

Sacred Heart College Old Boy's Association 2023 President's Report – Aubrey Donovan

This is the President's report for the 114th year of the SHCOBA. I present this on my 11th year of service on the Committee and President since September 2019. We have had a busy year with several key highlights.

This year the SHCOBA highlights for the year

- Our OBA Golf Day was a huge success. A full field of 140 Old Boys, teachers, friends, Marist brothers, SHC staff took over Whitford Park Golf Club on a fabulous blue-sky day. A big thank you to Brian and his team for putting another great day. 20% of the field were recent old boys ie 2012- 2022
- The SHC fair we ahead this year and once again the dunk tank was a great success, and we even dunked our local National MP (and our first SHC OBA president).
- Our National Dinner went ahead this year. Over 140 SHC Old Boys made the event. A big thank you to Ben Christie and the Boys in the Kapa Haka group. Kerry Coleman gave us the Toast to the Alma Mater and Jason Cornford in his role as Acting Principal gave a reply and update on the college. There were 4 tables of '83 leavers and many younger old boys in attendance. Well done on a great night to Mark Peterson, Lyn Luxton and the team.
- Paul Molloy has taken over as Archivist at the college. He presented his plans for the SHC archives and reports to SHC, as well as his family's relationship to the college from the very beginning of the colleges history.
- Patrick Walsh and Paul Greaney hosted a London reunion where 40 old boys were in attendance and a great night was had. Thank you to Old Boy Mike Arbuckle and the UYK based team for making this event happen.
- A great ANZAC mass this year, organised by Margret Graham.

Recent funding requests, such as;

- SHC Basketball to the National champs. They only found out they were going a week before the event and didn't have time to fund raise. On their return, they presented a signed basketball in a glass presentation case to the SHCOBA as thanks.
- Patrick Walsh to the 2022 Wellington reunion.
- The Old Boys honorary board repair
- Morning teas for groups of Old Boys, held at the college with a tour around the facilities
- Funding some of UK reunion with the development foundation
- Support for SHC Archivist
- SHC Anzac Mass

I would like to thank our Headmaster, Mr Patrick Walsh. Mr Walsh continues to show his support for the SHC OBA and its community and has attended many functions since arriving, including the SHC OB London reunion. Patrick is committed to improving our processes and provide improved support to our community.

A thank you to Lyn Luxton and Paul Greaney of the Development Foundation who provide invaluable support and resources. Kelly Jennings from the PTA team and the SHC Board for their support of the OBA.

I would also like to thank the OBA Committee. My Committee of volunteers give their time freely and willingly to ensure that our Committee remain relevant and central to the growth of our organisation, both locally and internationally. Our mission remains more relevant than ever: connecting our SHC old boys to the school and to the greater old boys community.

The OB community is in great spirit, it is very active and I come to the end of my 4th year as your President. At our AGM this year, it was voted for myself to remain the SHC OBA President for a further two years, which is a huge honour and I thank everyone for their support. I'd like to thank Peter Fa'afiu for his support as Vice President and welcome Daniel Whittaker as our new Vice President. Our treasurer David Anderson and Secretary Matt Kelly remain for another term, thank you for your continued service to the SHCOBA committee.

I'd also like to thank Paul Stewart for his service to SHC OBA. Paul resigned from our committee at the 2023 AGM. Paul has been an active and committed SHCOBA member, attending many national reunions after Br Marcel could no longer attend, our SHCOBA president (2012/2013) and we can't forget Sandras amazing Brothers Christmas luncheons. Paul has been on the SHC OBA committee for 20 years and would drive up from the Waikato to attend our quarterly meetings. Thank you, Paul, for all you have done for the SHCOBA committee.

With the help of the College, the Brothers, the OBA Committee and the Spirit of Marcellin Champagnat to guide us, I look forward to the coming year and the opportunities it brings us all.

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Aubrey Donovan, President ('90, Boarder)
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