

# Silver GULLS



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# THE OPEN DAY

It was a lovely day on Saturday, 18th October and there were a lot of things on in Geelong. That could be why our attendance wasn't as high as we'd have liked. By the same token, it was the third time we'd done an Open Day. However, the quantity might have been down, but the quality was excellent.

Committee member Jennie Tonzing introduced us to **BARBARA ELLIOTT JAHNS** (1954), back living in Geelong after 40 years living in Texas, USA. Barbara and Committee President Doug Mann immediately found common theatrical ground and we had to tear them apart. We put Barbara to work on the front desk, she took one of the tours and helped with the afternoon tea. And thoroughly enjoyed herself.

The first person through the door was ex-student **OLLIE MIDSON** (2015). He and Glenn Davey spotted each other and were thrilled to reconnect. Apparently, Ollie was the first student to welcome Glenn in 2012 and Glenn has never forgotten it.

**LIAM SOUTH** (2015) and his sister **CEILIDH** (2009) came back again and it was good to see them. Liam has had a four month spell in hospital and we are glad to see he is restored to health.

Chatting over afternoon tea, Ollie Midson jumped at the mention of Liam, apparently the two were bosom buddies at school and Ollie was devastated to miss seeing Liam. He dashed off to see if he could locate him and we are pleased to report that they did indeed catch up.

It was also good to see **DAVINA ROBERTSON BURKE** (1959). Davina had to resign from the committee and missed out on previous Open Days because of ill health. Davina's granddaughter **TAHLEE WATSON** (2022) came with Davina.

**SUE TREZISE** (1982) and I have corresponded via email for quite some time, so it was especially great to finally meet in person.

It was also good to catch up with **Dr. TED REILLY** again. Ted taught English at Geelong High School from 1983 to 2003. When I started at Geelong High School in 1988, Ted and I found that we had grown up in adjoining suburbs in Adelaide and the only reason we hadn't attended the same primary school was because Ted went to the Catholic PS.

Another ex-staff member present was **JAN WHITEHAND** whose children attended Geelong High School from 1991—2001, and Jan was a member of staff from 2002—2016. Jan brought her daughter **KATE WHITEHAND** (1998) with her.

**FRAN SORENSEN** (1965) was a Silver Gulls committee member for a while, despite living in Melbourne and so had to resign when she obtained employment. So it was good to see her again, too. She was with **DAVID DUNSTAN** (1966) who was visiting from Queensland. Fran told me that she and David were an item way back then but ended up going their separate ways. They have now reconnected and Fran is going to Queensland with David when she retires at the end of the year. Congratulations, Fran and David, apparently it's never too late.

Another pleasure was meeting our Lady Mayoress **PAULA (Pauline) COLENZO KONTELI** (1980, minus her regalia) who popped in after a power walk with **DANA FITZGERALD WOOD** (1982) who was visiting from Orlando, Florida, USA.



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An aspect of the day which took us by surprise was how many families came just to 'have a look' because they are considering Geelong High School for their young children. They were made welcome and I hope we passed muster.

As advertised, each exie was given a free raffle ticket upon arrival and the raffle was drawn by our visitor, Barbara, with the proviso that if the ticket owner wasn't present, another would be drawn. Thankfully, we didn't have to do that as the winner was present and a copy of our updated history book, **A SCHOOL OF OUR OWN 1910—2025** was presented to **JEFF COOTS** (1956).

Barbara wanted to know if the School Song was still sung and we had to admit that it hasn't been sung for many, many years. There is a copy of the words and music in the history book (1940).

We sold four copies of the new book which is a bargain at only \$30.00 plus postage and handling and is available now from the school.

**OVERHEARD:** *What are they?* The new school uniforms. *They look like prison uniforms!*



*Above: Silver Gulls member Jennie Tonzing with visitor Barbara Jahns.*



*Above: Lady Mayoress Paula Kontelj.  
Below: Paula with her American visitor Dana Wood.*



Lady Mayoress Paula Kontelj used her Geelong Advertiser column on the following Friday, 24th October, to talk about friendships that survive decades and distance. *Above left shows Paula in 1980 when she was an exchange student at Harper Creek High School in Battle Creek, Michigan. She lived with Dana Fitzgerald's family. Above right shows Paula and Dana in Geelong last month.*

Dana spent a year in Geelong in 1982 and attended Geelong High School. She didn't like school uniforms, or Vegemite, but gradually grew to love her adopted home. She and Paula have kept in touch for 40 years, visiting each other on several occasions.

## FROM THE Principal Davin Reid

Geelong High School is the oldest government secondary school in Geelong. Founded in 1910 the school has a long history of providing high quality education to students from the Geelong and Bellarine region. We pride ourselves on being inclusive rather than exclusive. Students come from over 40 different primary schools to attend Geelong High School.

We have an established alumni organization, the Silver Gulls, and are actively expanding our school's alumni network. Over the past three years, the school has undergone a remarkable transformation through a \$25 million rebuild project. The result is stunning, state-of-the-art learning spaces, including new facilities for dance, music, arts, administration, IT, the canteen, VCE, and systems technology. Alumni, parents, and friends are always welcome to visit and explore our new facilities.

- New Administration staff member in the front office is **MELEIHA SPOUSE-NATASHI**. Meleiha's tasks will include working with the Alumnyn program. This year's Year 12 students will be automatically added to this program.
- Next year's **Year 12 Graduation** event will be at the new Nyaal Banyul Conference & Event Centre.
- **Smart Start 2026** – Students will spend the last three weeks of Term 4 in their 2026 year level.
- The Central Australia Trip was very successful.
- The toilets refurbishment is complete.





## HOUSE CHALLENGES

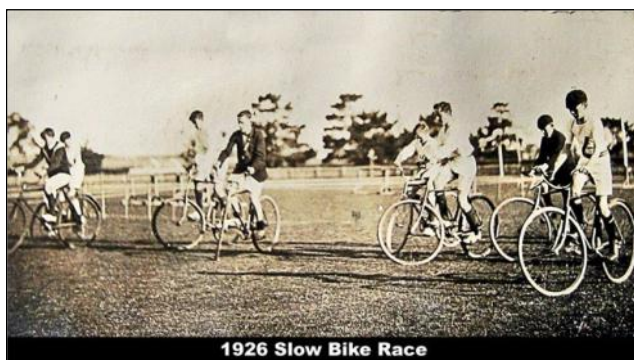
House Challenges have been a tradition at Geelong High School going back over 100 years. This year the House Challenges were back ... first up was the infamous **Dragon Race** with all Houses participating. It wasn't as easy as it looks!



Then there was the **Sack race**. Two sack races completed 100 years apart!



Students from Corio, Barwon, Leigh and Moorabool recreated the famous **Slow Bike Races** from 100 years ago. It wasn't as easy as it looked ... coming last can be tricky!



Here's two more interesting challenges both held at Eastern Beach. The **Greasy Pole Event** (1937)...



... and the **Obstacle Race** (1943).







*The Year 9 Media students have been busy capturing photographs of nature at Geelong High during Smartstart.*

*Birds are a popular subject matter amongst the wildlife who visit our school.*

From the *archives*

### ANOTHER EDITORIAL: PARKLAND PREDICTION

30th May, 1980

Once again the Geelong Advertiser slammed Geelong High School's application for the construction of tennis courts in Eastern Gardens, the previous application having lapsed for want of funding.

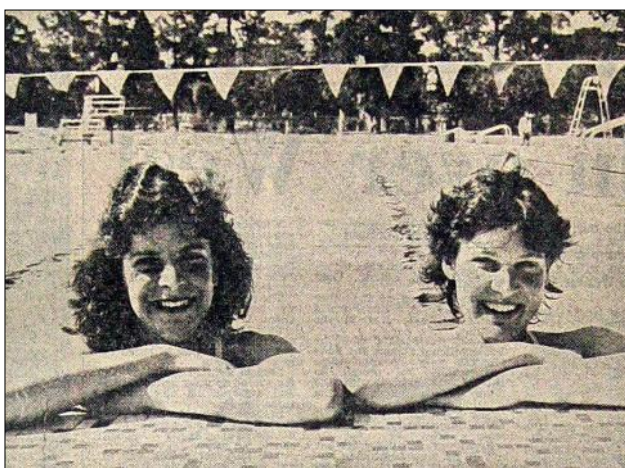
*Nobody wants to be hard on the pupils of the school, said the Addy. But it should be recognised that the school was built in the wrong place and the proper solution is to build another elsewhere.*

*If the (education) department refuses to consider relocation (as it has been encouraged to do by the council's various acts of caving-in), it is safe to make yet another prediction—it will not be long before the high school wants yet more land, and then more and more; and the same threadbare arguments, worthless assurances and answerless answers will be presented again and again.*

### GEELONG HIGH 'CADETTES' TAKE THEIR CASE TO PM

(From the Geelong Advertiser, 2nd July, 1981)

The Geelong High School girls who joined the Cadet Unit wrote to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, and the Minister for Defence, James Killen, because they were not permitted to wear uniforms, participate in a range of cadet activities, or receive an official rank because of their gender. Nor were they permitted to march in the Geelong Anzac parade. The reply from Mr. Fraser stated that the Defence Department was examining the question of girls participating in the full range of cadet activities, including accommodation at Puckapunyal.



**MUSICALS: 1983**—*Romiette & Julio* and *Cinderella*, written by Lillian Rofe and Joy Catton, received good reviews in the Geelong Advertiser.

**1984**—Ex-student **Peter Van Miltenburg** participated in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles reaching the quarter finals in the 100 and 200 metres. He also ran in the 400m relay.

**1985**—The Concert for the 75th Anniversary celebrations consisted of excerpts from all of the musicals performed since 1971.

**1986**—The Rev. Ratawa approached the school to find out if there was any interest in developing the Shenton site.

**1987**—The introduction of four school terms with two semesters for Years 11 and 12.

**1988**—The Victorian Certificate of Education superseded the Higher School Certificate.

### 1989—SCHOOL REORGANISATION

**The Blackburn Report and Taking Schools into the 1990s presaged the changes to come in the next decade. The secondary schools in this area—Geelong, Matthew Flinders, Newcomb and Queenscliff High Schools and Geelong East Tech.—underwent a process to justify their existence. Were they willing to amalgamate with another school? Would they consider becoming a Junior/Senior Campus of another school? Would they consider closure?**

Eventually, Queenscliff was the only school to close but changed its name to Bellarine Secondary College and moved to a new school in Drysdale. Geelong East Tech. became James Harrison College (and eventually a TAFE campus).

**Schools were ordered to become Secondary Colleges, a move resisted fiercely by Geelong High School to this day, firstly because of our strong tradition and, secondly, to obviate confusion with Geelong College.**

**1990**—Our first fax machine cost \$1,200.

◀ **1982**—Sisters **Jenny and Sue Trezise** won the Under 16 and Open Girls' swimming sections.

# Fourth TERM

Congratulations to our Senior Debating Team for another strong performance edging out Geelong Lutheran College by two points in the Debate Association of Victoria's second last round of regional interschool debating. We were the opposition on the topic of *Public transport workers should not be allowed to strike*.

The VCE VET Dance Concert was held at the Geelong Arts Centre. Dancers performed beautifully and showcased a range of styles and routines! The VET dance program is a cluster class with schools and student from the region.



Our **Building Project Group** has been working on a number of projects around the school during terms 3 & 4. The students engaged in several projects with the biggest and challenging is the renovations to accommodate for the new VET Building and construction. It first started with the removal of internal windows, office benches, carpet, and fixtures. From there the students had to create two wider openings where the existing windows were and build new jambs to have roller doors installed.

Once opened up they had to build a timber frame partition wall to create two storage areas, this included sheeting the wall, fixing skirting, and architraves. The students also had to sheet a pre-existing doorway and window with plaster including stopping with base and topcoat before painting.



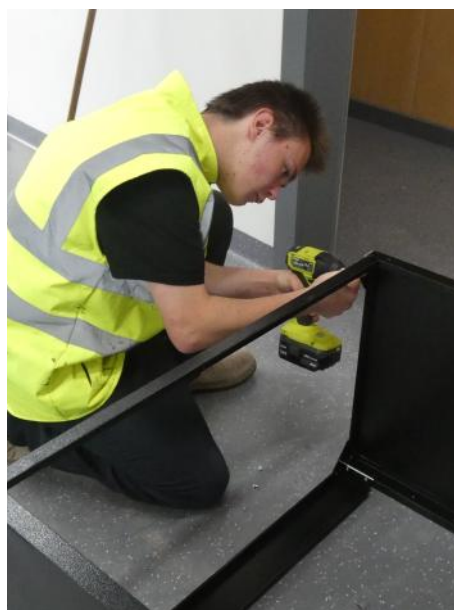
## SPORT

Geelong High School had some great results at the Western Metro Athletics.

*For three of our Year 12's, it was their last athletics event with our school.*



▲ Many parents and students attended the Art & Technology Show. The Atrium at Geelong High was buzzing with hundreds of people exploring the incredible artworks,





## YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY





# *Obit* IN THE NEWS



**HAMISH TOWNSEND** (1987—1992) is a freelance writer who spent time living in the remote indigenous community of Maningrida in Arnhem Land. In the past year, he has been published in a variety of publications including *The Age*, *The Australian*, *Inside Sport* and *Dazed and Confused*. Hamish has since returned from Arnhem Land and is now living in Footscray (on the Geelong train line). At the urging of his brother, he has finally bought a membership to Geelong Football Club. Hamish redeemed his poor high school results by winning the 2006 Griffith University Academic prize while studying his Masters.

## GEELONG SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL

Our **Jennie Roles Tonzing** took part in the Queenscliffe Lighthouse Theatre Group's production of *Hydrangeas and Lillies* by Belle Donald. Jennie played a 90 year old woman with dementia which she said necessitated learning the same lines six different ways! The Director was Debbie Fraser and the play won the People's Choice category.



*Jennie is pictured above (2nd right) with Geelong Mayor Stretch Kontelj.*

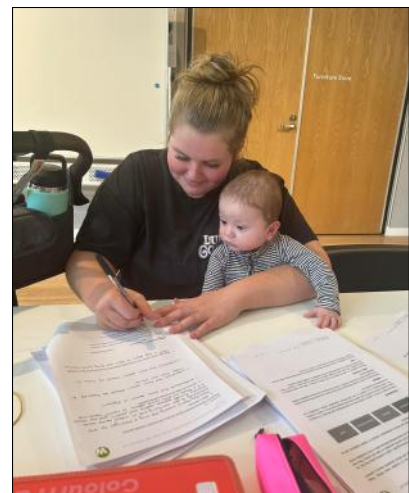
**ALEX BARRIOS (2021—2025)**



**ANNE SPUDVILAS** (above) is the mother of **Rene** (1993—1998). She is an award-winning illustrator and was a finalist in the 2000 Archibald Prize, the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize and the Portia Geach Memorial Award, Australia's most prestigious art prize for portraiture by women artists. Anne's first picture book was *The Race* which was awarded the Crichton Award for Illustration and named the Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Book. In 2000 she won the Picture Book of the Year with *Jenny Angel*. Another book, *The Peasant Prince*, won the NSW Premier's Award, the Australian Book Industry Award for Younger Readers, and the Queensland Premiers Award for 2008. Her designs have also been used by Australia Post on a range of Christmas stamps.



**Right: ANNETTE SPURR** was our Librarian from 2014—2021. She participated in the *One Foot Forward* campaign to raise awareness of mental health.



**EBONY SMITH** (2018—2022) has continued her studies after having baby Dylan.







**SUSAN SUTTON** taught art at Geelong High from 1967—1971.

Susan's portrait (below) of Jill Jolliffe (1961—1962) was acquired by the National Library of Australia, Canberra, in October, 2014.



In January 2014 Susan Sutton was commissioned by St. John of God Hospital, Geelong to paint a significant work for the entrance foyer of their new hospital. The culmination of three months work in her Geelong West studio is the 7.2 metre long mural which comprises four panels each measuring 1.2 x 1.8 metres.



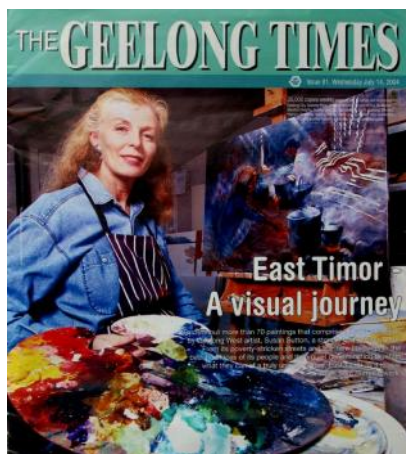
*Above: Panels one and four.*

Susan has won many awards, many National Art Prizes and presented 20 solo exhibitions.



*Railway Underpass, Susan Sutton (Image courtesy of Metropolis Gallery).*

After teaching at Geelong High, Susan opened her family business, Pottage, in Little Malop Street before moving into Moorabool Street.



*More information and pictures of Susan's work can be found on her web site, [susansutton.com.au](http://susansutton.com.au)*

*Thanks to Mayoress, Paula Kontelj, for highlighting Susan Sutton in her Geelong Advertiser page, 14th November, 2025.*



*Geelong Advertiser, 26th November, 2025.*



*Susan Sutton*

During her tenure at Geelong High School (1967—1971) Susan was involved with the SRC and the Flotsam Magazine Committee. She was Vice President of the GHS Parent Teacher Co-operation Group, a Form Teacher and Barwon House Teacher

**< CONGRATULATIONS, Jen!**

### **CULTURAL AND RECREATION LEADER AWARD**

**WINNER: Jennifer Cromarty**  
Jennifer Cromarty has demonstrated decades-long advocacy through pivotal roles at the Wool Museum, founding Creative Geelong more than 10 years ago, and now operating her own gallery, Untether, where she continues to transform decrepit spaces into vibrant arts scenes and strengthen Geelong's cultural landscape.



# Obituary



**TIMOTHY EARL ROWLEY (Tim)**  
**Staff 1979—2000**  
**D. 12th September, 2025**

Tim was born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1945. He obtained a degree in Mathematics from the University of Minnesota in 1967. He joined the Peace Corps and spent time teaching maths in Fiji. Tim then received his Masters in Maths in 1971.

Tim embarked on a teaching career in Australia during the 1970s recruitment of overseas teachers aimed at overcoming teacher shortages. He was first appointed to Maryborough High School before transferring to Geelong High School where he taught maths and computers for 21 years.

In Maryborough, Tim boarded with Joan and kept in touch with her until her death. Joan's initial hospitality and friendship was a factor in him staying in Australia. He became an Australian citizen and lived in Geelong until his death.

When not in the classroom, Tim worked on the Bellarine Rail Trail, making adaptive aids for others, discussing books, attending concerts, maintaining his garden and fruit trees. He toured many of Australia's wineries and restaurants. A favourite quotation of his was, *Life is too short to eat crummy food and drink bad wine.*

Tim returned to the US each year to visit his parents, Robert and Dorothy Rowley, and his brothers Bill and Tom, their spouses and children. We were privileged one year to receive a visit from Robert and Dorothy. I remember Dorothy commenting that in the US, they had 'climate.' Here in Australia, we have 'weather.'

Tim's extended Australian family were Demetris and Ann Avraam from Newcomb. Ann taught Home Economics at Geelong.

Tim never complained despite serious health issues. He had polio as a child and had a couple of cancer scares. The surgery for the first resulted in regular visits to the Alfred Hospital for insertion of a pellet to counter the loss of the secretions from the removed glands. The second surgery necessitated the removal of his right eye.

At Geelong High School, Tim was responsible for the introduction of computers, in administration and classrooms. He set up the first classroom of computers, Commodore 64s, in 1988. When I started at Geelong in 1988, I was computer illiterate. We had one computer in the office. Tim was responsible for encouraging me to play with the computer, to press all the buttons to see what they did. He assured me that I could do no harm. I called Tim SHIFT F1 (which computer users will recognise as HELP). Without his assistance and backup, I doubt I would be able to do the computer work that I do today.

Tim was the Treasurer on School Council from 1986 to 1996. He worked with Business Manager Irene Plumridge and Principal Ross Morgan on preparing program budgets.

He was also involved in and volunteered for so many activities at Geelong High. His End-Of-Year activity for students was always interesting and sometimes quirky. Tim had a season ticket to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Geelong program. He also provided MSO tickets each year for a GHS music student.

Tim's brother mentions "making adaptive aids". Tim was a member of TadVic, Geelong branch. (TAD = Technical Aid to the Disabled). Tadvic has another name now. This group makes or modifies equipment to improve the quality of life of people living with a disability whose needs cannot be met commercially. Tim designed and made many clever devices, usually providing the components himself, and of course giving his time. This role suited Tim, he put his inquiring mind and technical skills to good use. Ross Morgan was amazed by the ingenuity of his "inventions" to help those in need. He worked in conjunction with the husband of another Geelong exie — Rhona Cook's husband, Norman, who used his engineering workshop to create some of Tim's inventions.

Tim was kind and curious, his dedication to education will live on in the hearts of those of us he touched.



*Above: Tim receiving his Certificate of Outstanding Service award from Principal Geoff Brebner.*



*Above: Tim with colleagues and friends Denise Menger and Ann Avraam.*



## The following was written in 2000 for the 2000 reunion, 25 years ago!

### THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION

No one area of education has grown so much and so quickly as Information Technology and a history of this growth could not help but be a bit dry, long-winded and somewhat technical.

The pioneer of IT at Geelong High School was **Tim Rowley**, a teacher originally from America who retired at the beginning of 2000 after 21 years at Geelong High. At his retirement function, many of the tributes paid to Tim were in relation to his computer expertise and, in their own special way, they document the introduction of computers to our school.

**George James**, the then principal, said, *Tim was one of first people to visit my office — he wanted to know my attitude to computers and, from that time on, (was) the driving force in the introduction of computers into the school.*

The Vice Principal until 1989, **Wal Jenkyn**, added that *some of Tim's most significant trail-blazing at Geelong High was in the field of computers, beginning in 1981 when the School Council finally took the plunge and authorized the purchase of a computer (following much debate in staff meetings and uncertainty in the Council.) It was then left to Tim to show what relevance computers could have in the educational program at the school.*

*But, unlike others at Geelong High at that time, Tim had some experience of computers from his own education when, as he says, he was smaller and quicker and computers were bigger and slower. Nowadays, it's the other way around!*

*He soon showed that Computer Education was not just a soft elective for a few students, but that computers had relevance to all curriculum areas as well as to record keeping and administration. In these areas beyond the classroom, Tim also brought Geelong High School into the computer age.*

According to **Denis Jenkins**, *Tim was in on the ground floor of the computer revolution at Geelong High School. In the early 80s he could be seen wheeling the school's computer [singular!] on a trolley from room to room between classes. He even knew where exactly on the trolley to apply pressure so that it ran straight down the corridor and not veer around like a rogue Safeway shopping trolley.*

*As the technology developed at a bewildering pace, he wrote his own programs to suit the school's purposes, and many a late night was spent at his home, cajoling the computer to turn out End of Year Activity lists and subject blockings, and watching as the primitive printer chickered out the lengthy lists.*

*He also made them draw mathematical shapes and models long before the recent user-friendly packages, although I confess to sitting beside him as our General Maths exams gradually took shape, muttering about being able to draw better and faster by hand.*

By the time I arrived at Geelong High School at the end of 1988, there were two computers in the office, and some Apples and BBC's in one classroom. The only computer I had had any real experience with was a Commodore 64.

I used to call Tim SHIFT F1, the computer keystroke for HELP! He helped me out of so much trouble — there I'd be panicking: *Tim, look what I've done! Tim, what am I going to do? Tim, look what this stupid computer's doing? (Or not doing!)* And Tim, in his own inimitable, unflappable way, always knew what to do.

If Tim taught his students the way he taught me, it's no wonder all Geelong High School students did well in Computer Studies. He encouraged me to explore the way computers and computer programs work. I don't think Tim realises just how much his calm confidence (in the face of near-hysteria at times) inspired me to learn, to work things out for myself — to learn to write a macro, for heaven's sake! — to understand that there wasn't any way I could really harm the computer with my experiments.

Tim showed us all just how computers could revolutionise some of the administrative nightmares. When I first came to Geelong High, the alphabetical list and all form lists were produced by Tim, in his own time. With the advent of CASES, this job gradually devolved upon me, but the task was still mammoth with about 35 fields of information having to be selected for each of about 830 students, converted to a word processing program, then put into the right order to produce the alphabetical list. All this because the list produced by CASES itself didn't suit our needs and we had become spoilt (by guess whom?).

This was a most daunting task, one which invariably took two or three days solid work until Tim wrote a program that selectively put all the fields into the correct order and then onto the appropriate line, something that saved me at least two full days' work.

Then there were those absolutely awful descriptive assessments for the HSC Group 2 subjects we had to produce in the late 80s on fan-folded computer paper printed especially for each student and that had two copies. The assessment had to fit within a prescribed box and you only got one shot at getting it right. Tim hooked up my computer to a typewriter and wrote a program which allowed me to create the text on a computer, test it on plain paper, then send it to the right spot on the computer paper in the typewriter.

We've come a long way in the 21st century. We have seven rooms set up with 110 computers, all of which are networked to a central file server. There are computers in every faculty area of the school. Every student has access to the internet and very soon we will have the technology for both students and staff to access the school's resources from home.

The Administration Office (which started with one Olivetti with 360K floppy disk drive and 20MB hard drive, mono monitor and dot matrix printer) has its own network and file server, and all student records and finance transactions are done by computer. Student attendance is tracked via computer; Year Level Co-ordinators and Sub School Managers can access students' addresses and phone numbers via a co-ordinated CASES program called CMIS. Practically every teacher uses a laptop computer which can link into the appropriate network. Everyone has access to a colour inkjet printer, a laser printer and a scanner. The Art Department has half a dozen digital cameras for student use, and there is also a digital camera bought by the SRC for administration use. Most of the photos taken from 1998 onwards in this publication were taken with a digital camera.

We have staff whose job it is to manage and maintain the networks (as well as their teaching loads), and to oversee the introduction of new developments. We have a part-time computer technician and, in a very recent innovation, several Geelong High students have been employed to assist with web development, computer operations and the burgeoning intranet.

Jennifer Colquhoun



## TIM ROWLEY'S OBITUARY (cont.)



*Above: Tim with Ex-Principal Ross Morgan, ex-Assistant Principal, Wal Jenkyn, Principal Geoff Brebner and Assistant Principal Jeff Watt.*

The following people responded to the notice posted on Facebook:

**Staff:**

Jillian Bell  
Annie Bourke  
Kerri Sheppard

**Students:**

Natasha Solczaniuk  
Jason Murdoch  
Naomi Gibbons (Winstanley)  
Robert Hardie  
Jess Kimberley

*With thanks to those who contributed to this obituary—  
Tim's family in the USA, Ann Avraam and Ross  
Morgan.*

**Kently Smith**

I remember him, rest in peace, Mr. Rowley.

**Kay Saunders**

I remember him fondly. RIP.

**Mercedes Drummond**

A valued member of the Maths and IT faculties. Always generous with his time and the sharing of his incredible knowledge.

**Hannah Handreck (Winstanley)**

A great teacher. Great memories of him. Funny sense of humour, too.

**Jenny Gold**

Fond memories of Tim. Helpful and supportive of colleagues.

## 2026 SCHOOL PRODUCTION



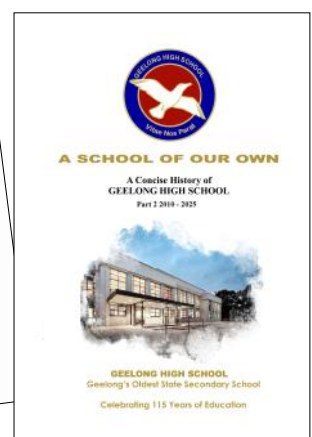
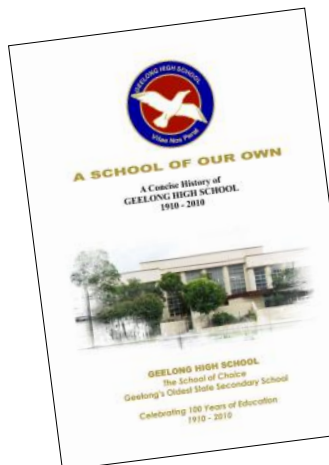
**Hadestown** is a musical by Anaïs Mitchell. It tells a version of the ancient Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice.

Eurydice, a starving young girl, goes to work in a hellish industrial version of the Greek underworld to escape poverty and the cold, and her poor singer-songwriter lover Orpheus comes to rescue her.

**Hadestown** intertwines two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone — as it invites you on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back. Mitchell's beguiling melodies and Chavkin's poetic imagination pit industry against nature, doubt against faith, and fear against love. Performed by a vibrant ensemble of actors, dancers and singers,

**Hadestown** is the winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Theatre Album.

## OFFICIAL HISTORY BOOK



*A School of Our Own*, has been updated and now covers 1910—2025. It sells for only \$30.00 (plus postage) and is available from the School Office.

*Whoever said out of sight, out of mind, never had a spider disappear in the bedroom.*



## CLASS OF '58 REUNION LUNCH

On Sunday November 9, a group of former Geelong High School students met for a reunion lunch at the Great Western Hotel. The 12 ex students were from the 1958 Form 6 (Matriculation) class, which was originally a total of 40 students. The group has been meeting regularly since 1985, when they got together as part of the school's 75 year celebrations.

While many of the class became educators, the group also produced four medical doctors, two pharmacists, one lawyer and a leading international horse trainer. One member even travelled from Queensland to join his classmates.

The group are already planning their next get together in 2028, to celebrate 70 years since leaving Geelong High School.

- Doug Sherman



*Standing - Bob Millard, Ian Jobling, John Aberton (obscured), Phil Darby, Graeme Dawson, Doug Sherman, Barry Tattersall, Spencer Leighton, John McLean, Alex Stoneman.  
Seated - Ruth Christian, Brian Caldwell.*



### Roll Call:

*Form Captain, John Aberton, calling the Roll to Graeme Dawson (left) and Doug Sherman (right).*



Ian Jobling

Brian Caldwell

John Aberton

Doug

Graeme Dawson

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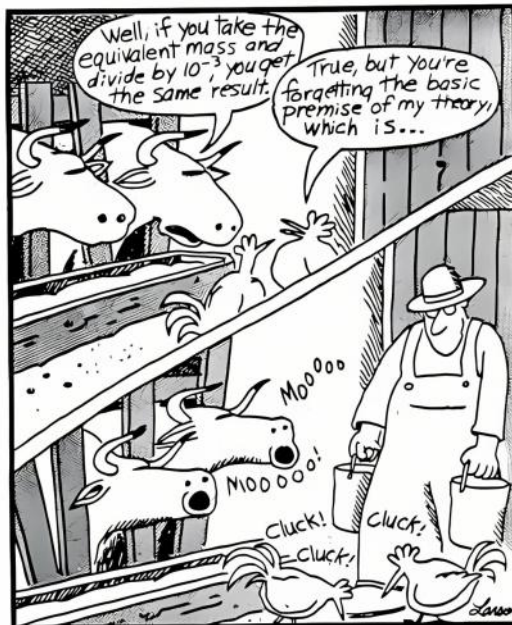
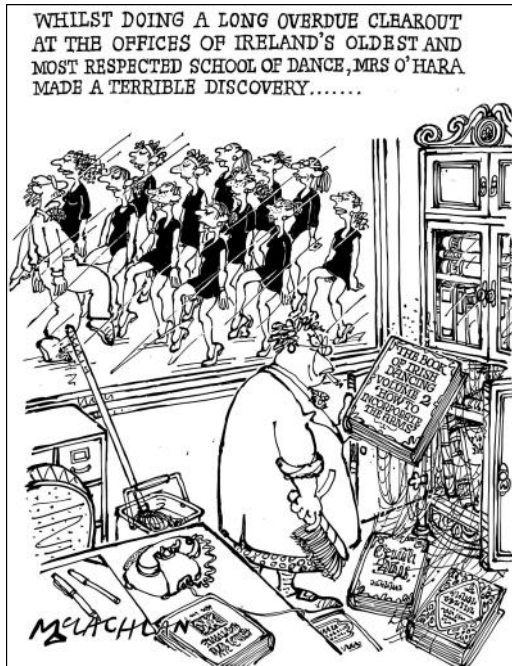
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# Just for Fun

Dance like nobody's watching, because they're not, they're all checking their phones.



Best wishes to everyone for a very happy Christmas and a happy and fulfilling year in 2026.



This motley looking bunch dressed up for Halloween at Geelong High School. ▼

