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From the School Council: FAREWELL, MR RICK TUDOR, Headmaster, Trinity Grammar School Kew, 1999 to 2013

This edition of 'The Trinity Grammarian' is the last one to be published before Mr Rick Tudor concludes his time at our school at the end of December. I have asked Dr Murray Verso and Mr Robert Utter, my two predecessors as Chair of Council, to contribute to this article. Our combined reflections cover the entire 15 years of Rick's tenure as Headmaster of Trinity.

From Dr Murray Verso

Edward Richard Tudor took up his appointment as the ninth Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School in January 1999. It is fair to say that his reputation as an outstanding educator had preceded him. He brought to the position a wealth of experience in educational leadership, a clear vision of what makes a school successful and a raft of admirable personal qualities; qualities that made him an outstanding role model for students and the wider school community. Council members, staff and parents who had already heard of Rick Tudor were delighted with the news of his appointment. He did not disappoint.

Prior to his arrival at Trinity, he had spent two years as the Deputy Headmaster and Head of Senior School at his alma mater, Melbourne Grammar School. From 1989 to 1997 he had been the Headmaster of Beaconhills Christian College, a new coeducational, interfaith school at Pakenham and between 1984 and 1988 he had been the Deputy Headmaster (Curriculum) at The Peninsula School. His early teaching years were spent at Balmoral High School in western Victoria, Melbourne Grammar School and King's Bruton in Somerset, England.

From the outset, it was apparent to the School Council that Rick had a consultative leadership style but at the same time he was very clear about what he wanted to achieve. He wanted a school where the Council, staff and parents shared a common vision and worked with a unity of purpose for the students within the school. He wanted all students to experience success. He wanted a school environment that enabled students to reach adulthood as whole people – physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually, and importantly, he wanted students to have a social conscience. He argued that if students were developing and achieving they were

more likely to be happy and in turn their parents would be happy and satisfied. Parents in a successful school are the school's most effective marketeers.

He immediately set about getting to know the school community, not in a superficial way but in a way that gave him a deep understanding of its history, its traditions and its people. To this day, Rick and his supportive wife Liz retain a remarkable knowledge of past and present students, staff and parents. They know how important and powerful it is if a student, or anyone else, is acknowledged by name. Knowing the name of as many students as possible has always been a priority for Rick.

During my years as president of the School Council (1995 to 2004), I developed a close working relationship with Rick Tudor. As others can affirm, this was not hard to do. With his zest for life, his strong Christian faith, his never ending stream of ideas and his well-developed interpersonal skills, working with Rick was always enjoyable and productive. In parallel with discussions with senior staff and Council members, Rick and I discussed such things as the School's leadership programs, social justice and indigenous awareness programs, senior staff appointments, the expansion of the House system, the outdoor education program and the purchase of the land at Licola. Driven by Rick, the pace of change was frenetic but Rick's leadership style ensured that all stakeholders were able to accept the need for change with minimal angst. During the first five years of his headship, the Early Learning Centre, the Boarding Houses, the Science, Design and Technology Building and the Peter McIntyre Sports Centre were opened and in 2003, the school celebrated its centenary with a myriad of cultural and social events. In the planning of all these major milestones in Trinity's history, Rick's influence was paramount.

From Mr Robert Utter

Throughout his tenure Rick Tudor has provided the gravitational centre for Trinity's traditions, while expanding its horizons, encouraging innovative programs and developing new traditions.

A key feature of Rick's leadership of Trinity for me has been its emblematic quality, in the sense that he possesses or lives the ideals that are at the core of the School's mission and values. His inclusiveness has a very wide embrace. He actively engages people, he looks for positive outcomes, he centres on what is fair and right. For Rick, moral and ethical are less like adjectives and more like verbs. What more could you wish for in a leader, inspirer and role model for young men?

Rick walks the talk: his ideals are real and personal, as can be seen in his commitment to indigenous issues. In addition to incorporating Aboriginal issues within the school curriculum, facilitating Aboriginal students to become boarders at Trinity and to go on to university, he devotes personal leave time each year to work in communities in the Northern Territory. These genuine qualities underpin the mutual respect observed between Headmaster and students.

Rick's energy and enthusiasm has never flagged throughout his tenure and this was amply demonstrated to me during the period I had the privilege of being Council Chair at Trinity. He was strongly committed to all facets of the School's programs. He continually looked for ways to enhance the offerings, which gave opportunities to staff as well as students. He managed carefully to ensure that there was a sound financial basis to support the School's activities. He made certain that vital connections, such as the Trinity/Ruyton Coordinate Education Program and the Cathedral Boys' Choir at St Paul's, maintained momentum and relevance. He was proactive in dealing



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Front cover photograph: The Tudor family has certainly grown during Mr Tudor's years at Trinity.

with government requirements, such as the Australian Curriculum, and the range of compliance mandates prevailing in the education sector. Together with Council, he led the acquisition of significant land assets adjacent to the School's Kew campus, as well as land for outdoor education at Lake Nillahcootie, to provide for future needs. He led the huge collaborative effort that created the Centre for Contemporary Learning – appropriately named after both Rick and Liz for their outstanding contributions to the School.

Rick has played a wider role in the independent education sector, serving with the Association of Heads of Independent Schools in Victoria, the Anglican Coordinating Committee on Education, the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria, and other bodies. Rick has served on the Board of Anglicare, the Melbourne Anglican Foundation, and (honouring his academic passion) the Board of the Science Experience. On behalf of Trinity he has maintained a strong liaison with many outside groups and is widely known and respected. For this broad reach and contribution, in 2013 Rick received the honour of OAM.

It has been rewarding for me to get to know Rick and Liz personally, and also their family. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with Rick on a worthy enterprise, and our School community has likewise been very fortunate to have enjoyed Rick's stewardship of a wonderful School.

From Mr Garry Ringwood

Rick has received many awards from his peers that recognise both his contribution to education and his achievements. He is currently Chair of the Associated Grammar Schools Victoria and is also currently a member of the Board of the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority.

We at Trinity have indeed been fortunate to have Rick lead our School over the past 15 years. During that time Rick has been supported by his wife Liz and between them they have helped establish Trinity as one of the state's leading independent schools. Through their leadership and personal example, Trinity has developed a reputation as an outstanding place for boys to develop into young men who leave this School with a strong sense of themselves and of their role and place in the wider community.

On behalf of the School Council we wish Rick and Liz good fortune and good health for the future.

Mr Garry Ringwood, Mr Robert Utter and Dr Murray Verso



From the Headmaster

Over the past 15 years, I have enjoyed invitations to write about Trinity Grammar School, for 'The Trinity Grammarian'.



At the opening of the Centre for Contemporary Learning

Within the privilege of leading this very fine school lie the opportunities to engage in the myriad of activities which are integral to the life of a busy and complex school community, and to reflect on, and write about these activities. This spectrum has included reflections relating to some of the following: exciting new innovations, reshaped educational programs, academic achievement, sporting endeavour and success, new facilities, community activities, pastoral care, co-curricular developments, outdoor education, the machinations of government, the requirements of state and federal accountabilities, school funding, philanthropic contribution, and historic perspectives.

My great fortune has been working with wonderful members of the Trinity community: members of Council, staff, school committees such as those of the Old Trinity Grammarians and Parents' Associations, parent support groups and a variety of interest groups. People with whom I have worked particularly closely are my School Executive and the convenors of the Old Trinity Grammarians and Parents' Associations. I thank all these generous contributors for their support and commitment to making Trinity one of the finest schools in the country. My special thanks go to the Council Chairs with whom I have worked so closely over my years at the School.

The motto of Trinity Grammar School as we know it, is articulated by those fine words 'Viriliter Agite'. The literal translation of this is 'Act Manfully'. Gone are the days when the word 'manfully' was equated only with masculine qualities such as courage, determination, resilience, bravery, honesty and moral strength. Today, 'manfully' is also associated with attributes such as compassion, understanding, encouragement, empathy, generosity, humility and good humour.



Congratulating rugby player Zac Maher



Dr and Mr Tudor with their dogs

Today our motto implies a combination of the best of the traditional and more contemporary qualities, and defines the foundational essence to which we all aspire. These are the qualities that we strive to engender in all young men at Trinity. They form the basis of all our educational programs. They are embedded within the teachings of the Anglican tradition which have been central to our School since 1903.

As I conclude my time at Trinity on 31 December 2013, the School will enter a new and exciting period of leadership. I am thrilled to hand the baton to Dr Michael Davies. He is a very fine educator and I know you will support him in the same way you have supported me.

I wish Trinity Grammar School and all associated with the Trinity community, past, present and future, every success, much good health, and a life which is energised by a generosity of spirit and a never ceasing optimism.

'Viriliter Agite'

Mr E R Tudor OAM
Headmaster

The New Language Centre

The new LOTE classrooms are located in the former Long Library which has been converted into a very contemporary and light filled space. The furniture is modern, colourful, quirkily shaped and the individual tables are all on rollers to facilitate the ease of movement should we wish to change their configuration in the classroom. We have also created two smaller classrooms which have one large boardroom table. This creates a more intimate space for smaller classes where teachers and students can see each other and it also fosters a more collaborative approach to learning.

We also have a communal area between the classrooms which has proved to be extremely useful for conducting oral assessment.

The most stunning new additions to the classrooms have been the dark interactive screens. All other IWBs in the School have a white screen and require the room to be sufficiently blacked out in order to be able to view any images. This is not the case with these new screens as their larger size, clarity and high definition resolution allows viewing of DVDs or any interactive function in all light conditions.

It is a pleasure to work, teach, learn and study in this part of the School. The LOTE Department encourages all to come and visit us in order to see what a difference it makes to be housed in an aesthetically pleasing environment.

Madame Christine Shamanis
Head of LOTE



Learning in the new Language Centre

The Centre for Contemporary Learning

Two terms have passed since the new Centre for Contemporary Learning was opened by the Governor. The boys have shown that they are strongly attracted to the new facility; clearly it has made a difference to the culture of learning within the School. The Centre is being used exceptionally well, as is seen both during lesson times, and at lunch times when over 300 students crowd into the myriad of spaces. The following comments from boys about the particular areas within the Centre, speak for themselves.

The Pods:

'You can work in groups or independently.'

'It's a really comfortable space to read or do homework because you can collaborate on a topic if you want to.'



The Boardrooms:

The Clarke, Outen, Weinberg and Xiao Fangian Rooms, were quickly given the name of 'Boardrooms' by the students.

'They are private areas but you can still see the world passing by.'

'They make me feel important and are a good space for quiet study.'



Silent Study Rooms

The older boys really appreciate the Silent Study Rooms.

'It is a great place to buckle down and the silence really helps me to concentrate.'

One Year 12 commented that: *'This is a place where no one actually disturbs you, because people acknowledge that you are working.'*



Reading Areas

The boys like the 'comfortable' spaces – whether it is the shape of the chairs, the light, the space to spread their work out in or just *'a nice place to relax'*. One boy found the Lower Reading Room area, near the fireplace, *'a calm place to work'*. This area is also seen as being 'tucked away'. Some like the innovation of the space: *'I've never seen anything like it and it looks fantastic.'*



Meeting Spaces

Meeting in a regular space is important.

'Some of my friends and I have found a table where we sit every lunchtime and get plenty of work done. The spaces are convenient and there is plenty of room.'

'My friends can find me in the morning.'



The Chess Piece

The Chess Piece is also a very popular social space.

'Great place to spend a quiet lunch with your friends playing chess.'



Focused on study



The Monet installation at the top of The Drum

Not only do the boys relish specific areas for specific types of learning, but they have also indicated appreciation of the comfortable areas with 'room to spread out' for reading in 'comfy chairs'. With the lighting of the fires during the winter, recreational reading has become a pleasurable activity enjoyed by many, at any time during the day or evening.

As Sir Winston Churchill once articulated: we shape buildings, and buildings shape us. This new facility is certainly significantly shaping the learning of many hundreds of boys at the School. What more could we wish for, from this magnificent addition to Trinity!

Mr E R Tudor OAM

Trinity at Bulleen – A Unifying Force

It is hard to imagine a Trinity without Bulleen. Just thirty years ago Kew was 'the scene' of competitive sports, albeit in confined spaces, when ovals were actually ovals. It was through the inspiration of the Headmaster, Don Marles, and the tireless efforts of Judge Gordon Just, that the dream of Trinity having its own sporting facilities became a reality. In 1979 the School Council began negotiations to buy 24 hectares of land at Bulleen to establish a sporting complex for school training and games. The bush land, situated near the Yarra River, was prone to flooding and the process of securing the necessary permits was arduous. Works on the construction of ovals and roads were completed at the end of 1982. On 30 April 1983 the grounds were officially opened by the President of the School Council, Judge Gordon Just. The year of 1983 was a milestone for another reason: the school population exceeded 1,000 for the first time. The attraction of the playing fields at Bulleen was a contributing factor. Don Marles wrote that 'Through being involved in games boys should increase their level of fitness, they should be able to develop interests, some of which will carry on well after they leave school, they should experience the fun and enjoyment of physical activity, they should be involved in meeting other boys and teaching staff in circumstances that are different from normal classroom activity—an important part of their social development.'

The new facility at Bulleen, comprising sporting ovals, tennis and hockey fields and a pavilion, had the immediate effect of increasing and enhancing participation in sport. It also expanded the scope of activities that the school could offer. Soccer made its first appearance in 1983 and the surnames of the members of the first team attest to the sport's international

popularity. The numbers participating quickly grew and the winning of the 2000 soccer premiership was a culmination of many years of fielding development squads across all levels. The introduction of rugby union in 1999 met with equal enthusiasm and success as Trinity won the second division premiership in its first year of competition. Buses were provided to transport the school staff and boys for after-school training and for the annual 'agony and ecstasy' of the House cross-country runs.

One of the finest features of the Bulleen development was the extension of the natural billabong located on the property, the creation of a separate small lake and the planting of native grasses and reeds to create havens for birds. Students from Preparatory to Year 12, along with the staff and enthusiastic fathers, planted 3,500 native trees during 1982. Thirty years on the observations of Don Marles still resonate, 'Saturday mornings at Bulleen provided a sense of community



Tree Planting at Bulleen

for the School that went far beyond the playing of a number of games. Many parents remarked how much they enjoyed these mornings. Not only were they able to support their sons but the design of the playing fields ensured that they would meet other parents and teaching staff in an attractive social setting. Bulleen is a unifying force for the whole community.'

Mrs Jane Mayo Carolan
Archivist



Boarding the buses to Bulleen, 1983

The scrub at Bulleen in 1979



From the Early Learning Centre

Friendships are a very important part of daily life at the Early Learning Centre and vary greatly within the Three Year Old Group and the Four Year Old Group and from one year to the next.

With the younger children in our centre, we observe social interactions which vary in length, regularity and nature. Their interactions are also affected by their social maturity, which in turn is influenced by many other factors such as the child's position in the family, temperament and past experiences.

Our programs are planned and rooms are arranged to allow for small group experiences, larger group interactions and for solitary experiences. This ensures the children have opportunities to practise their developing social skills but also allows for some quiet time in an otherwise very social environment.

As language skills develop, together with self-confidence, we see friendships flourish and many happy and positive interactions. There are also times when our educators have to take an active role in supporting children to maintain friendships, to resolve conflicts peaceably and model appropriate behaviours. In the same way that physical and cognitive maturity varies, so does social maturity. Children need many opportunities to practise and refine their emerging skills with the support and guidance of parents and teachers.

There are many other experiences integrated into our busy days which extend and enhance relationships within the Early Learning Centre, with other members of the school community and with special visitors.

Last term we welcomed back our 'graduates' from 2000, some of whom had been here for the first two years of the ELC's operation. The children in the Four Year Old room loved being hosts to our special guests at a morning tea held in their honour and the Year 12 boys certainly enjoyed reminiscing about their first years of life at Trinity.

The Rabbit Rearing Program, consisting of six babies and their mother and based in the Four Year Old room, was a focus for all children and their families and a constant source of fascination for everyone. Their care and growth were the subjects of many discussions, songs and stories and provided opportunities for the children to share their experiences of pets at home.

The Three Year Old Groups were very enthusiastic and willing participants in drama workshops and they readily dressed up and assumed the roles of a



ELC graduates from 2000 (Tom Kerkvliet, Tom Cutler, James Rush, Liam McCoppin, Connor Porter, Tom Arranga, Sam Gleisner and Tristan Boillon) with Mr Tudor, Mrs Read and Mrs Ward

variety of circus performers and animals. Their self-confidence and willingness to participate were key indicators of just how far many have developed since the beginning of this year.

We can look back on a very busy and rewarding year and also look forward to the weeks ahead which will involve many more exciting and rich experiences with our friends.

Mrs Genevieve Read
Director of the Early Learning Centre



Edwin Hui and Harvey Mitchell



Lachlan Hoyling, Sidney Johns and Jacob Wellington



Riley Cook and Alex Yim



Georgie Antonopolous, Ryan Mah and Hamish Baddon



Gabriel Guarina, Oscar Monie and Penny Stewart

From the Junior School

Junior School Tours

This year we learnt that the reciprocal relationship between the Trinity Junior School and the Djarindjin Lombadina Catholic School (that serves an indigenous community two hours north of Broome), would sadly come to an end. After several months of negotiation the Junior School fostered a new relationship with a nearby state school at One Arm Point. This community is a further 45kms north of Djarindjin Lombadina. In Term Three, we arranged for seven boys, two staff and the most senior member of their Aboriginal community to visit the Trinity Junior School for a week. In turn, the host Trinity

boys were offered the opportunity to visit the One Arm Point community later in the term. The exchange initiative is used by the staff at the One Arm Point School as an incentive to ensure the boys regularly attend school. For the Trinity boys, it is a fantastic opportunity to observe and participate in a rich cultural experience with their Trinity peers, and new friends.

In the July school holidays, we re-established a relationship with The Hutchins School in Tasmania. This year, 32 Trinity boys travelled to Launceston to play either soccer or football against a number of local schools, including The Hutchins School. The boys were billeted

out to Hutchins families for three nights before regrouping and travelling to Hobart, where the tour concluded with a final game against Scotch College. The tour was very successful and next year we plan to host The Hutchins School as part of an ongoing partnership. This connection with Tasmanian schools will give the selected Year 5 and 6 boys another opportunity to travel and represent their school in a sporting capacity. In Term Three, we hosted a competition for The Scots College (Sydney) and billeted their boys with a number of Trinity families.

Year Level Plays

Year 4 Play

The end of Term Two saw the Year 4 smash hit musical *'Vegemite at the Museum'*. It was wonderful to see the boys shine in what were extremely enjoyable matinee and evening performances. The boys helped out with the script by researching facts about famous and infamous historical figures.

Year 5 Play

Subtle changes were made to *'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'*, as the Year 5 boys based their story on school life at Trinity. Their audience was entertained with a brilliant, colourful performance of *'Willy Nalder and the Trinity Factory'*. Six children entered the 'Nalder Factory' gates clutching their 'golden mitres', ready for the adventure of their lives, but only one exited. Charlie stayed true to his values and honesty won. The boys were enthusiastic actors and enjoyed performing immensely.



'Vegemite at the Museum'



Year 6 'Peter Pan' cast

Year 6 Play

In the last week of Term Two, the Year 6 boys performed *'Peter Pan'* to an appreciative audience. This adaptation, by Donna and Peter Dowler, of the classical story provided some fantastic opportunities for talented actors to take on roles. A variety of chorus scenes enabled all the boys to show off their musicality and teamwork.

Junior School Gala Concert



Junior School Gala Concert

Over 130 boys from Year 1 through to Year 6 participated in the Junior School Gala Concert. A large audience enjoyed an entertaining evening of music from string orchestras (Stringlets, Stringers and Marles String Orchestra), Choir, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Xylophone Ensemble, World Percussion Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Piano Quartet. Nethum Devendra (Year 6) was awarded the Junior School Friends of Music Prize for 2013.

Cross Country

Cross Country trials were conducted out at Bulleen early in Term Two and a team of boys was selected to run at Fawcner Park in the annual SSV South Yarra District Championships. Trinity once again produced some outstanding results and overall won the aggregate boys' trophy for the district. A number of boys progressed through to the zone and regional stages, while one boy, Harris Plowman ran in the state championships finishing a creditable thirteenth, a fine achievement. The House Cross Country for boys in Years 3 to 6 was run on Friday 26 July at Bulleen. The House spirit was fantastic and, after all four age groups ran the courses, Summers House was the overall winner of the event for the second year in a row!



The House Cross Country was won by Summers



Science Talent Search

Very Able (VA) and Highly Able (HA) Programs

The Prep VA boys were 'Mathematics Problem Solving Detectives'. Our most recent problem was 'Is your arm span the same length as your height?' In Year 1 the VA boys were 'Super Scientists' using their knowledge of procedural texts from Term Two, to undertake science experiments. They particularly enjoyed finding out what happens when we don't follow a procedure to plan. In Year 2 the VA boys examined 'What makes a person creative?' and they looked at some of history's most creative minds.

The essential questions for Term Three were: Year 3 – What needs heat? Year 4– How are countries colonised? Year 5 – Why visit Japan? And Year 6 – What government is the best? The boys in VAHA responded enthusiastically to all the topics.

VAHA - Campbell and William



Science Talent Search

The Junior School entered six students in this year's Science Talent Search. Nathan Jones, William Browning, Michael Forwood, Josh Harper, Andrew Lim and Nicholas Torrance all worked very hard to prepare their entries focused on the theme 'A Century of Australian Science'.

Science with Boys

Throughout 2013, boys in Years 3 and 4 worked with a scientist from Monash University's Young Scientist program. The program aims to provide schools with experts in the various scientific fields who work with teachers and students to provide unique insights into the world of science. The boys were busy in the Senior Science laboratory learning about magnets, energy and materials.



Tournament of Minds 2013

In August, Trinity Grammar Junior School competed at the Regional 'Tournament of Minds' Finals held at Deakin University. This was the culmination of weekly problem-solving sessions with a group of 21 boys from Years 4 to 6 throughout Term Two, and many hours of after school and weekend sessions held with the boys to complete their Long Term Challenges. The categories the teams selected were Maths Engineering, Social Sciences and Applied Technology.

Trinity competed with the finest 'Tournament Spirit' and, judging by the beaming faces as they left their performance arenas, they will be back for more next year.



Presenting at the Tournament of Minds

Performing Arts



The cast of 'Guys and Dolls'

Guys and Dolls

Trinity and Ruyton combined again to produce another superb interpretation of a popular musical; this time it was 'Guys and Dolls' directed by Mr Mark Lauber. Audiences packed the Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre which made a superb venue. Its wide, deep stage was fully utilised from the first scene: a pastiche of bustling everyday life in New York City.

Liam McCoppin as Sky Masterson



Two aspects of this highly professional production stood out in particular: the precision and fluidity of the choreography and the amazingly detailed costumes. It was hard to believe that these were schoolchildren on stage. Some of the dance scenes, particularly those set in Havana, were challenging, but the actors performed them with aplomb. Furthermore, Daniel Beratis and Harry Tibballs gave Laurel and Hardy a run for their money, proving themselves an effective and hilarious double act. And the costumes...! The amount of care that had been put into their production was astounding. There were so many changes and the characterisation was spot on. There were gasps at some of the girls' outfits with their coordinated hats and gloves accompanied by perfect hair and make-up.

These young actors, many of whom have worked together for a number of years, all seemed to be having a ball. Max Greenham, Neil Kemister, Liam McCoppin,

and indeed all of the Year 12s, clearly relished their final outing in a Trinity/Ruyton musical. This was a large school production: at one stage for 'Rock the Boat', there were 37 performers on stage! There were many other people involved behind the scenes. The hard-working musicians in the orchestra pit, guided by Ms Michelle Stanic, provided wonderful music to accompany the songs. A considerable number of boys, led by Mr Luke Dixon, made up the Technical Crew while numerous parents assisted with set building, wardrobe and make-up.



Daniel Beratis and Harry Tibballs

Middle School Play

'The Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall was this year's Middle School Play. Directed by Mrs Cassie Cooper, this World War Two tale was brought to life by talented students in Years 7 and 8. Whether centre stage or behind the scenes, each boy had a role to play in creating this engaging show. It is fitting

that our Year 12s, who recently gave their final performance as Trinity students – in the Trinity Revue – can now pass the baton to this group of creative younger students. We will enjoy watching their skills develop and their confidence increase as they progress through the School.



'The Machine Gunners'

Music

Our talented Trinity Guys and Ruyton Dolls exploded onto the Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre (PAC) stage to herald Term Three.

Over 100 students took part in the production, and these actors, musicians and crew performed to capacity audiences over three spectacular nights. The musical experience, knowledge, camaraderie, confidence and enjoyment gained from such an activity is without compare. Many OTGs have strong and happy memories of performing in the school musical, and this frequently leads to future involvement in either professional, amateur or community theatre.

A number of Trinity ensembles participated in the new and improved Melbourne Schools Music Festival, which provided an opportunity to perform for peers, parents and a panel of adjudicators at the Edge. The Intermediate Band and Marles String Orchestra enjoyed playing, listening to other ensembles and receiving feedback on their own performance.

August was also full of musical highlights. The Year 12 Leadership Assembly took place at the Melbourne Town Hall, where the School in song, the Orchestra and Mr Siegfried Franke at the mighty Town Hall organ supported our acknowledgement and recognition of school leaders.

The Chamber Soiree, held in the South Room, featured the smaller ensembles 'in the round'. Chamber Music in all its forms, is the best way for a performer to develop critical listening skills and musical empathy. Performing in close proximity to the audience fosters individual confidence and builds group dynamics. The huge supper provided by the performers was an additional treat at the end of the night.

The Junior School Camp laid the foundations for the Gala Concert, held at the Eldon Hogan PAC. The Stringlets, Stringers, Marles String Orchestra, Piano Quartet, World Percussion Ensemble, Xylophone Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Choir all gave excellent presentations to a warm and appreciative audience.

Term Three concluded with Jazz in the South Room, the inaugural Choral Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Kew, and the Year 7 excursion to 'King Kong' at the Regent Theatre, Melbourne.



In the orchestra pit at 'Guys and Dolls'

A combined Trinity and St Kevin's Choir performed at the AHISA Biennial Conference 2013 Service at St Michael's Uniting Church in the Term Three holidays. This was a special and highly significant event, in light of the commencement of our new Headmaster, Dr Michael Davies in 2014.

I take this opportunity to thank Mr Rick Tudor for his genuine and enthusiastic support of Music at Trinity during his time as Headmaster. Mr Tudor has always expressed the view that Music contributes to the heart, soul and spirit of the School, and we thank and applaud him for this most humane and civilised accolade.

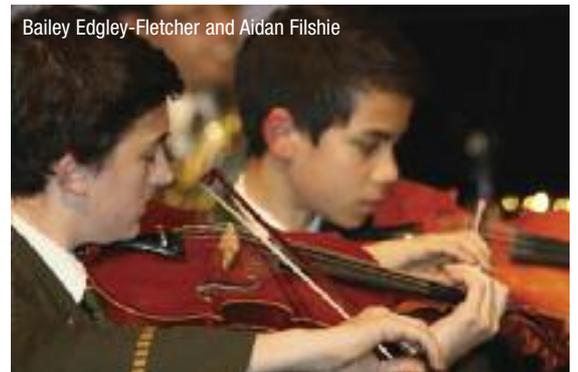
Ms Michelle Stanic
Director of Music



Ethan Katz, Jonathan Cooper and James Baumgartner



Aaron Low and Zac Sumarno



Bailey Edgley-Fletcher and Aidan Filshie



Declan Jenkins and Isaac Lee

Sport

The conclusion of the winter sport season heralds the start of training and preparation for the athletics and water polo competitions. Boys at Trinity have the opportunity to participate in a myriad of sports, with everyone hopefully finding an activity that is both appealing and challenging, allowing them to forge new relationships or to revisit bonds made in previous years. There are inter-school competitions and also House events, where each boy is required to turn out and support his House; participation is all-important in a contest where every point counts.

In Term Three there was the House Cross Country and the House Athletics Carnival. In the latter the standard was very high and two records were broken by Year 10 student Damon Zethoven: U16 100m Hurdles – 13.42sec and U16 Triple Jump – 13.52m. The Simon Malaspina trophy for the 3000m was awarded to Mitchell Dyer, while Sutton House was the overall winner of the competition.

After a successful AGSV season, a number of boys were selected to play for the representative teams against the APS. These were: Mitchell Dyer, David Munday and Ben Lawler (cross country); Tom Cutler, Anthony Scott, Sam Holloway, Mitchell Donoghue, Hugh Curnow and Hugh Beasley (football); Will McIlwain and Neil Kemister (hockey); Daniel Milborrow, Lachlan Cho and Aidin Sadiku (soccer) and Jack Thornton (basketball).

Congratulations to the Athletics team and coach Mr Brett Blackburn on winning the AGSV Athletic Sports Premiership for the sixth year in a row!



Hockey



Top: Football
Above: Cross Country



Top: Rugby
Above: Soccer



Left: Frozen at Bulleen - ice hockey, anyone?

Below: House Athletics



Papua New Guinea

The annual Year 11 Papua New Guinea trip, organised by Mr Gregory, underwent major changes this year as the Kokoda Track expedition was replaced with a new and untried experience in the Western Highlands. This trip promised to remodel all 23 boys' views on the world and it certainly did not disappoint. The 16-day tour was divided into three sections: the Mount Wilhelm hike, the Highlands village stay and the visit to the Kwato Island village. For many, this was a journey that was both physical and emotional, and we returned with a far greater appreciation of the materially privileged environment in which we live.

This trip may not have had the historical emphasis of previous years; however, our visits to Milne Bay and the Bomana Cemetery were highlights and gave us new respect for the Diggers who fought in World War Two.

Papua New Guinea affected each boy in a different way, yet we all share an indescribable bond through having been through this experience together.

Lachlan McDonald (Year 11)



James Hargreaves



Will Lane with some local children

Trinity Community

Hamzah Brown with his winning design



Trinity Congratulates

VACC Target 2030 Design the Car of the Future

Year 11 student Hamzah Brown was awarded First Prize in the model-making category of the VACC Target 2030 Design the Car of The Future Competition.

Hamzah's lightweight, hydrogen fuelled concept car was designed in CAD and 3D printed at Trinity. Judges commented that his design showed an excellent understanding of vehicular form and automotive design principles. This is the third year in a row that a Trinity student has scooped the model-making prize.

Hamzah was also one of two students selected by judges to receive a special prize of two weeks' work experience in the Ford Australia Design Centre.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

Pazis Zhang, Year 11, has been offered an international student place in the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program at the University of Melbourne.

SAGSE Scholarship

Harry Tibballs (Year 11) is one of this year's recipients of the prestigious SAGSE Scholarship. Sponsored by Continental, Harry will spend ten weeks studying in Germany over the Christmas break.

University of Melbourne Mathematics Competition

A number of boys won awards in the University of Melbourne Mathematics Competition where only a small number of prizes are awarded each year. This year the following boys are to be congratulated for their success: Jeremy Yip (First Prize – Intermediate Division), Anand Bharadwaj (Third Prize – Junior Division), Owen Brown (Outstanding Award – Senior Division), Isaac Park (Merit Award – Senior Division), Patrick Jaffe (Merit Award – Intermediate Division), Cameron Young (Merit Award – Intermediate Division), Alexander Nakos (Outstanding Award – Junior Division) and Cedric Liang (Merit Award – Junior Division)

Year 4 Garden Club

River Cottage comes to Trinity! Well, sort of. The boys in Year 4 took over the raised garden beds in the back courts and harvested their first crop of radishes, broccoli and parsley. The project connected the boys with Jennie Gale and the Trinity Green Thumb Club through her generous offerings of plants and with Mr Andrew Rice's Sustainability Group which organised to install a dripper system to help the garden thrive. Many boys are now gardening at home due to their new-found interest in one of life's simplest pleasures: growing and eating your own food.



Year 4 in the garden

From the Parents' Association

As we move at a rapid rate to the end of the year there are two major events planned: the Oaks Day Lunch and the annual Founders' Day Fair.

These two events are great opportunities to participate in the school community in very different ways: a lovely lunch fundraising, or a fantastic day fundraising. The hard work that goes into fundraising by the parent bodies benefits the boys directly.

It is very exciting for me to be able to announce that the Trinity Parents' Association has donated significant funds (\$100,000), towards the Shann Building renovations for the new Senior School Language Centre. The boys are now using the facilities. Please see Madame Shamanis' article on Page 4 of this magazine for more information on this new resource for our staff and students.

Such innovation would not be possible without the wonderful support of the Trinity parents who involve themselves in our Parents' Association and its various sub-committees. We thank those Year 12 parents for their contributions over the years and we encourage you to remain in our Trinity community. Best wishes to you and your boys.

Ms Lucy Muchic

President of the Parents' Association



Receiving individual tuition in the new Language Centre

Old Trinity Grammarians' Association

During 2013, the OTGA Committee continued to review and develop our strategy and portfolio of projects, in order to bring more OTGs together and to promote our interests as a community. This has been an exciting process, and perhaps of greatest note, has highlighted the calibre of the members on the Committee and the drive to give back to the School.

We are looking to work more closely with School Council in the interests of meeting our respective strategies and we look forward to the support. The OTGA clubs make up the majority of active OTGs, and as a Committee, we are keen to work more closely with the clubs. We are hoping to resurrect the Hockey Club, which has lost support, so if you are keen to bring a core of OTG players together, please get in touch. There are many other projects underway, including developing our men's health support program for OTGs; further utilisation of social media to connect and communicate with our community on the OTGA website, Facebook and LinkedIn; continuing our programs of working with indigenous communities; as well as, holding reunions, functions and events.

Our recent CBD Lunch, held at The Australian Club, was a great success, with over fifty people attending. Bruce Billson MP, Shadow Cabinet Minister for Small Business, Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs was very entertaining. Thank you to Tom Hudson (1994-06) for organising and hosting the lunch.

The Old Boys are fortunate to have Headmaster Rick Tudor as the guest speaker at our next CBD Lunch, to be held at the RACV Club on Friday 29 November. Please note that due to popular demand



Christopher Weinberg, Bruce Billson and Tom Hudson

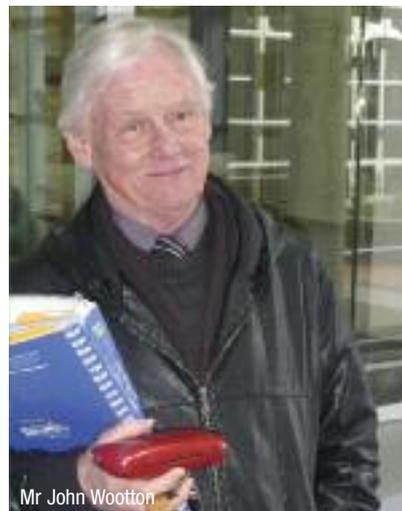
we have had to seek a larger venue than The Australian Club. All those who have already booked will be notified by mail. While not an official 'goodbye' from the School, our lunch is a great opportunity for Old Boys to hear from Rick, and to thank him for his service to Trinity and the Old Boys' Association. Please see the information box on this page for details about this event. We will be holding three CBD Lunches in 2014 and the program will be available later this year.

As Mr Tudor is retiring as Headmaster and leaves the School at the end of 2013, on behalf of all past students of Trinity Grammar, and the Old Trinity Grammarians' Association Committee, I would like to express our gratitude for his contribution to the School over the past 15 years. The OTG community is benefitting from the increasing number of young Old Boys, who are actively involved in our community, clubs and events, including the high proportion on the OTGA Committee itself. I would also like to congratulate Rick on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, for service to education and the community – an amazing recognition of his passion and contributions to education, that extend far wider than Trinity.

Tim Sharp (1994)
OTGA President

Retirement of Mr John Wootton

Mr John Wootton will retire from Trinity after 47 years of dedicated, loyal and inspirational service to the School. John is currently on long service leave for the remainder of 2013, but will formally retire at the end of this year. John commenced in 1966 as a passionate young Art teacher. After 47 years he still looks the same but his blonde hair is now silver. John has had a myriad of roles at Trinity, teaching mainly Art and PE. He was Head of Year 9 for many, many years and was appointed Senior Master for the last few years. John coached the swimming team for the entire 47 years and, in a fitting conclusion, his team finished a creditable third this year. John is an outstanding water polo coach who is still taking the water polo teams while he is on leave. He coached football for many years and was known as a tough taskmaster and a great tactician. The most popular of teachers with his colleagues, John was often the brunt of gags in staff meetings. He was a wonderful school master and is fondly remembered by the thousands of boys whom he has influenced. **We wish him a long and happy retirement!**



Mr John Wootton

OTGA CBD LUNCH WITH RICK TUDOR – NOVEMBER 29, 2013

Thank you to the many Old Boys who have already booked for this lunch. Due to popular demand the lunch has been relocated from The Australian Club to the Club Pavilion at the RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne. All those who have booked will be notified by mail. As a result we now have more seats available. If you would like more information please contact kendalls@trinity.vic.edu.au. Please note this is not the farewell function for Mr Tudor. The details of the farewell functions are outlined on the insert that accompanies this edition of 'The Trinity Grammarian'.

Reunions



Second Kew Scouts

Scout Reunion

Second Kew Scouts finished at Trinity in the mid-1980s but the wonderful memories of camps, meetings and activities linger on. Under the ever positive influence of **GREVIS HOWE** (1937-43) a Scout Reunion was held on August 8 in the Old Scout Hall, on the second floor of the Cornell Gymnasium. This was the room where the Scouts met from 1968. It is still called the Scout Hall and a small plaque was unveiled by Helen Johnson, wife of **NORMAN JOHNSON** (1931-43) who was the World Chief Scout, to formally recognise the Scout Hall and the contribution made by Norm to scouting. Over 30 Old Boys attended and it is pleasing to note that many current Trinity boys still belong to Scout troops across Melbourne.

1973 and 1983 Reunions

Just on 40 Old Boys from 1983 attended the 30 Year Reunion. Many had not been back to the School in 30 years while others are now parents of boys at TGS. Past teacher Mr Karl Nelms attended the dinner which was held in the Williams Room (formerly known as the West Room). Barry Price also joined us for pre-dinner drinks prior to attending another function. It was an excellent night and a great meal was prepared by Weathersons. Thank you to all who attended, particularly those who came from interstate and the country.



1983 Reunion



1973 Reunion

The **1973 Reunion Dinner** was held on August 23. The School Captain of 1973 **ROBBIE PEERS** (1964-73) reminisced, occasionally interrupted by **PETER LUCAS** (1965-73). **STEPHEN KENNEDY** (1967-74) and **JAMES SLOAN** (1968-73) travelled from NSW and **ANTHONY HILLMAN** (1968-74) made the trip down from Queensland to be at the reunion. Many of the group now have grown up children and they were already looking forward to their 50 year reunion in another 10 years. Some could not make it on the night unfortunately, but all present agreed that it was worth making the effort (naturally the Assumption game was a hot topic for most of the night!).

CBD Lunch



Anthony Blake, John Sutcliffe, Graeme Ireland, Peter Jones, Neil Hudson, Peter Vander Sluys and Murray Verso



Nick Brandon-Jones, Matthew Brown, Dan Smith, Hugh Krantz, Nathan Merzvinkis and Sam Smith

OTG Clubs

STOP PRESS

OTG Football runners up in B Grade Grand Final by 8 points. Premier Grade in 2014.

OTG Cricket

The 2013-14 season is fast approaching and the Old Trinity Cricket Club is looking to recruit new players for its two teams. The Club plays in the MCC Club XI Competition against old rivals such as Xavier, Scotch and Carey on some of the highest quality turf wickets in the state. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome so if you are interested in participating in the upcoming season, please email Hugh Krantz at hugh.krantz@gmail.com for more information.

Hugh Krantz (2009)

OTG Soccer

The Old Boys' Soccer season is drawing to an end after another great year.

The Club is set to finish around the middle of the table with some promising performances later in the year. There have been two great milestones to note: Old Trinity winning the 2013 AGSV Old Boys' Cup against Ivanhoe 2-1 and the launch of the Nick Jackson Cup. The latter is awarded to the victor of a game between the Old Boys' team and the School First XI, which was won 2-0 by the Old Boys. This tradition looks to grow as the club seeks to attract more school leavers in future years.

Off the field, there has been a fantastic year of social events. Most recently the annual Trivia Night saw over 120 attendees (Old Boys and friends) rock the P&F Hall.

2014 is shaping up to be another great year for the Club, so we encourage as many departing Year 12s to come and join our pre-season, beginning in January, at Bulleen. It is a great way to continue your relationship with the School and the great game of soccer.

Daniel J Smith
0421 981 134



Old Boys' Coach Bill Kotsabouikis with the 2013 Nick Jackson Cup and members of OTGSC and the First XI Soccer team

OTG Football

Old Trinity's 2013 home and away season was very successful on and off the field.

Our Under 19 side finished a creditable fifth, and, if a couple of results had gone the other way, could easily have been competing in finals.

Speros Beasley, ably supported by Brendan Jesser and Peter Yeoman, coached the boys with great passion and humour and gained their respect. The off-field team of Chris Gale and Stuart Pearce, combined with valued contributions from parents, was key to getting the boys out there.

Christos Manoussakis, Sebastian Nicolosi, Mark Yeoman and Alex Hasiotis played so well in the Under 19s that they earned First team selection during the year.

We have already met with Year 12s at Presentation Night and we have encouraged all to join us for pre-season.

Our Reserves were much more competitive under Peter Lawrence and Jono Cade and, if not for injuries and a lack of availability, would have won more than five (and drawn one).

The Thirds finished a very good fifth and took their form to a new level with Steve



Adam Andrews addresses the team at Bulleen

Woodward showing amazing patience and resilience with an ever-changing line up.

The Seniors under Adam Andrews, Lucien Dean-Johns and Gerard Sholly finished the year on top, losing only three games (all to away teams) and remained undefeated on the Daley.

The OTGAFC's mantra is 'We strive to be a complete football club, not just a place to play football.'

Gil van der Venne and the committee have worked hard to rejuvenate and prepare but we always need help. Be rewarded and get on board for 2014. Call Gil on 0418 365101 or Tony on 0419 598279.

Tony Gale
OTGAFC Football Operations Manager

OTG Theatre

Old Trinity Grammarian Theatre (OTG Theatre), established in 2012, enjoyed its inaugural production this year 'OTG Cabaret'. The show, staged at Ruyton's Royce Theatre, featured the talents of local theatre performers and musicians, aged between 18 and 26. The show incorporated 14 musical theatre songs from classic and contemporary hit Broadway shows and was the recipient of rave reviews. Following the success of our first show, the OTG Theatre Committee, comprised of Trinity and Ruyton alumni, is now gearing up for the next production, Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest', set to be performed in April 2014. This classic comedy will once again feature local talent and amuse audiences young and old. OTG Theatre looks forward to a successful 2014 season and hopes to expand and grow into a fully functional amateur theatre company over the next few years.



NEWS OF OLD BOYS

The Camberwell Hockey Club reached the finals of the Premier Division. In the squad of approximately 14 players there are seven OTGs so perhaps they should rename the team 'Old Trinity Hockey Club'. Good luck to **STEPHEN** (1997-02) and **WILL** (1999-04) **UNKLES, JAMES WEBSTER** (2003-08), **DANNY** (2003-08) and **SIMON** (2000-04) **MATSCHOSS, BEN MITTON** (1999-04) and **ANDY PHILPOTT** (2004-07) for their finals campaign.

ROBERT WALKER (1968-74) lives in Switzerland and is always keen to hear from or catch up with Old Boys in Europe.

From the class of 2009, **MATTHEW WEISS** (2001-09) is studying at the University of Connecticut, **JOSH EZACKIAL** (2002-09) is hosting a radio program 'Sci-What?' on SYN 90.7 FM and **RICKY LE ROUX** (2002-09) is studying in Switzerland (see Robert Walker above) as part of Duke University – Geneva Institute of Transnational Law.

MARCUS YIP (2004-09) and **ROBBIE GILLIES** (2004-09) caught up with **ALISTER NEVILLE** (1998-03) in New York recently.

TERRY WISE (1948-50) who lives in Gippsland, was kind enough to send a postcard from his recent adventures in Western Australia.

Dr **MURRAY VERSO** (1961-66) has retired from his medical practice but has taken on the position of District Governor Elect 2014-2015 at Rotary International District 9800.

LINCOLN HARBOTTLE (1985-92) will be moving to Hong Kong with his wife and three children to take up a position as Chief Operating Officer of TPF, a global creative solutions, sourcing and product development company. Lincoln has been announced in the world wide edition of Who's Who 'Professional of the Year' for his industry.

JOHN WINTER COOKE (1955-58) lives in Geraldton. He has been married twice, worked as a jackaroo, a cook and is now a volunteer for the Salvation Army. He remembers Mr Bright, Mr Leppitt and Mr Herbert well.

In a book – 'Amazing Aussie Bastards', Lawrence Money has written a chapter on Old Boy **JOHN HOERNER** (1950-54) entitled 'The Blind Photographer'. It makes for fascinating reading.

CLINT HILLAS (1991-96) has recently taken over the management rights for

Pentridge Prison. Anyone looking to run their next corporate event at the notorious (former) prison should contact him at clint@buildingbrands.com.au

LUKE DIXON (1992-97) has recently qualified for his pyrotechnics licence (fireworks). If you need fireworks as part of your celebration, Luke can help you. He continues to work at Trinity and, for 17 years, he has been the senior technician and mentor to the Scouts 'Camberwell Showtime'.

STEWART LUCY (2000-05) has started a company Go Wild Africa which organises safe and secure holidays in Northern Kenya. These safari holidays travel off the beaten path and explore the untouched beauty of Africa. He is also exploring the idea of gap placements on a horse farm at the base of Mount Kenya.

Dr **JONATHAN ROOKE** (1992-99) is starting up his dental practice MOG – Melbourne Orthodontic Group (<http://www.visitmog.com.au/>). Jonathan was recently presented with the UQ School of Dentistry Research Prize and an Oral B travelling scholarship to present in Bangkok.

JAMIE CHRISTOPHERSON (1994-99) has created a company EDventure (www.edventureintl.com), a multi-faceted organisation delivering leadership and personal development programs to mostly university students in second world countries. They engage in a volunteer project designed to support the local community. The idea is that the participants push their comfort zones to achieve greater outcomes for them to become more globally minded and socially responsible.



JON ETKINS (1970-75) called in to Trinity in September. He is still with IBM in Texas and fondly remembers his introduction to computing at Trinity.

DAMIAN TATTAM (1980-84) and daughter Maggie visited the School while on holiday from Massachusetts where he lives with his family and restores furniture. He is hoping to return for the Class of 1984 30 Year Dinner in 2014.



Damian Tattam and his daughter Maggie

DANIEL ROBINSON (1991-96) married the lovely Stella last year. He is now working as Director of Outdoor Education at Trinity Anglican School in Cairns and has recently welcomed the arrival of his first daughter – Jasmine Victoria. Congratulations!

Bishop **ANDREW ST JOHN**, past School Council member, recently visited Trinity from New York. Andrew was amazed at the new Tudor Centre and was very pleased to see the School in such good shape. Andrew is based on 23rd Street in New York City, and his Church has recently developed a 55 storey building on its land.



Rick Tudor and Bishop Andrew St John

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old Trinity Grammarians' Association
Tuesday November 12, from 8.00pm
Hudson House
53 Wellington Street Kew

Agenda:

President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of Office Bearers
Other Business
All Welcome

In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear of the passing of the following members of the Trinity community. Our deepest sympathies go to their family and friends.

GEOFFREY ROBERT LYNAR (1938-41) sadly passed away in July. Geoff, although he lived in Sydney, regularly attended Gold Mitre Lunches and he met his wife Gwenth at the Trinity/Ruyton dancing classes.

Rev'd **JAMES (LAWRENCE) REEVE** (1939-1946) who was a regular attendee at Old Boy events also passed away in July. While at Trinity, Lawrence was a member of the school orchestra, Cadets and the Mitre Committee. He studied Arts and Theology at university. In 1953 he

was ordained as a priest for the Anglican Archdiocese of Melbourne. For the next forty years he served in parishes, ranging from Bacchus Marsh to Brighton Beach and many postings in between. In supposed retirement for the past ten years, Lawrence generously took on many locums. His brother **BILL** (1926-30) also attended Trinity as did his nephews and great nephews.

Not an Old Boy but an active member of the Trinity Community, **NORM DALTON** died in August, aged 89. Norm's sons **ROGER** (1958-70) and **WARWICK** (1958-68) both attended Trinity as did Roger's sons **ANDREW** (1997-01), **BEN** (1999-04) and **JAMES** (1996-01).

Lawrence Reeve with his Double Bass at Trinity January 1946



VALE IAN ANDREW MANN MONRO

One of Trinity's finest teachers passed away on July 23 after a massive heart attack. His service was held at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, which was one of the last facilities built during Ian's time at Trinity. Ian's wonderful wife Mary passed away earlier in the year and our deepest sympathies are extended to their children Jan, Ian and Sue.

Ian taught at Trinity for 37 years (1956-92) after arriving in Melbourne from Queensland as a young man. He taught Maths initially but then, after additional study, became the Accounting guru in this state. He was an outstanding teacher, a great friend and mentor to thousands of boys. Furthermore, as the first Director of Development at Trinity, he resurrected the Old Trinity Grammarians' Association database and was pivotal in building the profile of the School. At the funeral Rick Tudor and Don Marles provided an insight into Ian's life and Old Boy **RON JOSEPH** (1957-63) gave the eulogy.

Outside Trinity, Ian had been the Secretary of the AGSV Sports Committee and in retirement he was very busy in Inverloch. Ian is now at peace with his beloved Mary.



Ian Monro (second from left) at a Gold Mitre Lunch

The **2012 REUNION BBQ** is planned for Friday November 29 at the School.

All Old Trinity Grammarians and their families are warmly invited to the **OTG Founders' Day Service** on Thursday November 14, commencing at 6.30pm at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity. A light supper will be provided at the conclusion of the Eucharist. For catering purposes, please contact Sharon Kendall on 9854 3665 or by email: kendalls@trinity.vic.edu.au

2014 REUNIONS

During 2014 we plan to hold reunions as listed below. Invitations are sent by post approximately four weeks beforehand and, for this reason, we appreciate you keeping us up to date with notifications regarding change of address or details.

2013 1 Year BBQ	Wednesday March 26
2009 5 Year BBQ	Wednesday March 12
2004 10 Year Dinner	Friday May 16
1994 20 Year Dinner	Friday May 30
1984 30 Year Dinner	Friday August 1
1979 35 Year Dinner	Friday July 25
1974 40 Year Dinner	Friday August 22
Gold Mitre Lunch	Thursday April 3

We plan to visit Western Australia during 2014 and hope to catch up with Old Boys living and working in the west. If you are interested in more details please email kendalls@trinity.vic.edu.au.

Rohan Brown interviews Ron Joseph (1957–1963)

Member of the TGS Gallery of Achievement, AFL Life Member



Ron, as a lifetime friend of Ian and Mary Monro, delivered the eulogy at Ian's funeral. He spoke with a wonderful sense of humour. Ron is passionate about Trinity and I caught up with him by phone some weeks later.

What was your connection with Ian Monro?

We were good friends. Ian taught me in the middle school (Maths). He was my protector as more often than not I was in trouble with the Head - John Leppitt. Ian supported North Melbourne (he became very popular at North) and he and Mary shared my career. I had enormous respect for them both, but above all, Ian was a wonderfully caring man. He took time and made time for others. We knew each other for 58 years and it was an honour to speak at his funeral.

How did you get to Trinity?

I lived in Highett (Trinity paid Mentone Grammar a \$10,000 transfer fee!). My dad worked at Prentice Builders in Hawthorn so dad would drop me off at school each morning and I could opt to go home with him or take the tram and train. **David White** (1956-63) lived in Moorabbin and he was a good mate and travelling companion.

What was TGS like?

I started at Trinity towards the end of the Bright era. Mr Leppitt was then a popular successor. He was a great teacher. His History classes held you spellbound. We won most of the AGSV sporting competitions as Caulfield, Carey, Haileybury and Brighton joined the APS.

I was in and out (mostly out) of the First XVIII for three years, captained the Second XI, founded a very successful (off field) football club and to my great shame failed every exam I ever sat. **Graeme Ireland** (1958-64) and I did reasonably well out of several Melbourne Cup sweeps. Ian was always concerned that those sweeps were a cover for an SP operation out of Mrs Onion's backyard.

You have clearly got a soft spot for Trinity.

I loved Trinity. My great mates **Neil Hudson** (1959-62), **Charlie Fellows** (1951-62), **Graeme Ireland** and **Peter Jones** (1953-64) still share a friendship that is simply an extension of our days at the School. We climbed the MCG fence in the dead of night for three successive finals series and holed out in the stairwell of the Grey Smith Stand until the gates opened for the members. We became legends for all the wrong reasons.

How did you start at North Melbourne?

Three months out of school I applied and won the job as Assistant Secretary. Nine months later Leo Schemnitz resigned as Secretary and I was given the chance of a lifetime. In those days there was just me and a part-time typist. When I left North in 1990 there was a full time staff of 30. Today it's probably double again.

What was the highlight of your career?

When I first went to North the Club was a bit of a laughing stock. We were regarded as 'poor old North'. We had never won a premiership, never had a Brownlow Medallist, nor a leading goal kicker. To be part of a close knit team led by Allen Aylett, Albert Mantello and Ron Barassi was a wonderful experience. By the end of the 70s North had played in six successive grand finals for two premierships, Keith Greig and Malcolm Blight had won Brownlow Medals and Doug Wade had won a Coleman Medal. The 'poor old North' tag was put to bed forever.

How many players did you look after as a player manager?

At one stage 80 to 85 but I was never comfortable in that role. The player usually wanted more than he was worth and suddenly I was on the other side of the desk.

Who were the best players you have seen?

In the '50s and '60s Bob Skilton, Darrel Baldock and John Nicholls.

In the '70s Keith Greig and Malcolm Blight and Leigh Matthews. In the '80s Gary Ablett, Sr. In the '90s Wayne Carey, and today Gary Ablett, Jr.

What does the AFL do well?

They pay themselves very well with funds that could be better used by the clubs.

What about the Trinity Boys?

Well, **Luke Power** (1989-97) has to be Trinity's best with three successive premierships at Brisbane, while **Steve Wallis** had a magnificent career with Footscray. It was great to see that the School initiated an award for the best young player in memory of **Michael Kekovich** (1969-71). Had he lived Michael would have been up there with the best.

What about North's future?

I opposed the move to the Gold Coast much to the anger of the AFL and some great North people. In return for 11 home games Friday night or Saturday afternoon at the MCG I reckon North would do well as the club that takes AFL football to the major regions across Australia. My worry right now is that we might finish up as the 'Tassie Devils'.

A Final Word

Ian Monro took the time to care for his pupils and in turn Ron Joseph had a passion for caring for his players. Ian's legacy lives on through his former pupils.