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## OFFICE BEARERS

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The Honourable John Cain

Vice President:  
Dr Robert Gibson

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Mr J Andrew Binns

Vice Chairman:  
Mr David N Sparks

Head of College and CEO  
Mr Eugene Spanti

## MR NEIL TAYLOR RETIRES



Mr Neil Taylor retired this year from Graduate Council after ten years and served as Chairman between 2004 and 2007. Neil has given generously of his time throughout his term. He has attended all functions and events, accompanied on many occasions by his charming wife, Dorothy. His financial generosity can be seen throughout Graduate House, from the camels which grace the dining room to the outdoor terrace for which Neil so generously donated the furniture and other accessories. The Taylor Family will also have a conference room named for them in the Stella Langford building, presently under construction.

Neil will carry many memories away with him about his time on Council and later as Chairman and has shared some of his reminiscences below.

‘I joined the Graduate Union as a Life Member in 1975 but due to work commitments did not attend functions until the late 1980s. In the 1990s I regularly attended monthly luncheons and enjoyed not only the quality of topics delivered by competent speakers but also the friendship of members. To understand more of the Graduate Union I enjoyed a luncheon at the Sheraton with the Secretary-Warden, Fran O’Brien who outlined the Union activities and a job made more difficult by much gratuitous advice and minimal staffing. A few days later it was with great surprise, sadness and grief that I was informed of her sudden death. Interim arrangements for our operation were made and in 2001 Eugene Spanti was appointed Secretary-Warden and later Head of College and CEO. With an impressive record, he soon settled into the new position and a new era evolved.

Dr John Binns was Chairman when I joined the Council as a co-opted member in 1999. Frank Lees became President and took as his mantra ‘harmony in the Union’ and this desirable goal was thankfully achieved. John Binns was keen to see the Graduate Union prosper but ill health and his untimely death meant a change of leadership. Dr David Bellair took over the Chairmanship and with great diligence, determination and patience led the affairs of the Graduate Union.

The building project at 220 Leicester Street proceeded apace and once completed in 2004 with new offices, dining and conference facilities, the Graduate Union flourished. As Chairman it was great to see the property matters concluded and utilization of the site. The Honourable John Cain succeeded Frank Lees as President and brought wisdom, dignity and quiet counsel reflecting his experience and knowledge gained from a lifetime in public life.

The Building Committee and its current Chairman, Dr Robert Gibson, have guided the Stella Langford redevelopment project with the prospect of an official opening early in 2010. I anticipate a thriving future. It has been a pleasure to have served on Council. I have left Council knowing much has been achieved in the last decade. I value the friendship of members and an excellent staff, always efficient with a cheerful approach to the needs of councillors, members, residents and guests.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**27 Aug** Twilight Lecture Series

Speaker: Mr Michael Thurston,  
US Consul-General

Topic: 'Iraq: Perspectives from  
the Front'

**2 Sept** Monthly Luncheon

Speaker: Mr Roscoe Howell,  
Topic: "Modern Day Slavery"

**7 Oct** Monthly Luncheon

Speaker: Professor Margaret  
Gardner, Vice-Chancellor RMIT

**22 Oct** London Celebrity  
Chefs' Reunion (Wine Dinner)**4 Nov** Monthly Luncheon

Speaker: TBA

**1 Dec** Twilight Lecture Series

Speaker: The Governor of Victoria  
Professor David de Kretser A.C.

**2 Dec** Monthly Luncheon

Speaker: TBA

**4 Dec** Chairman's Cocktail

Party

**11 Dec** Members Christmas

Party

*Santa, Entertainment and Prizes*

## DONATIONS

**Building Fund:**

\$50 Ms M Cole,  
Mr M Mahood

**Residents Assistance  
Fund:**

\$200 Ms S Wilson  
\$100 Mr/s N Crew

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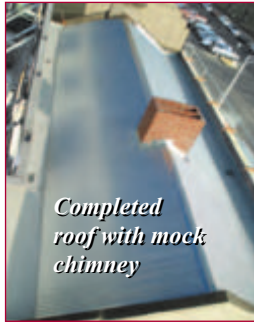
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## STELLA LANGFORD PROJECT UPDATE



Completed  
roof with mock  
chimney

It is a longstanding observation that when building a house it is about half finished when it reaches 'lock up' stage. A similar observation may well be made about the Stella Langford Project. All the concrete floor slabs have now been poured, all of the concrete panels are in place and the roof on the apartments is near enough to complete. We have taken delivery of the Lift, which was installed on 20th July and expected to be commissioned at the end of September. With the building somewhat weather proof it will be possible to complete the break through for the connection with the existing buildings.

The main electricity supply cable has been strung through the ceiling space. Graduate House was shut down from 8.30am to 6pm on Saturday, 25 July so that the electricians could open the back of the main switchboard and install the additional circuits to supply the Stella Langford Project. If you approach Graduate House from across the street, as I do, you will see the mock chimney rising above the roof line, which will satisfy Heritage Victoria. From here on there is the detail of fitting out and finishing. Another report will advise how this work is proceeding in the next issue.

*Dr Robt. Gibson*

## THE STELLA LANGFORD PROJECT APPEAL

**Appeal total at 31st July: \$109,250.00**

**Naming of Conference Room:** Miss Marjorie Hewlett Atkinson and her family have given the sum of \$25,000 and will name the third Conference Room in honour of family members.

**Naming of Apartments:** The sum of \$10,000 was received from Mrs Margaret Munro Hendy who will name one of the apartments in the Stella Langford building.

**Donors since the April edition:-** Mr F Anthony, Dr P Ashton, Mrs E Barnes, Mrs P Boaden, Miss G Bowles, Prof D & Mrs J Bradley, Mr D Brooke, Dr T Brown, Miss E Butt, Mr A Campaign, Ms N Couchman, Mr W Cushing, Dr J Dawkins, Mrs M Dean, Ms M Dowling, Miss M Edmondson, A/Prof J Epstein AM, Mrs L Godfrey, Mr G Goode, Dr J Guest, Miss B Green, Dr W Hamilton, Mr G Hardy, Dr D Hart, Dr A Jabara, Mr H Johnston, Dr F Jones, Mrs P Kay, Miss B Keay, Mr J Landy AC CVO MBE, Mr R Manuell, Mrs M Maslen, Mr K Mawson, Miss W Morsby, Mr E Muntz, Dr A Parker, Dr J Robertson, Mrs E Sevier, Mr J Skuja, Dr G Sinclair, Dr B Taylor, Dr M Thomas, Mr L Thomson, Dr G Vaughan, Mr B Webb, Ms J Wellings, Mr T Werner.

## NEW MEMBERS

*The following members joined the Graduate Union. We welcome them and look forward to their participation in our members' programs.*

**Life Member**

Dr J Robertson, BA, MA

**Ordinary Members**

Mr L Arnold, BA(Qld), MA

Dr M Berclouw, BA, BLit., MA(LaTrobe),  
PhD(LaTrobe)

Mr D Butterworth, CompSciHons(Monash)

Dr M Carden, MBBS, PhD

Mr T Corney, BA(Deakin), MA(RMIT)

Dr R L Jones, BA(Hons), DipEd: MEd,  
PhD(Monash)

Mrs B Kermond, BA, BLit, MA

Ms W Lang, BA(Oxford), MA

Dr L Martin, BA, PhD

Mr R Murphy, BCom, BEd(Monash)

Mrs D Refshauge, BSc

Dr J Young, BCom, BAHons, PhD.

**New Graduates**

Mr R Austin, BMus, MTeach

Miss M Chen, BArch

Mrs C Haslam, BLitt

Mrs R Martinovici, MPH

Mr S Tickner, MAgriBus

Ms S Wallace-Rolley, BA

**Associate**

Mr Frank Anthony, Filmshot Graphics PtyLtd

*All degrees are from University of Melbourne unless otherwise noted. Degrees are stated as presented on members' application forms.*



## LETTERS

*From Barbara Brewer, Member since 1996*

Many thanks for organising such a successful day (the DeBortoli Winery Tour in June). We left the bus so unexpectedly at Swanston Street, I only had time for a hurried goodbye - especially to the driver who was the nicest man. If an opportunity arises to contact him, please let him know that he added enormously to the trip as he had detailed knowledge of the recent fires. We were lucky with the weather and the food was excellent. I asked about that wonderful bread and apparently they sell it on weekends only. Once again, thank you for organising the trip. If I'd known there was a stop at Lilydale, I'd have asked my daughter in law's parents - he used to be a member but might join again for such an incentive as he's a great wine man.

*From Jeannine Lees, wife of Past-President, Mr F. Lees*

Thank you so much for providing such a charming venue for me to celebrate my special birthday and reunion with my family. A delicious meal was served and thanks must go to Chef for the wonderful birthday cake aptly served by Martin and Rosie. The flowers, which are particularly beautiful, are gracing our lounge and much admired.

*From Lucy and Yew Chuan Bay, from National University of Singapore Society (NUSS)*

My wife and I would like to thank all of you for making our stay at Graduate House a most memorable one. We will definitely come back to stay when we visit Melbourne. Further, we will definitely promote your place as a place to stay in Melbourne. In addition, we would like to thank you for the souvenirs of the place which will bring us pleasant memories. I will be delivering the items to NUSS this afternoon, and will be writing an article about my pleasant stay. By the way can you send me copies of the photos we took together at Graduate House. Thanks once again for making us have such a good time. Warmest regards.

*From Margaret Schintler, retired Member of Staff*

I want to take this time to thank you so much for my farewell evening, the watch and the membership to Graduate House. The flowers for Julia were outstanding. The speeches by yourself, Rosie and Tim were quite touching. It was lovely to catch up with all who attended. You know, I've really enjoyed working at Graduate House and I will miss you all, but I'm sure we will catch up from time to time. Thank you once again.

### Death of Professor Emeritus Peter Reade

Members who served with him on Council and Committees will be saddened to hear of the death of Peter Reade on 2 June. A strong supporter of the Graduate Union over several decades, he first came to Graduate House as a resident in 1968-69 while then Professor of Dental Medicine and Surgery in the University of Melbourne. He was also active in dental science research and served on national and international organisations. Peter Reade was Chairman of the Graduate Council in 1972-74, Vice-President in 1974-77 after which he was appointed a Fellow of the Graduate Union. He served as Vice-President for a second time in 1991-92. He is remembered for his wise and calm demeanour when dealing with Council and Committees and for his special interest in the resident post-graduate community in Graduate House. Our condolences go to his wife Ene, children Wendy, Kate and Tom and their families.



*Barbara Funder*

### VALETE

*Since publication of the last edition of The Melbourne Graduate we have been notified of the deaths of the following members:*

Mrs J Davidson (Life Member joined 1958)  
Mrs I Friedrich (Life Member joined 1943)  
Capt K Gardner (Life Member joined 1968)  
Mr J Giddy (Life Member joined 1959)  
Mr Keith Grant (Life Member joined 1954)  
Dr J Hall (Life Member joined 1960)  
Prof Emer P Reade (Member joined 1968)  
Prof Emer S Siemon (Life Member joined 1978)

*The Graduate Union appreciates the support of these members and extends condolences to their families. We regret that space constraints do not allow individual acknowledgement of each deceased member.*

***Members interested in being a part of the activities of the Graduate Union  
are invited to join the  
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.  
This Committee meets approximately once each month for lunch at Graduate House.***

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of The Graduate Union was held on 28 May 2009. The Honourable John Cain, President and Chairman of the meeting, welcomed members saying that the meeting was being held when members could be pleased and proud of what is being achieved across the Union's activities generally and more particularly the progress of the Stella Langford Project which was a great achievement in a short space of time. The Chairman of The Graduate Union, Mr Andrew Binns updated his published report. He said it had been another outstanding year with solid financial results, particularly in the hosting of conferences and in the providing of accommodation. Accommodation had reached 100% occupancy on several occasions. The Chairman also reported additional reciprocal partners as a result of the Head of College's overseas trip during the year. He said that increasing membership is a challenge and one which is being addressed by the Membership Committee. One initiative now being offered is a year's free membership to all new graduates of the University in 2009. It is hoped this will lead to an increase in member numbers.

The Chairman also advised of Council's interest in introducing a Research Scholarship, or Grant, awarded annually to a resident of Graduate House. While details are yet to be finalised, it is anticipated the first scholarship will be awarded at the end of 2009.

The date for completion of the Stella Langford project was announced as 11 November which, the Chairman said, could steer the Union in a new direction with an emphasis on high quality accommodation and greater diversity of activities for members. He said also that Graduate Council was very aware of the importance of maintaining the atmosphere of community and kinship for which the organisation has always been recognised.

The Financial Statements were accepted, following discussion about funding of the proposed scholarship and loan repayments.

Due to the Returning Officer's absence overseas, the President read out the report supplied by him, which gave a general overview of the election process, together with the number of nominations, vacancies to be filled and their terms of office. The President then formally declared Mrs Glenda Fisher, Mr David Eyres, Mr Andre Cleghorn and Dr Christopher Booth elected until 2012, with Mr Daniel McInerney and Dr Andrew Roberts elected until 2011. The President congratulated the candidates on their election to Council. The meeting also continued the appointment of Mr A Law as Auditor for 2009.

Max Architects gave an excellent and detailed pictorial presentation showing the various stages of the development from the very beginning to the current day. The meeting concluded with 'Other Business' which included a variety of opinions and questions about the nomination and voting process, council members' attendances at meetings and various ways of encouraging membership.

*Draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting are available to members on request.*

## - NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL -

**Mr David Eyres** - David went to school in Ballarat and Geelong and studied architecture at Melbourne University whilst living at Trinity College. After graduation he worked in New York and London and enjoyed travelling overseas, including driving a van from London to Bombay. Most of his work as an architect was with Mockridge, Stahle and Mitchell and involved all aspects of architectural practice, including designing school and university buildings, chapels and restoration work. David lives in Kalorama. In retirement he has returned to earlier interests including painting (designing and painting sets for musical theatre), the garden and music. David has a son, Michael. His wife Anthea died 11 years ago.



**Dr Christopher Booth** - Chris holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of New South Wales. Upon graduating, he conducted laboratory research at hospitals in Sydney and Brisbane. He pursued a career in technology commercialization, then worked in Venture Capital whilst completing his doctorate at the University of Queensland. He is now an investment consultant to high-growth companies. Chris is married to Iris. They live in Box Hill and as yet have no children. Chris's interests include music, film, food and travel. He and Iris recently spent two weeks in Europe, taking in Paris, Provence, the Cinque Terre, Florence and Venice.



**Mr Daniel McInerney** - Daniel joined the Graduate Council in December 2008. He is a Barrister, with degrees in Economics and Law from the ANU and a Masters from UNSW. Prior to being called to the Bar, Daniel worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Australian Government Solicitor, and the ATO. He moved to Melbourne in 1996, having grown up in Canberra with four brothers and three sisters - which may help Daniel understand some of the concerns of our graduates living in group accommodation. He and his wife Dee live in Glen Iris. Outside of work, Daniel enjoys nothing more than reading current affairs or anything by a long dead author, Steinbeck and Hemingway among his favourites. Running, when his shin splints don't play up, is also a keen interest.





## – LUNCHEONS SPEAKERS –

**April** – A large group enjoyed a great meal and a fascinating talk by the **Right Reverend Dr Peter Hollingworth AC OBE**, a distinguished clergyman and former Governor-General of Australia. His theme was that life turned around an ‘Eternal Cycle’ – change, decay and renewal”. Dr Hollingworth stated that the moral values of religions,



irrespective of one’s personal beliefs or non beliefs, were a protection against the negative aspects of the ‘eternal cycle’. These insights are found in all the mainstream religions, including Buddhism, Christianity and the greater part of Islam. He instanced the moral core of all the main faiths and in passing noted that a conference of all major faiths would be held in Melbourne later in the year and devoted to ‘Harmony’.

A very vigorous question and answer period followed. A wide range of religious topics were dealt with, with humour, insights and compassion. The views of Dr Hollingworth showed to all our members why he is a man who is held in distinction in Australia. He is also a man of feeling and compassion, doubtless a feature of his religious background.

*Darren Room*

*(Dr Hollingworth quoted from “Universal Wisdom - A Journey Through the Sacred Wisdom of the World” by Bede Griffiths. It was first published by Fount/Harper Collins in 1994).*

**May** – **Jan Dimmick** gives her time as a volunteer to many organisations. One organisation is the Melbourne Cricket Club where she takes tours and enlightens groups about its long history stretching back virtually to Melbourne’s beginnings. Sport, however, is her first love and her favourite sport is tennis which she has played since she was a child and to a top pennant level. She took up umpiring because of her love of the sport and has umpired at the Australian Open for nearly 20 years. She had many amusing anecdotes about tennis ‘names’ she has met over the years, including being on the receiving end of John McEnroe’s famous temper. She said despite this encounter she rather liked McEnroe who was always kind to children and signed autographs when asked. Not the case with many other players. Although Jan was quite unassuming about her talents and successes, she did say that she had been awarded a Centennial Medal for services to sport and had carried the Olympic Torch in 2000. She volunteered for the 2006 Commonwealth Games and was chosen to represent the volunteers at a lunch with the Queen. It was an excellent lunch and a very entertaining talk.



**June** – **Sophie Maj** officially retired in 1997 from the position of Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at the University of Melbourne. She was the University’s first female Engineering academic. Sophie has written a book



called *Living in Interesting Times*, about her life. She was born in Warsaw, the child of school teachers. The family fled to the Soviet Union after the German army occupied Poland in September 1939 when she was four years old and they returned to a devastated Poland in May 1946. Sophie said although life

was not easy in the Soviet Union, they received nothing but kindness from the Russian authorities and the Russian people. In fact, she said, they saved her life and she cried when she heard about Stalin’s death.

Sophie’s address centred mainly on her travels through Europe and her eventual arrival in Australia. Although the family returned to Poland after the war, they fled once again following a pogrom in the provincial town of Kielce during which 42 Jewish survivors of the war were killed. They decided to leave Europe for good, and once again as illegal refugees, took to the road. Sophie matriculated with honours in 1953 and graduated in 1957, the year she also married. In 1958 the whole family moved to Australia. Although well educated and proficient in Russian, Polish and French, they had no English which narrowed their employment options considerably.

Following the tragic death of her younger son, she became a volunteer in Compassionate Friends, a self help organization for parents and siblings who have lost children. Her husband died in 2000 and life alone after 50 years of marriage has been difficult to get used to. These days Sophie keeps busy writing, reading, playing bridge and enjoying her grandsons.

**July** – **Dr Jim Peacock** was Australia’s Chief Scientist from 2006 to 2008. He is an award winning molecular biologist and fervent science advocate. He received the 2005 CSIRO Lifetime Achievement Award for his tremendous impact over the last 40 years. In 1994 he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for outstanding service to science



particularly in the field of molecular biology and to science education.

Dr Peacock has actively promoted science education in Australian schools. He has championed a successful new program for primary schools which links science with literacy. He also established the Discovery Centre which showcases CSIRO research activities to students and the general public and includes the Green Machine facility where school pupils have hands-on science experience and Industry Link where key decision makers of industry learn the value of supporting modern science, particularly gene technology. Dr Peacock is currently a CSIRO Fellow and Chair OCE Science Team. He drives innovative communication efforts to inform the general public about the outcomes and value of modern science and has brought the excitement of science to a broad cross-section of the community.

## MEMBERS

If you happen to be in the bistro for lunch on the first Friday of the month, you might see a happy group in the back corner eating and chatting. “Nothing unusual about this” you might say. However, if you listened to this group you would hear that they are speaking in French, although none of them is a native-speaker. In 1985, John and Marlies Johnson decided that it would be a good idea for a group of fluent French speakers to get together each month over lunch in order to speak nothing but French. The idea caught on, and since that time these lunches have been occurring. Of course, membership of the group has changed, as has the venue. For some time now we have been meeting in the bistro where we really enjoy the seafood buffet provided by our wonderful chef, Rob Goodman.

Eugene and the dining-room staff always make us feel welcome and even speak a few words of French to us. Consequently, when we leave the bistro we are well-fed and very happy after having such an enjoyable time.

*Heather Kudeviita (member of the group)*

### Birthdays Celebration

On 22 April Dr Phillip Law celebrated his 97th birthday at a lunch in the Bistro, with old friends Dr Chris Stewardson, John Heath, Peter Bachem and Mick Madsen. Dr Law is an eminent Australian and a long time member of the Graduate Union. He particularly requested that his special day be celebrated at Graduate House. Dr Law was President of The Graduate Union between 1971 and 1977.



## RESIDENTS

**Sonja Schimo** – Sonja is a biochemistry student from Johann Wolfgang-Goethe University in Germany. She completed her intermediate diploma and has now come to Melbourne to do practical training within the research group of Professor Anthony Gordon Wedd at the University of Melbourne. There she will be introduced to the world of copper transport proteins and work on the interaction between the copper uptake pump Ctr1 and the cancer drug cis-platin. This is her first visit to Australia. Sonja is looking forward to knowing about the Australian landscape and people. She especially enjoys being near the ocean and hopes to see some whales during her 3 month stay.



**Larissa Hunka** – As well as spending the last six years climbing snow drifts and fending off polar bears, she has also managed to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. With two years “on the job” experience at an acute care hospital in her hometown of Edmonton Alberta Canada, she was sponsored to be one of the first registered nurses to take the peri-operative program being offered at Grant MacEwan College. Ready for a change, and hopefully much nicer weather conditions, she hopes to gain additional work experience in Melbourne. In her spare time Larissa enjoys an active lifestyle and adventure racing. This past year she trained for her first marathon in Las Vegas and ran at the Canadian Death Race in Grand Cache, Alberta.



**Irene Tey** – I come from the city of Johor Bahru in Malaysia and came to Australia in 2007 to do my undergraduate studies at the University of Queensland. After two years of chasing deadlines and late night studies I completed my Bachelor of Science. I am really excited in starting my Master of Nursing Science here in the University of Melbourne. My hobbies include karaoke singing sessions and cooking. I take pleasure in meeting new people, gaining new experiences and enjoy a good conversation over a cup of coffee. I look forward to my year ahead in the Graduate House and to having a great time.



**Ghazal Akbaridoust** – I’m Iranian and I completed my Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Agricultural Engineering–Food Science and Technology in Iran. The main focus of my studies and researches, especially during the Master of Science course, was on dairy science. I arrived in Melbourne in May (it’s the first time that I come to Australia) to start a three year Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program at the Department of Food and Land Resources. My major studies during these three years will be on milk flavour compound.



**Simon Chun Kwan Chui** – Simon was born in Hong Kong and raised in New Zealand. Having completed his professional architecture degree at The University of Auckland, he decided that he liked academic research quite a bit more than architecture practice, so he went on to complete a research Masters Degree. This only reinforced his conviction that teaching and research are much, much more interesting than drawing bathroom plans and window schedules, and so he is here to have a go at PhD studies at The University of Melbourne. Simon is really interested in things like urban design, urban politics, community development, sustainability, and computer games.



## – TWILIGHT LECTURE SERIES –



The first of the lectures followed the Annual General Meeting on 28 May. While 2008 Lecture Series had a specific theme which followed various aspects of the US elections, the 2009 Series will feature three speakers, all eminent in their fields, speaking on a subject of current interest.

The first speaker in the 2009 Series was **Professor Robyn Eckersley** from the School of Political and Social Sciences at The University of Melbourne. Professor Eckersley reviewed the history of the negotiations of the climate regime and evaluated the prospects of a successful post-Kyoto agreement emerging at the forthcoming conference in Copenhagen in December 2009. She concluded that the prospects did not look bright, given that the targets and assistance offered so far by major developed countries fall well below what has been recommended by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and demanded by the G77 and China.

### Vale – Ken Goodman, a member for 77 years.

It was with regret we learnt of the death of Ken Goodman in Auckland in his 96th year. Ken joined the Graduate Union in 1932 and many members will remember him from his teaching days – at Box Hill High in the 1950s, Papua New Guinea in the 1960s and Swinburne 1966-1974. He was Inaugural student Warden of Swinburne Institute in the early 1970s. He retired in 1974 and retained an active interest in Swinburne's transitions over the last 35 years. A Champion of VESV and DWDV for 30 years, Ken continued working as a volunteer for the Voluntary Euthanasia movement in Auckland well into his 93rd year. A pedagogue by training and nature, a gentleman always, he was constantly learning and was always amazed at what he could discover on Google a technology he adopted in his late 80s. One of his singular triumphs was passing his driving licence for his 96th birthday. Ken was accompanied on his final journey by readings from his anthology of poems.



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*Glencoe*

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## RECIPROCAL CLUBS

### ITALIAN CLUBS

(a review by Heather Kudeviita)



It may interest some readers to know that last year I visited two of the universities with which we have reciprocal arrangements obtained for us by the work of Eugene Spanti.

I had planned a holiday in Italy, Switzerland and several of the Mediterranean islands and so decided to stay at both the University of Sassari and the University of Padua. I stayed for three nights in both these places where I had a single room with a small fridge and a small colour TV and attached en suite.

In both places I was made to feel most welcome and was sorry to leave. In Sassari there was no dining room but in the basement of the student accommodation building there was a huge supermarket where any type of food wanted could be purchased. There was a restaurant and a bar where I had my breakfast. The building in which I stayed was quite close to both the train station and the bus station so it made getting around very easy.

In Padua the accommodation was further away from the station



but there were frequent buses in to the centre. As the charge was only 35 euros a night I felt it was very reasonable. People interested in Venice often stay in Padua where accommodation is much cheaper and much more easily obtained.

There are very frequent trains to Venice and the journey takes only thirty minutes.

Thanks again to Eugene for organising this and I look forward to visiting any more universities with which he gets the same benefits for members of the Graduate Union.

***Tour of Southern Italy leaving in September 2010***  
***More Information Coming Soon***

## QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2009

The Graduate Union congratulates the following members recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

### Medal of the Order of Australia

Assoc Professor Peter T McTigue OAM, Life Member joined 1960

Mr Keith E Richards OAM, Life Member joined 1969

Dr Nona M Seward OAM, Member joined 1959

Mrs Anne M Smith OAM, Life Member joined 1970

Dr Micheil F Sweet OAM, Life Member joined 1974



# FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE



I am delighted with the direction of the Graduate Union and current advancement. The Fundraising Appeal has been progressing very well and I am pleased to announce that naming rights have been taken up for all the ground floor Conference Rooms in the Stella Langford building. Andrew Cochrane and his sister Fiona Cochrane have named one for their parents, Donald Cochrane CBE and Margaret Schofield OAM, both graduates and past staff members of the University of Melbourne. Former Chairman, Neil Taylor has named a second for the 'Taylor Family' and Marjorie Hewlett Atkinson and the Hewlett-Atkinson families will name the third to honour the memories of several family members. John and Alison Kearney, together with Mrs Margaret Hendy have each donated \$10,000 and taken up the opportunity of naming apartments. In July we received a generous donation from The William Berry Post-Graduate Trust which has been allocated to refurbishment of terrace bedrooms including painting and carpeting.

As you know, the Southern Italy Tour planned for September this year was postponed due to some concerns about the effect of the unexpected global financial crisis.

Thankfully in Australia at least, the economic climate appears to have improved and I am pleased to advise that the tour will go ahead in 2010. Our travel agent is currently in contact with her Italian counterpart and details of the tour will be advised as soon as they have been finalized. I expect departure will be around September when the weather in Southern Italy is at its best.

I hope all members will continue to give to the fundraising effort as well as the various funds which assist residents and contribute to the upkeep of the terraces. The current Fundraising Appeal has a broader concept than previously and includes a call to businesses and the corporate sector for support.

The year to date has been busy with accommodation and conferences at record levels. The popular monthly luncheons and dinners have continued to attract many members and the 2009 Twilight Lectures Series is also proving to be successful. At the Annual General Meeting in May, Dr Christopher Booth, Mr Daniel McNerney and Mr David Eyres joined Graduate Council and I look forward to working with them over the next three years. I think members appreciated the development update given by Max Architects at the AGM which gave a good overview of progress, including how problems were dealt with as they arose. Thankfully the project is still running on time and the official opening is being planned for later this year. I thank you all most sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

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