



## **DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL EX- STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

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### **THE DHS REVOLUTION**

At a recent Committee Meeting of the Association, the Acting Principal, Nigel Hutchison joined the meeting to give committee members an update on Martin Culkin's health, and all were relieved to learn he is making very good progress.

Nigel then summarized progress with the Precinct construction works. Key points were:-

- The pine trees on the James St. boundary will need to be removed,
- All play and sport areas will now transfer to the Cleeland campus,
- Contracts for preliminary work have been let, with others to follow later in the year,
- First three "SWIS" buildings to be complete by April 2009,
- Auditorium, toilets and PE facilities to be funded by school – cost \$2M.
- School Council to apply to extend existing co-operative loan, requiring new community shares.

The Association Goes Hi-TeK  
By Gary Matthews

**MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES**

We recently bumped into **Dr. Jean Allison** at the magnificent Royal Botanic Gardens in Cranbourne, where she is a keen supporter. For those who don't know, this oasis on the southern fringe of Cranbourne will abundantly reward a visit. A number of other ex-student's were involved in its creation.

**THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RECENTLY REPORTED "WITH PLEASURE" THE STORY OF EXAM RESULTS FROM 2007.**

The Dux was Quaderi Syed, with an Enter score of 99.2, putting him in the top 1% of the State ! He has now gained a place at Monash University in Medicine/Surgery.

News reached us recently of **Graeme Morden**, an ex-student who exited DHS in 1960. After employment in his parent's Newsagency in Menzies Avenue, Graeme moved on to become a Lab. Technician at Melbourne Uni. He followed his parents into a licensed grocery business, then to Manager status with Safeway. This provided the impetus to take a role in the Gilbert and Ellis Islands, now known as Kiribati. It involved importing from all over the world, supplying co-operatives on all the small outer islands, and exporting their copra and dried coconut. It also involved shipping, air-freight and tourism. It led to the Marshall Islands, then Fiji, living, as a now married man, among a "semi primitive race of Islands people". 1969 saw a move to Western Australia, to Geraldton, and then Graeme managed Westfarmers stores in Meckering, Pingelly, and Carnarvon. (Editor's Note – Tim Winton Country!). Next it was Queensland, (Gladstone and Ayr), then NSW. Ultimately Graeme transferred to the fuel industry, back in W.A. and now as a relief Manager of a group of 13 petrol stations around Brisbane. He had a son and has a grand-daughter. Graeme now lives between Brisbane and the Gold Coast and his main hobby is prospecting.

Over the last few months, almost unnoticed, one or two committee members have been beavering away drawing flow charts, taking photos, writing information blurbs and selling a message. The whole thing came together recently, when it was proudly announced that DHS Ex-Students finally went "On-Line"! No, nothing to do with line dancing. We've embraced the virtual world of cyber space, IT, call it what you will, and now have our own separate section on the School's website.

In taking these first tentative steps into virtual reality, we've naturally been a bit cautious, coming to grips with the rigors of the privacy laws for starters. So, if you've got your passport (read password) into the World Wide Web, we're "just a click away".

You can find us at this address <http://www.dandenonghs.vic.edu.au/>

Or simply type Dandenong High School into the Google thingy, and you'll be directed. Once there, find the Ex-Students "button" and you can catch up with what we've (virtually) been doing at committee meetings, what's coming up, who is doing what jobs and how to contact us.

Happy web surfing (There's so much jargon with stuff isn't there?)

**ARCHIVES ON THE MOVE**

Our Ex-Students Archives have had to be removed to the Doveton Campus during the construction phase of the library building. We have been promised a prominent location upon their ultimate return.

It is timely to be reminded again that Dawn (Burhop) and Philip Harris look forward to volunteers for assistance with our history unit.

In addition, they are continuing to compile "Dandenong High School Musical Productions", about which they also seek your input.

We have already reported the successful production of Hansel and Gretel at the Dandenong Town Hall in June of 1951.

The next production appears to have been 'The Music Man' in 1971, but as the History Section has no details it is very keen for anyone with information to contact Dawn, c/o DHS, PO Box 681, Dandenong Vic., 3175.

Next Newsletter, we will report on the 1973 production of 'The Pirates of Penzance', and later productions.

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### **Membership of the Association**

Membership of the Association is taken to be for a calendar year, regardless of which month the payment is made. Some people choose the option to pay for 2 or 3 calendar years. If a new member joins in the last 3 or 4 months of the year, their membership is usually carried into the next year. These practices have been adopted to be in line with the rules of the Association and to create the least work for the committee.

### **ARCHIVE MATERIAL WELCOME**

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