicked plan. He reversed the batting order, so that when the two stars came to the crease, the shine would have disappeared from the ball and the Barker bowlers would be too worn out to bowl. A tactical genius was the Knox coach! Why had this move not been tried in test matches? The mind boggles at the possibilities that could come from such an initiative. I can hear former radio commentator, Alan McGilvray, saying over the airwaves "and in walks Australia's Number 11 batsman, Don Bradman".

Well, the fatal day dawned, bright and sunny. Knox won the toss and elected to bat. They were all out for 59. Barker in reply declared at tea at 9/163. **This was the moment for Knox to play the tactical card – and they did!** They were all out for 28 in 76 minutes. One of their star batters was not out, left high and dry on 9.

Reversing the batting order is an **interesting** concept. So is the concept that the world is flat. Both these theories may be **interesting**, but both are wrong – though there is still a modicum of doubt concerning the shape of the world.

Neil Marks



**These cricketers are the Mundy brothers, who are not twins. There will be none of the endless punning on the name of Waugh!** Big brother Tim scored two centuries for the First XI in the 1995-96 season. He brought up his ton against Waverley in February with a six! Younger brother Nick, playing for the 16A XI also scored a century in February. Tim and Nick have now scored 9 tons in total for Barker!

Aided by these contributions the First XI remained undefeated for the CAS season and inflicted Knox's only defeat in being runner-up, while the 16A XI annexed the premiership from Knox.

In addition over the season, the 15A XI was runner-up, and the 16B, 14B, 13C, 13E and 13G were undefeated in 1995.

The First XI captain, Michael Hagley took 20 wickets and scored over 300 runs, David Ballantyne took 16 wickets and scored 160 runs. William Martin averaged 48.3, and Geoff Magee's 11 wickets included 9 bowled.

Michael Hagley was selected as captain of CAS cricket and Tim Mundy and Geoff Magee joined him in the team. William Martin, Fraser King and David Ballantyne were selected in the CAS Second XI.

**There is little doubt that these results place Barker at the top of CAS Cricket!**

## At the Australian Students' Mineral Venture Summer School

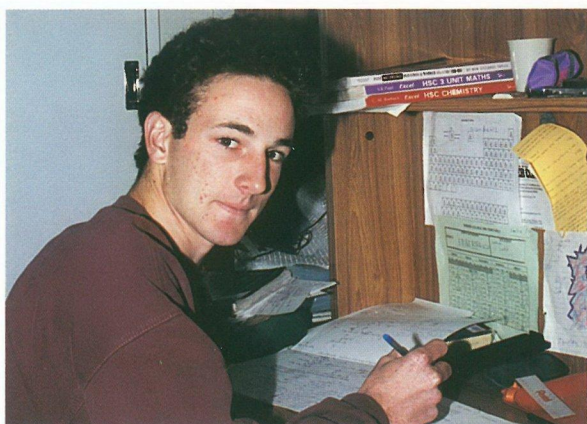
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**D**uring the summer holidays I was fortunate enough to be accepted to attend ASMV '96 (Australian Students' Mineral Venture) along with 24 other students from Victoria, NSW and Tasmania. This involved a 12-day tour around Tasmania to give us an introduction to the Minerals Industry. The tour started at Launceston and proceeded west along the North Coast, with inspections of the TEMCO and COMALCO processing plants on Bell Bay. Then we made our way south along the West Coast with tours of various mines, including Savage River iron ore mine and even a chance to go underground at Renison tin mine. There was also a stop at Cradle Mountain, King


Solomon's Caves and a Gordon River cruise. Then it was off to Hobart and the University of Tasmania for an introduction to seismology, remote sensing and microscopy and their application to mining. Finally, after a few more site inspections, it was back to Launceston and then home.

The Venture gave me an introduction to very many aspects of the Mineral Industry, from exploration to extraction, to processing and rehabilitation. ASMV '96 was an unforgettable experience and I strongly recommend it to anybody interested in mining or simply willing to try something different.

Graham Chase Year 12



Graham Chase is a Barker boarder and is seen here back at his desk at the Avenue. He plays Waterpolo, was the 16A XI Soccer goalkeeper and vice-captain and is a regular backstage worker on Barker Theatre Company productions.




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## A tribute to Robert Clarendon Percival (1926)

In *The College Barker*, 1975, there is an article titled, *85 Years of Cricket at Barker*, by **Ralph Kahn (1977)**. It reveals that, "In August 1928 the Old Boys' Cricket Club was formed. Led by Bob Percival the team enjoyed a successful debut in the City and Suburban Cricket Association".

Bob Percival had come to Barker in 1923 as a boarder from Richmond, where his father had a property near the present RAAF Base, stretching down to the Hawkesbury River. As is well known, in those days before the School Chapel was built Barker boarders attended St Paul's Wahroonga and it was there that he was confirmed on 17 August 1925.

Bob soon made a name as an outstanding sportsman, winning positions in the First XI and the First XV and became a member of the Cricket Selection Committee. He was awarded colours in both sports.

The School records show that he was also a good student, a member of the library committee and a cadet. He stood as one of the personal guard of honour on the occasion of the opening of the Classroom Block by his Excellency, Sir Dudley de Chair in 1925. **Seventy years later this is the building now undergoing extensive renovation and re-roofing as Stage 2 of the Hornsby Hundred Project.** In the same historic vein he was part of the guard of honour on the occasion of the Prime Minister, Stanley Melbourne Bruce, unveiling the War Memorial in Wahroonga Park on 28 February 1925.

He matriculated, and commenced medicine at Sydney University. Part-way through his course he decided to seek more advanced studies in London, where his brother Oscar was already living. *The College Barker*, 1929, reported that Bob Percival, captain of the newly-formed Old Boys' Cricket Club, had left for London to pursue his medical studies. Friends from Barker and the University wished him 'bon voyage' on the P&O ship, *R.M.S. Maloja*, after a farewell dinner in March had evoked the accolade that "he set an example by which every member of the team could not help being inspired".

Whilst studying at London Hospital Bob found time to pursue his love for sport, playing in local First Grade teams in both cricket and rugby. He became an eminent specialist in gynaecology, was awarded Fellowships FRCS, FRCOG and practised in rooms in Welbeck, London in the 1950s.

Later in life he made several trips as surgeon on a steamship on the Canadian run, and in World War II, he served as ship's surgeon in the Royal Navy in campaigns in Sicily and in the Orkneys.

There are many references to Robert Percival in *The College Barker*;

and also to his older brother **Phillip**, the School Captain of 1924.

They came from a remarkable family. There were two other brothers who did not attend Barker, and three sisters. Oscar was a doctor in London. But there was also Edgar who was quite notable in the early days of aviation. He obtained the Australian Commercial Pilots Licence in 1921, and was soon winning awards in air races, such as the Melbourne *Herald* contest in 1923. In 1928 Edgar also went to England, where he designed and manufactured the famous *Percival Gull* and *Proctor* series of aircraft. In 1935 Edgar was the first pilot to fly from England to the African continent and return in one day.

Robert retired to Somerset to a delightful wooded area and an equally picturesque address to which I found my way during my first visit to England in 1992 – *Coker Wood Cottage, Pendomer Near Yeovil*. In a letter to me in 1992, Robert referred to "*The Barker*, which I receive and read regularly with great interest", and still very energetic, he described with great enthusiasm a tour of Scotland in *The Royal Scotsman* where, "We did nearly 900 miles in blissful comfort and contentment, living in the train which stopped every night in some pleasant setting..."

Dr Robert Percival died on 13 September 1995. He gave much to Barker in those early days. A most able and adventurous fellow, he was not to return to Australia except on occasional visits to see his family. But he always had a great feeling for his old School. On 15 April 1988, accompanied by his friend of schooldays, **Donald Colquhoun-Thomson (1926)**, he rejoiced in being shown around the campus, identifying the landmarks and recalling a Barker College of less than 200 pupils, but with its strong tradition already well established.

Ian Campbell



**Robert Percival and some of his peers – The First XV of 1925**

Back: W.Forsyth, D.Woodhill, W.Jenkins, G.B.Grant, G.Adams, M. Leitch, K.Stonier, J.E. Wailes  
Centre: J.J.Paine, W.J. Campbell, C.B. Starky (Capt.), H.L. Smith, B.P. Lewis  
Front: B.N. Casement, R.C. Percival, C.W. Hooke, S.F. Burt





## From the OBA Annual General Meeting

## The Old Barker

The 88th Annual General Meeting of the Old Barker Association was held in the Buckland Library on 15 April, 1996. In the absence of the President, **Ian Pont (1963)** who was overseas with his wife Michele, the meeting was chaired by Vice-President, **Michael Beverley (1970)**, who read the President's Report.

The Report drew attention to:

- the continued financial support of the OBA for the School in the form of a two-year commitment to fund an outdoor sound stage above No. 3 Oval, construction of which was now imminent.

- the strong response to the appeal for donations for a double stained glass ambulatory window for the Chapel in memory of R.B. Finlay and J.E. Wailes, which was fully funded: the windows now having been installed.

- the outstanding success of the Annual Dinner Dance when over 200 members and friends attended *Barker's Biggest Saturday Detention* in the Gymnasium, enjoying a brilliant mixture of formalities, music and dancing in celebration of the Centenary at Hornsby.

- the large number of dinners held in so many parts of the world, including Canberra, Melbourne, Northern Rivers, Perth, Hong Kong and London, and the continuing expanding program for the current year.

- the increasing interest in class reunions with events for the leavers of 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970 1975 and 1985 being held during the year.

- the vitality of the OBA sporting activities covering no less than six sports: four Rugby teams and a Colts in the NSW Suburban Rugby Union; four Soccer teams in the Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association; two Hockey Teams in the North Shore Women's Hockey Association; a Cricket team in the City & Suburban Association, the emergence of a new Netball team in the Hills District Competition; and first Golf Day for many years which attracted 50 players to Pennant Hills. The report acknowledged the efforts of the club presidents, respectively, **Chris Bolt (1979)**, **Stephen Harrison (1988)**, **Lindsay Frangs (1990)**, **Diana Thomas (1993)**, **Ian Lothringer (1976)** and **Simon Pilcher (1985)**.

- the success of the inaugural *Back to Barker Dinner* held in the first week in February, 1996, exclusively for ex-students and their spouses who are now back at the School as parents, when over 120 people attended and **Neil Marks (1956)** was guest speaker. 12 ex-students had returned for the first time as parents.

The Meeting confirmed Acting Headmaster, **Brian Thiel**, and **Hans 'Otto' Lothringer (1937)** as the two Patrons to the OBA.

**Christopher Creal (1960)** was reappointed as one of four OBA representatives on the School Council for a further 4-year term, joining **Neil Marks (1956)**, **Chris Russell (1970)** and **Kevin Thomas (1952)**. **Ian Pont** and **Bob Hill (1956)** were reappointed as director and alternate director respectively to The Barker Foundation.

The President, **Ian Pont**, Vice-Presidents, **Michael Beverley (1970)**, **Skye Shanahan (1993)**



*Max Chambers (1967), who was President of the OBA from 1978 to 1980 at the meeting with the current Secretary, Gilman Wong (1966)*

and **James Woodburn (1986)** the Treasurer, **Steve Rouvray (1967)** and the Secretary, **Gilman Wong (1966)** were all re-elected unopposed.

The Treasurer was happy to relate that not less than 75% of the Class of 1995 had already become OBA members.

Michael Beverley was delighted to announce that nominations had been received for the full complement of 12 committee members with a strong level of participation from last year's leavers. All were elected unopposed. The new Committee for 1996-97 is:

**Mathew Baxter (1995)**

**David Dean (1974)**

**Karen Freeman (1993)**

**Angus Gidley-Baird (1994)**

**Matthew Keast (1995)**

**Kit Middleton (1965)**

**Charles Persson (1970)**

**Geoff Powell (1971)**

**Emma Phillips (1995)**

**Peter Tebbutt (1993)**

**Will Trollope (1967)**

**Andrew Whitehead (1994)**

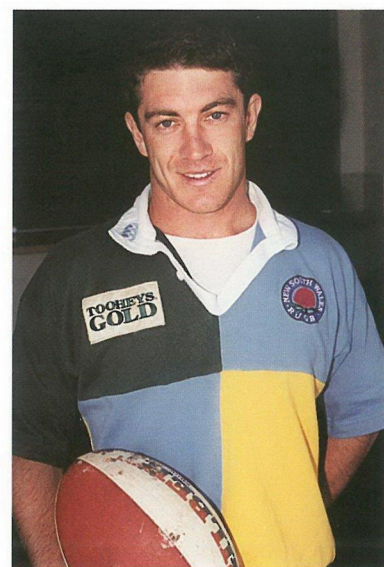
The Chairman of Council, **John Griffiths (1948)** paid tribute to the work of the Acting Headmaster over the past 14 months and to the ready assistance he had given to the OBA. He said that the School had a full enrolment. John also reported the satisfaction felt by the Council and the School in the appointment of Dr Roderic Kefford as the new Headmaster from 2 June.

**Chris Russell (1970)** advised the meeting of some new initiatives designed to raise the profile and performance of Rugby at Barker. He said that the Council had approved finance for the appointment additional external coaching. As a result of a special School Rugby committee deliberation, Mr Thiel had approved the appointment of **David Dwyer** as Director of Coaching.

David is the nephew of former Wallabies' coach, **Bob Dwyer**, has degrees in sports science and physical education and is a former Randwick Colts and current Grade player. On 17 April he begins working particularly on skills training with the lower School grades.

In addition, former Manly player and former member of the Australian National Coaching Panel, **Barry Taylor**, will coach the senior teams.

The meeting closed with refreshments.



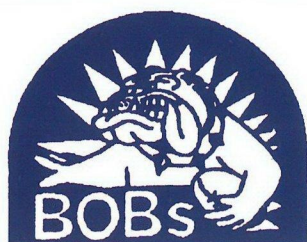
*David Dwyer arrives for his first encounter with the U13 teams on Rosewood*



*A beaming Stephen Harrison, President of the BOBs Soccer, with two 1995 premierships behind him and fresh from having recruited no less than 10 players from the CAS-winning 1995 teams.*



## The Old Barker – Sport



The 1996 season has begun and the Barker Old Boys Rugby Union Football Club is preparing for some very demanding rugby. Again we are fielding four grade teams and a colts (under 21) team in the second division of the NSW Suburban Rugby Union; the competition below that of the NSW Rugby Union. Our opposition includes St Ignatius and Knox Old Boys, St. Ives, Oatley, Forest, Newport, Briars, Canterbury and Matraville.

With a large proportion of the club eligible for colts, we have probably the youngest playing squad in the competition, and a number of these players have had to take on the extra tasks of running the club and playing in the higher grades. And what we may lack in experience we certainly gain in enthusiasm and fitness.

The Club consists of 100 plus (the numbers are still coming in) playing members and a large number of non-playing members. Not all BOBs are Barker Old Boys, indeed we welcome anyone at the club and currently field players who attended St. Aloysius, Grammar, Trinity, Riverview, and even Knox to name but a few, as well as country and interstate players. Our playing ranks include a large number from 1987, 1989 and 1990 and a considerable number from 1992-1994. Players such as **Grant Parkhurst** from the class of 1995 have joined the club this year along with some older old boys like **Eliot Sanger** (1986).

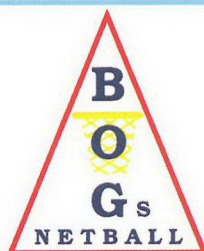
With last year's head coach **Mark Streeter** (1987) taking on a more administrative role at the NSW Suburban Rugby Union, a number of new faces have appeared on the coaching panel, including **Justin Tamset** (1987) and **Charles Moore** (1987). **Ian Lothringer** (1976) has returned to coach this year and will almost certainly be enticed back onto the playing field. Headed by the experienced **Alan James** (who we welcomed to the club this year bringing with him the experience he gained from working with other Suburban clubs, the NSWRU and the ARU), the coaches are expecting a successful and enjoyable season on and off the field.

Our first game of the year was an away game against Oatley. The BOBs recorded 3 wins (4ths, 3rds and 2nds) a draw (colts) and a narrow loss (1sts). Certainly this was a better start than last season, reflecting the work put in during

the pre-season training sessions and trial matches. **Rob Laird** (1994) started the season off well with a try in the first few minutes of the colts game, with all grades managing to cross the line at least once. Third grade recorded the best result winning 20-0.

The BOBs rugby would like to wish the soccer, hockey and netball clubs all the best for season '96 and would like to encourage anyone with a free Saturday to come down to Turramurra Oval to enjoy a barbecue, entertaining rugby and catch up with old friends and classmates. Also, our newsletter, *The BOBs Bulletin*, invites contributions and advertising from all members of the Barker community. Please do not hesitate to contact me for details.

*Richard Peters* (1990)  
9923 1361 (h) 398 9333 (b)



Having come fourth in the Hills District Netball Competition at B1 level last season the BOGs have been promoted to A Reserve Grade for 1996.

We have managed to keep last year's team in tact, except that **Anna Cordony** (1995) has come in to replace Sarah De Groen. The other team members are Diana Thomas, Renee Bendt, Alex Skellet, Carly Switzer, Deborah Yates, Donna Hirst, Georgie Gillingham, and Sally Burton.

Unfortunately **Tamra Langley** (1990) has moved to Dee Why and we have lost her expert coaching and motivational strengths, but Barker teacher, John Wilson is doing a fine job in her stead.

We practice on Wednesday evenings at Barker Gym, and play our matches in a permanent time slot of 3.50pm each Saturday at Pennant Hills Park.

We lost our first encounter on 13 April to Asquith 26-32, but can promise our loyal followers some inspiring victories as the season progresses. Our aim is to shoot for the grand final, but of course we are 'taking it one goal; at a time', and as is always required when shooting, we are keeping at least one foot on the ground!

*Diana Thomas* 481 8084 (h)



A new season has started and the Barker Old Girls hockey team is pumped!! After a good rest we are back to do battle on the new astro-turf field on Bobbin Head Road. We have one team

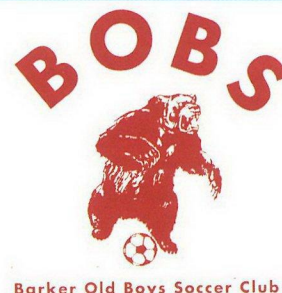
entered in the third grade of first division of the North Shore Women's Hockey Association. Richard Colbran will once again be coaching the team until he jet-sets overseas at mid-season. Anyone interested in taking up the challenge??

The first game was played on 13 April against Gordon. The team performed exceptionally well. The fast pace of turf hockey was certainly evident and we are looking forward to adjusting to this new style of play.

**Caryn Walker** (1992), who won the Best Spirited Player in 1995, has taken over the reins from Louisa Cameron and doing a great job organising the club. We have a very successful raffle running at the moment with some terrific prizes and the *Greengate Hotel* is extremely supportive of the club. In July we will be organising our annual BOGs vs BOBs game and we have lots of other social events planned.

We still need extra players so come along to training at 8pm on Thursdays at Acron Oval, St Ives. For more information call Caryn Walker on 449 5481 or myself.

*Lindsay Frangs* 665 8328



The 1996 season promises to be a challenging and exciting one for the Barker Old Boys Soccer Club as we again field four teams in the Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association (KDSA). Fresh from two premierships in 1995, the club has two teams in the KDSA First Division to which we have been promoted for the first time: in addition to having two teams in the KDSA Fourth Division.

After a pre-season recruitment drive, the club has gained a number of new players in 1996, including ten players from the Class of 1995. They will be playing alongside ex-Barker students spreading over sixteen years, with our oldest player a veteran from the class of 1979.

Our pre-season preparation included a renewal of old rivalries with a matches against the Knox Old Boys, for the inaugural *Old Boys' Challenge Trophy*. BOBs won all three games contested on the day, including a humiliating 9-0 scoreline in the first grade game giving the BOBs our first 'trophy' for the season. Hopefully it is a good sign for the season ahead.

I encourage any old boys who are at all interested in playing soccer during 1996 to telephone either Brett Dickson on 9908 4732 (h) or myself.

*Stephen Harrison* 9953 1753 (h)





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## At Season's End...

## The Old Barker – Sport

A n aching body, wonderful sunny days, the smell of suntan lotion and waking up quite late on Sunday mornings – yes, the cricket season is over and we're into mainstream rugby (but that is Richard's brief).

The 95-96 season was by all accounts a very successful one – both on and off the field.

We began with a new captain and some much-needed young blood. In 22 matches we won 13, came second in 7 and were washed out in 2 (one was a blessing and the other a shame as victory was assured).

Any end of season report worth its salt, would not be complete without the ego boosting, all too revealing, all too misrepresenting statistics. So here we go:

**Overall Best & Fairest:** Dave Warneford with in excess of 400 runs at around 28, 6 wickets at 16.50 each and 16 catches (not to mention the 54 byes!)

**Batting:** Anthony Hawkins with over 500 runs at something like 43 as an average and a high score of 104 (not to mention that this was scored against only 9 fielders and should therefore be discounted to an innings of 85). Hawkeye also took 14 wickets at 17.42 each and 10 catches.

**Bowling:** Jamie Bruce took 24 wickets at 8.58 each, with a best of 6 for 40, all obtained at very fast pace.

**Most Colourful & Committed:** Phil Noyce with a total of 13 matches, 7 innings, 4 of which ended before anything started, and achieving the only stumping of the season. Special mention in this category goes to Steve 'Dixies Dozen' Nixon for his Tumbarumba Achievements!

Now there is a story, in fact there is a town – Tumbarumba! Our first annual cricket tour was down to Tumbarumba by 12-seater bus with trailer (for the golf clubs) and a team tour shirt emblazoned with the catch-cry,

**THE BOBS DO THE BUNDY RUMBA AT TUMBARUMBA.**



## TUMBARUMBA TOURISTS

Back: Steve Nixon, Mark Timbs, Phil Noyce, Jamie Bruce, Anthony Hawkins, Nugget Jeffrey, Adam Pennecuik, Dave Warneford  
Front: Rob Laird, Ian Lothringer, Keith Thornton, Rob Zalinski

Keith Thornton and Ian Lothringer won the Saturday afternoon golf at the aptly-named, nearby town of Rosewood, and the BOBs won a hotly-contested cricket match on the Sunday, versus a Tumbarumba Invitation XI.

In closing the season we cannot go without passing on our appreciation for the support of the School in providing the use of the magnificent ovals and facilities on both No. 1 and Rosewood.

Contact: Anthony Hawkins 44 1552

Ian Lothringer

## A Joshua not Slow-cum the World Championships!

For those land lubbers who may suspect a serious error in proof-reading, a **Yling** is a 6.35m keelboat designed by Norwegian Jan Linge as a smaller and more easily-handled version of his Olympic Class Soling. **Joshua Grace (1990)** is a member of the three-man Australian Yachting team which has won the 1996 World Championship in the International Yling Class on Sydney Harbour against 39 entries from 9 nations. Joshua was bowman in the yacht, *Sirocco*, skippered by the America's Cup helmsman, Neville Wittey, with David Edwards (Knox 1991) as mainsheet trimmer. In a gruelling test of boat-handling and endurance *Sirocco* scored three wins and three seconds in the seven-race regatta, making it outright winner with a race to spare!

Barker Year 12 student, **Ben Wood**, skippered a junior team from the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron to score a creditable 25th placing in the same Championships.

This success for Joshua was the culmination of a three year preparation for the crew and followed the World Championships in Denmark (1993) where they were the highest-placed foreign entry and Switzerland (1995) where they came second. In a Australian competition they are undefeated, and were nominated for the NSW Yachtsman of the Year Award in 1995.

Joshua has crewed for Neville Wittey since he was 15. In 1994 they won the inaugural Sydney Matchracing Regatta. Last year they competed against the world's elite in two legs of the Grade 1 International Matchracing circuit in Sète, France, and in the

Australia Cup in Perth where they came third.

Their next challenge is to excel at fleetracing in Etchells. In their first race they competed in a high-profile fleet which included Peter Gilmour to take out their division of the Admiral's Trophy.

Joshua's brother, **Rory (1981)**, also sails Etchells. Their mother Pat Grace reports that, "The standing joke between the brothers is that the one with the superior race results has the other for his slave until the situation is reversed. It looks as if Rory could be busy for some time!"



1996 International Yling World Champions, the crew of 'Sirocco', David Edwards, Neville Wittey and Joshua Grace.



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### Music Master to the Royals

**R**obert Pritchett was a Barker Music Master who taught at the School from 1974 to 1979. Among his many memorable performances at the School was a 1977 collaboration with Mr Laurie Wigney, Mr Derek Sanders and our new Headmaster, Mr Roderic Kefford, in a delightful staging of *The Gondoliers*.

Robert went overseas, never to return to Barker (much to everyone's sadness), but his career in music was to be none the poorer. Recently he has been working in New York, writing a ballet for performance later in 1996. In a letter to the School he writes,

"I enjoyed my days at Barker, even though I was very young. I came to Europe at the beginning of 1980 and lived in France for six months. London beckoned and I started a post-graduate course at London University on a part-time basis, working at the same time for Shell Oil as a liaison officer for the training of workers going off-shore on oil rigs in the North Sea. Quite a contrast to my previous work experience but I really enjoyed the challenge and wanted a break from teaching.

"I then met up with the Lloyd Webber family who insisted I get back into the musical world and, through their support and encouragement, I set up a theatre for children in London, wrote a number of musicals for performance in the West End and was appointed a professor at the London College of Music.

"In addition, I now freelance as a teacher/lecturer and I was asked to take on the musical education of the Princes William and Harry when they attended pre-Prep school in London.

"I also travel frequently to New York where I give master classes in writing music for theatre. In 1985 I was appointed Chairman of The Ann Driver Trust, which is a private charity involved in the arts".

**Aran Shelley (1989)** relates that he is "in British Columbia at the moment with **Sophie Figgis**, the Senior Girl Prefect of 1990. She has a shaved head and a ring through her nose and is still in Spanish mode after 10 months in South America learning about the real world and trying to find the part of her that Barker never supplied!

It is actually an OBA Reunion in Canada as **Hugh Gibson (1989)**, **Graydon Pye (1992)** and **James Feros (1989)** are also hereabouts. We are skiing in our Barker blazers down the slopes and basically being very angelic. Hugh will then go on to Portugal. I have heard the call of the goldfish and will be coming home to build more aquariums".

### Serving all the Pieces of Victoria

**W**arren Smith (1972) has written in to say that, "After studying and working as a Church Army Evangelist from 1985-92, I was ordained at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale, on 17 December 1995. I have spent the last four years at Ridley College, Melbourne, where I completed a B.Th. and B.Min. I can now be found working in the parish of Bairnsdale but living in Paynesville, (051) 567118".

Warren is one of a number of Barker Old Boys who are working within the Anglican parishes and schools in Victoria. Old Barker Liaison Officer, Ian Campbell has identified **John Batt (1973)** of Sunbury, **Ronald Chidgey (1953)** of Drouin, **Timothy Fletcher (1978)** of Narre Warren, **Peter Macleod-Miller (1980)** of Fitzroy, **Peter Treloar (1976)** of East St Kilda and **Richard Treloar (1983)** of Skipton. Ian asks, are there any others?

### The Continuous Parenting Comp!

In the January issue of *The Barker*, page 18, we reported on the close of 19 years of continuous Barker parenthood for Chris and David Evans, and posed the question as to whether this might be a record.

Well Pat Grace of Hunters Hill has issued a distinct challenge. She and husband Frank (now deceased) had four sons at the School over a period of 26 years! **Peter Grace (1975)** was the first arrival in 1965. Then followed **Richard (1978)**, **Roderick (Rory) (1981)**, and **Joshua (1990)**. For six of those years there were three Grace family members at the School, and as Pat points out in her letter, the total parenting endeavour represented **45 years of fee-paying!**

Is there any advance on 26 years? Who can offer 30?

### Laddie Come Home!

**V**ariety is the most appropriate word to use to describe the life of **Graham Friend (1967)** since school. Initially he undertook an engineering apprenticeship with AWA, and used this experience to enter the marine industry doing a naval architecture certificate with the Department of Defence. Several years in yacht brokerage and sales in the Pittwater area followed, with extensive ocean racing on the side. Graham achieved his Master's ticket and became the skipper of *Anaconda* for five years. When she was sold, a period of delivering yachts to international destinations ensued.

It was in the Caribbean, whilst undertaking charter work on luxury yachts that he met his wife Gillian, an English woman who was then leading a similar lifestyle. The lure of the America's Cup brought them back to Australia when they realized it was time to put down some more permanent roots.

In 1988 they purchased a kennel operation at Abermain in the Hunter Valley. Graham and Gill have just graduated in the first group of only 55 Australia-wide to receive certificates as Accredited Australian Standard Instructors. This enables them to lecture in canine training throughout the world.

The **Abermain Boarding Kennels** are quite unique in their care for both animals and owners. Graham sends a video to his mostly Sydney-based clients to show how the operation is set up. When he collects the family pet from home, he takes this video and returns it with footage of the dog's own holiday in the Hunter Valley!

On a more serious note, they have extended to include the **Abermain Canine College** which specialises in owner training. The aim of these weekend courses is to help owners overcome problems with their dog and "to produce good citizens at both ends of the lead". Graham and Gill would welcome members of the Barker community to their haven in the Hunter Valley. They can be contacted on 049 30 4452.

John Dakin



A group of diners at the the very successful OBA 'Back to Barker Dinner' especially for former Barker students who are current School parents. Twelve former students returned for the first time as parents.



## Chris Morgan's Service in Nepal



**D**octor Chris Morgan (1977), pictured here in discussion with Susan King, David Fearnside and Ross King of Year 11, spent several days at Barker in March attending a number of Christian Studies classes and speaking at Chapel. Chris and his wife Alison are two of over 400 *Interserve* partners from 20 countries working in Asia, the Middle East and in North Africa.

*Interserve* is an international fellowship of Christians from a wide variety of professions, supported by a network of churches families and friends. Its umbrella organisation in Nepal, the **United Mission to Nepal (UMN)**, seeks to serve the Nepalese people in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ by establishing low cost, high quality projects in health, education, engineering, power generation and rural development. *Interserve* has seconded Chris and Alison to its *United Mission Hospital* in Tansen, Nepal, where they have worked since 1993.

Chris, who graduated in medicine from Sydney University works in hospital paediatrics and in community health, while Alison, who has worked in Ethiopia and Bangladesh, manages three children under six and works part-time as a doctor performing ultrasounds.

Chris says that Australians seem to love travelling in this Hindu kingdom, which is sandwiched between China and India and has the tallest mountains in the world as its northern border. He says that it is a beautiful country but the 20 million people who live there are trapped in a cycle of poverty that places over a third of the population below the international poverty line. (i.e. they are always hungry).

Chris points out that "the cobbled streets and ancient stones of the remote old trading town of Tansen, 300km west of Kathmandu, **see the arrival every week of six thousand visitors who are not tourists** – they are the sick and their companions, travelling by bus, on foot and on a porter's back – to the *United Mission Hospital*".

Under this sort of pressure he labours as the only paediatrician, consulting colleagues by fax and treating tuberculosis, chest infections, meningitis, gastronomic disorders and rare skin diseases. He also somehow manages to conduct a Christian witness and training ministry through the local church.

Chris feels that the Barker students of today are better informed on international economics and show more sophistication and concern than they appeared to 20 years ago. He said that he had spoken with six students who were quite interested in the *UMN* challenge and some may do a trip to Tansen at the end of Year 12. It was his view that "properly trained, those who chose a professional life abroad with a group such as *UMN*, would really enjoy a less stressful life than they would in Sydney, have more rewarding relationships and do a lot of good!

Chris' sister, primary teacher, **Robyn Lack (1981)**, has recently left for the town of Pokhara in Nepal, where her husband Peter has been appointed Headmaster of a primary school for International Nepal Fellowship children.



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### OBITUARIES

#### Maxwell Leitch (1925)

Successful Angus stud breeder and exhibitor, inventor and environmentalist, Maxwell Hall Leitch of Wagga, died in Wagga Base Hospital on 18 January, aged 87.

Max was born in the Sydney suburb of Burwood, and grew up on the Murrumbidgee River property, *Bulgary*. He attended Barker as a boarder from 1922 to 1925, and played in the First XV in his final year and was awarded colours. (See photo on page 26).

Max returned to *Bulgary* and in 1939 founded the Bulgary Angus Stud. Among a number of his inventions to facilitate the operation of his stud was the *Leitch Cattle Crush*, still manufactured in Narrandera. His writings advocated the care and protection of catchment areas and the history of early settlement and its impact on the environment.

Max served for many years on the committees of the NSW and Riverina Angus societies, and the Wagga Show Society.

The Bulgary Stud was dispersed on his retirement in 1981. He continued to live at *Bulgary* until it was sold in 1988.

Maxwell Leitch is survived by his wife of 53 years, Heather, and children Judith (Hansell) and John. Son David predeceased him.



#### Myles Whitfeld (1930)

Myles Edwin Whitfeld of *Gineroi*, Bingara, NSW, who was a Barker boarder between 1926 and 1930, died in July 1995 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was 82.

His wife, Helen, says that he always enjoyed reading the Barker news, and although their son James was booked in to attend the School, he eventually went on to The Armidale School which was closer! Myles Whitfeld is also survived by son James and daughter Helen.



#### Ron Worboys (1940)

Ronald Thomas Worboys, a Canowindra community leader and outstanding sportsman and administrator, died on 24 December, 1995, aged 72.

Form Canowindra public school, Ronald attended Barker for 5 years and was a prefect in his two final years.

He discovered Rugby at the School and played in the First XV for three successive years: as team member in 1938, as vice-captain in 1939 and then captain in the 1940!

Ronald went on to a metallurgical traineeship with BHP Newcastle and worked with the Big Australian until 1949.

From 1941-49 he captained the Newcastle Wanderers RU Club and was a member of its management committee. Ronald represented Newcastle against ACT, Sydney and Queensland, captained Northern NSW against the All Blacks in 1947 and the NZ Maoris in 1949. He captained NSW against Victoria in the Wallaby trials in 1947.

He returned to Canowindra to join his father in 1949 in the established garage, H. Worboys & Son, and managed the business until he retired in 1988. He helped form and coach many local Rugby teams, and represented NSW Country against the British Lions in Canberra in 1950, and against the All Blacks at Parkes in 1951. He became president, then chairman, then life member of the Central West Junior Rugby Union. He coached the U16 touring party to NZ in 1970. In 1985 he toured the UK with the 'Golden Oldies'.

Ronald was named Carbonne Shire Citizen of the Year in 1985 and Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow in 1988.

He always spoke with great pride of the achievements of the College and came back to Barker in 1990 for the School Centenary Dinner.

He is survived by his two sons, Graeme and Bruce.

Graham Black (1955)



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ADVENTURE  
COUNTRY*"Just Once More Down the Track"*

*Ron Hayman travelled up from Cooma for the reunion and produced a number of surprise slides from his archives on the night.*

**T**aralga, Kanangra Walls, Hartley Vale, Bungonia, Pantoney's Crown, Dargo, may well be little more to many than names remote from the mixed blessings of suburbia.

But on Tuesday 19 March, in the Leslie Hall, memories of such places were revived for about 150 Old Boys, together with many of their parents, who had participated in *Adventure Country*.

*Adventure Country* had quite a high profile in the School in the 1980s. Its originator and the convenor of this reunion, **Ian Campbell**, revealed that he has records of one hundred and fifty-four camps and expeditions. Around seven hundred boys had been members, quite a few attending fifteen or more camps. The first was in December 1981, when five boys went to Kanangra Walls, and the last was to Tyan Pic in 1992 – except that in 1994 there was a wonderful revisit to Taralga, the scene of sixty-six of the camps, (by ten Year 12 boys, four of their Dads, Ron Hayman, Ian Campbell and John Davies (the cook on many occasions).

**Ron Hayman (Staff 1979-1981)**, who had assisted at over ninety of these camps, spoke of 'Beginnings' showing slides of early days of camping in the 1940s, including camps at *The Grange*, where he first met Ian Campbell. Then **Alan Ryrie** presented a fine account of Outdoor Edu-

cation at Barker, one the leading schools in this field. He related many of the activities and programs now being used to introduce our students to the delights and challenges of the adventure country, at *The Grange*, across Australia and abroad.

Finally Ian Campbell showed slides with his characteristic commentary to remind the gathering of many of the friends who had shared exploration of over twenty wild and beautiful locations. ❀

## Canberra steps it up

**C**anberra has been notable for the number of Reunion luncheons and dinners held over the years, largely due to the continuity of the efforts of our ACT representative, **Brian Robinson (1944)**.

At 5.30pm on 28 February a group, with a very wide age-range met with Brian at the Canberra Club for drinks. They were **Simon Agnew (1941)**, **Catherine Bell (1994)**, **Diane Blaxland (1981)**, **Ric Butt (1971)**, **Simon Butt (1979)**, **John Donovan (1958)**, **Gerald Farleigh (1951)**, **Siobhan Mackellar (1994)** and **Bill Podmore (1961)**.

The event was a great success; so much so that it was decided to replace the usual luncheons by a series of 5.30pm gatherings. These will be at the Canberra Club on 29 May, 31 July and 25 September.

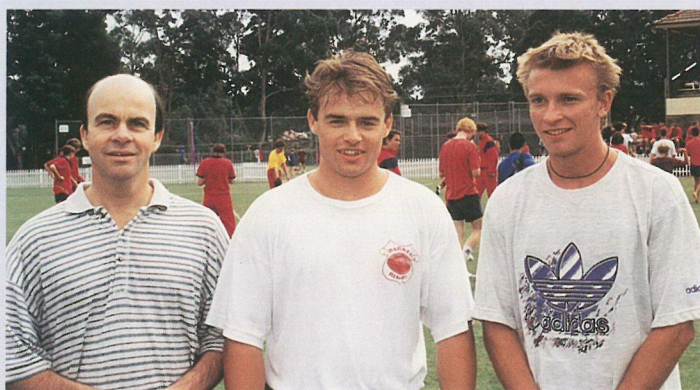
All who wish to attend are requested to phone Catherine Bell, (06) 253 3523 (h); or Brian Robinson, (06) 2754232 (b).

The Annual Dinner is to be held on Saturday, 2 November. It is intended that the new Headmaster, Dr Roderic Kefford, will be invited to come along.

## Annual OBA Barbecue

**N**o-one could have foreseen that the date traditionally reserved for our Annual Barbecue at St Ives Village Green would coincide with a Federal election! Electoral duties or the anticipation of election-eve parties no doubt had an effect on attendance, but those who could make it had a great time. See you next year!

## Those OBA Feature Eventers



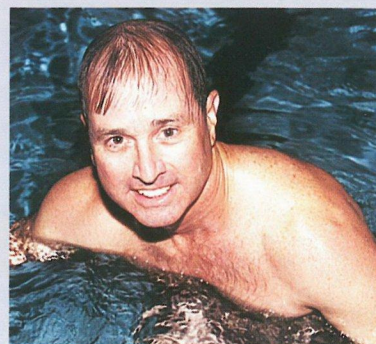
*Steve Rouvray, Aaron Black and Will Davies, after the race.*

**A**lthough he failed in his attempt to add to his tally of gold medals in the OBA Feature Handicaps of the School summer season, the 50m Freestyle Swim and 100m Footrace, OBA Treasurer **Stephen Rouvray (1967)**, came away with a fourth in the water and a silver medal on the land and again scored maximum points for participation!

On a fabulous evening at Hornsby Pool, **Graham Chapman (1964)** won the swim from **Amy Kennedy (1990)**, **Ian Stewart (1967)**, and **Steve**.

On an equally benign March Saturday on No.1 Oval **Aaron Black (1992)** edged out **Steve**, and a School Athletics star of 1995, **Will Davies**.

Graham, Ian and Steve seem to provide proof that Old Barker athletes simply cannot fade! ❀



*A victory smile from Graham Chapman*



## Personal Notes

**Stephen Burns (1979)** has just moved to Toronto, Canada with his wife and they now have a Canadian son to go with a New Zealander born in a previous transfer. "The ice and snow are intense!" He spent the last 3 years in Japan working as a journalist and occasionally as a model. He is still playing Rugby and keeps in regular contact with many Old Boys.

**Gary Harper (1971)** has lived in Darwin since 1980. He taught school in Canada during 1985 and was married in 1989 when he and his wife travelled around South America for 6 months. He was Acting Assistant Principal at Nightcliff High School in 1994 and is currently Head of Social Education and Business Studies. He has a daughter Amanda, 18 months. He is President of Palmerston RU Club.

**Stuart Unsworth (1983)** of Carlingford says he is "married at long last to Jenny Park." He has been working for Alcatel Australia for ten years, graduating in 1991 in Computer Systems Engineering and is currently in Computer Networks.

**Brig. Derek Sharp (1935)** is in Pusan, Korea with wife June for a 14-month assignment for Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital. He is a professional fundraising consultant. "It is interesting being back in Pusan. The change since my last visit in 1952 on the way home from the Korean War is hard to believe! Now a big, bustling port-city of 4 million, crowded with modern cars, polluted, rich – and still worried about North Korea."

**Andrew Alexander (1981)** has been teaching at Broughton Anglican College for the last 5 years and is attending the Sydney Missionary and Bible College in 1996 to complete a B.Th. In 1995 he wrote and published a poetry book, *Split Images*, (CMS Bookshops).

**Hugh Goddard's (1950)** daughter **Kathy (1982)** is currently touring the Canadian snow country as a massage therapist, taking some time off for skiing. Hugh is living in Hervey Bay in Queensland.

**Anthony Hearne (1990)** graduated Bach. Hospt. from the UWSH in 1994 and after a brief stint in the money market has recently accepted a position with the Singapore Rugby Union, mainly involved in the marketing of the code.

**Greg Barlow (1981)**, of Annandale, is working for Thiess Contractors on various projects – a university campus on the Central Coast and a medical centre at Richmond. He married Sue Draysey in 1993 and they are expecting their first child in mid-1996. Greg is playing guitar in a band, *Dow Jones and the All Ordinaries*, although infrequently.

**Amy and David Buckingham (1947)**, now living near Newmarket, UK, has been Professor of Chemistry at Cambridge University since 1969. In 1992 he was

elected as Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences, joining 15 Australians to be so honoured. In February 1993 he received an Honorary D.Sc. degree from the University of Sydney and delivered the 'occasional address' at the graduation ceremony. He is also President of Cambridge University Cricket Club.

**Tim Hoyle (1967)** of Turramurra, is a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor and in October '95 he 'took silk' to become Senior Counsel (new title replacing the old 'Queen's Counsel'). His other great enthusiasm is for the Navy, and he wears the gold-braided cap of a Commander in the Reserve on the RAN legal panel.



Tim and wife Joan have a daughter Fiona, 7, and two sons David, 14, and Anthony, 11, at Barker. He hopes to be starter at a 30-Year Reunion in 1997.

**Dr Timothy Ralph (1975)** is currently a Research Fellow at the Department of Physics, at the ANU in Canberra.

**Ian Richard Cox (1952)** has recently finished the logistics planning and equipping of a sports complex at Riverstone Community Church and has decided that it is time to move on – to Brisbane – where he and his wife, Pat, will settle in before contemplating their next venture.

**Greg Horne (1974)**, with his wife of 8 years, Cheryl, is moving to London having been transferred by Smith Kline Beecham, his UK-based pharmaceutical company. He is to manage Trade Strategy Development across the International Sector. Cheryl is an advertising copywriter and hopes for an agency job in London. Greg is looking forward joining up with other UK Old Boys at their annual London Dinner on 27 September.

**Rob Crawford (1956)**, is planting more vines in Orange and has made an award-winning Sauvignon Blanc.

**Saroj Wongsethanoonoi (1974)** writes from Bangkok: "Further to my note of October 1995 I have resigned from Navasri Manufacturing Co Ltd and am now working for Gillette Thailand Limited as a Material Manager. My daughter Nathaliya, 13, who was born in Sydney is now granted an Australian citizenship."

**John Cotter (1983)** is married to Nick

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and they live in Balgowlah. Nick has just started work caring for cerebral palsy teenagers and John has been working for the last 5 years with the Scripture Union, co-ordinating their work in schools (ISCF). Together they pastor a church that meets in their home.

His mother, **Olive Cotter** (secretary at Barker 1975-80) and father, **Harry Cotter** (physics teacher 1976-87), after a few years' work in Singapore and Hobart, are living in Shalvey where they work for the local Anglican church. **Judy Schumack (née Cotter) (1982)** is married to Richard and has two boys under 3 (Sam and Tim). They live in Springwood where Richard is the curate for the Anglican church. **Philippa Cotter (1987)** is married to Dom Beckett. Having completed their physiotherapy and law degrees respectively and done some travelling, they are moving to the Northern Territory this year.

**Bruce Davis (1974)** of Sydney writes that he has recently seen **Mark Bolton (1974)** and kids; and **Matthew Howard (1977)** contacted him at work. Matthew is working at Unisys, as is Bruce.

**Stuart Greene (1984)** taught for six years at St Aloysius' College, before spending 1995 as a teacher in England. He is still at St John's Beaumont in Old Windsor (Berks). One thing has led to another and he is getting married to a lovely Welsh lady in Windsor on 1 August 1996.

**Alan Green (1986)** relates that he has been married to a beautiful young lady, Karen, for 4 years. "We have settled in Penrith and enjoy the lifestyle out here. Last February Karen gave birth to son Mitchell, who keeps us both very busy."

**Simon Shakesby (1979)** now in North Perth, is working as a geologist at Telfer Gold Mine. He has been married for 2 years to Anitra Ross. "No Kids, No Dogs, No Boat."

**Stephen Pooley (1984)** is currently living in Newington Green, London, and working at Middlesex Hospital as a Radiation Oncologist (Head of Department) after four years in Saudi Arabia. Stephen hopes to settle permanently in England.

*More notes overleaf*

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**Lyell Burrow (1957)** has recently relocated to Victoria having had to give up his job as a Sydney Harbour Pilot because of an old injury and has now returned to sea with Brambles Shipping.

**Fiona Brown (née Ryde) (1978)** writes that she and **Stephen (1978)** had twin boys (Matthew & Scott) on 19 December 1995. They are building at Kenthurst and living at Terrey Hills in the meantime.

**Dr Nigel Nutt (1983)** and **Megan (née Bannon) (1983)** made the great move to the Pilbara region of WA in December 1995. Plenty of heat and cyclone alerts since their arrival. Nigel is working for BHP on a Hot Briquetted Iron Project, set to complete early 1997. Jessica Emily arrived on 2 January 1996 – the first baby for the new year in Port Hedland!

**David Crowley (1987)** started a B.Sc. (Electronics & Computing) at Macquarie University in 1988. He then joined YWAM for 18 months, 12 months of which time was with the *Strike a Light* Drama team. He finished his degree in 1994, worked at the Opera House (240 computers) for 8 months and has since gone to the USA and now UK, working in computers.

**Dr Geoffrey Jackson (1944)** writes that his son, **Malcolm Jackson (1984)**, graduated B.A.(Business) from Western University and became a manager with Boral. Malcolm travelled in the USA and Great Britain, including being in the 'running of the bulls' at Pamplona. He returned home and became a business consultant and then made a complete change. He took up flying, becoming a senior commercial pilot and training pilots for the Western University. In November 1995 he married Loreto girl, Leahne Jenkinson, also a graduate B.A. (Business). They live in Beecroft.

**Christian Killin (1990)** of North Sydney completed his B.Sc. at Sydney University an 1995 graduating with 1st Class Honours and the University Medal in Applied Mathematics.



He is now working for the Macquarie Bank in the field of asset securitization and is engaged to Abbotsleigh Old Girl, Elizabeth Henderson. They plan to marry next year when Elizabeth completes her Science/Law Degree.

## Personal Notes

**Peter Fillingham (1959)** has lived on the Central Coast for the past 20 years and has 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren, including a pair of twins. In partnership with his son and daughter-in-law, he owns and operates a bread distribution business. He is also involved in the taxi industry in the area. He has kept in touch with **Paul McCarthy (1958)** and saw him recently when he was holidaying at Avoca.

**Dr Graham Sellars (1985)** who is now living in Cremorne is working at the Prince of Wales Hospital as a Paediatric Plastic Surgical Registrar.

**Mark McKillop (1987)** finished a B.Com., LL.B. at UNSW and Melbourne University respectively in 1992. He is now living in Melbourne and practising as a solicitor (in litigation) with Minter Ellison. He is starting a Master of Law at mid-year at Melbourne University. He watches plenty of "real football" (go Blues!) and plays touch rugby and golf. He also keeps in touch with, and sometimes sees, **Adam Hales, Mark Harrison, Darren Riley** and **Fred Darby** (all 1987).

**Kenneth McNee (1957)**, living in Kallangur, Queensland, writes that he has "recently retired because of ill health, after 29 years with National Parks & Wildlife. Gone Fishun!"


**Rebecca Killin (1989)** of Manly Vale completed her B.Ed.(Primary) at Sydney University in 1994 and for past 12 months has taught Christian Studies at McKellar High School, Manly Vale.

**Richard Gorzkos (1977)** is now working for Henry Walker Underground as a mining engineer involved in the tendering and management of underground mining. The relocation to Perth is, hopefully, the end of a series of about 14 different moves all around Australia in some 13 years since he left University. His wife, Christine, is thrilled that she now has no worry about red dust and the constant mining talk that all mining towns thrive on! They have 3 children (two boys, 6 and 20 months and a girl of 4).

**David Rickward (1979)** after having spent 3 years in Camden, has moved to Darwin with his wife, Gail, and three children. He has become Manager, Flight Stewards for Air North, which operates commuter flights throughout the Northern Territory, Malaysia and Indonesia. He says that this new posting is a real challenge as he is in charge of 60 pilots!

**Anna Gobbo (née Miscamble) (1982)**, now at Roselands, writes that "last year, after a whirlwind romance, I married Peter Gobbo, an Italian studying for the Presbyterian ministry. I am currently finishing my B.Th. as well as learning Italian, and we are looking forward to working together for the Lord. I recently caught up with **Alison Slinn (née Lawson) (1982)**

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and **David Slinn (1980)** home from England for the dedication of their second child, Victoria. **Michelle Chan (1982)** is teaching in Arncliffe and also has her own business, publishing and marketing computer resources for schools. **Rhonda Wilson (1982)**, working as Senior Research Audio Engineer with Meridian in Cambridge, UK, hopes to finish her Ph.D. this year. She is very involved with Christian activities at St Andrew's the Great."

**Jonathan Chalmers (1989)** writes that "I completed an Associate Diploma of Landscaping in 1995 and have run my own landscape and gardening business for 6 years. I am playing my third season of ice hockey for the Macquarie Bears. I keep in touch with **Shane Schofield (1989)**, geologist, **Fiona Knox (1989)**, medical records officer, **Aaron Bush (1987)**, butcher in Yanco, and Barker teacher, Trevor Barman and his family."

**George Williams (1928)**, from Bowral, was pleased to see an article mentioning Mr Carter, retired 1929, and Hubert Dixon. He says, "I caught up with **Hubert Dixon** on the North Coast of New Guinea in 1944 in the RAAF. He was an old Haberfield boy. I remember some of the boys of my schooldays: **Alan Harrison, "Duke" Wellington, Bill Eggleton, Eric Savage, Neil Clisdell, Chris Clark, Neville Clift** and **Oscar Wilmott**. Regretfully, Bill, Eric and Neil have passed on; probably some others have also gone to greener pastures as we are all reaching the Octogenarian group. I was in dorm 'C' and dorm 'B' and remember the Bully Boys of the 'A' dorm.

**John Sperring (1970)** has recently retired from the Air Force, after 23 years full-time in the Services. He is currently employed as a Naval Reserve Officer at the RAN Hydrographic Office in Wollongong, as their part-time security manager/consultant. He is also doing up an 'old house'. John speaks frequently with **Rawdon Petersen** and **Greg Madden (both 1970)** of Carter House).

**Rev. Warwick de Jersey (1981)** is working with Holy Trinity Church and AFES on the campus of Adelaide Univer-



## Personal Notes

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sity. He has been employed at Trinity for 2 years. Prior to that he was curate in Wollongong for 2 years, following 4 years at Moore College. He and Caroline have 3 children, Elizabeth (4), Thomas (2) and Peter (4 mths). Other than his family and the Church, his passion is motorcycling.

**Peter Currie (1956)** of Neutral Bay writes, "I am now semi-retired - we have recently purchased a farm near Kiama, on the South Coast - but also keep in touch with life in Sydney. Business activities take some time and golf at Elanora is also important."

**Andrew Denholm (1976)** after leaving Barker went to Tocal Agricultural College, Maitland. Since then he has been associated with dairying, piggeries and sawmilling. He is enrolled for an Animal Attending Course at Tamworth TAFE.

**Marcus Ashby (Class of 1991)**, who has been in Perth for a number of years, recently graduated B.Bus., majoring in information systems. He is planning an extended tour of England and Europe.

**Chantelle Sadler (1993)** is engaged to Michael Keith, and they will be married at Christ Church, St Ives, on 13 July 1996.

**Mark Thomas (1973)** has moved to Cygnet, Tasmania, where he is continuing to conduct his computer consultancy. He is looking forward to raising chickens and starting some serious writing.

**Dr Warwick Grant (1974)** finished his B.Sc. with 1st Class Honours at ANU (1976-1979) and his Ph.D. in Biology at Max-Planck-Institute for Biochemistry in Munich (1980-1983). He then did a post-doctoral fellowship at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London. He returned to Australia to join the CSIRO from 1985 to 1995 and is now at Flinders University, School of Biological Sciences.

**Jim Longworth (1969)** of Cheltenham

and his wife, Judy, have 3 children, Renee (14), Vicki (12) and Michael (10). After a year as a full-time house-husband he returned to work part-time. He is now full-time Senior Environmental Scientist with City Rail. Jim is completing his M.A. and is a prolific writer of histories on light-industrial railways. The family attend St Matthew's, West Pennant Hills.

**Roland (Roley) Little (1950)** retired from the position of Store General Manager of Grace Bros, Bathurst, in 1992. Since then he has been operating a B & B which keeps him very busy. He is also a pastoral Assistant at the Anglican Cathedral in Bathurst and his latest interest is in gliding with the local club.

**Anne Howard (née Nott) (1985)**, of Cherrybrook, married Ross Howard, a school teacher, in 1993. She has been working as a Nurse Unit Manager at RNS Hospital and is now the proud mother of Samuel (3 months). Eldest brother, **Randolph Nott (1980)** is a financial adviser and a father of three, Benjamin (8), Emily (6) and Elliott (3). **Stephen Nott (1982)** owns and manages a coffee shop in Richmond with his wife Lyn. Elder sister **Jane Boss-Walker (née Nott) (1983)** married former Junior School teacher, Simon Boss-Walker, who is now Assistant Principal of a primary school in Brisbane. They have two children, Timothy (5) and Alice (3). "God has been good to us all."

**Andrew Stedman (1992)** left Barker in 1992 when his family moved to Scotts Head on the Mid-North Coast. Last year he completed his HSC and has now returned to Sydney where he is renting with friends at Kensington and studying Music and Audio Engineering.

**Todd Saunders (1991)** completed his B.A., studying and travelling the world as an Officer with the Australian Defence

Force Academy for 3 years. He then moved to the Royal Military College, Duntroon, graduating as a Lieutenant with a degree in Engineering and Advertising & Marketing. Todd is now stationed at Moorebank, NSW, for 6 months intensive training. He will then move to Townsville for 18 months where he will incorporate a deep sea diving course with the Army. He is in regular contact with **Geoff Robinson**, **Angus Stevens**, **Bill Brown**, **Stuart Bell** and **Michelle Markham** (all 1991).

**Stephen Windybank (1987)** is with Westpac and is enjoying his work in derivatives. He is currently doing a correspondence course in computer science. **Kevin Windybank (1958)**, his father, writes that "after a lifetime on the Upper North Shore we are moving to Mortlake".

**Malcolm Day (1984)**, financial consultant and part-time youth worker at St Margaret's Uniting Church, Turramurra, is engaged to Melissa Taylor and they are to be married in September.

**Ashley Burke (1984)** has been working for several months on a major upgrade of a computer installation at a Kalgoorlie gold mine. He plans to cycle through W. Europe, UK and Scandinavia.

**Richard Harris (1985)** studied mechanical engineering at Nottingham University. Via Sydney, he arrived in Hong Kong 3 years ago, where he is Commercial Manager for a British engineering company. He has just completed an MBA. His job takes him into the key cities of China, "a truly adventurous country".

**Roy Streeter (1991)** now works for OSI in computer networking. **John (1988)** is an architect in Newcastle. **Mark (1978)** works with Classic Sportswear and NSW Suburban Rugby, while **Ian (1985)** is living at the Northern Beaches and working part-time in Law.

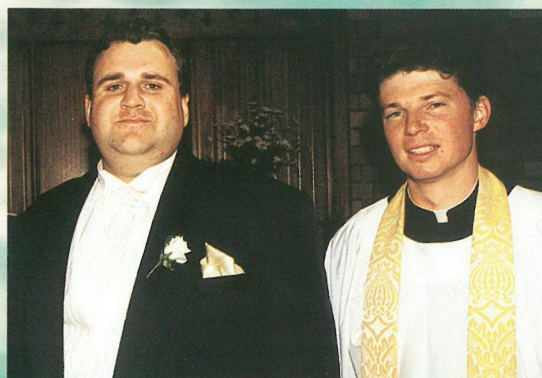
### Baptisms and Weddings in Barker Chapel during Term 1

#### Baptisms

- February 2 Gemma Emerald, daughter of Jacqueline and **Gavin Deadman (1978)**.
- February 2 David Philip, son of **Sandra (Coates - 1979)** and Philip Pickford
- March 10 Joshua Alexander, son of Karen and **John Briggs (1978)**
- March 10 Emma Ruth, daughter of Karen and **John Briggs (1978)**
- March 31 **Tracy Chambers (1987)** and **Kristina Chambers (1988)**
- March 31 Nicholas Willard, son of **Stephanie (Lyons - 1984)** and Craig McKell
- April 7 Tahlia Kate, daughter of Sue and **Ben Hercus (1984)**
- April 14 Lachlan Alexander Newton, son of **Megan (Timmins - 1982)** and **Michael Brodie (1979)**
- April 14 Rachel Elizabeth, daughter of Emma and **Jonathan Stevens (1979)**

#### Weddings

- March 2 **Geoffrey Callaway (1983)** and Lyrian Forbes
- March 2 **Scott Gresham (1987)** and Tricia Kelsey
- March 16 **Jeffrey Hurdie (1987)** and Svanna Carl
- March 17 Dale Nowland and **Alison Morgan (1988)**,
- March 30 Richard Johns and **Margaret Munro (1984)**
- April 13 Andrew Gimber and Jocelyn Price



When **Geoff Callaway (1983)** and Lyrian Forbes were married in the Chapel on 2 March, the couple asked the Reverend **Richard Treloar (1983)**, of the Anglican Parish of Skipton, Victoria, to conduct the service. The Chaplain, the Reverend Jeff Ware gave the Wedding Address and **Peter Callaway (1989)** was Groomsman. Geoff was a key member of the successful 1983 Cricket and Soccer First Elevens. Richard was School Captain in that same year.



## Old Barker Contacts

### Sydney – Old Barker Association

Ian Pont (1963) (President) (02) 489 3938 (h)  
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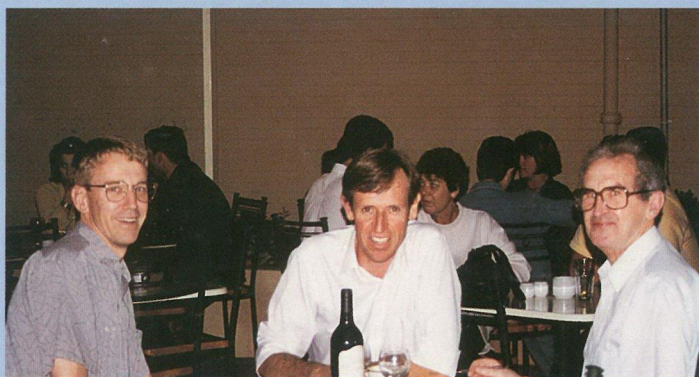
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Lyn Payne (02) 847 8399 (Sch)



Old Barker Liaison Officer, Ian Campbell (right), has been the catalyst and guiding light for almost all of 14 regional dinners and anniversary reunions which have so far been organised for 1996. He is seen here at table in Port Macquarie with Dr Peter Bland (1974) and Dr Gordon Wicks (1967) making plans for the Regional Dinner to be held at 'Sails' Restaurant on Saturday 24 August.

## Reunions and Dinners for 1996

### ADVENTURE COUNTRY

Tuesday, 19 March 1996, at Barker

Contact Ian Campbell (02) 847 8304 (b)

### BRISBANE

**Regional** – Friday, 19 July, 1996

Contact Peter McCall (07) 322 99216 (b)

### PORT MACQUARIE

**Regional** – Saturday, 24 August, 1996

Contact Jenny Findlay (Persson) (065) 84 0024 (h)

### MELBOURNE

**Regional** – Tuesday, 27 August, 1996

Contact David Whitby (03) 9728 1965 (h)

### ADELAIDE

**Regional** – Wednesday, 28 August, 1996

Contact Jim & Liza McKenzie (08) 363 3639 (h)

### 1971 Sydney

**25 Year** – Saturday, 7 September, 1996, at Barker

Contact Mike Langford (02) 415 9093 (b)

Rob Swinbourn (02) 9957 4411 (b)

### 1976 Sydney

**20 Year** – Saturday, 14 September, 1996

Contact Sandy Crichton (Godfrey) (02) 9969 6623 (h)

### PERTH

**Regional** – Friday, 20 September, 1996

Contact John Tucker (09) 385 0704 (h)

### LONDON

**Regional** – Friday, 27 September, 1996

Contact Iain Brown (0171) 627 4244 (h)

### 1986 Sydney

**10 Year** – Saturday, 12 October, 1996, External Venue

Contact Gaille Smith (Yeates) (02) 9975 2762 (h)

### ARMIDALE

**Regional** – Saturday, 19 October, 1996

Contact Sam Ponder (067) 71 1147 (b)

### 1956 Sydney

**40 Year** – Saturday, 25 October, 1996, at Barker

Contact Ian Campbell (02) 847 8304 (b)

### CANBERRA

**Regional** – Friday, 2 November, 1996

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### 1946 Sydney

**50 Year** – Saturday, 9 November, 1996, at Barker

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