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From the Vice-President

Dear Campion CHAMPIONS !!!

First and foremost, I thank each and every one of you for giving me the privilege to be on the Committee for the past 5 years. It's been a pleasure, 30 years of experience in Australia has given me enough of time to look forward for better Unity & Togetherness especially in the current Y generation high tech world with our past COBA mates.

Coronavirus, covid, omicron and the global pandemic have given us all a good shake up in life. My belief is not to turn back and think of yesterday which is the past. We have to look after what's in the near future, our immediate family, friends, relatives, COBA members and community where we can be together in this happy country which has given us the bread, butter and honey to live progressive and prosperous lives. Most of us have been here since the year of the youth early 1990's and today we are all proud to be doing well in life with our families, our own houses and children all grown up to be adults in this fascinating environment. We have worked hard for this to happen and at times we need to enjoy ourselves, have a good time with the little dollars we have saved for a rainy day.

The earlier days of COBA in Australia, especially Melbourne, our dances attracted a capacity crowd and many attendees and it was time to enjoy. The question is, how can we make this happen again? We have a dynamic Group of COBA current members almost 300 from Campion. We need to be united and if each member from the family brings an associate or a friend then we can make these events happen and a big Gala Champions night Blue & White ball.

Let's reunite. Put aside all the happenings that has kept us quiet for the past few years and move forward united as a group to make a positive step, continuing to build the camaraderie amongst our members, helping our past students who may be in need, and assisting deserving current students of our Alma Mater - Campion. Let's work towards a bigger and better future. Keep the COBA spirit and flag flying high. Don't Ever Give Up !!!



Michael Lewis

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COBA General Committee for the Financial Year 2021-2022

Executive Committee

President Loftus Callanan (Class '55)	Vice-President Michael Lewis (Class '79)
Secretary Glen Johnson (Class '65)	Assistant Secretary <Vacant>
Treasurer & Public Officer Ean Brewty (Class '85)	Assistant Treasurer <Vacant>

Committee Members

Adrian Rodrigues (Class '63) Alexander Ring (Class '85)	Christopher Quental (Class '91) Robert Starr (Class '72)
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Sub-Committee (Australia) Nominated

Barbara Callanan (Associate)	Trevor Jackson (Social Member)
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Scholarship Sub-Committee (India) Nominated

Althea Sherwood (Teacher)	Beverley Wright (Class '55)
Avis Wright (Retired Teacher)	Percival Rozario (Class '01)
Shannon Vassou (Class '93)	

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 program through the years.

Thanks to your generosity, this has helped us continue sponsoring Campion students.

Since its inception in 2003/2004, the scholarship program has awarded **311** scholarships to the value of **\$59,000**. A total of **49** students have used the scholarship to supplement funding of their education from LKG to University.

Below is a summary of the scholarship program over the last 18 years.

Scholarship Program – Summary							
YEAR	LKG / UKG	STD I - XII	BOARDING STD VI-XII	DEGREE	MASTERS	Scholarships per year	Scholarship cost per year
2003/2004		16	-	-	-	16	\$2,436
2004/2005		16	-	-	-	16	\$2,324
2005/2006		14	-	1	-	15	\$2,322
2006/2007		9	-	2	-	11	\$2,370
2007/2008		9	-	2	-	11	\$2,154
2008/2009	2	12	-	1	-	15	\$3,206
2009/2010	2	11	-	1	1	15	\$2,258
2010/2011	2	12	1	2	1	18	\$4,500
2011/2012	2	12	2	3	-	19	\$3,713
2012/2013	2	13	1	4	-	20	\$2,947
2013/2014	1	13	2	4	1	21	\$4,500
2014/2015	2	10	2	6	1	21	\$4,204
2015/2016	2	11	2	4	1	20	\$3,800
2016/2017	2	11	2	3	1	19	\$3,735
2017/2018	2	12	2	1	2	19	\$3,494
2018/2019	2	12	2	1	1	18	\$3,477
2019/2020	2	11	-	4	-	17	\$3,253
2020/2021	1	13	-	6	-	20	\$3,991
18 Years	24	217	16	45	9	311	\$58,684

Upcoming COBA Events in 2022

Annual General Meeting – October 2022

With the restrictions now almost eased in Australia, we invite all our financial members to the 23rd COBA AGM to be held on Sunday 9th Oct 2022. commencing at 3pm.

Refer to the [AGM Flyer](#) for further details.

Members have received the following documents via email for perusal and action.

- Official invitation
- AGM Flyer
- Nomination form for financial members who wish to enrol as a committee member.

We encourage as many members as possible to attend the AGM. To this effect we ask members to extend the Campion camaraderie spirit of giving another member a lift to the meeting (if required) and make it a great social afternoon as well.

Christmas Event – December 2022

Save the date: Sunday 11th of December 2pm – 7pm.

Further details will be sent via email closer to the date.

Birthday Wishes:

Birthday wishes to our members who celebrated milestone birthdays in the second quarter of 2022.

<i>40th Birthday</i>	Lucien Hickman			
<i>65th Birthday</i>	Rory Hendricks	Melford Rouse		
<i>70th Birthday</i>	Ian Bird	Daryl D'Sylva	Sidney Rozario	Derrick Vanhaltren
<i>75th Birthday</i>	Ashley Bastian	Desiderius Hickman		
<i>80th Birthday</i>	Vernon D'Monte			

COBA Life Members:

A warm welcome to our newest COBA Life members

<i>Life Member</i>	Meiyappan Ramasamy (Class of '85)	
<i>Social Life Member</i>	Trevor Jackson	Sidney Rozario

COBA Australia Events – High Tea - April 2022



COBA Australia Events – High Tea - April 2022



COBA Australia Events – Seniors Outing – August 2022



COBA – Seniors Outing

By Cyril Gonsalvez (Class of '50)

Bernie and I would like to thank the Committee of COBA for the wonderful 'luncheon' outing organised for the 'Seniors' of COBA last Friday.

We were told this outing was originally suggested by Glen, the Secretary. Our congratulations to Glen and the Committee for this great idea of considering Seniors like us.

For various reasons many Seniors are unable to attend other functions like dances and night functions and a lunch and 'get together' for a small group is ideal.

We really appreciated the opportunity to meet as a small group in a friendly and casual atmosphere to reminisce and share our current news. The decision to organise a few such outings for Seniors each year is, in our opinion, an excellent idea.

We wish COBA every success in this and all the other wonderful work you do. Once again, our most sincere thanks and best wishes to the Committee and members of COBA.



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Are there any Campion memories you would like to share?

Send your memories of Campion to: cobaaus@gmail.com

President:	Loftus Callanan	cobaaus@gmail.com
Secretary:	Glen Johnson	

My Perspective of COBA

By Sydney Ellis (Class of '50)

As we grow older and experience all the joy and sometimes, regrettably, the sorrow that life gives us, there is no doubt in my mind that the grounding we received from the great "Chapel of Learning" Campion, served us well.

Old Campion Boys value friendship and relations of old, and this is so evident from the formation of COBA and all the memories and feelings that transcend generations.

My wife, Philomena (*nee* Rodrigues) was schooled at St Georges' Homes in Ketti, Nilgiris. However, she treasures the same memories and feelings, having been involved with COBA through myself and our dear friends. Despite her illness, she still has the instinct of great friendship when meeting any of our COBA associates.

Philo and I have been married for nearly 63 years and she is my greatest treasure, along with my children and grandchildren. However, running a close second in my heart are my relatives, close friends and those remaining old Campion Boys, and my wish is for COBA to continue, by God's grace.



*Sydney with his new great-granddaughter **Harlow Gene***

Our Australian Life Members

ALMEIDA	Melroy	South Oakleigh	VIC	JACOB	Rex	Woodcroft	NSW
ATKINSON	Edgar	Roxburgh Park	VIC	JACOB	Sylvester	Pemulwuy	NSW
BIRD	Ian	Point Cook	VIC	JACOBS	Alfred	West Pennant	NSW
BREWTY	Ean	Clarinda	VIC	JACKSON	Trevor	Wantirna South	VIC
BROOK	Dagma	Narre Warren South	VIC	JAMES	Royston	Cranbourne West	VIC
BROOK	Neville	Narre Warren South	VIC	JOHNSON	Glen	Endeavour Hills	VIC
CALLANAN	Barbara	Altona	VIC	KEIN	Callistus	Clayton South	VIC
CALLANAN	Loftus	Altona	VIC	KEIN	Campion	Mulgrave	VIC
CARROLL	Ian	Heatherton	VIC	LEWIS	Michael	Point Cook	VIC
CARVALHO	Raymond	Narre Warren	VIC	LOBOW	Godfrey	Hampton Park	VIC
COLOMB	Noel	Glen Waverley	VIC	LOBOW	Marius	Cranbourne North	VIC
CONYERS	Jenny	Clarinda	VIC	LOPEZ	Audrey	Bentleigh	VIC
CORREA	Jude	Thomastown	VIC	LOPEZ	Joseph	Bentleigh	VIC
COTTER	Cecilia	Wentworthville	NSW	MACEDO	Raulston	Bentleigh	VIC
COTTER	Evelyn	Greystanes	NSW	MC CONVILLE	Audrey	Dandenong North	VIC
COTTER	Gwendoline	Sefton	NSW	MCCUTCHEON	Bruce	South Bank	VIC
COTTER	Joseph	Greystanes	NSW	MCCUTCHEON	Tanya	South Bank	VIC
D'CRUZ	Cleaton	Bentleigh	VIC	MENEAUD	Marius	Clayton	VIC
D'LASSELE	Bernard	Carnegie	VIC	MICHEL	Juan	Hampton Park	VIC
D'MONTE	Mercy	Mulgrave	VIC	MICHEL	Jude	Hampton Park	VIC
D'MONTE	Sean	Clarinda	VIC	MICHEL	Kevin	Karratha	WA
D'MONTE	Vernon	Mulgrave	VIC	MICHEL	Lester	Collie	WA
D'ROZARIO	Alistar	Dingley Village	VIC	MICHEL	Gavin	Lynbrook	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Cedric	East Brighton	VIC	MOREIRA	Ronald	Berwick	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Dawn	Mulgrave	VIC	NORDMANN	Clato	South Headland	WA
D'ROZARIO	Jude	Mulgrave	VIC	PATERSON	Vera	Park Orchards	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Priscilla	Keysborough	VIC	PATTERSON	Terrence	Canning Vale	WA
D'SOUZA	Peter	Springvale	VIC	PAUL	Gary	Springvale	VIC
D'SYLVA	Daryl	Harrisdale	WA	PEREIRA	Eddie	Glen Huntly	VIC
D'VAZ	Don	Dandenong North	VIC	PEREIRA	June	Patterson Lakes	VIC
DE MONTE	Stanley	McDowall	QLD	QUENTAL	Christopher	Cranbourne North	VIC
DEVISSER	Walwin	Clayton	VIC	QUINTAL	Eric	Noble Park	VIC
DILLON	Joseph	St.Helens Park	NSW	RING	Alexander	Bateman	WA
EDWARDS	Royston	Cairnlea	VIC	RING	Jonathan	Willetton	WA
ELLIS	Philo	Skye	VIC	RING	Malcolm	Kellyville Ridge	NSW
ELLIS	Sydney	Skye	VIC	RING	Russell	Thornlie	WA
FERNANDEZ	Christine	Clyde North	VIC	RODRIGUES	Adrian	Templestowe	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Derek	Keysborough	VIC	RODRIGUES	Astrid	Keysborough	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Gerard	Clyde North	VIC	RODRIGUES	Brenda	Templestowe	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Margaret	Beaconsfield	VIC	RODRIGUES	Denzil	Vermont South	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Patrick	Beaconsfield	VIC	RODRIGUES	Dudley	Braybrook	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Ronald	Noble Park	VIC	RODRIGUES	Robert	Chester Hill	NSW
FULLER	Tyrone	Hawker	ACT	RODRIGUES	Vilma	Oakleigh East	VIC
GOMES	Christopher	Berwick	VIC	ROUSE	Alester	Berwick	VIC
GOMES	Patricia	Berwick	VIC	ROUSE	Melford	Noble Park	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Austin	Dandenong	VIC	ROZARIO	Sidney	Wantirna South	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Bernadette	Clyde North	VIC	SMITH	Tommy	Clarinda	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Craig	Figtree	NSW	STARR	Robert	South Oakleigh	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Cyril	Clyde North	VIC	THEOBALD	Dale	Bentleigh	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Dalton	St. Clair	NSW	VANHALTREN	Derrick	Glen Waverley	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Llewelyn	Keysborough	VIC	VANHALTREN	Winston	Fairfield	VIC
HENDRICKS	Rory	Shelley	WA	VERNEM	Joyce	Doveton	VIC
HICKMAN	Daniel	Clarinda	VIC	WALKER	Canute	Clarinda	VIC
HICKMAN	Desiderius	Hampton Park	VIC	WALKER	Claver	Knoxfield	VIC
HICKMAN	Dymphna	Hampton Park	VIC				
HICKMAN	Joseph	Clarinda	VIC				
HICKMAN	Lucien	Hampton Park	VIC				
HONOUR	Charles	Cranbourne West	VIC				

Our Overseas Life Members

BASTIAN	Ashley	Hounslow	UK	NETTO	George	Kerala	IND
BAYER	Alroy	Coimbatore	IND	PAUL	Maxwell	Isle of Wight	UK
BAYER	Winston	Oxon	UK	PAUL	Patricia	Vancouver	CAN
BOUT	Aubrey	Florida	USA	PEARS	Sten	Galway	IRE
Br. Soosairaj	sg	Trichy	IND	PILARRD	Henry	Cumbum	IND
D'SILVA	Emmanuel	Kottayam	IND	RAMASAMY	Meiyappan	Puketotara	NZ
D'SILVA	Rex	Trivandrum	IND	RODRIGUES	Noel	Ontario	CAN
EVERS	George	Tiruchirappalli	IND	ROZARIO	Percival	Trichy	IND
GREEN	Cyril	Surrey	UK	SHERWOOD	Althea	Tiruchirappalli	IND
GREEN	Kevin	Wiltshire	UK	SUKUMARAN	Arumugam	Chennai	IND
HART s j	Fr. Rodney	San Juan	PH	VASSOU	Shannon	Trichy	IND
ITTIANATH	Raman	Goa	IND	WRIGHT	Avis	Tiruchirappalli	IND
NETTO	Elwyn	Alwaye	IND	WRIGHT	Beverley	Tiruchirappalli	IND

Obituaries:

Mrs Mary Pears – The wife of Sten Pears (Class of 54) passed away in Gallaway on the 9th of April 2022. May her soul rest in peace.

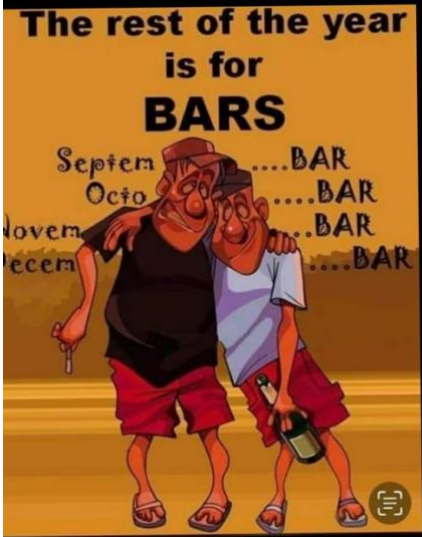
Desmond Arendale – Brother of Deanna D'Rozario passed away in June 2022. May his soul rest in peace.

Eric D'Monte – Longest serving social member of COBA member passed away on the 28th of July 2022. May his soul rest in peace.

Rita Marikar – Sister of the COBA President Loftus Callanan passed away on 17th August 2022. May her soul rest in peace

Neville Wright – COBA member (Class of 51) passed away on 24th August 2022 in Melbourne. May his soul rest in peace.

Just for Laughs



A senior citizen went for his medical check-up and the Doctor checked his knee joints. The doctor told him that at this age, he needs to install a side bar in the bathroom for support....and not to take chances. The patient followed the doctor's advice.

My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect. And for that I am eternally grapefruit.

THE FACT THAT THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO HELL AND ONLY A STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN SAYS A LOT ABOUT ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC NUMBERS.

We found a leaflet in our newspaper this morning which read, 'ARE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC? CALL NOW. WE CAN HELP'



My wife insisted I make the call....

I Called up. It was a liquor shop offer: 'Buy 3 & get 1 free'...

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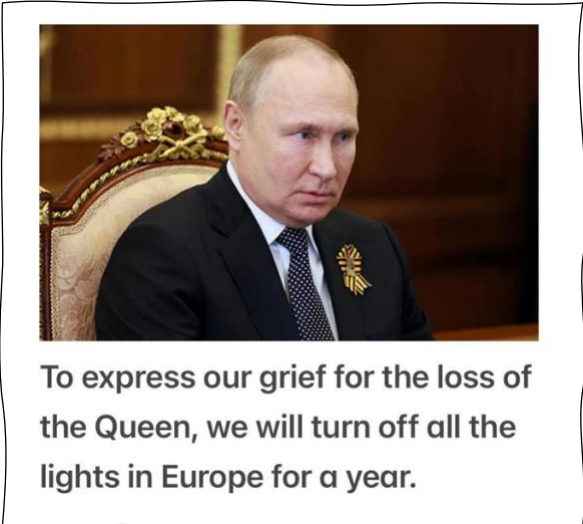
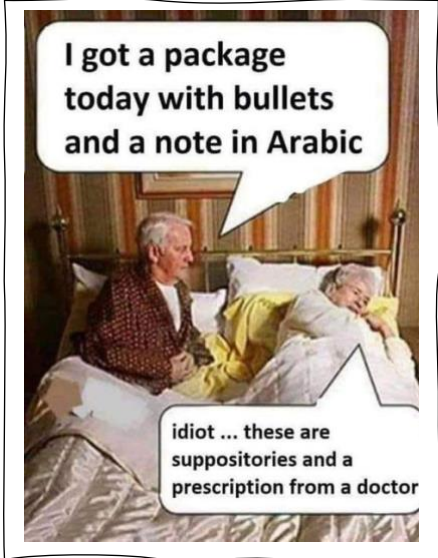
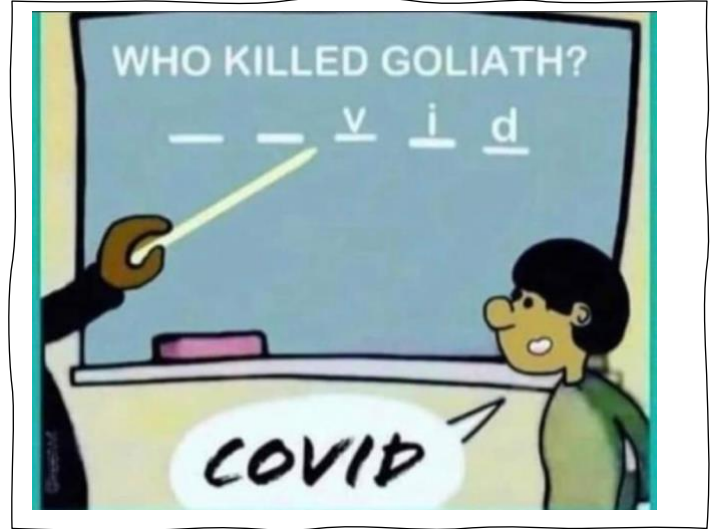
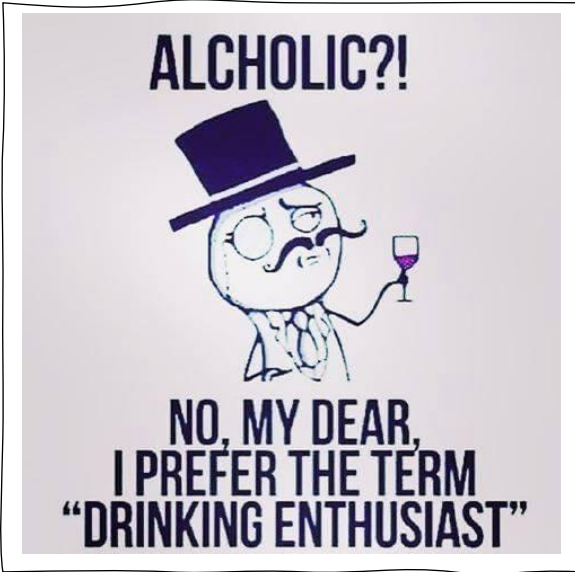
A person who does not believe that going to the gym can make one fit.



Bangalore must be the -only- tech hub in the world, where software developers travel 2 hours to get to their offices so that they can build apps to deliver groceries in 10 minutes! 🙄😂



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