At a full student assembly at Austins Ferry in September the OVA website was officially launched by President Ed Gauden and its developers Pat McInnes and Michael Ball. The website contains a range of useful functions including news section, calendar, booking forms and an online membership facility.

To keep up to date with all OVA news and events, in particular details of the Centenary celebrations, please mark www.oldvirgilians.org.au as one of your favourites.

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2016 has been a very busy time for the OVA as the Committee prepares for the Association’s centenary year. In 1917, just six years after the College was established a group of forward thinking former students and staff met to form the OVA. The original purpose of the OVA was to promote fellowship amongst past students and support the operations of the fledging College. From humble beginnings the Association quickly grew and in time supported a range of special interest clubs in sports such as football, cricket, athletics and swimming.

For generations the OVA has provided a tangible link between the College and its alumni. College spirit, traditions and pride grew as fathers sent their sons to the College and in time three and four generations of students proudly attested that they were Virgilians. Whilst the College has had its challenges it has never lost its unique place in the hearts and minds of generations of Virgilians. This special bond is evident when past students get together. Regardless of when they left the College, alumni are bound by deep ties forged on sporting fields and music halls, in classrooms and boarding houses and in the outdoors whether it be as a cadet officer or a student of outdoor education.

And so as the College looks forward to a bright and exciting future, it is only fitting that the OVA take a moment to celebrate its own history and traditions and to also look forward with great optimism to the next century where it will continue to provide friendship and support to all Old Virgilians and to the College.
2017 will mark a hundred years since the Old Virgilians Association (OVA) was inaugurated. The present Committee of the Association has a number of events planned to celebrate the Centenary.

The Association urges members and friends to watch out for notices advertising each of these events on the OVA website www.oldvirgilians.org.au and mark them in their diaries early.

**Diary Dates 2017**

- **OVA Annual General Meeting**
  Tuesday March 21

- **SVC Community Race Day**
  Sunday March 26.

- **Centenary Class Reunions**
  Friday May 19.

- **First Centenary Mass**
  Saturday May 20, 5pm St Mary’s Cathedral followed by Centenary Dinner at Wrest Point Hotel.

- **College Open Day**
  Sunday May 21, BBQ, Plaque and Book launch at Austins Ferry.

- **Government House Reception**
  Wednesday 21 June, 6pm
  Hosted by the The Governor in honour of the OVA centenary.

- **College Colours Cocktail**
  Friday September 8 - function with other schools at Barrack Street.

- **OVA Centenary Golf Day**
  Friday November 3 - at Royal Hobart Golf Club.

- **Grade 10 Leavers/OVA Centenary Mass**
  November – date to be confirmed.
On Saturday September 3 2016, the OVA held its annual North and North Western luncheon at Pedro’s Restaurant on the riverfront in Ulverstone. A good number of OVA members, wives and friends attended as did a number of OVA members from the South.

Old Virgilians who had come from as far away as Wynyard and Launceston were at the lunch and all enjoyed a great time together promising to meet again next year for the Centenary of the OVA.

The OVA Committee would be glad to hear from other Old Virgilians from the North and North West who would be keen to come along to next year’s lunch and can help round up some of there mates up north to attend the event. Please email Peter Imlach - peter.imlach@gmail.com if you can assist.

The sound of ball on willow is again ringing out across the Main Oval each Saturday – however for a while it looked as if the future of the club may be in doubt with only four registered players at the start of October! Thanks to the leadership of Club President Stephen Bourke (SVC 2006-2009) and the effectiveness of the College’s communication systems, the crisis was avoided and the club now has good numbers including ‘father-son’ combinations Darren and Brennan Burke (Grade 10) and Dion and Brady Frame (Grade 9).

There is always room for more players however as the club looks to consolidate its position in 4th Grade and continues to build for the future. Please see below for all information about the club:

**Southern Cricket Association**

**4th Grade**

**Home Ground**
St Virgil’s College- Austins Ferry

**Training**
Wednesday Nights – TCA indoor nets

**All Enquiries to**
President Stephen Bourke – contact stephen.bourke@humanservices.gov.au or 0409450044

The Saints endured a challenging season on the field but enjoyed a much better off-field which has set a strong platform for 2017. The Senior team did not win a match and the reserve team whilst being competitive in most only won a handful of games. However great work by the committee off the field in areas such as sponsor management, events and internal processes ensured that the club recorded a bank balance to take into the new season.

In recognising this achievement it is important to recognise the work of retiring President Jeremy Parker who has done a wonderful job, well supported by other members of the committee. At the club’s AGM held on November 8 at the St Virgil’s College Junior School, Jeremy formally stepped down and handed the reins of the club to long term committee member Matthew Rice.

Matthew has already started to map out an exciting period for the club with the first plank in the re-build being the appointment of club star Marcus Parker to the role of Senior Coach. This has ensured strong player retention and allowed the coaching panel to start to identify prospective recruits.

If you are interested in playing or assisting in a support role, please contact Matthew Rice - matthew.rice@education.tas.gov.au
2016 Annual Dinner

On Friday October 14 the OVA held its Annual Dinner at Wrest Point Hotel. A good number of Old Virgilians, their wives, friends and special guests attended. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of commemorative medallions and certificates to four Old Virgilians who were elevated to the Association’s Heritage Roll of Honour.

Prior to the commencement of the evening medallions commemorating the bravery of the three current students involved in the recent rescue of near the Alum Cliffs at Kingston were presented by the Association’s President, Ed Gauden.

2016 Heritage Roll of Honour Inductees

Michael Hill (SVC 1958-66)
Michael (right) graduated in law at the University of Tasmania and was admitted to the Bar in 1972. He recently retired having spent 30 years on the bench and was the Chief Magistrate during the period 2009 – 2015. Michael has twice represented Australia overseas at the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association conference. Michael has a particular interest in the problem solving approaches based on Therapeutic Jurisprudence developed in the US in the late 80s.

Luke (right) entered ADF (Australian Defence Force) on a scholarship gained during his final year at the College. As a consequence of further studies he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 2001 which enabled him to attend Oxford University in the UK where he gained a doctorate in Economics.

Luke has been deployed to many locations among which have been Timor Leste, Lebanon, Egypt, Afghanistan and PNG. In 2012 Luke with a friend co-founded Beastworx Pty Ltd – an event management business focusing on raising funds to assist soldiers dealing with PTSD – post traumatic stress disorder.

Father Kevin Dance (SVC 1954 –57)
Fr Kevin (right) was ordained a Passionist priest in 1965. He is a former Provincial Leader of the Order in Australia and as part of his ministry spent 12 years in New York where he was an NGO (non-government official) at the United Nations. Fr. Kevin is currently parish priest of Boroko – the largest parish in PNG.
OVA Golf Day

Tim Reid (SVC 1965-68)
Tim (right) spent four years boarding at the College before departing at the end of Grade Ten to pursue his life-long ambition to join the family apple business. Tim is now Managing Director of Reid Fruits, a vertically integrated family business dating back to 1856 and involved in every facet of the fruit industry from production and processing to international marketing. Under Tim’s leadership, the company has become one of Australia’s largest cherry producers exporting to over twenty countries and employing over 600 people during the busy cherry harvest season. Tim has made an outstanding contribution to Tasmania’s economy and as a consequence he has been the recipient of numerous awards including, an Order of Australia in 2007, “Australian Farmer of the Year” and “Australian Rural Leader of the Year in 2013, and more recently Tasmanian Exporter of the Year.

The 55th Annual OVA Golf Day played at Royal Hobart Golf Club on Monday November 7 was a huge success with a full field of 124 players teeing off in overcast and windy conditions. Thankfully the rain held off and the winds dropped and the result was some great scoring – albeit a few balls still found a watery grave and a few trees were given a working over! Results in all grades were tight, especially in the coveted Br Joyce Memorial Trophy for the best score by an Old Virgilian. John Nogaski defended his title from 2015 with 37 points, holding out a valiant Peter Leary who also recorded 37 points but lost on a count back. Finishing hot on their heels were Tim Breen and Rod Busch with 36 points and Michael Harvey with 35.

Results

Best Non-OVA Scores
Jimmy Mashberg 43 points
Greg Reid 42 points

Leading Female Players
Gwen Doyle 31 points
Patricia Dixon 31 points

Over 70 Trophy
Colin Hallam 34 points

Winning Team
1st 113 points
John Galpin
Peter Crocker
Ron Smith
Jimmy Mashberg

Nearest Pins
4th Tim Breen
11th Brad Miller

Longest Drives
Division 1 Tony Roussow
Division 2 Wayne Anning
Division 3 Michael Harvey

Straightest Drive
Patricia Dixon

Well done and thank you to the amazing OVA Golf Committee led by Terry Kay, Peter Dixon and Peter Beven who brought all aspects of the event together. We eagerly look forward to the Centenary Golf Day - details will be on the OVA website and in the next edition of The Old Virgilian.
The College is committed to documenting the achievements of its alumni and to maintaining accurate and useful databases for events such as reunions, OVA social and sporting gatherings. If you have news you would like to share please contact the College Archivist: grainbow@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

195 Main Rd Austins Ferry TAS 7011 or phone:0467 514 667

To update your contact details please contact Mrs Tracey Williams – twilliams@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or 6249 6555. Providing your email address greatly helps the College and OVA reduce its postage costs.

### The Amazing Di Venutos

**Enrico (SVC 1959-68), Peter (SVC 1982-87) and Michael (SVC 1986-91)**

In 1959 a young lad by the name of Enrico DiVenuto commenced a ten year journey through the College. Above all else, the year books for that period attest to his love of sport! He played 1st XVIII football for three years (66 - 68) - as Captain for two - and played 1st XI cricket for a similar period, Captaining the side in his final year. Enrico was also a Prefect in his final year.

Enrico married Elizabeth Pearce and they had three children Peter, Michael and Lisa. Elizabeth later taught at the College from 1983 – 1996.

Both Peter (SVC 1982-87) and Michael (SVC 1986-91) followed in Dad’s footsteps with their love of sport and emulated his significant achievements at the College. Peter (1982-87), played in the 1st XVIII for two years and was runner-up in the Best & Fairest in 1986, and was Captain and Best and Fairest the following year. He had three years with the 1st XI, was Captain in 1987 and in that year won the batting & bowling averages. Michael played in the 1st XVIII for two years and won the Best & Fairest awards in both years. He was to have four years with the 1st XI, was Captain for two and won the batting average in all four - In 1990 he averaged an amazing 107 runs per innings!

Enrico’s sporting involvements did not diminish upon leaving school – initially as a footballer with Hobart and later with the Old Virgilians. He spent 16 years with Geilston Bay in the Southern Suburban Cricket Association during which time he was Captain / Coach of both the club sides and the Association representative side. Under his leadership Geilston Bay won eight premierships!

The coaching ‘bug’ had bitten Enrico. He went on to be appointed Club Coach / Director of Coaching at the North Hobart Cricket Club in 1988 – a position he was to hold for the next seven seasons - a very successful period for that club in terms of premierships won. During this period both his sons were members of the club’s senior side. He later coached University Cricket Club, for thirteen seasons - again with considerable success. During the period 1988 - 2009, he was involved in winning seven State cups in various forms of the game. Along the way he gained Level 3 Cricket Coaching Accreditation and was part of Tasmania Senior coaching panel for two seasons.

Enrico excelled as a football coach as well and gained a Level 2 Coaching Accreditation in 1986. He had a long association with the Sandy Bay Football club (1987 – 94), during which time he held the position of thirds coach, reserves coach and senior’s bench coach.
At various times he was chairman of selectors, player welfare officer, recruiting officer and also officer in charge of player contracts.

In 2000 Enrico was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for his contributions to sport.

The College was also a beneficiary of Enrico’s coaching as his boys passed through it - initially as an ‘under-age’ coach and then as senior coach of both cricket (1988-90) and football (1989 & 90). In 1988 St Virgil’s drew with Grammar in the State cricket final and were premiers the following year. In 1990 Enrico coached the 1st XVIII to a State Premiership.

Like his father before him, Peter continued with his cricket and football upon leaving the College. Having represented Tasmania as an underage footballer, he went on to play with the Sandy Bay Club. In 1988 he was drafted to Collingwood but returned home prior to the start of the 1989 season. In 1993 he was again invited back to Collingwood for pre-season but was not re-drafted and remained with Sandy Bay. In 1991 Peter was the club’s leading vote-getter in the association best and fairest and was its leading goal kicker on two occasions. He would eventually be afforded life membership of Sandy Bay Football Club - the last player to gain such recognition prior to its demise in 1997 (having commenced in 1945).

On the cricket front, Peter was fine all-rounder. He represented Tasmania in the under 19 team and was a key member of the successful North Hobart Club senior side for many years, where he played with his father and brother. In 1995 he moved to the Kingborough Cricket Club as Captain / Coach for five years, during which time the club won its first district premiership in 25 years. He was a member of the Tasmanian Sheffield Shield squad and was the runner-up for the TCA Cricketer of the Year for the 1996-7 season. Peter is one of only four players in the history of the TCA competition to have taken 400 wickets and scored over 8000 runs. In all he played 308 games - 3rd on the all time games list - with a best bowling return of 7/35 and a highest score of 156.

Peter represented Italy in the second tier of the World Cup, and was head coach of Italian Cricket Academy in 2003-4. Like his father before him, Peter proved to be an exceptional coach. Upon moving to Melbourne, Peter was appointed coach of the Carlton Cricket Club. He was there for five years during which time the senior team won two ‘one day’ premierships (2007/08 and 2010/11). In 2014 Peter moved to Prahran Cricket Club where he is senior coach. Melbourne Grammar School has also been the beneficiary of Peter’s talents. He has been Director of Coaching (cricket) since 2012. In the 2015-16 season, the school’s 1st XI won the premiership – only the second for the school in 40 years.

After a stellar cricket career as a schoolboy, Michael had success with TCA clubs North Hobart and Kingborough where he played in premiership sides. Twice he won the Roger Woolley Medal for man-of-the-match in TCA Grand Finals. In 1992 at the age of 19, Michael was selected to make his first-class debut against Queensland. He was to go on to represent the Tasmanian Tigers for 17 seasons - retiring in 2008.

During that time he amassed 10,117 runs for his state at an average of 40.96. His aggregate placed him second only to Jamie Cox as Tasmania’s all-time leading run scorer.

He was an integral member of Tasmania’s first Sheffield Shield victory in March 2007 scoring 24 and 64 – a game in which fellow OV Sean Clingeleffer, the wicketkeeper / batsman, scored 41 and 107. Michael was also a member of the victorious Tasmanian limited over side in 2007-08 Michael’s form warranted his selection in the Australian squad in 1997 to play South Africa in South Africa. He was part of the eleven in five of the seven-match series, which Australia won 4-3 – two of his dismissals were the result of his being run-out. In the fifth encounter – he scored 89 runs and was awarded the man-of-the-match award. Michael, like Peter, represented Italy in the second tier One Day International (ODI) series. One of Michael's Australian tops is on display in the Centenary History Centre at Austins Ferry.

For the period 1999 – 2012 Michael played in the UK during the domestic off-season. Initially with Sussex, then to Derbyshire, and then onto Durham, where he played a key role in helping it win back-to-back first-class County Championship titles.

Like his father and brother before him, Michael made a spectacular entry into the coaching side of the game. In 2013 Michael was appointed batting coach for the Australian team (and for a brief period filled in as senior coach during a brief illness suffered by Darren Lehman). After three years in this role, he chose to move to London to take over the coaching job at Surrey.

It is interesting to note that prominent former student Olympians, Simon Hollingsworth (athletics) and Scott Brennan (rowing gold medallist) attribute much of their success to their individual mentors, Kevin Prendergast and Sam LeCompte respectively. Likewise Peter and Michael DiVenuto who enjoyed stellar careers in their chosen sports would recognise the role of Enrico as a great coach and mentor. With Michael’s son Luca commencing in Grade 3 this year there is every chance that this amazing sporting lineage will continue and leave its mark in the sporting record books of St Virgil’s College!
Ross Parker  
(SVC 1950 – 52)

Ross Parker was named Australia’s best and fairest player at the 1962 Australian Amateur football carnival in Melbourne. An extraordinary feature of Ross’ football career was that he did not play the game for the five years after leaving St Virgil’s at the completion of Grade10.

In 1952 Ross had been part of the College’s First XVIII team, coached by the highly regarded Brother T D McGuire, which defeated Launceston Church Grammar – a game in which he was listed as one of the best players.

Post school Ross turned his attention to completing a Painter – Decorator apprenticeship and became a spear fishing enthusiast – winning the State championship four times and representing Tasmania at the Nationals twice.

To quote from an August 1962 edition of the Hobart Mercury:

“After an absence of five years from the game ‘a friend, Harold Ellis, said; “Why don’t you have a run with the amateurs?”

Ross was to turn out for the Old Virgilians for the ensuing nine years. However, Ross who had moved from painter to abalone diver was rarely able to get to training and whether or not he would be available for the any Saturday game was an ongoing quandary for selectors, as his ‘ab’ diving took him to various parts of the state. However, he was able to maintain a high level of fitness to his aquatic pursuits.

During his time at the Old Virgilians Ross:

- Won the Best & Fairest Medal at the Australian Amateur Football Carnival in 1962 in Melbourne.
- Was captain of the Tasmanian team at the 1964 Australian Amateur Football Carnival in Adelaide.
- Won two Southern Old Scholars Association Best & Fairest Awards and several club B&F’s.

At the beginning of 1962 Ross did a pre-season with the Glenorchy Football Club, but his inability to meet training commitments led to a return to the Old Virgilians. Post the 1962 amateur carnival St Kilda also expressed interest in recruiting him, but a combination of his profession, inability to meet training expectations and the low level of player payments by comparison with modern day standards, precluded such a move.

In 1967 Ross moved from Tasmania to Victoria where he continued his diving profession. In 1969 he again pulled on the boots and had a standout season with North in the King Island competition.

In 1975 Ross ‘handed in’ his abalone license and moved to Tuross Head in NSW where returned to his former profession as a painter-decorator and eventually retirement.

The St Virgil’s College Old Scholars Football Club has named its seniors’ Best & Fairest Award after Ross in recognition of his outstanding football career and his contributions to the Club. Ross donated his All Australian blazer to St Virgil’s Old Scholars Football Club where it is displayed in its club rooms and has loaned his 1962 Carnival Best & Fairest Medal for display in Centenary History Centre at Austins Ferry.

Kobe Kemp  
(SVC 2011-2014)

Kobe was selected to represent Tasmania in a soccer ‘friendly’ in October against Melbourne City FC at KGV Glenorchy Football Park. Koby acquitted himself very well and has attracted interest from clubs beyond Tasmania due to his consistent form for club team South Hobart.

Peter Cooley OAM  
(SVC 1946 – 53)

Harness racing stalwart Peter Cooley has been recognised for his lifetime service to the industry in Tasmanian in the 2016 Queen’s Birthday Honours list. Peter was awarded the Order Of Australia Medal.
Since 2009 John McCann has been President of the Glenorchy Football Club, which after a heart breaking loss in 2015, was victorious in the 2016 Tasmanian State League Grand Final. John’s success goes beyond football – he graduated from UTAS and in 2000 and was awarded the University’s prestigious Foundation Graduate Award, an honour which recognises the distinguished achievement and outstanding talent of its graduates. John is the founding CEO of the Tasmanian Electronic Commerce Centre Pty Ltd (est. 1997).

The Brisbane Lions recently confirmed David Noble as the club’s new General Manager of Football to support new coach Tasmania’s own Chris Fagan. The former Adelaide Football Club General Manager of List Development and Strategy and Head of Football has had an amazing career in football including:

- Assistant Coach at the Western Bulldogs (1998-2002).
- Assistant Coach at Adelaide (2005-2010).
- Head of Football at Adelaide (2014-2016).

David has already commenced the role with his usual enthusiasm and is sure to make a huge impression on the struggling Lions.

Clover Hill Wines at Tea Tree has been named 2016 Tasmanian vineyard of the year. Clover Hill Wines Chief Executive Adam Torpy was quoted in The Mercury as saying, “the award was a result of unwavering determination to continue to invest in Tasmania”.

Anthony Griffith is a ‘man of the world’, having worked in London, Africa, Singapore and the Caribbean. During this time he has met the late Queen Mother, broadcast on Vatican Radio and even starred in an English-speaking soap opera on Singaporean television.

It was during his time in Singapore, while running oil and gas conferences in South-East Asia, that he ended up on radio. After that he got a position in London at the headquarters of the Commonwealth organisation. It meant moving to London and living in Marlborough House which the Queen had given to the Commonwealth. As part of the job, Tony was required to travel a good deal and said he learnt more from experiencing the world than his time spent studying at university. Two of the most inspiring individuals he met during his time in London were Nelson Mandela and Mother Teresa.

In recent times Tony has turned his attention to writing and is soon to publish his third novel, under the pseudonym of Adam Tosier.
Scott Bowden's Olympic Adventure

Congratulations to Scott Bowden on his Australian representation at the Olympics. Scott competed in the mountain bike event and was also co-opted to form part of the teams cycling road race.

Scott attended the College from 2008-2011, and was the Vice School Captain in his final year. In 2011 Scott went on a Federally-subsidised trip to WW1 landmarks and battlefields in Belgium, France and Turkey as part of his prize for being a Tasmanian winner of the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize for essay writing. Scott was also one of the Guest speakers of the opening of the Memorial Wall and Garden during the Centenary Celebrations.

A major influence on Scott’s career has been current SVC teacher Mr Steve Aitken who introduced him to the sport in Grade 7 and has continued to coach and mentor Scott to this day.

As a gesture of appreciation Scott’s family and the Hobart Cycling community raised funds to send Steve to Rio to support Scott. Steve’s recount of his experience:

This year I was incredibly lucky to be given the opportunity to represent the College community and carry their good wishes and support to Scott Bowden, who was competing in his first Olympics in both the Road and Mountain Bike (MTB) races. I am truly indebted and so very thankful to so many generous people for giving me this experience.

Before I left for Rio it was pretty phenomenal to watch the Road Race on the TV. To see Scottie working for a couple of superstar team mates, whom only six years earlier he had cheered around the Geelong World Championship course, spoke volumes about his focus, tenacity and dedication.

In the MTB race, Scottie rode incredibly well through the race. His starting position was from the very back row, and in the early stages of the event was moving through the field well.

Unfortunately he took a tumble on a particularly nasty wet and muddy off camber and root riddled section on Lap 1, and even though he bounced straight back up, he gave back many of the positions he’d just accrued. Over the next six laps of the very demanding course he worked his way through the field to be up into 35th position. With a lap to go an unusual decision by the Race Director saw riders being pulled out of the race. Scott and current reigning two time road World Champion Peter Sagan, were very unlucky as they were pulled out from the race just as they were about to catch a group in front of them, the group having just snuck through before officials began stopping riders.

Had he been allowed to continue I have no doubt that Scottie would have progressed at least another four and perhaps five places.

After the race it was captivating and enlightening to watch all the riders from around the World; to see their emotions, tears of joy and distress, and those of their families and friends; shared pain, jubilation and relief. Whilst Scottie was slightly disappointed to have had a fall and at being pulled out early, there were absolutely no excuses given. Instead he demonstrated a quiet and humble pride at having given his all on the day, as well as looking forward to the goals and challenges that he would set himself for the future.

It was an overwhelmingly humbling experience to be there with Scott and his family and one that I will always cherish. The thought of witnessing such an outstanding young man riding with the world’s best on the biggest stage still gives me goosebumps. I will always be grateful to those who set the wheels in motion for me to get over and cheer for Scottie, particularly Principal Damian Messer, Scottie Williams, the Roberts, Gittus and Hoare families, Samantha Fox and so many more incredibly generous people who helped to get me over there. I was also incredibly lucky to be able to tag along with Scottie’s amazing parents Gaye and Garry, and his very talented partner Liv. Most of all I would like to thank Scott. The way that he has conducted himself throughout the last couple of years in the lead up to Rio would be a model that many of us could follow in our own lives. Hardwork, perseverance, respect, passion and selflessness are all hallmarks of this Old Virgilian who has taught me so much. I am sure that I speak for all who know him when I wish him well with his future endeavours.
Dr Scott Brennan  
(SVC 1995-98)

In December 2015 former College Captain and Beijing Olympic rowing gold medallist Scott Brennan married Kim Crow. In August, Kim Brennan won the women’s single scull event at the Rio Games. A considerable amount of media attention was given to the happy couple, in particular Kim’s achievement in matching her husband’s gold medal feat. Much was also made of their extended separation, as Kim focussed on racing and Scott on his medical career as an Emergency Department specialist in Canberra. A sporting glamour couple indeed!

Jack Riewoldt  
(SVC 2001-04)

Jack Riewoldt celebrated his 200th AFL game in Round 21 against Geelong. Jack has played the most games of any Old Virgilian comfortably surpassing Brodie Holland (155 games with Fremantle and Collingwood) and Trent Nichols (112 games with Richmond, West Coast and North Melbourne).

Tony O’Byrne  
(1957-64)

During the 2016 Australian Council of Education Leadership (ACEL) Conference in Sydney Tony O’Byrne was awarded an ACEL Fellowship for his committed and passionate teaching and leadership in Catholic education spanning over more than 40 years. Tony’s most recent leadership role was Principal at Aquinas College at Ringwood from 1989 until his retirement in 2013. In his retirement, Tony has taken on many roles including the Independent Chair of Catholic School Parents Australia. The photo shows Tony receiving his Fellowship from Dr Jim Watterston (ACEL President).

Simon Dwyer  
(SVC 1974-79)

Former Principal Br Russell Peters contacted the College to share an article in Nairobi Kenya’s Daily Nation featuring OV Simon Dwyer (SVC 1974-79) who has been sent to Nairobi to work for KPMG. Simon certainly has his work cut out to bring some sense of integrity to public and private administrations, for as Br Russell notes “there are almost daily accounts of the looting of public assets”!

James Bourke  
(SVC 2008-11)

James continues to excel with his singing career. Many would recall him as a Year 10 student being a soloist at the Centenary Mass at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. At the 2016 Hobart Eisteddfod James won the Open Music Theatre Award as well as the Jazz / Contemporary Popular Song (Open) title.

Gaetano Palmese  
(SVC 1973-78)  
and Paul Cockburn  
(SVC 1979-82)

At the recent Tasmania Architecture Awards, two former students were among the prizes - Gaetano Palmese (SVC 1973-78) and Paul Cockburn (SVC 1979-82).
Ironman Matt Bevilacqua defended his Molokai to Oahu paddleboard title (53 km) - winning the gruelling race in record time in Hawaii.

As well as collecting back-to-back Molokai titles, Matt also finished third in the 2016 Nutri-Grain Ironman series behind Shannon Eckstein and Ali Day. Matt, a regular visitor to the College, also finished second in this year’s Coolangatta Gold. In the same event Craig Sly (SVC 1978-83) placed second in the 50+ division of the iconic race.

Caleb continues to make a great impression in Tasmanian cricket recording a century in the first Futures League game for the year. This resulted in selection in the first Shield game for the year, a day/night pink ball game at the MCG against the might of Victoria. The Tasmanians were well and truly outplayed and Caleb was given a working over by a high quality attack that included test star Peter Siddle. Unfortunately he was dropped after the MCG game but will no doubt be pushing for a place in the XI during the year.

On November 5 Alex won the first race of the final round of the Formula Renault Monoplace Challenge at the Estoril circuit in Portugal and in doing so secured the overall title. His rise through the ranks could be fast-tracked with an upcoming test for British ‘star factory’ Fortech Motorsport – potentially landing him a drive for the Eurocup next season. The surprising thing is that he is not old enough to qualify for an ordinary’ car license, still being on his L-plates when he drives in Hobart!

Kyon Johnson (SVC 1972-79)

Kyon was elected to the role of Chairman of the Tasmanian Football Council. He was previously president of the Southern Football League for five years – a position taken over by one of our current parents - Madeleine Ogilvie MHA – daughter of Albert Ogilvie Junior and Great Granddaughter of foundation student Albert Ogilvie.

George Mamacas (SVC 1976-81) and Nick Di Giovanni (SVC 1976-80)

Two of the Presidents of Victory League soccer clubs are Old Virgilians - Olympia’s George Mamacas (SVC 1976-81) and Hobart Zebra’s Nick Di Giovanni (SVC 1976-80). Both have been heavily involved in player and coach recruitment and game development for many years.

James Parkinson (SVC 2001-04)

James, in what is said to be an Australian-first, was one of the pair of divers to have captured footage of stunning marine life on a granite reef off Freycinet Peninsula off Tasmania’s East Coast this year.
In September Craig Deayton was announced as the third Principal of Guilford Young College. Craig is currently Principal of Sacred Heart College, New Town. An acknowledged educational leader, he has been a Principal in Tasmanian Catholic schools since 1994. Craig in his ‘spare time’ has had published a history of the 47th Battalion in WW1 entitled “Battle Scarred”.

Ben Boyle, the College Captain in 1991, has established the Tranquil Point Centre at Deep Bay near Cygnet. Ben was a member of the Australian Army for 13 years. He reached the rank of Captain and saw service in East Timor. Ben has used yoga to help him through post-traumatic stress disorder and the death of his newborn son.

The College seems to have a penchant for producing motor racing stars with Josh Burdon (SVC 2005-08) from BlackArts Racing recently winning the 2016 Asian Formula Renault Series Class A Overall Champion title. Josh will be heading to Spain to test the Formula Renault 3.5 as the reward from Renault Sport during winter testing. He will be testing in Circuito de Jerez, a 4.428 km racing circuit located close to the city of Jerez de la Frontera, deep within the sherry-producing south of Spain. After the six rounds and 12 races in 2016 AFR Series, Josh accumulated 282 points with seven first placings and ten podiums in total.

Mike Noga, former Drones drummer-turned-solo artist was featured in the Hobart Mercury’s, Tas Weekend Magazine. He was in Hobart to perform at MONA Mike was with the Drones from 2004-14 and has enjoyed a successful career in music since leaving the College.

Daniel Groom won the Australia Cup and was crowned the Under 18 schoolboy champion in May this year. He was also named in the Australian Merit Tennis Team at the end of the tournament. In 2017 Daniel will commence a tennis scholarship at a University of his choice.
Whistle Blowers...  
Jacob Bevis (SVC 2011-2014) and Declan Waddington (SVC 2012-2015)

Jacob Bevis (SVC 2011-2014) (centre back) and Declan Waddington (SVC 2012-2015) (front right) were selected to umpire at the 2016 National Under 16 Championships on the Gold Coast after impressive performances in the Tasmanian State Football League.

Jacob ran the boundary, whilst Declan was a central umpire, with both receiving positive feedback from AFL coaches in attendance.

As a result of his performances in the Under 16 Carnival, Declan has been appointed to the panel who will umpire the inaugural AFL Women’s League competition at grounds across Australia.

Nick Tremayne

Nick has enjoyed a distinguished hockey career which has taken him to all parts of the globe. Highlights include:

- SVC hockey – 1996-99
- Various Tasmanian state underage sides 1997-2003
- Australian Under 21 squad 2002-2003
- National Development squad 2007 and AIS European Tour 2007
- Hockey South Best and Fairest 2012 and 2013
- Derwent Men’s A grade Premierships coach 2013
- Derwent women’s A grade premiership coach 2011

The Story of the (nearly) Second SVC Site

In 1956 Br JM Hessian purchased the Austins Ferry property. What is not generally known is that in 1947, Principal, Br EC Fields, had commenced a search for ‘suitable site in the country, near Hobart or Launceston’. In 1947 there were 431 students on the Barrack St property – 101 were boarders.

To quote from Br Field’s correspondence at the time: - For some time the Brothers who have taught at the College have realised the need to transfer the boarding section of St Virgil’s College to the country. The advantages are apparent: present congestion at the College would be relieved, the country provides simpler recreation, healthier living, and cheaper maintenance; and the move would help arrest the drift of our boys to the city especially if some form of agricultural boy training could be provided.

The land that Br Fields pursued was part of the original Woolmer’s Estate near Longford at the junction of the Macquarie and South Esk rivers – some 250 acres.

The acquisition did not eventuate because ‘such land can only be used for purposes as provided in the War Service Land Settlement Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States, that is, the settlement of eligible ex-servicemen as farmers.’

Prior to the recent Northern OVA Luncheon members of the Executive from Hobart visited the property – whilst it was spectacular, due to its location its acquisition would have radically changed the history of the College.
Reader Contributions

The Archives Office is always appreciative of feedback received from readers of Words and Deeds. As a result the Archivists have been able to add to the list of the College’s high achievers.

- **Added to the list of sporting internationals:**
  - **Wes Roach**
    (International Water Polo and spent time at the AIS in Canberra)
  - **Nick Tremayne**
    Australian Under 21 Hockey

- **Added to the list of civic award winners:**
  - **Peter Heerey AM QC**
    In 2012 for service to the judiciary through the Federal Court of Australia, to the development of legal principle in the areas of intellectual property, trade practices, and military law, and to the community.
  - **David Keating OAM**
    In 1982 for services to Sport: Commonwealth Games

Request for photos / clippings from the 1950s during which time no Year Books were produced.

Thank you to John Brook and Peter Madden for their contributions.

Any more out there?

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**William (SVC 1991-94) and Duncan Young (SVC 1992-95)**

This photo was included in the 1994 Yearbook acknowledging William and Duncan’s success in the Australian Mathematics competition. Where are they now you might ask? In 2016 Duncan has had the role of Census 2016 Program Manager at Australian Bureau of Statistics whilst William is the ICT Leader at Australian Bureau of Statistics in Adelaide. Whilst the online census resulted in a great deal of frustration for many Australians it is important to note that the problems associated with the census were attributable to IBM - not to Duncan!

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**James Mulcahy** (SVC 1954-58) contacted the College with a remarkable tale that was ultimately solved by the Archivists - I recently purchased the picture postcard below from a deceased estate in Bundaberg Queensland. It shows the recreation grounds at the old College site in Barracks Street. There is no indication on the back of the card as to who is the printer or who is the photographer. At a guess the picture looks around 1920 vintage. My fascination with the card is that I am confused by where the court is in the picture. Is it in the College grounds or is it across the road? I played a lot of tennis at College and as a member of the College tennis team we would regularly practice across the road at the St Mary’s Club courts and on occasions at private courts in Brisbane and Mole Streets nearby, under the guidance of Brother Joyce. The St Mary’s Club had three or four courts from memory, but there is only one court in the picture.
Archivist Bruce Woods solved the mystery advising James:

The photograph you have is of the tennis court which was built at the time the College was constructed, the photo was published in the first Virgilian magazine in December 1911. I have attached an aerial image from the St Virgil’s College Prospectus of 1932 that shows where the tennis court was situated (number 8) in the picture. As you can see it is towards Patrick street and it was taken over by the soccer field that would have been there when you were at the college, also in this photo the chapel and north wing had not yet been built. The second image is from the 1918 Virgilian Record looking from the tennis court back to Barrack Street with the Arch Bishops Palace in the top right corner, the St Mary’s tennis courts are to the right of the Palace from this perspective.

James left the College in 1958 and acknowledges his memory of schooldays has faded. James pursued a career in Chemistry thanks to the inspiration given to him by Brother Hessian. He also played competitive tennis, as a result of the encouragement and enthusiasm afforded by Brother Joyce.

James notes that he has never been back to St Virgil’s but is keen to find time to take part in the OVA celebrations in 2017.

James’ contemporary Peter McGee (SVC 1953-58) is a regular visitor to Melbourne for the Spring Carnival races. Followers of his Facebook feed will also know he is a lover of fine dining, often posting from restaurants across Tasmania and when in Melbourne. Peter recently shared a day at the races with Tony Dowd and James (Jim) Mulcahy – Thankfully they still have the shirts on their backs!

Carl Renshaw (SVC 2015)
Finalist in the Triple J ‘Unearthed’ Competition

Congratulations to former St Virgil’s student Carl Renshaw (OV 2015) who reached the finals of the Triple J Unearthed High Competition. This was an amazing achievement as the judges had to score through about 1000 tracks from more than 700 artists to narrow down their search for the best high school act in the country to just five finalists. Whilst he did not make the final, fellow 2015 SVC graduate Nick Machin was also well regarded in the competition, featuring on the Unearthed website.

Obituaries

Terrence (Terry) Charles Morgan
MB BS FRACS (1943-2016)
(SVC1953-60)

Terry passed away peacefully on August 17, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. Terry had a unique distinction in relation to St Virgil’s College – he is the only person to have twice held the position of Head Prefect – 1959 & 1960. He was very gifted academically and was Dux of the College in his final year.

He also excelled at sports representing St Virgil’s in football and cross-country but particularly swimming going on to win the Tasmanian backstroke championship in 1962. He also represented Tasmania in the national water polo championships. He Captained the SVC Swimming Team in both 1959 and 1960. This coincided with a remarkable period of success in this sport at the College. 1960 was the first statewide carnival – Saints were victorious and over the next nine years claimed a further eight titles.

Terry started 1st year medicine in 1961 at the University of Tasmania and went to Adelaide in 1962 for the remainder of the six year course. Terry went to England in 1969 for a year and then returned to Adelaide where he did all his general surgical training gaining FRACS in general surgery in 1973. He decided
to specialise in Urology and underwent this training in outstanding centres in Wellington New Zealand and at the National Urological Hospital in the UK. He returned as a Consultant Urologist to the Royal Hobart in 1977 and started private practice. Initially he shared rooms with Alan Holmes but after a year he rented rooms at 278 Macquarie St and subsequently bought those rooms. He remained as a Consultant Urologist at the Royal until his retirement in 2003.

Terry had a passion for skiing and indulged that passion as often as he could. Despite his illness he was off again this year in early February skiing in Europe. He was a most generous and very, very substantial donor to the David Collins Foundation and the Menzies Institute for Health Research.

Terry was farewelled by his close knit family and many of his St Virgil’s contemporaries with whom he maintained lifelong friendships.

Bernard Gillon
21 May 1938 – 20 March 2016
(SVC 1946-54)

Bernard had an outstanding teaching career with the Tasmanian Education Department. He held senior positions in a variety of schools, retiring as Principal of Mount Stuart Primary School in 1993. As a mark of the esteem with which Bernie was held, the crescent bordering the Mt Stuart schools named Gillon Crescent. His ability to inspire and facilitate academic and sporting achievement while nurturing his charges was widely acknowledged.

During his College days Bernard developed a love of music and the arts. In time he became a life member of the Orpheus Choir, a member of the Riverside Arts Club and was a regular in the annual University Revue. Bernie loved his sport. He had a long involvement on the hockey scene, both as player and a coach, and enjoyed his game of tennis.

Bernie also loved travelling and history. He travelled the world forming new friendships.

To numerous others within the local community he was known as “Bernard”, mentor and friend. He provided incredible support to refugees, always giving a helping hand, caring for them, supporting them and educating them in the ways of their new homeland whilst always respecting their origins. He had a particular involvement with the Sudanese community – he taught numerous members to drive, was Godfather to two and arranged and paid for three young lads to have a holiday on the Gold Coast. He took on a father like role for these lads from ‘up the road’ and liaised with their schools (including St Virgil’s and Sacred Heart) to ensure that education was a priority. He was indeed a man who lived the motto of the College, ‘By deeds not words alone’.

Dr Leon Gillam
(1927 – 2016)
(SVC 1948-54)

Dr Leon Gillam, an eminent surgeon, passed away July 8 2016. He is survived by children - Elizabeth, Dane, Louise, Lincoln. Son Jason tragically died in London two weeks after his father and his wife of 62 years Dolores sadly passed away on October 6 2016. Leon’s sisters, Joan and Betty were prominent students and athletes at St Marys College.

Leon was the son of Superintendent Ted Gillam of the Tasmanian Police Force and Mrs Gillam. Leon was an Under Officer in St Virgil’s College Cadet Unit and after matriculating, joined the Royal Australian Air Force. When the war ended he was accepted into the Faculty of Medicine at Adelaide University, where he met his wife Dolores. After graduation, Leon furthered his medical experience at Launceston General Hospital and the Belfast University Hospital. As Leon wanted to specialise in Ears, Nose and Throat Surgery and Dolores in Dermatology, a transfer to Sydney was undertaken.

Twelve years was spent in his specialty before being awarded his Fellowship followed by membership of ASOHNS.
On purchase of a property at Cobbity near Camden, NSW, Leon and Dolores opened a Medical Centre at Campbell Town.

He had obtained his Private Pilot Licence and spent time in his Cestna aircraft.

Cobbity became an important venue for Old Boys of his era to renew acquaintances and enjoy the Gillam’s hospitality. This was reciprocated on their annual visits to Hobart where Leon enjoyed reliving the stories and experiences of his childhood. Like many of his colleagues, he was firm in his opposition to the change of name of St Virgil’s College Barrack Street, not only because of its tradition but as a continuing symbol of hope and enlightenment.

2015

Paul Raymond McNaughton  
5/8/54-27/10/15 (SVC1966-1971)  
Good friend of Gregory Williams (SVC 1963-1970) and Brendan Hunter (SVC 1965-1971)

May

Ian Geoffrey Sharpen  
5.5.1943 - 18.5.2016 Father of Jeremy (SVC 1989-94)

John William Street  
(SVC 1943 - 49). From the 1949 Year Book: John Street was Head Prefect in 1949 and was a member of the successful football and cross country teams – he was adjudged best on Ground in the State football victory over Grammar. He won the 880 yards and the mile at the State Athletics and was a member of the senior cricket team. (Any information regarding John’s post school years would be greatly appreciated. Ed.)

Andrew Robert Jackson  

June

Patrick John Fahey  
5.6.1930 - 18.6.2016  (SVC 1943 -48)

Ian Russell Dolan  
1946 - 29.6.2016 (SVC 1960-62)  
Father of Patrick dec. (SVC 1988-93)

July

Richard Zenon Bogus  
4.1.1941 - 2.7.2016 Father of Shane (SVC 1981-86)

Gwenyth May McCormack  
(Bloomfield).17.4.1921 - 9.7.2016  
Mother of Fr Phil McCormack (SVC 1957-62); grandmother of Clinton Walker (SVC 1978-83).

August

Dr Terence (Terry) Charles Morgan  
1943-2016  (SVC 1953-60)

Christopher John Byrne  
1959 - 2016  (SVC 1970 -76)  
Brother of Wayne (SVC 1962-67), Ross (SVC 1966-71) and Stuart.(SVC 1978-83)  
Died suddenly.

Thera Beatrice Heerey  
August 10, 1923 - August 17, 2016 Aged 93  
Loved and loving wife of Frank OAM.  
Mother and mother-in-law of David (SVC 1962-69) Richard (SVC 1964-72) and James (SVC 1972-79)

September

Rex John Mundy  
1927 – 2016. (SVC 1943-46). Father of Leigh,(SVC 1965 – 70) and John (SVC 1965 -72)

Margaret Kathleen Fournier  
1949 - 2016. Mother of John (SVC 1988-93) and Patrick (SVC 1991-94)

Timothy Denis Kelly  
1941 - 2016, (SVC1949-57)  

October

Leo Bernard Kelly  
Passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Loved husband of Barbara. Loved father of Paul (SVC 1979-85), Simon (SVC 1979-87 ) and Stuart (SVC 1984- 89)
Mary Ashlin Stringer  
1925 - 2016. Mother of Paul  
(SVC 1962 - 63)

Hugh Hutchinson  
1943 - 2016 Father of Stephen (SVC 1981 - 86), Andrew, (SVC 1984 - 89) Joseph  
(SVC 1991 - 94) and Gregory (SVC 1991 - 94) and father - in - law of Shaun  
Reardon (SVC 1977 - 85).

Nikola Ivkovic  
Father of George (SVC 1992 - 96)

Paul Bernard Yard  
4.9.1948 - 22.10.2016 (SVC 1955 - 64)  
Passed away peacefully on October 22, 2016, after a courageous battle with  
MND

Alan Guy Wallace  
27.02.1933 – 22.10.2016 (SVC 1941 - 51)  
Brother of Bob (SVC 1947 - 53) and Gary  
(SVC 1950 - 58 dec.)

Ian Wilson Coad  
1932, - 2016. (SVC 1948)

November

Geoffrey Royce Wright  
7.1.1932 - 3.11.2016 (SVC 1945 - 48) Father  
of Chris (1966-73), father - in - law of Shane  
Morgan (SVC 1968 - 73), grandfather of  
Matthew Wright (SVC 1995 - 96), Daniel  
(SVC 1993 - 96), Joseph (SVC 1995 - 98)  
and Ben (SVC 1998 - 2001) Morgan and  
Aaron (SVC 2001 - 04) and Dion (SVC  
2005 - 08) Clark, Chris and Daniel.

Neville Stanley Schofield  
1936 - 2016 (SVC 1949 - 51). Father of  
Chris (SVC 1983 - 88), Grandfather of  
Connor Schofield (SVC 2014- ) and  
Chris (SVC 1994 - 99) and Denis (SVC  

Marriages

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