



### Watch out for the following 2020 activities:

- Release of the school song, sung by alumni at the 2019 dinner **Early 2020**
- 2020 Saint Patrick's Day Mass, lunch and AGM at ACU **March 2020** – this will include if possible an announcement of who is to be awarded the inaugural SPJC ACU teaching scholarship
- Anzac Day Mass in the Xavier Chapel **19 April 2020**
- Opening of the reinvigorated Xavier/SPJC archives at Xavier College **April 2020**
- The SPOCA Annual 'Dinner' in **November 2020**
- Release of a discussion paper for the SPOCA Five Year Plan **April 2020**

### 2019 SPOCA Annual Dinner

A very successful and enjoyable annual dinner was held on at Greenacres Golf Club with 60 attendees (2 more than the previous year). The toast was given by Steve Bowman who also introduced a showing of the short version of his film 'Our School – Reflections' featuring heart-ripping images of the tower coming down under the wrecker's ball. The night also featured a heart-warming rendition of the school song by Alumni present, also recorded for posterity by Steve.

### SPJC Reflections - Launched at Annual Dinner

The idea for the film "SPJC – Our School Reflections" began with a suggestion at a 1949ers Alumni Lunch last year that some oral histories about St Patrick's should be collected. Steve Bowman (SPC 1949-54), who worked with ABC radio/TV and as an independent film producer, generously took on the task. Steve's film blossomed beyond filmed interviews with 15 alumni of all age groups, to include extracts from existing SPC films, still photos from our library, a Xavier Choir recording of our school song "Semper Fidelis" and much more. It was launched at the SPOCA Dinner, to much acclaim, by Pat Cahir – the senior alumnus present (SPC 1937-40). Some DVD copies are available for purchase from Gavin Wayland.



At the 2019 dinner - Pat Cahir OLP (Oldest Living Patrician) launching the Reflections film; Steve Bowman filming the singing of the School Song



SPJC Alumni singing the school song conducted by Jim Smith



Six of the 2019 Committee stand proudly before the Banner

### SPJC Rich History you can See and Touch! Memorabilia Transferred to Xavier Archives

Around 240 separate items of SPC history and memorabilia have been catalogued and on 12 September all available items were physically moved to the Xavier College Archives in Kew under the curation of Archivist Catherine Hall. SPOCA is most grateful to alumni Gavin Wayland, John Curry, Michael Curtain, Kevin Lane and Jim Smith who were available to assist with transfers. The XC Archives now have 135 items boxed or racked, the Jesuit Province Archives retain 90 items & records and approximately 15 items of SPC science equipment are at St Ignatius Athelstone. Thanks go to recent memorabilia donors including John Young (SPC 1949-55), Philip Morgan (SPC 1954-58) and Max Nankervis (SPC 1959-62). Any donations you have can be co-ordinated directly with Catherine Hall at XC on (03) 9854-5360. Patricians will be invited to an event in around April next year at XC to view, explore and marvel.



## SPJC Scholarship at ACU St Patrick's Campus

The scholarship is now open to applications by all ACU students moving into second year of an undergraduate teaching course. A decision is expected in March and it will be based primarily on academic merit and a record of social justice and community service activities. We thank ACU for their generosity in fully funding the 2020 scholarship (at \$5000) to allow the fund to continue to increase in value. Opportunities to donate will continue in order to provide a buffer against the risk of declining fund investment earning rates.

## SPJC Room, Cathedral Hall, at ACU

Until recently, SPOCA had been 'homeless' since the closure of the College. As part of our education scholarship partnership with ACU Saint Patrick's Campus, we now have a base in Cathedral Hall. The Saint Patrick's Jesuit College Room is located at the front of the Hall, facing Brunswick Street. SPJC memorabilia are on display with audio-visual equipment available for screening videos and access to the digital archive.

The SPJC Room is used for SPOCA committee meetings and is available for other activities such as year-level reunions. Patricians and their families are also encouraged to visit adjoining areas of the impressive ACU Saint Patrick's Campus including its beautiful chapel and the Mary Glowrey Museum.

SPOCA volunteers assisted with ACU's inaugural participation in the Open House Melbourne program in July with over 280 visitors. Cathedral Hall was featured including the SPJC Room, the Mary Glowrey Museum, and in the Hall a display of original architectural drawings and screening of the 1921 film 'Ireland Will Be Free'.



## Five Year SPOCA Plan

Work has commenced on the preparation of a plan to guide our association over the next five years or so, as we continue in the spirit of *Semper Et Ubique Fidelis*. An important step is the circulation to all members in April of a discussion paper. It will cover a snapshot of the Patrician community – size, profile, assets, activities and finances – as well as possible new initiatives and a sensible transition to ensure Patricians can enjoy fellowship into the future. Our many successful activities over the past 5 years demonstrate that we still have a kick in us. Let's all get involved in charting our future. Your thoughts are central to this task, please send them to Peter Rogan at [progan@internode.on.net](mailto:progan@internode.on.net).



Xavier Choir under Head of Choral, Nick Cowell, recording our School Song

## St Ignatius College Geelong Prize Night

A book prize and copy of "SPC More than a School" was presented to SICG alumnus Molly Cross at this year's Mosaic Night held on 21 November in Geelong by SPOCA Committee Member Jim Smith. Molly's award recognised her time involved in the Jesuit 'Cardoner Project' and other community service activities this year. SPOCA and its history was acknowledged in the program for the evening and we were warmly welcomed by Principal and Deputy Michael Exton and Paul Lewis respectively. A copy of the Reflections DVD was presented to the school and the SPOCA offer of involvement with SICG Old Collegians was reiterated.



## Saint Ignatius College



### Alumni Award – LOYOLA COLLEGE

The SPOCA Alumni Award is a perpetual award given to the graduate of Loyola College who is deemed to live up to the Loyola College motto and Jesuit ethos of "Justice, Mercy, Faith". The Awards Evening on 6 December 2019, clearly demonstrated Loyola's commitment to Ignatian values. SPOCA Committee members Michael Nolan and Vin Martin were present when Year 11 student Niesha Bernal was announced as this year's recipient of the Award. Niesha will physically take possession of the Award upon her return from Perth where she is currently representing Loyola College at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. A worthy winner of the Alumni Award, Niesha also won Full Colours for Christian Service and a further Christian Service Award. Michael gained the impression that the SPOCA Award is clearly held in high regard. Last year's winner, Laura Spiby, has won the Insignis medal, the highest award at an Ignatian school.

### SPJC Notables Project

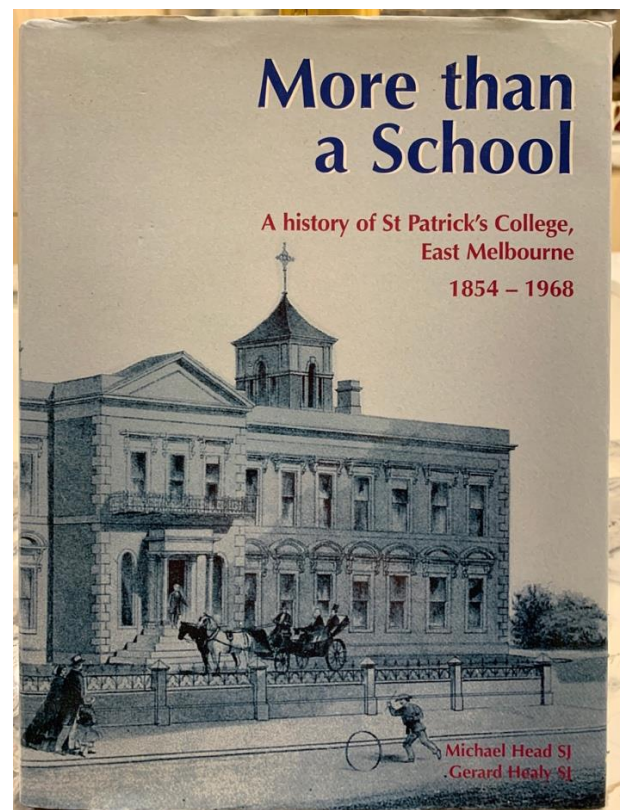
The Notables project has been continuing behind the scenes even though there haven't been any visible changes on the website yet. There have been some problems involved in making changes or additions to our website which Paul McColl and Paul Buttigieg are in the process of ironing out. We have met with some of the Xavier people associated with the website and there has been an in-principle agreement for SPOCA to have more direct access to St Pat's website additions, editing, updates, etc.

Once this is put in place over the next few weeks, we should be able to see some changes on the website in the new year, particularly regarding an expansion of the section devoted to our Notables. We should also see more regular updating of the website in terms of current events, archiving of completed events, and so on.

### Obituaries

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

22	Aug 19	O'Rourke, Peter Julian	50-55
3	Sep 19	Hawkins, Peter	50-58
c.7	Oct 19	Stafford, Vincent G.	37-44
9	Oct 19	Pirrie, James	38-45
20	Mar 19	Braden, Charles Robert	46-50
2	Nov 19	Matthews, Francis X.	38-46



An essential inclusion on any Patrician's bookshelf. A copy can be obtained from Gavin Wayland

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