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Our Social Events

AGM
2nd August 2015
Springers Leisure
Centre
Keysborough

Blue & White Dance
26th September 2015
Springvale Town Hall

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From the President

We come to the end of another financial year (2014-2015). Overall it has been a successful year and I would like to thank all the Committee members for their dedication and hard work over the past year.

The attendance at the June dance was disappointing and we have to consider whether it is viable to have another dance in June next year.

I appeal to all our members to attend the AGM on Sunday 2nd August as we have some important decisions to be made at this meeting. Please attend and provide your feedback as to the direction COBA should take in the future.

We are looking for more Committee Members to join our General Committee. There is a heavy workload and pressure on the depleted Committee at present.

If any of you are interested in joining the Committee please complete your nomination form and post it to the secretary by the due date.

This year Anzac Day on the 25th April 2015 was the centenary of the landing of Anzac troops at Gallipoli. Many troops perished on this day 100 years ago including Indians and many Anglo Indians among them. As a mark of respect COBA Members were requested to meet at the Shrine of Remembrance St. Kilda on Sunday 26th April 2015. A few of the Committee members and their families visited the Shrine where they recited a short prayer and placed flowers at the site.



Loftus Callanan

Annual General Meeting

2 August 2015, Springers Leisure Centre

Keysborough

Party Equipment

If you are planning a party, we have generous sized Bain-Marie's for hire. Revenue generated from this contributes towards our scholarship fund. A big "Thank you" to those who have hired our equipment and donated generously towards our mission. Please contact us if you are interested.

Contact: Gerard Fernandez Mobile: 0439 197 627

Editor's Note

It certainly has been a cold winter this year in Melbourne. We hope you are all staying warm. In this edition, we bring you an article contributed by a heroic policeman in the UK, an update on our upcoming events and an introduction to a couple of our committee members.

Your contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. So if you have an article or an anecdote that you feel would be of interest to the wider Campion family, please forward it to us. We receive messages to our Facebook page from old Campion boys from across the world trying to locate their long lost school-mates. The spirit of the association is to strengthen the ties between past-students of the school and we're happy to help you reconnect. Some of you may still have a few old photographs from your Campion days. Please share them on the COBA Australia Facebook page. You could be pleasantly surprised by the connections it may create. We would appreciate you sharing those images with the rest of us rather than letting them rot in a cupboard.

COBA is more than just an old-boys association that you connect with once a year at the dance. We need your support on our real mission. What's our real mission? Join us at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 2nd August at Springer's Leisure Centre to discuss our way forward in our commitment to sponsor needy students as they pursue their studies at Campion.



Royston James
(Editor)



Christine Fernandez
(Co-Editor)

A poem many of us may relate to

I remember the food of my childhood,
The curries & pickles made with chillies and spice
When the servants helped with the housework,
And the dog chased buffaloes, goats, cats and mice.

The curries never needed a fridge,
And the chappaties were well baked and hot
We children were seldom unhappy
And Ma was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the dudhwalla
Mixed with water and no cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from a firewood stove
And not from the fridge and the take-away shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game of gooley-danda or cricket with their mates in the road.
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.
I remember the shop on the corner,

Where bhajias, bondas and jignut toffee was sold.
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it...I'm just getting old?
I remember the 'loo' was the lavatory
And the bogey man came in the night,
It wasn't the least bit funny
When the electricity failed and there was no light.
Clothes were washed on the riverbed rocks
By dhobis who mixed up the wash.
And they used a hot coal iron
That burnt a hole in our jocks

I remember the slap on my back
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.



I am Ashley Joseph Bastian. I studied in Campion under Fr Masters, Fr Merrifield, Fr Hession, Fr Thambi, Fr Macedo and a few more.

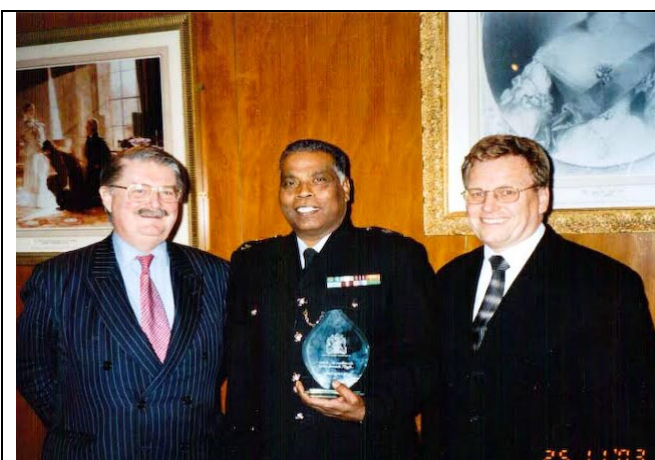
My father's name was Joe Bastian. My elder brothers Terrance Bastian and Winston Bastian were Campion boys as were my younger brothers Clayton and Bevin Bastian.

On leaving Campion, I joined the Army and rose to the rank of Major before taking an early retirement. After passing out from the Army Cadet College and the Indian Military Academy my first posting was to Jammu and Kashmir where I came face to face with the "enemy". I was later posted on attachment to the Corps of Military Police in Bangalore for almost five years. I was then posted to Nagaland where as a Post-Commander I was in charge of three villages on the Burmese border.

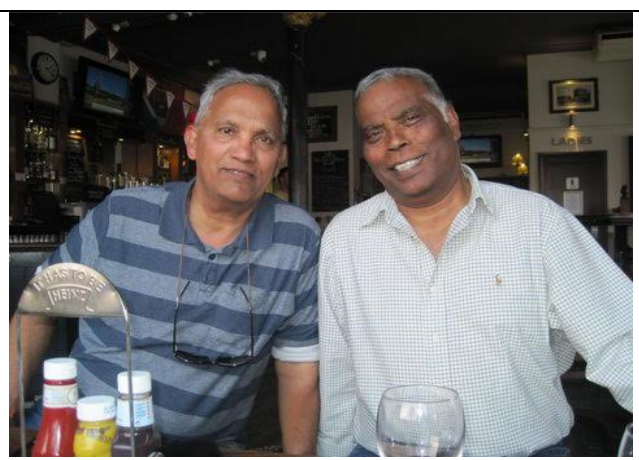
My last posting was on the Siachen Glacier. Even though this was the toughest terrain, I loved it and spent two tenures there. I then moved to the UK where I took up a job in the security industry and later joined the Royal Borough of Kensington police force. The highlight of this job was my arresting a man wanted for various crimes. Even though he stabbed me with a chisel I grappled with him and brought him to the ground. For this act the Borough Commander of the Metropolitan Police awarded me a commendation for bravery and determination and the local mayor presented me with a trophy for Excellence of service.

When I visited Australia in June 2014 a few Campion boys organised a lunch for me which was highly appreciated. Among those present were Lester Bates, Rodney and Melroy Almeida, Glen Johnson, Joe Lopez, Maurius Menaud, Gordon Armstead, Kelland Bird and a few others.

Joe Lopez convinced me to join COBA which I am glad I did. Now I am up to date with the achievements and activities of the Assn.



Ashley receiving the trophy for excellence of service



Ashley and Marius Menaud in 2015

Member Profiles

Cedric D’Rozario: A Champion student (Class of ‘54), Cedric has a mechanical engineering degree from PSG College of Engineering, Coimbatore. After his migration to Australia, he secured a post-graduate degree in Heating Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC) at the Swinburne College of Technology and a Master of Engineering Science degree at the Monash University. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers Australia. He has been the principal consultant on several major overseas projects. These include the Hong Kong International Airport (Chep Lap Kok), the Australian Embassies in Riyadh and Beijing. His publications on tall buildings, indoor-air quality in hospitals and computer modelling on energy consumption of prototype commercial buildings are widely read.



Cedric has represented Champion in hockey. He has continued his sporting activities and recently scored a hole in one at the Woodlands Golf Club.

He is the first president of COBA Australia and is an active supporter of all our initiatives. Cedric lives in Melbourne with his wife Deanna. They have 2 daughters Desiree Ann and Tracey Anita, a son Darren Joseph and 2 grand-daughters Shae Kashmir and Carla Maya.

Gerard Fernandez: Gerard completed his higher-secondary at Champion (Class of ‘93) and his bachelor’s degree in English Literature from Bishop Heber College in Trichy in 1997. He migrated to Australia in 2006 and joined the COBA committee the same year. He has worked with Premier Automobiles (marketing arm of Ford Australia for Jaguar, Land Rover and Volvo) as a marketing co-ordinator and with the Australian Football League (AFL) as part of its membership services.



Gerard joined the Victoria Police in 2011. He features in the promotional-videos of the City of Greater Dandenong welcoming new migrants and refugees as part of the city’s multicultural unit. His current assignment is with the family-violence unit at Frankston.

Gerard is currently Vice-President of COBA Australia. He lives in Cranbourne with his wife Christine and daughters Ava and Ella.

Obituaries:

SHARON ROZARIO, class of 1978 passed away in Melbourne at the age of 54.
Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family.
"May His Soul Rest in Peace"

RUDY PATTERSON, passed away in Brisbane on 17th Jul. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Iona, sister Joyce, brother Terrence, Stanley & Bernice D'monte and all members of the family.
"May His Soul Rest in Peace"

Special Events:

CONGRATULATIONS to Raymond and Sylvia Carvalho who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the 21st Jun 2015.



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Blue and White Dance

Saturday 26th September 2015

Springvale Town Hall

Melway Ref: 79 K11

7.30PM – 1.00 AM

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FOOD ON SALE

LIVE MUSIC BY

“COLORS”

&

“Whirlwind”

ENTRANCE

ADULTS : \$ 25.00
CHILDREN Under 12 yrs : \$ 10.00
CHILDREN Under 5 yrs : FREE NO SEAT

Dress: Neat (No Jeans / Sneakers)
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BOOKINGS

Bernard D'Lasselle	9568 4548
Christopher Quental	0406 207 639
Cleaton D'Cruz	0433 999 625
Gerard Fernandez	5998 5728
Gerard Horne	0412 869 707
Joe Lopez	9557 7560
Kevin Bellet	0402 163 195
Loftus Callanan	9369 7735
Marius Lobow	5996 9101
Melford Rouse	8794 9552
Robert Starr	9515 8510
Royston James	0408 266 436

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The advertising rates are as follows:

\$400 for a full page colour ad valid for three issues in the calendar year.

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\$300 for a full page Black & White ad for three issues in the calendar year.

\$150 for half a page Black & White ad.

Please contact Loftus Callanan on +61 3 9369 7735 or by email at lcallanan@optusnet.com.au if you're interested.

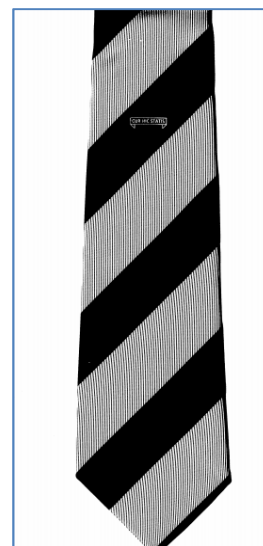
COBA Items for Sale

New Design COBA Neck Tie

This tie has been streamlined and not as wide as the first one.

It also has the school motto "Cur Hic Statis" included.

Price: \$15 including postage.



If you are interested in purchasing the tie please contact Loftus Callanan on +61 3 9369 7735 or by email at lcallanan@optusnet.com.au

The proceeds from the sale will be credited to our Scholarship Fund.

Our Australian Life Members

ELLIS	Sydney	Skye	VIC	CONYERS	Jennifer	Clarinda	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Jude	Mulgrave	VIC	HICKMAN	Lucien	Hampton Park	VIC
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FULLER	Tyrone	Hawker	ACT	RODRIGUES	Brenda	Templestowe	VIC
RODRIGUES	Ouida	Oakleigh East	VIC	CORREA	Jude	Thomastown	VIC
COTTER	Cecilia	Auburn	NSW	FERNANDEZ	Laura	Noble Park	VIC
COTTER	Gwendoline	Sefton	NSW	GONSALVEZ	Austin	Dandenong	VIC
COTTER	Leslie	Sefton	NSW	ROUSE	Norma	Noble Park	VIC
COTTER	Milton	Auburn	NSW	COLOMB	Noel	Glen Waverley	VIC
RODRIGUES	Robert	Chester Hill	NSW	BATES	Lester	Caulfield East	VIC
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GONSALVEZ	Cyril	Narre Warren Sth	VIC	ROUSE	Alester	Berwick	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Dawn	Mulgrave	VIC	ROUSE	Melford	Noble Park	VIC
LOPEZ	Joseph	Bentleigh	VIC	D'VAZ	Don	Dandenong North	VIC
KEIN	Royce	Oakleigh South	VIC	CARVALHO	Raymond	Narre Warren	VIC
WRIGHT	Neville	Springvale	VIC	D'ROZARIO	Priscilla	Keysborough	VIC
PAUL	Gary	Springvale	VIC	D'ROZARIO	Cedric	East Brighton	VIC
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KEIN	Campion	Mulgrave	VIC	MICHEL	Gavin	Lynbrook	VIC
HICKMAN	Dymphna	Hampton Park	VIC	GOMES	Patricia	Berwick	VIC
LOPEZ	Audrey	Bentleigh	VIC	GONSALVEZ	Llewelyn	Keysborough	VIC
D'MONTE	Eric	Wantirna	VIC	JACOB	Rex	Sunshine	VIC
MC CONVILLE	Audrey	Dandenong North	VIC	GONSALVEZ	Craig	Figtree	NSW
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MICHEL	Kevin	Karratha	WA	FERNANDEZ	Christine	Cranbourne	VIC
D'MONTE	Vernon	Mulgrave	VIC	MICHEL	Juan	Hampton Park	VIC
D'MONTE	Mercy	Mulgrave	VIC	ATKINSON	Edgar	Roxburg Park	VIC
PATERSON	Vera	Park Orchards	VIC	RODRIGUES	Dudley	Braybrook	VIC
D'LASSELLE	Bernard	Carnegie	VIC	DEMONTE	Stanley	McDowall	QLD
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D'SILVA	Emmanuel	Kottayam	IND	HART s j	Fr. Rodney	San Juan	PH
D'CRUZ	Ralph	Nepean	CAN	BOUT	Aubrey	Florida	USA
BAYER	Alroy	Coimbatore	IND	PEARS	Milton	Surrey	UK
PAUL	Maxwell	Isle of Wight	UK	RAMAKRISHNAN	Nair	Chennai	IND
CLEMENTS	Winston	Tiruchirappalli	IND	SUKUMARAN	Arumugam	Chennai	IND
PILARRD	Henry	Cumbum	IND	BASTIAN	Ashley	Hounslow	UK

MESSAGE OF THANKS (SCHOLARSHIP & FRIEND- IN- NEED)

In response to our request for contributions, we wish to convey our thanks to the individuals who have donated and continue to give their support to our Scholarship and Friend-In-Need programmes for the year 2014-2015. Thanks to your generosity, which helped us to provide 22 scholarships (2 pre-school, 11 from Std 1 - Std 12, 2 boarding and 7 degree courses). We also assisted 5 in the Friend-in-Need Programme.

Andre & Linda Callanan	Basil & Renza Dirksz	Campion Kein
Raymond Carvalho	Christopher Quental	Winston Van Haltren
Ron & Laura Fernandez	Doug & Marina Fernandez	Peter Mariano
Eric & Sheila D'Monte	Sydney & Philo Ellis	Shankar Roy
Patrick & Margaret Fernandez	Cedric & Deanna D'Rozario	

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March 2015



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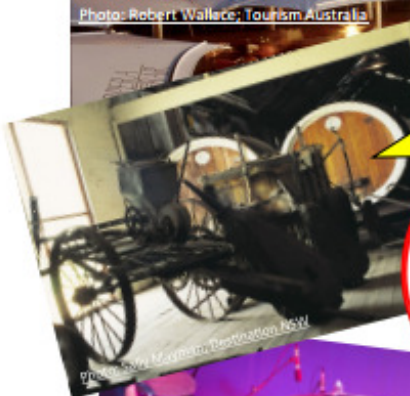


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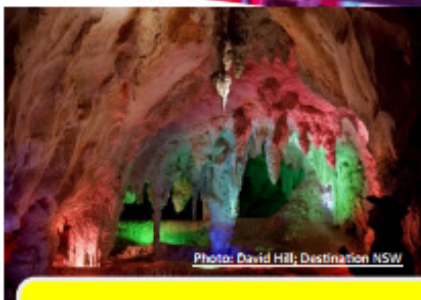


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Announcement 1

Using the above site you can **register, book, pay and print** your tickets from the comfort and convenience of your home computer.

- ◆ We recommend you read the Booking and Payment Terms and the FAQs pages prior to making your booking.
- ◆ Newsletter 6 (pricing & packages) will assist you in choosing the events you'd like to attend and Newsletter 3 will provide you a very broad outline on the events being planned for Reunion Week.
- ◆ International visitors can pay using **Credit Cards** and **International Bank Draft**.
- ◆ Australian residents can use **Credit Cards, Cheque, and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**.
- ◆ Australian Pensioners have a **Deferred Payment** option.
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June 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT 1

CLOSING DATE for Reunion Event Bookings
31 August 2015



ANNOUNCEMENT 2

WIN \$500

Bring a friend & YOU could WIN one of three \$500 cash prizes

Terms and Conditions

- ◆ When your friend or relative books and pays to attend one or more Reunion events, they need to enter your name (*first name and surname in the box on the Registration page*), as the person who referred them (Referrer). You will then automatically get one entry in the draw to win one of three **\$500 cash prizes**.
- ◆ Only persons (including Deferred Payment Plan participants) who have booked and paid for events can be nominated as a Referrer
- ◆ One entry only for each paid booking (may be for one or more events)
- ◆ FREE events and \$5 Bingo reservations do not qualify as a paid event
- ◆ There is no limit to the number of entries a Referrer can receive
- ◆ A Referrer can only win one of the three prizes
- ◆ Once your friend / relative has booked an event, he/she can also enter the draw to win \$500 by getting one of their friends / relatives to book for a paid event at the Reunion.
- ◆ **Closing date for this promotion (i.e your friend / relative booking) is 31st July 2015 midnight.**
- ◆ ROC and AIANSW Executive Committee Members and their families are not eligible to enter the draw.
- ◆ Winners will be contacted individually and their names published on our website in the first week of August 2015

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