

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008
(Annual General Meeting, 28 April 2009)**

Throughout 2008, the OBU adhered to its primary aim of keeping Old Boys in touch; in touch with each other, in touch with their old school and in touch with members of other GPS schools.

We have achieved this through the regular e-Bulletins, *The High Bulletin* and the OBU website - <http://www.shsobu.org.au> .

Two particular aspects of the OBU's activities are worth highlighting this year.

The first is the successful participation of Old Boys from the classes of 1975 and 1976 in the GPS Gold Challenge.

The second has been the School's public recognition of Old Boy achievement. Two projects are advancing with the full support (including financial support) of the Headmaster.

1. The first of the honour boards recognising old boy members of the Order of Australia (OAMs) was unveiled before a group of eminent Old Boys following the Foundation Day assembly in 2008.

2. The first of the post-1945 conflicts honour boards was unveiled at the School's 2009 Anzac commemoration, honouring the old boys who served in the Korean War.

Another equally important role for the OBU is the supply of delegates to the School's governance bodies.

I would like to place on record my personal appreciation of all those who have performed these roles: On the Foundation, Ken Clemens, Graeme Anderson, and Karl Kruszelnicki; On the School Council, Dennis Briggs. I would also like to thank John Pointing and Mark Livingston who have acted as alternate delegates. Mark has also performed the important role of delegate to the GPS OBU.

I want to give particular recognition for Ken Clemens' contribution as Treasurer over many years to both the OBU and the Foundation. Ken is retiring from office and I cannot adequately express how grateful the whole school community has been for his quiet professionalism in managing the finances of the Foundation.

In closing, I will repeat the call I made last year for greater efforts to increase the income of the OBU. In the past 12 months, the global financial crisis has made matters worse for us and we now have \$30,000 worth of unrealised investment losses on the accounts for 2008. Now more than ever we must work together to ensure the long-term survival of the OBU.

Joseph Waugh
President