



St Patrick's S.J. Old Collegians' Association

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Dear Patricians

I have just begun a two-year term as President of SPOCA. I was a student at SPC from 1961-68 and whilst they were very good years in my life, I lost contact with most of my school mates once my school days were over and had little involvement with SPOCA. When I was given an opportunity to join the Committee in 2018, I accepted as:

- I wanted to find out more about what SPOCA did and why they were still active-the alumnae organisation of schools that are closed rarely survive as stand-alone bodies. Our Association is special.
- I wanted to contribute to SPOCA, having felt a little guilty over the years about my lack of support for the Association
- It would provide opportunities to connect or reconnect with old school friends.

Your new Committee had its first Committee meeting last week using the Zoom video conferencing application with the most important issue discussed being the development of SPOCA's Five-Year Plan. The Committee has now endorsed the broad directions of the Discussion Paper distributed late February which essentially advocates a stronger focus on the needs and interests of Patricians. The most important initiative proposed, and the one which has received most support from members, is the provision of pastoral care services to members in need.

Given the pandemic crisis, the Committee has decided to give top priority to progressing this initiative and we are convening a group to provide advice to the Committee on what specific assistance SPOCA could realistically provide. If you believe that you can contribute to this group, please contact me. However, this work will realistically take time. Whilst the work is going on, the Committee wants to do what it reasonably can to provide assistance and advice to members being adversely impacted by the pandemic, particularly those who do not have the support of family and friends during this difficult time. If you find yourself in this position, please feel free to contact either me or Murray Cullinan to discuss your situation. Our contact details are:

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My focus over the next two years will be on implementing the Five-Year Plan which will include providing opportunities for Patricians to connect and these will be intended for all Patricians, not just those who are currently active in Association. Based on my recent experience, reconnecting with long lost school mates can be a very rewarding thing to do in your senior years and I would encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities we provide.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Committee and the Patrician Community to thank Murray Cullinan for his outstanding contribution to SPOCA as President for the last two years during which time the ACU Scholarship has been established and the Five-Year Plan Review initiated.

Details of the current Committee are attached. Please feel free to contact any of these people if there are SPOCA matters you wish to discuss.

Take care and stay safe.

Peter Rogan
President

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St Patrick's SJ Old Collegians' Association Committee 2020-2021

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