KENTIAN SOCIETY

SUPPORTING KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Chairman's Report

More than 5,000 attended the highly successful 70th Anniversary Celebrations. We thank Lach MacKinnon (Chairperson), Lynne Walsh (Secretary), Celine Turton (School liaison), Ross Allen (Publicity) and the rest of the committee, for a well organised and memorable day.

After many years of covering the cost of the Kentian Society mail outs, Ron Doughty has sold his business and will no longer provide this service. We thank Ron for his great long time support and urge all members still on our postal list, to provide us with an email address. We will be reviewing the situation in the near future.

We welcome Lach McKinnon, John Matson and Pat Sanders to the Kentian committee. Lach manages the membership and alumni databases**,** Pat assists Judith with the archives as well as editing most Society publications and John is an active member. I thank the whole committee for their efforts during the past 12 months.

Many ex-students have sort proof of enrolment and copies of academic records. Unfortunately, a large number of these have not been collected so we are reviewing this service with the possibility of introducing a $25.00, prepaid, search fee.

We express our condolences to the family of Nigel Bednall. Nigel was a well respected and inspirational staff member and aviator.

Thank you, Peter Burns for your professionalism in carrying out the 2010 audit.

The 2010 annual report of the Kentian Scholarship Foundation will be published on its website:
<http://kentst.wa.edu.au/foundation/>

The times that Kentian Centre is open will now be: Every Thursday from 9.30am to 1.00pm during school term except for the second Thursday of each month, when it will 2.00 to 5.00pm

Anyone who would like to join the committee or help in the archives on Thursdays is most welcome.

Bill Prince
Chairman

The Kentian Society Needs Your Help!

All past and present students should join. The Kentian Society needs to be a powerful and active part of the local school community to ensure that Kent Street Senior High School continues to provide a vital role in the education of students in the southern suburbs.

There is a need for a strong Society to maintain and continue to record the School's history. It is important that Kent Street carries on as a vital element of the State's education system and that the Kentian Society has a role to play in this. you should join and also give thought as how you may be able to support the Society's activities.

To those members who have changed your address and/or phone numbers in the past two years, please note there is a membership update form on our website.

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70th Anniversary Celebrations

On Saturday afternoon, 30th October 2010 over 5,000 past and present teachers and students attended Kent Street Senior High School to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of the school in 1940.

Highlights of the afternoon included the huge range of memorabilia from each decade in the classrooms around the Upper School quadrangle and provided a focus for the many ex-students, meeting again for the first time in decades.



Indeed, in some classrooms – the 40s, 50s and 60s – and on the verandas outside, conditions were so crowded it was difficult to move.

The afternoon was officially opened by the Minister of Education, Dr Elizabeth Constable who, along with the Director General of Education Ms Sharyn O'Neill, was very pleasantly surprised at the huge turnout.

Past Head Boy, Andrew Vlahov, spoke recalling some of his experiences and indicating the importance of the years at the school in shaping his life. He also took the opportunity to remind the Minister that the school was still in need of air-conditioning!

The celebratory cake was cut by Mr Norm Bradshaw, who enrolled in 1940, and the current Head Girl, Ms Pimsiri Pattanasuk.



For a successful event such as this there is of necessity many groups and individuals contributing their time and energy:

- The 70th Anniversary Committee. Members included Lachlan McKinnon (Chairperson), Lynne Walsh (Secretary), as well as Ross Allen, Bob Pride and Barry Thornton who did such a good job promoting the event, Bill Prince and Chris Lesiter from the Kentian Society who so ably looked after the interests of your Society, and Matthew MacKenzie, Poppy Malon, Adam Vilaca and Kevin Bowen.
- Staff representatives Celine Turton, Rod Beresford and Ken Pascoe also worked hard throughout the year on the project.
- The cricket group who took up the responsibility of organising and running the bar on the afternoon.



- The Rotoract group who ran the sausage sizzle and cool drink stall.
- The Victoria Park Rotary Club for their assistance on the afternoon.
- The canteen ladies and the Home Economics staff and students who provided afternoon teas for many people throughout the afternoon.
- The teachers who stepped forward to organise displays of current work in the school – these included the Fashion display, Aviation display, Physical Education and Science display, the Geosciences display.
- The many staff who gave of their time on the afternoon to assist with the running of the event.

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- The students who contributed by working hard on the afternoon



- The countless people, who over the years, have given their time in organising the school archives and the wonderful collection of memorabilia that is now stored in the Kentian room and
- The past and present students who gave up part of their Saturdays to repair and prepare the displays of memorabilia for the afternoon.

Thanks go to all.

Lach McKinnon
Chairperson
70th Anniversary Committee

Class of 2010 Record Graduation Rate

The Graduating Class of 2010 achieved a record graduation rate of 99.3%

Of the 137 students, 40 have direct entry into an Western Australian University through their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, or ATAR, scores.

An additional 15 students have received provisional entry into Edith Cowan, Curtin or Murdoch University.

In 2010 two students were awarded Certificates of Excellence for achieving at least ten A grades in their final two years of secondary education.

Of the 99% of students who also studied a Certificate I or II course, 77% successfully completed their Certificate qualification enabling them to enrol in TAFE.

Former students Emeritus Professor John Bremner, Mr Rod Della of Rio Tinto and Brad Dalzeill were among the many dignitaries who made presentations.

Finance Report

Account	2009	2010	+/-
Commonwealth Bank Cheque a/c	$2,728.75	$87.28	-($2,641.47)
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit	$27,500.00	$5,300.00	-($22,200.00)
Members Equity a/c	$982.81	$4,049.84	$3,067.03
Totals	**$31,211.56**	**$9,437.12**	**-($21,774.44)**

The reason for the decline in members funds was the establishment of The Kentian Scholarship Foundation.

The Kentian Scholarship will in future be funded by the Kentian Scholarship Foundation, a registered charitable organisation with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status.

This Financial Report for calendar year 2010 was prepared by Treasurer Chris Lesiter and Audited by Peter Burns. The Audited Financial report for the society were presented at the AGM.

Chris Lesiter
Treasurer

Year 8s Travel Back In Time

On Friday March 4, a number of our esteemed past Kentians took the time to impart some knowledge about the history of our great school to the current Year 8 cohort during their Studies of Society and Environment, or SOSE, lessons.

Three sessions were organised, beginning with an opportunity for students to ask questions about how things used to be when the Kentians attended this school many years ago.

The next session involved students being taken by our Kentians on guided walking tours of the school grounds, where explanations were given about the history of the original buildings and the sorts of classes that were conducted in them.

The third session had the groups viewing and discussing the school's archival collection, which includes things such as old uniforms, past class photographs, early textbooks and writing implements, old home economics equipment… even the infamous cane!

Together our Kentians, past and present, looked through a window to a bygone world and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. To show our appreciation, our Kentians were treated to a lovely luncheon, followed by refreshments after school.

All involved look forward to repeating the experience with our new Year 8 students in 2012.

Ken Pascoe
Head of Learning Area
Society and Environment

Reunions

Class of 1961 – 50th Reunion

If you were in 1st Year 1957 up to 5th year 1961 this event is for you. If you are interested in joining the Organising Committee and/or attending the reunion, email <kentian.kentstreet.shs@det.wa.edu.au>

Class of 1991– 20th Reunion

To be held on 12th November 2011. For more information about this reunion please visit their Facebook page or contact us.

Class of 1956 – Annual Reunion

Held on the first Sunday each November at 12 noon at the Vietnamese Memorial, Synergy Playground, Kings Park.

Archives Report

After many years of dedication Judith Lee is ready to relinquish responsibility for the important and on-going enterprise of keeping the Archives.

Pat Sanders has agreed to take over from Judith as Archivist at the end of the year and in the meantime is assisting her, gaining the skills and knowledge of her experience.

We are continually accumulating photos, press notices, printed material, memorabilia, etc. to be catalogued and stored as The History of Kent Street Senior High School.

Following the School's 70th Anniversary last year we have collected many more items that await sorting, recording and storage.

The exciting news for us is the imminent move (before the end of the year) to a new home for the Kentian Society and the Archives in the reconstructed Science Block in the School.

This will provide us with a comfortable work and meeting room as well as a larger storage area: The Dungeon. The Archives will be stored safely and efficiently in a large Compactus System, an expensive outlay for the Society.

If you are able to assist with a couple of hours on a Thursday morning to sort, record and store items or a donation towards the substantial cost of the Compactus we will be most grateful.

Judith Lee
Archivist