KENTIAN SOCIETY

SUPPORTING KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Chairman's Report

The last newsletter was due out while I was in China. Since then a lot has happened.

The general activities of the Society have continued with Pat and Vicki involved in the never ending task of updating the Archives and its catalogue. The compactus looks immaculate, the catalogue works well and we have had extra and much appreciated help from Bill Shepherd. There has been a steady trickle of ex students contacting us for records and information with most of them agreeing to being added to our contact list.

Unfortunately a few notable alumni have left us, namely Karen Baster, Rose Corker, Don Cousens and Don Smallman. Don Cousens is remembered as an inaugural committee member of the Kentian Scholarship Foundation and for his generous support of the School's 70th Anniversary. Our condolences are passed on to their families.

The Kentian Society no longer has use of the free postal service so I again urge those who have not given us an email address to do so. I also ask those of you on our postal list, who have been uninvolved with the Society since the original $20 sign-up, to renew your membership or let us know if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter by post. After 21 years your contribution has been less than $1 per year so you have had value for money.

There are ways you can become involved in assisting the Alumni and the School such as: participating in the Year 8 Orientation day, helping in the archives, attending the AGM and joining the committee.

The last point is probably the most important for the succession of the Society and the Foundation. With 8 committee meetings per year this is not an onerous task. By the next AGM, all except two committee members will be over 70 and have last attended Kent Street SHS before 1962. If you are mobile, live within a reasonable distance from the school, are retired or semi-retired please think about becoming involved. You may enjoy it and we need you. Contact the Society or the Foundation with your expression of interest.

Bill Prince
Chairman

Patron: Bob Linfoot
Chairman: Bill Prince **Secretary:** Lach McKinnon **Treasurer:** Christopher Lesiter
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2013 Kentian Scholarship Foundation Presentation Assembly

The Kentian Scholarship Foundations' Presentation Assembly was held on 27th September, 2013.

In attendance were the Kentian Scholarship Foundation Trustees Rod Beresford, Bob Linfoot, Bill Prince and Kath Ward; Donors Marcus Harris, Bob and Elaine Linfoot and Jean and Peter Stokes, Foundation Executives Pat Pinkus and Coralie Towers; Regional Executive Director of Education Margaret Collins; Kentian Society Treasurer Christopher Lesiter and Kentian Society Secretary and Photographer Lach McKinnon.

This year five scholarships were awarded each worth $1000, including the inaugural Earth and Environmental Science Scholarship. Since 2004 a total of seventeen scholarships have been awarded, initially by the Kentian Society and currently by the Kentian Scholarship Foundation.

This year for the first time ever Life Membership of the Kentian Scholarship Foundation has been awarded to Jean and Peter Stokes for their substantial generosity and the establishment of the Jean and Peter Stokes Education Fund within the Foundation.

In addition Marcus Harris has been made an Associate of the Kentian Scholarship Foundation for his support. He is a retired Geologist and volunteer with the Australian Institute of Geologists.

2014 Kentian Academic Scholarships:

Sandon Dutt and Rohan Khanna

2014 Earth and Environmental Science Scholarship:

Edvinda Singh

2014 Jean and Peter Stokes Education Fund Scholarship:

Emily Bayliss

2014 Jean and Peter Stokes Fashion and Design Scholarship:

Ruth Cantwell

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75th Anniversary

Another major celebration is coming up: the School's 75th anniversary since its beginnings' in 1940. We need to be mindful that the current committee is few in number and are getting old and worn out.

If we are to have any celebration we need new people with energy and ideas. We also need to know what Kentians want: please email society@kentians.org.au with ideas, how to achieve them and your willingness to contribute.

"Don't leave it - do it now"

Lachlan Mackinnon