



## Upcoming SPOCA Activities

Watch out for the following events and activities:

- The SPJC Room at ACU and Cathedral Hall on show on **Saturday 27 July** as part of Open House Melbourne
- The SPOCA Annual Dinner returns to the warmer time of the year – **15 November** – Please save the date
- St Ignatius Geelong Mosaic Night **21 November**
- Awarding of the inaugural SPJC teaching scholarship at ACU – **2020 Saint Patrick's Day Mass, lunch and AGM at ACU**
- Opening of the reinvigorated Xavier/SPJC archives **Early 2020**

## 2019 SPOCA St Patrick's Day Mass & AGM

The Mass and AGM on 17 March was at Australian Catholic University, St Patrick's Campus, Fitzroy. The mass started at 11.00 am in the Mary McKillop Chapel followed by the AGM and an informal lunch in the south cafeteria. There was also an opportunity to join an escorted tour of the campus and Cathedral Hall. These arrangements will continue for 2020.



Gavin Wayland (SPOCA Treasurer) and John Ballard (Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor ACU) at the Saint Patrick's campus of ACU, with the Saint himself

## ANZAC Mass 28 April, Xavier Chapel

SPOCA members and their partners were well represented at a very moving and faith filled recognition of the sacrifice of SPJC and Xavier old boys. Of special significance are the reading of the names and the laying of wreaths by the presidents of SPOCA and OXA.

## SPJC ACU Room and Cathedral Hall on show Open House Melbourne 27 July

Great opportunity to see our new home, the SPJC Room, revisit memories of Cathedral Hall and visit the Mary Glowrey Museum upstairs – these will be featured as part of ACU's initial participation in the Open House Melbourne program on Saturday 27 July 2019.

[www.openhousemelbourne.org](http://www.openhousemelbourne.org)

SPOCA volunteer guides are needed for half-day shifts on Saturday 27 July. Please contact Kevin Lane Tel: 0400 588 767 or Email:

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(Left) SPJC memorabilia including Cadet Cup on display in the SPJC Room at ACU, being viewed by Old Patricians

(Right) The Mosaic SPC Crest, which was in the terrazzo floor of the entrance hall of the college, rescued from demolition and now in our section of the Xavier Archives

## SPJC Audio Visual History 'Conversations'

Steve Bowman, film maker and old Patrician, has been conducting interviews with old boys representing periods of our history from the 1940's through to now. He will edit the interviews and supplement them with photos and memorabilia to provide an audio visual of our rich history. The 'Launch' will be at Cathedral Hall and the SPJC Room as part of Open House Melbourne.

## SPJC Scholarship at ACU

The receipt of donations has now exceeded the threshold of \$100,000 for the awarding of a perpetual scholarship. The first award is scheduled for 2020. Opportunities to donate will continue in order to provide a buffer against the risk of declining fund investment earning rates.



## SPJC Memorabilia and Archiving at Xavier

Fit out of the education and display spaces in the expanded Xavier College Archives is underway with an official opening now planned for early 2020. Patricians will be invited to the event. With alumni assistance, most of the 300 items of SPJC memorabilia will be delivered to the XC Archives in September in accordance with the formal Deed of Gift signed between XC and SPOCA.

The SPJC heritage is being secured through six fantastic alumni initiatives over recent years:

- the book "More than a School" by Frs Healy and Head SJ;
- the St Pats Website now managed by Paul Buttigieg;
- the SPJC Room and display at ACU Cathedral Hall arranged by Kevin Lane;
- the Visual and Oral SPJC History Film being produced by Steve Bowman;
- SPJC Memorabilia - assembled, stored and displayed in the XC Archives by Catherine Hall, Gavin Wayland and Jim Smith; and
- The perpetual SPJC teaching scholarship at ACU.



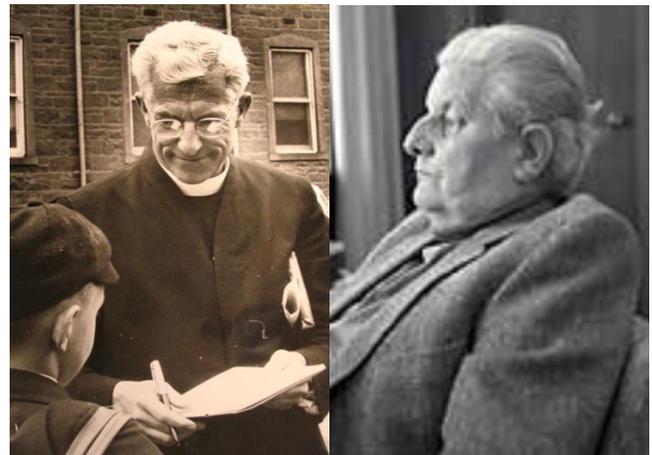
SPOCA's Kevin Lane, John Young, Michael Curtin, Paul Buttigieg and Jim Smith in the domain of our great friend Catherine Hall, Xavier Archivist

## Fr 'Jack' Drury SJ added to SPJC Notables list

The following old boys have been added to the longstanding register of *Patrician Notables* which can be viewed on our website:

- Fr John Drury (62-68) was greatly admired as an SPJC teacher and Rector, and as Director of the Centre of Ignation Spirituality in Sydney
- Vincent Buckley (1938) was a highly respected poet and writer, steeped in Irish history and holding a Chair in Poetry at Melbourne University

Suggestions for additions to the register should be forwarded to the leader of this initiative, Paul McColl at [info@stpats.xavier.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@stpats.xavier.vic.edu.au).



(Left) Fr John (Jack) Drury SJ

(Right) Vincent Buckley

## Jesuit Partner Schools

Our work with St Ignatius College Geelong and Loyola College continues, with awarding of book prizes and representation at our annual dinner.

## Five Year SPOCA Plan

Work is commencing to prepare a plan to guide our association over the next five years or so, as we continue in the spirit of *Semper Et Ubique Fidelis*. You can find the process and timeline for its development on our website. Your thoughts are central to this task, please send them to Peter Rogan at [info@stpats.xavier.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@stpats.xavier.vic.edu.au).

## SPOCA/OXA collaboration

The two Jesuit school old collegian associations have committed to closer collaboration including participation in each other's committee meetings. More later.

## SPOCA Website [www.stpats.xavier.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.xavier.vic.edu.au)

Our website is going from strength to strength under Paul Buttigieg, so get on and explore!

## Obituaries

We remember with sadness the following SPC alumni who have passed away since, or were not included in, the February 2019 Patrician:

25 Feb 19	Steventon, (Leonard) Thomas	47-51
24 Apr 19	Pocock, John Desmond	50-55
c16 May 19	Fleiter, Roy John	40-42
18 Jun 19	Negri, Dino	45-51
05 Oct 18	Patterson, Paul (in France).	66-68