



CHESSMOVES

APRIL 1993

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Welcome to a new year of CHESS. Camberwell High has a new Principal in Norm Nugent and we look forward to supporting all school matters under his leadership. CHESS is also very grateful for the continuing input of our Vice Principal, Geoff Sinclair.

This time of year is our membership drive and all ex-students of all years are invited to enrol so that we may keep in contact through CHESSMOVES. To run any organisation with volunteers is a challenge and CHESS is planning to keep the communication and activities alive that were fired up in the fabulous Jubilee Year of 1991.

Miss Anne Rusden retired at Christmas and a number of CHESS members were at her farewell cocktail party to say thank you for her work in helping to establish CHESS. Our first President, Barry Garnham, is remaining on the committee where much good work will be found for him.

At the Annual General Meeting on April 5, most retiring members of the committee put themselves forward for re-election but other interested members are always welcome at our monthly meetings held at the school on the first Monday of the months, starting at 6pm.

Bernard Corser (Year of 1971)
President CHESS

AGM:

As indicated elsewhere, CHESS's founding President, Barry Garnham, stood down after two demanding years in the top job. Bernard Corser was unanimously elected to succeed him. Marie Purcell was elected Deputy President and Pat Douglas and Bob Knowles agreed to continue in their respective roles of Secretary and Treasurer.

Bob Knowles presented the Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, which showed a current membership of 327 and a healthy bank balance of \$4790.72.

Retiring President, Barry Garnham, in his annual report, thanked all concerned with CHESS during the year and reported that the incorporation of the society should soon be achieved after technical delays with the Victorian Corporate Affairs Office. He reported that the recent cancellation of 'interest subsidies' for school construction projects had led to an unavoidable delay in progressing the Sports Hall. The project was now on hold until talks could be held with the Education Minister to seek a way around this unfortunate obstacle.

Barry also reported on progress on the project inspired and led by ex-student Peter Allen, to create a video, tentatively titled "Winning A Job", to help VCE students in that all-important next step in securing their futures. Important discussions on format are still under way with

interested parties and Peter will report back to the committee as soon as possible.

OTHER NEWS:

CHESS has contributed another \$500 to the Principal's Fund, to help disadvantaged students meet school expenses, like excursion fees, which might otherwise be beyond them and their families.

Construction of a new sign to be placed near the school's main gate will go ahead, following discussion with the school council.

Next year's Annual General Meeting of CHESS will be combined with an annual dinner and will be held on Friday, April 29th, 1994. Negotiations are under way to attract an entertaining Guest Speaker. More information in subsequent editions of CHESSMOVES.

Thursday May 27th is the date for the Annual General Meeting of the School Council, an important occasion for parents and staff, and for the future of the school, given all the changes that are currently taking place in the State Education environment.

On a lighter note (in both senses) a Family Jazz Night will be held at the school on Saturday May 22nd. It was a huge success last year and this year's will be just as good. Ex-student Bev Sheehan and her band will provide the music.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

is the message of the moment. It's time to ask you for the modest sum of \$10 to ensure that your membership continues through 1993 and that CHESS can, in your name, continue to help the school by occasional financial contributions and in other less material, but equally tangible, ways.....like the Vocational Breakfasts and forthcoming VCE video. In the present economic and political climate, this help is more useful than ever.

To assist in spreading the message more widely, we have included on the attached Subscription Renewal Notice space for you to add the name and address (if you know it) of any other ex-student you think might be interested in joining CHESS. Even if it's someone you've lost touch with, give us the name and we'll try to track them down. It might help you to re-establish that contact lost years ago!

But, in any case, your own \$10 will be most welcome and will help us make CHESS into an organisation that can be even more valuable to the school in the years ahead, as well as providing a means of maintaining contact with people who were part of your early life.

The committee and officers of CHESS offer their thanks in anticipation of your contribution.