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## **SPOCA Mass & AGM: Sunday 18 March 2018**

All alumni are invited to the 2018 Annual Mass, Breakfast and AGM which are being held from 9am Sunday 18 March at Newman College. The minutes of the 2017 AGM are enclosed with this invitation mail-out for your information.

Your Committee would welcome the nomination and participation of new Committee Members from any year, but particularly from alumni from the 1968 Classmates Reunion being arranged for this year. Please contact Secretary Michael Head SJ or any other Committee member if you'd like to put forward your name.

Other key SPOCA dates for your 2018 diaries are: the Anzac Day Mass at Xavier College Chapel on Sunday 22 April; the Maytime Fair on Sat 5 May; and the Annual Dinner at Greenacres Golf Club – this year on the earlier date of Friday 10 August. The year will finish with an event recognising 50 years since the College closure (see below).

## **Productive 2017 Year for Your Association**

SPOCA again provided fellowship for alumni, custodianship of SPC history and support for Jesuit Province works.

A successful reunion was held for over thirty-five 1967 Classmates and an enjoyable Annual Dinner was addressed by Dr John Ballard (ACU-St Patrick's Campus Vice-Chancellor) and Ted Rule (SPC 60-64). SPOCA re-joined the Australian Union of Jesuit Alumni and briefed the seven other associations on your continuing initiatives.

A selection of SPC images and physical items of memorabilia were loaned to St Ignatius College Geelong (SICG) for two years for display around their campus. SPOCA book prizes were presented to worthy students at SICG and at Loyola College Watsonia (LCW). SPOCA forwarded your donations of \$4000 to Jesuit Mission and around \$3000 in cash and books to the works of alumni, Kevin Brophy and Maurie Heading SJ with indigenous communities in WA & NT.

## **Policy Adopted to Carefully Gift SPOCA Memorabilia to Xavier College Archives**

After considering all options and recognising our 140+ years of shared history with Xavier College, your Committee concluded that the best future preservation and access for the 150 items of important SPC / SPOCA memorabilia that we own is in the professional care of the XC Archives under a Deed of Gift ensuring SPOCA wishes are met for the long term. Memorabilia will still be available for example, for SPOCA events, loans and support for Jesuit initiatives.

The Deed is currently being prepared and it is planned to implement the agreement and consolidate the memorabilia later this year. Some funds are being sought from alumni now (see attached flyer) to best display part of the SPC Collection and the Committee endorses that part of SPOCA funds at its eventual wind-up also go to XC Archives.

## **ACU Campus & 50 Year Closure Event for SPOCA Families**

Excellent support has been offered by ACU-St Patrick's Campus for events to recognise the 50 elapsed years since SPC closure. Please mark Saturday 24 November 2018 (closest weekend to date of 1968 closure) in your diary for a family event including speakers, refreshments and tours of Cathedral Hall, the former SPC School Yard, the ACU Campus and other facilities of early Melbourne's Eastern Hill Education Precinct. More details are being finalised and will be provided.

"From Schoolyard to Campus" – your Committee has also agreed to an invitation from the Vice Chancellor to provide some form of SPOCA book prize or partial scholarship assistance to a worthy ACU-St Patrick's student each year. Please give your usual generous consideration to the accompanying donations flyer listing tax-deductible projects that will help maintain the SPC name on Eastern Hill.

## **Last Chance - 2018 SPC Tour of Ireland**

The Tour from 9 to 19 May 2018 will focus on the life of St Patrick, the Celtic Christian legacies, the Jesuits in Ireland and on Irish political and literary events. The travel route will cover Dublin, Belfast, Derry, Galway, Limerick, Waterford and the countryside in between. Nine adventurers have signed-up so far. More are welcome, but bookings must close on 28 Feb. If you wish to join the group, please contact Denise at Aurora Travel (03 9682-2000) or Tour Leader Jim Smith (on mobile above) to reserve your place.

## **1968 Classmates Reunion: Sat 1 Sept 2018**

SPOCA is delighted to endorse the work of Bill Dowling and four of his 1961-68 Classmates in arranging the reunion for the final SPC matriculation class. Details are likely to be on Sat 1 September at the Spread Eagle Hotel in Richmond. If you'd like to join the already over 40 participants, please contact Bill on 0407 806 483 to register or provide leads. More information on the arrangements and features will come in the next Patrician Newsletter.

## **Recent Alumni Obituaries**

We remember with sadness the following SPC alumni who have died since the previous Newsletter of Sept 2017:

1932-34	Leo Joseph	Brophy
1932-39	Neil	Clerehan
1935-40	Dr John Celestine	Egan
1937-42	John William	McClusky
1947-53	Thomas Austin	Cash
1948-50	Christopher Goodwin	de Fraga
1951-53	John Michael	Galvin
1951-54	John	Frewen
1951-54	Ronald Thomas	Gooch
Staff 1964-65	Fr John	Doenau SJ