

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

21st June, 2018, in Room M1, South Street, from 3.45 – 5.00 pm

1. **Present:** Ann Bridges (AB), Ted Brocklebank (TB), Liz Higgins (LH), Donald Macgregor DMCG), Lindsay Matheson (LM), Anne Morris (AM), Dorothy Orem (DO), Arlen Pardoe (AP), Edmund Robertson (ER), David Watkinson (DW), Taylor Watt (TW). **Apologies:** Jim Bennett (JB), Frances Humphries (FH), Maia Sheridan (MS).
2. The note of the meeting of 26th April 2018 was accepted with a clarification of DW's footnote to item 12.
3. In her apology MS had noted that she will contact LH at some point during the summer concerning access arrangements for one or two of her students. LM told the group that the rector had agreed that such helpers should simply be registered as "visitors" on each occasion, thus avoiding the necessity of full "disclosure".
4. TB indicated that the Kinburn Trust would consider our request at its September meeting for some archive display cabinets. LM will liaise with Mr McClure regarding his desired specification of size and type.
5. TB also informed the meeting that after the proposed joint interview of Glen Pride and Joyce Hutton he will have completed the former pupil group over 90 years of age. LM will carry out this interview during the summer, though Veronica will not be available for the transcribing for two months.
6. AB reported on the restoration costs she has been quoted for the statue of the "High Jump" by Scott Sutherland. Discussion followed on various aspects of this task, including technical ownership and possible sources of funding. LM will approach the school's Endowment Trust for support, suggesting that the Quad Fund, currently in abeyance, might be reactivated for this project.
7. AP introduced the topic of memorial trees and benches, some of which may be listed for possible transfer to the new school in coming years. For the present an inventory of these items, and some other plaques in various places in the school, should be completed for consideration by the school management.
8. DO tabled a number of interesting papers, forms and documents that she had come across in recent weeks. To date she has not had responses from other members of staff regarding items that might be worth retaining in the archive. She asked whether Thomas Drysdale, whose war-grave is in Kiel, still has local relatives. LM will ask Joyce Hutton and Glen Pride if either of them has information. TW expressed interest in taking various photographs relating to the present school and its life. LH offered to catalogue the images.
9. For the coming session AM suggested that we take a table at the Preservation Trust Autumn Fair. ER felt this this would be one way that we could advertise our existence more widely.
10. TB was able to state in response to a query that the original school rugby field had been near the former first hole of the Eden golf course, on ground that currently accommodates the driving range.
11. TW will keep an eye out for other potential S6 recruits as helpers and also mentioned that the topic had been raised by Mr Darge at S6 assembly recently.
12. Our first meeting of the new session was scheduled for Thursday 23rd August.
13. AB closed the meeting with thanks to all, at 5.00 pm.

LM, 22.06.18