



2010 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 12 Mar	St Kilda Road 1990 Alumni Reunion
Mon 15 Mar	Boat Race Dinner 2010
Fri 19 Mar	St Kilda Road 1995 Alumni Reunion
8-11 Apr	2010 Global Language Convention
Fri 9 Apr	St Kilda Road 1950 Alumni Lunch
Wed 5 May	Founders Day Lunch 2010
Fri 14 May	OWCA Golf Day
Fri 11 June	Glen Waverley 2000 Alumni Reunion
Fri 18 June	St Kilda Road 2000 Alumni Reunion

Please note that although every effort is made to provide accurate information on events, we recommend that you contact event organisers to confirm details.

MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE HEAD OF THE OWCA

Dear Alumni,

I hope you have all enjoyed a smooth end to 2009. We certainly have much to look forward to in 2010! Our newly formed Cubs Committee will be running a Barefoot Bowls afternoon early in the new year, Greg has a fantastic reunion program organised, Bek is working on some wonderful new events for next year and Eryn has been madly sending out Lion toys to celebrate the new additions to many OW families.

We really appreciate hearing your news; if you would like to get in touch with us, please don't hesitate to contact the OWCA office on 03 8102 6353 or email one of the team:

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Lucy Rodgers-Wilson (OW1995)
College Head OWCA

OWCA ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Over 200 businesses have taken the opportunity to advertise in our online business directory.

Businesses ranging from advertising to veterinary services are to be found on the site. Old Collegians, past and present parents, past staff and OWCA affiliates are all represented.

Registration is free and very quick and easy. You can find the online directory at www.owca.net/business and I take this opportunity to encourage you to visit the site and to support members of our community.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

It is with sadness that we report the passing of three prominent Old Collegians in recent times.

Our oldest, most involved, Old Collegian, Rod Walduck (OW1930), died at the age of 98. He was a regular attendee at the Boat Race Dinner and took particular pride in the fact he was the oldest rower in attendance. He was a marvel to all who knew him as he remained active and alert up until near the end.

George Bickford (OW1944), is the patriarch of the Bickford clan with three OW sons and five OW grandchildren. A former captain of the school and outstanding sportsman who became a legend of the Melbourne Football Club. This was confirmed by his inclusion in the recent Melbourne Football Club publication *150 Heroes*.

Old Collegian and former music teacher, John Lee (OW1954), is a Wesley legend. He was a member of staff for 28 years and for the greater part as Director of Music. His leadership and influence changed the face of music at Wesley. His work with the Big Band will never be forgotten.

The lives of these Old Collegians were celebrated in separate services in the Wesley College Chapel. Our thoughts are with their family and friends.

Greg Wilkinson (OW1969)
Executive Director OWCA

BABYSITTERS DATABASE

Need a babysitter? Or perhaps you've got experience working with young children and after some extra cash?

If you'd be interested in hiring an old Collegian, or working as a babysitter then give Lucy Rodgers-Wilson a call on 03 8102 6983 or email lucy.rodgerswilson@wesleycollege.net

OW DRAFTED TO ST KILDA FOOTBALL CLUB

Congratulations to Will Johnson (OW2007) on his selection in the 2009 AFL National Draft as selection No 77 to the St Kilda Football Club.

At school, Will was a member of the First XVIII under the direction of Peter Schwab, Mark Hibbins and David Ackerley in 2006 and 2007, earning Honour Colours in 2007.

We wish Will every success.

Peter Hawkins
College Head of Sport





WESLEY ROWING

The Wesley College Rowing is a program steeped in tradition. From the moment you walk through the Yarra Shed doors you cannot help but notice the vast array of photos of Head of the River winning crews, the boat hanging from its ceiling and the Head of the River winning oars positioned around its walls. These all attest to a deep and unique history that Wesley has not only had within APS sport, but the sport of rowing within Wesley itself.

I also feel that it is vitally important to respect and acknowledge this past history and connection to the sport, but importantly embrace all that we can learn and appreciate from it. So it was with great pleasure that we have recently had the good fortune to receive two Head of the River winning oars. Members of winning Wesley College crews were traditionally presented with their oar after the race. They are beautifully inscribed, with the crew's name, their seat within the boat, weight and year of the race on the blade.

The first oar was from Peter Corlette, who presented this to the College at the rowing program's Opening Day festival. Peter's father Kenneth Corlette (OW1913) was a member of the 1913 Head of the River winning crew, in which he sat in the five seat. The second was recently presented to the College by Ken Sanford (OW1961), whose photo adorns our shed's walls, as he sat in the three seat of the 1961 Head of the River winning crew.

It is indeed a wonderful gesture from both men and one that rings true with our desire to inform and remind not only our current students, but all of the College, of our rowing program's history and, indeed, past successes.

Jamie Fernandez

20TH WESLEY COLLEGE FIRE ANNIVERSARY

Two decades have passed since a disastrous fire devastated the main building at the College on 19 November 1989.



Twenty years later over 150 major donors and supporters gathered in the Cato Room and the courtyard to remember the event and to celebrate the what was a remarkable effort on the part of many people to rebuild the part of the college that was destroyed.

John Blackman, well known radio and television personality acted as MC for the occasion and Graeme Samuel (OW1963), head of Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and former Chairman of the Wesley Foundation, spoke of the generosity of parents and alumni to the request for support.



2010 GLOBAL LANGUAGE CONVENTION



The Wesley College Institute for Innovation in Education, in cooperation with the International Baccalaureate, is most delighted to inform the members of the OWCA of the upcoming 2010 Global Language Convention *Many Cultures, One Community: Language, Knowing and Power* to be held at Wesley College from 8-11 April 2010.

Since its inception in April 2006, the Global Language Convention has brought together, biennially, language experts, educators, practitioners and policy makers from around the world in dialogue and critical engagement with the ever growing body of knowledge in the area of language and learning.

Online registration has now commenced, sponsorship, exhibition and other business opportunities are available during the convention. For more information please visit www.wesleycollege.net/convention.cfm

If you would like to discuss your involvement further, please contact The Wesley College Institute on 03 8102 6213 or Institute@wesleycollege.net.

We are confident that the 2010 convention will be an enriching experience for all and we welcome the participation of members of the OWCA.

Any Old Collegians interested in becoming involved in the Global Language Convention, either as volunteers, sponsors or support "in kind", please contact Annette Rome on 03 8102 6557 or annetter.rome@wesleycollege.net

This event is a major international event in the global education calendar.

Please note that during the convention we are aiming to support a number of schools who lost everything in the recent floods and earthquakes in South East Asia.

Annette Rome
Director, Wesley College Institute for Education and Innovation

PART TIME WORKERS

Need someone to mow the lawns? Or perhaps your business is in need of someone to fill a part-time role? We have more than 100 OWs on our database ready to help you out!

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