

2014 was an action packed year for the Old Collegians Association. Our annual events once again received strong support and cemented their place in the traditions of the Old Collegians community for many years to come.

This year we again hosted the traditional 1, 5, 10 and 20 year reunions, which were attended by the Classes of 2013, 2009, 2004 and 1994 respectively. All of the reunions were well represented demonstrating their popularity within the Old Collegians community. It was also great to hear that a number of people flew or drove from interstate and overseas to attend these eagerly anticipated events. We would like to thank all of those attending the reunions, and especially those making the effort to travel long distances to attend, as without your support these events would not be possible.

In 2014, the second annual overseas reunion took place in London. Hosted by Jim Laussen on behalf of the Old Collegians Association, this event provided the opportunity for those holidaying or working abroad in the UK or Europe to attend a reunion of Overnewton ex-pats.

Keeping with tradition, donations were collected at the 20 year reunion, to award a current Year 12 student at the College in a field of the reunion cohort's choice. Collecting \$1235.00, the Class of 1993 presented their bursary at the College's annual Presentation Night to a student who has excelled in community service throughout the year. This year the award was divided between two winners - Emily Garretto and Thisarani Senanayake. Thank you to the Class of 1993 for their generosity.

Overnewton's annual Presentation Night is also the occasion at which the Old Collegians Association presents its annual Quiet Achiever Award. This is an award presented to a Year 11 student who has worked consistently to the best of their ability throughout the year but has not received any other award. At the 2014 Presentation Night, we presented the award to Sarah White. Congratulations Sarah.



Along with the reunions, the second most commonly anticipated Old Collegians activity is the annual publication of the Murmurs magazine. Filled with articles and reports from Old Collegians within Australia and from around the world, we often receive feedback that people love reading about what their former class-mates are getting up to, with the most commonly anticipated section being the births and marriages pages. Similarly to the reunions, the magazine is only as good as it is thanks to those who have contributed to it - by providing articles, information, updates, photos and stories of their lives. I would like to thank all of the Old Collegians who have helped to make the magazine a success by participating and sharing their story. And for those still with stories to tell, don't hesitate to contact us for inclusion in next year's magazine.

The Old Collegians Association was also proud to be part of the Overnewton Annual Fair. Members of the Old Collegians held a stall selling the Old Collegians merchandise.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Overnewton College and the College Board, for all their help and assistance throughout the year. Their ongoing support and funding of the Old Collegians Association makes it possible for us to hold the activities and events that we do. Also, a special thanks to all those who have contributed: by writing an article, sending in a picture, posting a blog, buying the merchandise or simply by coming to the reunions. Any and all involvement is always welcomed and appreciated. If it wasn't for the participation of those in the community, the Association would not survive. So thank you to those who have contributed or participated and to those who haven't, don't be shy and get involved. Networking is an important tool. By making contact with old school friends you may get that perfect job opportunity, expand your business or just rekindle some old friendships. The possibilities are endless and you never know where it may lead you or what doors it may open.

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