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From the President

This year's Annual General Meeting had a turnout of COBA members ranging from founder-members to fresh recruits. It is encouraging, that regardless of exit-year from Campion, past-students continue to cherish their school and seize the opportunity to support COBA's mission. Thanks to those who made the effort to be present at the Annual General Meeting. Despite attendance at the AGM being down from the previous year, the outlook was positive and feedback constructive. The new additions to the committee are very welcome and will undoubtedly be a positive influence.

This year saw COBA accomplish what has for many years only been a dream - to conduct an event in Perth. The COBA Winter Ball held on 19-Aug-2017 at Balcatta was a grand success. No one needs reminding that at any Campion dance, you're bound to run into long-lost friends and this one was no exception. The event was a well-organized enjoyable reunion and a true celebration of the Campion spirit. To Rory Hendricks and the entire team in Perth; to all our guests; not to forgetting those who supported this initiative from Melbourne - a big Thank you.

It came as a surprise when our fearless leader Loftus Callanan, with other members of the COBA committee tapped me on the shoulder and asked that I take on the role of President for the year 2017-18. The learning curve will be a steep one but we work as a team and I know there are others I can speak to who have been a large part of this association's history.

Thanks to the committee and those members and friends for assisting with our functions. The fund-raising has not been easy for the last couple of years. We require more members and friends of COBA to attend the fund-raising functions if we are going to be able to meet the commitment for financial assistance to students back in India. Along with the new committee, I look forward to the on-coming year.



Royston James

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Avis Wright Retired Teacher

Percival Rozario (Class 2001)



The Power of One

In 1987, a 74-year old rickshaw puller by the name of Bai Fangli came back to his hometown planning to retire from his back-breaking job. There, he saw children working in the fields, because they were too poor to afford school fees.

Bai returned to Tianjin and went back to work as a rickshaw puller, taking a modest accommodation next to the railway station. He waited for clients 24 hours a day, ate simple food and wore discarded second-hand clothes he found. He gave all of his hard-earned earnings to support children who could not afford education.

In 2001, he drove his rickshaw to Yao Hua Middle School, to deliver his last instalment of money. Nearly 90 years old, he told the students that he couldn't work anymore. All of the students and teachers were moved to tears.

In total, Bai had donated a total of 350,000 yuan to help more than 300 poor students continue with their studies. In 2005, Bai passed away leaving behind an inspiring legacy. If a rickshaw-puller who wore used clothes and had no education can support 300 children to go to school, imagine what you and I can do with the resources we have to bring about positive change in our world!

Campion 1967 Seniors Cricket Team - submitted by Royston Edwards

Standing L – R: Umpire, Ben Lawless, __, Brian Hutt, __, Kenny Scanlon, Christopher Bird, Royston Edwards, Ian Bird, __

Front row: __, __, Melwyn Borthwick, Christopher D'Morais, Jayakumar, Edgar Atkinson.



The umpire, a gentleman we called Elephant Leg was a very good hockey referee and a good friend of the P.T. master Mr. Dennison. He had a form of elephantiasis in leg, hence the nickname. The blank names are of boys who were either day-scholars or first class borders whose names I cannot remember. Please do let us know their names if you can recall.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We wish to convey our gratitude to the individuals who in response to our request for contributions, have donated towards COBA's Scholarship and Friend-In-Need programmes for the year 2017-2018. Thanks to your generosity, this has helped us provide 22 scholarships to Campion students.

We are grateful for support offered to COBA the local business and individuals who have given us tremendous support in our fund raising efforts, throughout the year.

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Congratulations:

TRACY D'Rozario was married to Shyam Jivan in 14-November-2017. Tracy is the daughter of Cedric (class of 1954) and Deanna D'Rozario.

CASSANDRA Starr was married to Mathew Kerek on 8-December-2017. Cassandra is the daughter of Robbie (class of 1972) and Anne Starr.

Obituaries:

REV FR. MATHAI passed away in Dindigul in November 2017. He left Campion in 1969. He will be fondly remembered by all his students.

MALCOLM DESMIER passed away on 25-Feb-2018 in England. Our heartfelt condolences to his family upon his loss. He was the brother of Noel, Dougie, Eugene and Julian.

ALICE RODRIGUES passed away in the UK in October 2017. Many of you will remember Alice from the time she was a 4th Standard teacher in Campion. She was married to Fitzherbert D'Cruz (COBA Life Member) who passed away eight years ago. She was also the sister of JP Rodrigues who was an icon of the COBA in Trichy.

CALVIN D'CRUZ passed away in Madurai on 16-Jul-2017. He was in the Campion 1958 batch. Our thoughts and Prayers go out to his son Cleaton and other family members.

APPAKUTTAN Ramakrishnan Nair alias Unni passed away in India on the 24th January 2017. He was a Life Member of COBA Australia. We had lost touch with him for over a year and heard of his sad demise only now.

FRANCIS SHELTON LAURENT passed away in Melbourne on the 2nd December 2017. Our condolences go out to his wife Judy and his sons Nate, Keryn and Stafford, members of the popular band The Next Generation.

TERRENCE MCCARTHY better known as Bully McCarthy passed away in Sydney in September 2017. Our deepest sympathies to his wife Gwenda and all the family.

ROLAND RODRIGUES (class of 1951) alias REX passed away in Melbourne in May 2017. Rex was a life member of COBA. Our deepest sympathies to his wife Vilma and all the family.

AUSTIN ANTHONY passed away in Trichy in April 2017. He left Campion in 1954 and will be fondly remembered by his classmates.

GAVIN WOOLRIDGE class of 1958 passed away on Saturday 13th May 2017 in the UK. Gavin lived in Trichy prior to migrating to the UK. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.

RUSSELL ANTHONY GREEN (Class of 1951) brother of Noel, Horace, Kevin and Cyril, passed away in Bath, England on the 27th April 2017.

CLIFFORD DILLON (class of 1947) passed away in Sydney on the 8th of May 2017. Clifford was a life member of COBA Aust. since 2015. He is survived by his three sons, Mark, Keith and Andre and their families. Our condolences go out to them all and his brother Joseph Dillon.

RAYMOND TURNBULL (class of 1959) passed away in Trichy in April 2017. He lived in Golden Rock and was well known in the community. His name will be well recognised within the Campion family as well. He was on the school cricket team while in Campion. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

Remembering JENNIFER HONOUR, wife of Charles Honour (class of 1960) who passed away in November 2016. May her soul rest in peace.



The team at the hall setup for the Inaugural COBA winter Ball in Perth



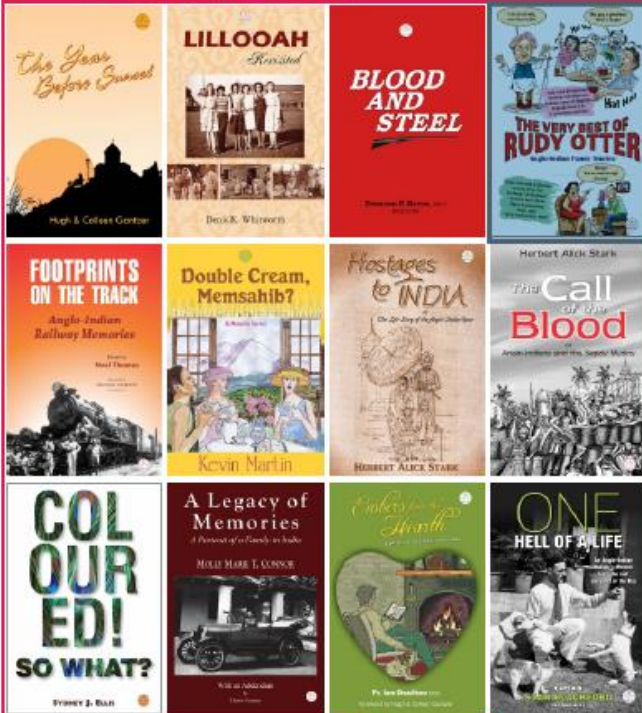
Campion Old Boys at the Inaugural COBA winter Ball in Perth



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