

"Trinity Connection Annual Report"

2006 has been another eventful year for the Trinity Connection – a friendly group of parents of former students of the School who get together during the year for social outings and to remain in touch with friends and acquaintances they have made throughout the years when their sons were at Trinity. The Connection is a “friend-raising” group rather than a “fund-raising” group although from time to time we are able to make a small donation to a worthwhile charity, or to a special project at Trinity. Our membership has grown to 192 members as at the time of writing this report – perhaps we will hit the 200 mark with an influx of Year 12 2006 mothers. Let’s hope so.

The current office-bearers of the Trinity Connection, as elected at last year’s Annual General Meeting, are:

President : Mrs Margaret Walker.
Vice President: Mrs Yvonne Coorey.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Kerry Johnston.
Secretary: Mrs Liisa Chappelow.

The 2005 Christmas Lunch was held at The Newington Inn Hotel on Saturday, 26th November and was another great success with 60 people in attendance. Mr Roderick West was our speaker and he enthralled those in attendance with his tales from overseas trips and the several schools at which he has been invited to be the interim Head while new appointments were sought. Following this Christmas Lunch, the Trinity Connection made a donation of \$200 to The Reverend Bill Crews’ Exodus Foundation in Ashfield. The boys of Trinity Grammar School support the Exodus Foundation by way of the Charity and Community Committee, and the Year 12 boys help out at The Exodus Foundation on their Community Service Day, so the Connection was happy to add its support to this very worthwhile cause.

It was with great sadness that we heard Mrs Phyl Hurley (Brian '77, John '78) had passed away on Saturday, 11th March, 2006 after a long, spirited fight against illness. Phyl has been a long serving member of The Trinity Connection and she will be greatly missed.

In April, we had another lovely bus trip, this time to Palm Beach and Newport. Fortunately, it was a beautiful autumn day and 41 members and friends enjoyed a grand lunch at The Newport Arms Hotel. As always, we are very grateful to the Head Master, Bursar and the bus drivers for their support and assistance in providing the Trinity bus for these trips, which enables us to keep our costs down and provide our members with inexpensive, pleasant outings.

Can one have too many Christmas dinners? I certainly think not! And what a tasty and sumptuous dinner it was at the Trinity Connection’s *Christmas in July* held at Strathfield Golf Club in July. This most enjoyable night of merry fellowship was enjoyed by all present. We were very pleased to see Mr Harry and Mrs Lilian Pickett, (Graham, Archer '62) who had just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, and to whom we offer our congratulations and thanks to them, for their dedication to Trinity. Contributions of toys were given, and these will be presented to Anglicare at Christmas.

In late July, my husband, Bob, and I were delighted to be able to catch up with a Trinity Old Boy, Tim Marsden (class of 1968) who is General Manager of the magnificent Langham’s Hotel in London. Tim very kindly hosted drinks and dinner for Bob, Adam and myself at his beautiful hotel whilst we were in London visiting our son, Adam (Class of 1995). He told some fascinating stories of his time in the ever-changing hospitality industry.

To those mothers of Year 12 boys who are reading this report and contemplating the next stage of life – without a direct Trinity involvement – I urge you to join the Trinity Connection and in doing so, *stay connected!*

Margaret Walker
President
Trinity Connection.