From Our President

POSA is always looking at ways to improve and strategise how best we can serve the Pembroke Old Scholars Community.

With this focus, new initiatives supported this year were:

• The Pembroke Old Scholars Tennis Club, which played in the winter pennant competition this season. Based on its success, the club intends fielding six teams in the summer competition—a great effort.

• Old scholars have attended training for a girls Soccer team to play in next year’s collegiate competition.

• The quarterly Old Scholars lunches in Adelaide continue. These lunches are a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, with a core group now established and expanding.

• The School held the first POSA Mentoring Breakfast, attended by students and old scholars. This event provided an opportunity for students to discuss their future vocation plans with experienced old scholars, both old and new, across various vocations. Both the School and POSA considered this event a great success and I cannot understake the pride I felt attending and supporting the initiative. To quote one old scholar: ‘I wish we had had an event like this when I was at School’.

Each of these initiatives has achieved success beyond our expectations.

Also of note was an ‘Over 30’s Legends’ Football game between Pembroke and Scotch College. This event, supported by POSA and the Football Club, was one of the largest Old Scholar events I have seen in many years. In front of 500 supporters, Pembroke won through in a tough hard-fought game. At a cocktail party in the evening, I saw several sore players being carried up the stairs! Well done Scott Kennett (88–92), Roger Rasheed (81–83) and David Dall (85–92) for initiating and organising the event. The day was a tremendous success, with proceeds raised going to charity.

As you may have read in this and the past edition of the Pembroke News, it has been a sad year for the School community in the passing of several old scholars and a Year 12 student. POSA has assisted the School in supporting the Pembroke Community through these occasions. Of recent note, I would like to acknowledge Chris Mehaffey (59–67), who was Captain, Coach, inspiration and mentor to so many within the POSFC and also the broader community.

In the last edition I highlighted the size and depth of the Pembroke Old Scholar Community. POSA continues to embrace the use of new technologies, allowing us to engage and involve more old scholars than ever before. The active network continues to grow as POSA looks forward to providing meaningful ways to meet their needs. We always encourage your feedback and new ideas on how best we can serve you.

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