



# *Palmyra*

*Newsletter of the Hartley College Past Pupils Association  
New South Wales Branch, Australia*

## September 2005-Spring Edition

Dear Fellow Hartleyites,

Welcome to the first edition of *Palmyra* for 2005/06. I would like to keep this as a mini-edition with the main purpose of informing our membership about the 4<sup>th</sup> annual cricket match between Hartley PPA NSW and Jaffna Hindu College OBA NSW. I also would like to seek your kind attention on the following matters. I am confident that all these matters that I have highlighted in this column would be taken due consideration by you all.

Our PPA's Constitution has been amended to broaden our membership to include Hartleyites who are living in other Australian States and Territories other than Victoria. Already many Hartleyites have shown a keen interest in joining our organisation as life members to serve our school. We have already enrolled five new life members within a short span of time. You may see the details of these new life members in a new section introduced in this newsletter-**Introduction of New Life Members**. We would continue to introduce our new life members via this newsletter.

Information Technology would become a compulsory subject in the GCE (A/L) in year 2007 for University entrance in Sri Lanka. It is mandatory anyone who is sitting GCE (A/L) examination year 2007 onwards must score at least 30% in Information Technology subject for consideration to get admission to Sri Lankan Universities -whether it is in Engineering, Science, Medicine, Commerce or Arts. Our organisation has already initiated a Project (spent more than \$4000) in this regard and we would continue to support our treasured school to strengthen the Information Technology Section in terms of equipment and other support necessary.

The annual Ashes encounter between Hartley Old boys and Jaffna Hindu Old boys will be held during the long weekend in October. You may see the full details about this cricket match inside this newsletter. Pre-match momentum has already gathered regarding this annual event. I hear that Jaffna Hindu Old Boys already started train their players to scrap the Ashes from Hartley held during the last 3 years. As a Hartleyite, I wish Hartley College would retain the Ashes. Further, I hope Hartley would field a team that has plenty of talent with fitness to continue to keep Ashes but not like the Australian Team that has handed over the Ashes to English Team after keeping it in a safe place for 18 years.

I invite Hartleyites who read this newsletter to discuss with any of the Committee members ways and means to strengthen our college as a centre of Excellence in Learning. You may send any comments with particular reference to how we should improve the contents of this newsletter for the benefits of Hartleyites and their families to me directly at [Kselvarajah@hutchison.com.au](mailto:Kselvarajah@hutchison.com.au) and your e-mails would get prompt attention and an immediate response.

Many thanks for spending your valuable time to read this newsletter. I look forward to receiving your valuable inputs.

FIAT Lux: Let There Be Light

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Selva(Kidnapillai Selvarajah)  
Editor 2005/06.**



*HARTLEY COLLEGE*  
(POINT PEDRO)  
**PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION**

*NSW Branch, Australia*

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My fellow Hartleyites,

Thank you for electing me to the post of president for the year 2005/06. I am once again humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me.

I extend a warm welcome to the four new members who have joined the 2005/06 committee.

Our editor and senior committee member Mr K Selvarajah should be applauded for his efforts in enrolling five additional members for the life membership within a short period of three months.

I am pleased to let you know that Mr A Srikumar has done an excellent job in setting up a computer lab at Hartley College. The Deputy Principal Gunseelan Master and Rajaskanthan Master (Teacher in charge for the A/L) have named the lab as "Computer Self Learning Centre Donated by HCPPA (NSW) in Memory of former Principal Late Mr Venugopal".

The New South Wales and Victoria branch have agreed to share the Travel Cost of the P.T Squad who travelled to Colombo to participate in the National P T Competition.

You may be pleased to know that our P T Squad came 1<sup>st</sup> in the district and has been placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> position in the national competition held recently.

The April 2005 A/L results are very encouraging. The percentage qualified for the university entrance is in the high fifties with four students achieving the top 3A result. A point to note is the continued poor performance in English.

The annual cricket match between the (NSW) Branch and the Jaffna Hindu Old Boys Association has been scheduled to take place on 2 October 2005. Please show your support to our cricket team by turning up on the day to Cheer them up and enjoy a day of fun and BBQ at the grounds.

With kind regards  
Charles Somasundram

## *Introduction of New Life Members*

It is indeed a great pleasure and privilege for me to introduce our new life members on behalf of HCPPA-NSW Branch Committee. The HCPPA-Executive Committee extends warmth welcome to these new life members.

**Ramasamy Sithamparapillai** a native of Athiyady studied at Hartley College from 1936 to 1941 before moving into Colombo. A Banker by profession and served the Bank of Ceylon in various capacities in many parts of the Island before retiring from the services in 1983 as a Shroff officer. He is one of the active members of the Seniors Citizen Group in Wentworthville and currently lives in Toongabbie with his family. It is appropriate to point out here that his son, Dr Seelan is one of the past Presidents of HCPPA-NSW Branch and a popular G P in Toongabbie area.

**Prof. Muttucumaru Sivakumar** who is a native of Thiccam (Alwai West) was a pupil of Hartley College from 1961 to 1970 and entered the University of Peradeniya in 1971. He passed out B.Sc Eng Degree with First Class Honours in 1975. He obtained M.Sc Eng degree at the Asian Institute of Technology before joining the University of Newcastle to read for his Doctorate degree and obtained his PhD Degree in 1981. He is now an Associate Professor of Environmental and Civil Engineering at the School of Civil, Mining and Environmental Engineering, University of Wollongong. Sivakumar who is popularly known as Siva among his friends is a devotee of Sathiya Sai Bawa. He lives with his family in Codeaux Heights, Wollongong.

**Prof. Eliyathamby Selvanathan** who comes from Karaveddy was a Hartleyite from 1965 to 1972 and entered the University of Jaffna to read for an Economics Degree and passed out with First Class Honours. He obtained a Masters degree from the Bucurest University and a PhD degree from the Murdoch University. He is now a Professor of International Business, at the Department of International Business and Asian Studies, Griffith University. Prof Selvanathan has a lot of interests not only in Econometric Theory but also in our current liberation struggle. He lives with his family in Sunny Bank Hills, Queensland.

**Bala Selvanathan**, who is one of the Committee Members of HCPPA-NSW Branch, studied at Hartley College from 1973 to 1978. He obtained the B.Sc Eng. Degree specialising in Civil Engineering from the University of Peradeniya in 1983. After working with Engineering Consulting firms both in Sri Lanka and Overseas, Bala migrated to Australia with his family in 1993. At present he is working as a Team Leader / Senior Planning Engineer in the Asset Management Division, Sydney Water. Bala is the son-in-law of former Zoology teacher of Hartley College, late Mr.K.Sivapathasundaram (Sivam master). He lives with his family in North Rocks.

**Kovinthapillai Panchalingam**, a native of Puloly, was a pupil of Hartley College from 1974 to 1981 and then studied accounting in Colombo whilst working in the accounting field as a part of the accounting professional qualification requirements. He migrated to Australia in 1985 and he is now a Certified Practicing Accountant holding the membership of CPA-Australia. He currently works as an Accountant at M/s Waco Kwikform Ltd. Mr Panchalingam who is popularly known as Panchu, a devoted Hindu and it is easy to meet him on Fridays at the Sydney Murugan temple. He lives with his family in Auburn. Panchu is a brother of Mr K Kaneshalingam who is a Vice Patron of HCPPA-NSW Branch.

Dear Hartleyite, HCPPA-NSW Branch needs to grow continuously to serve our college. Hartleyites, who are living in NSW and willing to join as a life member for the purpose serving our college, please either contact me or any other committee members. I would continue to call Hartleyites personally who are living in Australia via phone on Sundays to discuss matters related to our College and HCPPA-NSW Branch.

**Selva**

**On Behalf of the HCPPA-NSW Branch Committee.**

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## **4th Annual Cricket Match between Hartley HCPPA NSW and Jaffna Hindu College OBA NSW**

4th Annual Cricket Match between Hartley and Jaffna Hindu College OBAs will be held on Monday the 2nd October 2005. This year, we are planning to organise two separate games as follows depending on the availability of players. Game 1 is the annual event and the other one is a fun game involving families, kids, etc.

Game 1: One game with leather cricket ball (**Old Boys only**),

Game 2: If there are enough numbers, there will be another fun game with combined Parents/Children

Please come along with your family and enjoy an interesting outing. We need as many members and their families as possible to support our cricket team retaining the trophy.

If any of the Parents/Children would like to be part of these teams, please contact the following persons:

Ram Baskaran (Game Organiser) : 0419 989 185  
Bala Kuganesan (Social Secretary) : 0421 324 647

The details of the event are as follows:

Date: 2nd October 2005

Time: From 9.00am

Venue: **Granville Park**, UBD reference Page 211A14, corner of Claremont St and Woodville Road

- Please bring cooked food and enjoy a fellowship meal with others.
- Limited BBQ facilities available
- Washroom facilities available.
- The event will end with a prize giving ceremony.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the winning team, the best bowler and best batsman.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- **November/December 2005** : Movie Show/Fund Raiser. Late November or early December
- **January 2006**: Social Day - Annual Social day and BBQ, comprising sporting activities including Tennis, Netball on Australia Day 2006

## Plagiarism in HSC Assignments-Technology Would Catch You

The availability of textual material in electronic format has made plagiarism easier than ever whether it is in High School Assignments or University Research papers. Copying and pasting of paragraphs or even entire essays now can be performed with just a few mouse clicks using computer. In the recent past, education authorities in New South Wales have raised some concerns regarding the amount of plagiarism in HSC Assignments. After going through all the pros and cons of Anti-plagiarism software, some High Schools have decided to install anti-plagiarism software for teachers to check the originality and authenticity of the assignments submitted by HSC students. It has been reported in the press that anti-plagiarism software is being installed in many Sydney leading/selective schools to stem the rising tide of cheating. It is interesting to point out that in some cases schools have discovered copying by one in five students.

Eleven mostly private schools in Sydney have turned to Turnitin, a program that sends assignments to a server based in USA for cross-checking against a database of 4.5 billion web pages and millions of books, articles and student essays. The schools are then sent a report highlighting sections of the assignment, which match with entries on the database. One of the Sydney popular schools, St Paul's Grammar, in Penrith, installed Turnitin late last year and discovered that "between 10 and 20 per cent of students" were copying their assignments. They have found a handful of cases of cheating and cancelled marks and written to parents. However, it has reported in the press that they don't hold [Turnitin anti-plagiarism software] over students like a stick. In general, they give them a chance to look at the report for problems so they can fix them up before formally handing in the assignment.

In addition to St Paul's Grammar, there are other schools they use anti-plagiarism software, viz, Roseville College, SCECGS Redlands and MLC School at Burwood. According to Sydney Morning Herald, both Roseville and MLC Burwood said they had had success with Turnitin anti-plagiarism software.

According to various press reports, the managing director of Turnitin's representatives in Australia, said dozens of NSW leading schools had asked about the program with particular reference to the cost involved in using the software. It appears that a year-long subscription for Turnitin software costs \$526 per school, plus a fee of about \$1 per student. This software has been used in many Australian universities since 2001, but schools have begun using it to crack down on senior students who copy others' work to boost their marks and Universities Admission Index.

We should recognise to the fact that students are natural economisers. Many students are interested in the shortest route possible through a course. That's why they ask questions such as, "Will this be on the test?" Copying a paper sometimes looks at the shortcut through an assignment, especially when the student feels overloaded with work already. Therefore it is the duty of the teachers who have a major role to play in disciplining the students that they should not overload the students. We all need to recognise that the HSC program is a high-pressure time for students and teachers should ensure they know the students well so they know what they're capable of [and by] working with them closely so they see drafts. Some teachers regularly use Internet search engines such as Google to check the authenticity of work. And most of the teachers lecture their students about the ethical and disciplinary implications of intellectual property fraud.

There are many web sites that offer visitors the chance to download other people's essays for a fee. Most have a wide selection, covering almost any topic, with some offering students the chance to tailor-make essays according to length, deadline and grades. Most, however, state they do not endorse plagiarism and warn against submitting the purchased essay as original work.

Some educationists argue that Turnitin would have a limited impact on cheating. It is quite easy to catch students who take things from the Internet, and as it is, the people who cheat like that are often in the bottom tier. Further they say that It is the top tier who have better resources who are harder to catch. When students get their tutors to write their work for them, no software will catch them out.

Dear Friends

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER

We have undertaken a major computer laboratory project to Hartley College Point Pedro. Twenty computers have been donated by HCPPA NSW branch with fully functional client - server environment, printers and backup facilities. Proper measures also have been taken to safeguard against unexpected power failures. This cost of this project is estimated at \$4,500. This project became feasible following overwhelming support from Hartleyites like you in New South Wales. Project specific member donations amounted to \$4,000 and the balance of \$500 is to be financed from existing HCPPA NSW funds.

Our annual dinner last month attracted more people and higher revenue from ticket sales. It was a great success in many ways. Hope we would attract more Hartleyites in the next AGM/Dinner.

Our campaign of life membership drive continued to receive a good reception. After our AGM last month, five(05) new life members joined the association. These new additions boosted the total life member numbers to sixty-seven. During the last financial year when our life membership reached fifty we set aside \$5,000 in to a fixed deposit account. We are planning to set aside a further \$2,500 to our fixed deposit account when our life membership reaches seventy five.

K. Visakulan  
Treasurer

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### HARTLEY COLLEGE -GCE (A/L) April 2005 EXAMINATION RESULT

#### A Simple Analysis

##### *First Year*

	<b>Number Applied</b>	<b>Number Sat</b>	<b>Qualified for University</b>	<b>% Qualified for University</b>
<i>Maths</i>	64	62	32	51.6
<b>Biology</b>	21	21	13	61.9
<b>Commerce</b>	43	43	18	41.9
<b>Arts</b>	31	31	21	67.7
<b>Total</b>	159	157	84	53.5

##### *Second Year*

	<b>Number Applied</b>	<b>Number Sat</b>	<b>Qualified for University</b>	<b>% Qualified for University</b>
<i>Maths</i>	66	61	40	62.6
<b>Biology</b>	16	10	05	50
<b>Commerce</b>	44	25	12	48
<b>Arts</b>	12	09	07	77.8
<b>Total</b>	138	105	64	61

There are four students from the Hartley College obtained 3As. They are LOGANATHAN NANTHARUBAN (MATHS), VARITHAMBY SIVAKUMAR (MATHS), THIRULINGAM MALAIMAKAN (COMMERCE) and THARMALINGAM RAJKUMAR(ARTS). All these four students are from the first year A/L batch.

**HARTLEY COLLEGE  
PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION NSW BRANCH  
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA**

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
August 2005  
AT GRANTHAM CHURCH HALL, SEVEN HILLS**

**The president Mr Charles Somasundram chaired the meeting. The recorded attendance was 54 members. Chief Guest Dr. David Gunaratnam was invited to join the meeting.**

**1. CHAIRMAN 'S WELCOME ADDRESS**

President Mr Somasundram welcomed the members and expressed his happiness to see 54 Hartleyites. He thanked all the committee members and their families for having worked on the PPAs activities during the year. He also thanked the membership for supporting the committee.

**2. PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWELTH ANNUAL GENARAL MEETING**

Secretary Mr Paskarajothy presented the minutes of the 13th annual general meeting held on 10th July 2004 at Grantham Church Hall, Seven Hills. Members adopted the minutes as correct record of the meeting, proposed by Mr. C Paheerathan and seconded by Mr. K Kaneshalingam.

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Visakulan, the Treasurer presented the audited financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2005. He explained the revenues, expenses and the surplus for the year. He stated that the ordinary membership collection was poor and asked the members to become life members. He welcomed the newly joined 15 life members. He further reminded the membership that the life membership contribution is not available to pay for the operating expenses and that the branch needs to raise the level of life members in order to strengthen the overall financial well being.

The Audited accounts was adopted, proposed by Mr W Krishnathan and seconded by Mr. P Elango.

**4. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE 2005 -2006**

The outgoing president said that he wished more younger members would join the committee to serve the needs of various age groups. Mr Charles Somasundram then invited proposals for the office bearers for 2005/06.

Membership elected the positions as below.

**President:** Mr. Charles Somasundram  
Proposed by: Mr. V. Sugumar  
Seconded by: Mr. P. Elango

**Vice President:** Mr. V. Vijayakumar  
Proposed: Mr. P. Elango  
Seconded: Mr. Jega M Rajan

**Secretary:** Mr. K. Paskarajothy  
Proposed: Mr. W Krishnathan  
Seconded: Mr. N. Karunakaran

<b>Joint Secretary:</b>	Mr. G. Thirukumaran
Proposed:	Mr. K. Kaneshalingam
Seconded:	Mr. C Paheerathan
<b>Social Secretary:</b>	Mr. G Kuganesan
Proposed:	Mr. Charles Somasundram
Seconded:	Mr. C Paheerathan
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mr. K. Visakulan
Proposed:	Mr. Charles Somasundram
Seconded:	Mr. K Manamohan
<b>Editor:</b>	Mr. K Selvarajah
Proposed:	Mr. Charles Somasundram
Seconded:	Mr. W Krishnathan
<b>Committee members:</b>	Mr. A Gnanendran
Proposed:	Mr. A Srikumar
Seconded:	Mr. G Ramanan
<b>Committee members:</b>	Mr. S. Gnanasundaram
Proposed:	Mr. P. Elango
Seconded:	Mr. K. Kaneshalingam
<b>Committee members:</b>	Mr. B Selvanathan
Proposed:	Mr. V. Sugumar
Seconded:	Mr. D. Rajasingam

## 5. AUDITOR

The floor unanimously elected Mr. P.Arunothayam as the auditor for the next financial year, proposed by P. Elango and seconded by Mr N Karunaharan.

President welcomed the newly elected committee and invited the members to come to the floor for an introduction.

## POSITION OF VICE PATRONS

The president advised that following the amendment to the constitution in the previous years AGM the committee elected Mr P Elango and Mr N Karunakaran as vice patrons. The new vice patrons were then introduced to the membership.

## MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

President sought the consent from the floor in order to publish the details of the members of the branch in the souvenir. Mr. V. Sugumar pointed out that the precedent established by the Canadian and US HCPPA in this regard.

As there were no objections to the motion it was adopted unanimously.

## EXPANDING OBJECTIVES

The president mentioned that there were many inquiries from Hartleyites living in neighbouring countries such as Papua New Guinea and New Zealand expressing their willingness to join as members of the HCPPA



(NSW). He proposed that consideration be given to expand the constitution to accommodate these potential members as there aren't enough members to form an effective branch in their country of residence.

Messers K Sriskandarajah, P Elango and W Krishnathasan took part in the discussion debating the issues surrounding the proposal.

The proposal was unanimously adopted paving the way for the amendment to the constitution be submitted in the next AGM.

### **YOUNG MEMBERS**

Mr. P. Elango spoke about the need for young Hartliyaties to take part in the branch activities. He invited young members to come forward and be part of the committee or make themselves available to work closely with the committee members. He said steps in this direction will provide opportunities to air their views on issues affecting the school.

President Thanked Mr A Srikumar who initiated the computer project. On popular request Mr A Srikumar was invited to brief the members about the project.

Mr. Srikumar explained that He was organising to take 20 computers for the school procured by the branch using donations. He said his main objective was to alleviate any fears in the minds of the students in handling computers in general. He mentioned that he would teach students and teachers to configure and install programs/operating systems and how to attend to basic hardware repairs and maintenance and the use of Internet services.

Mr Srikumar was applauded for his efforts. President thanked Mr A Srikumar and G Thirukumaran who together spearheaded the project.

### **7.ANY OTHER BUISNESS**

Mr K Sriskandarajah suggested that the reading of the minutes of the AGM was unnecessary since it was already published and circulated to all members. The president concurred with the suggestion and agreed it implement it.

Mr. R Naganathan suggested that the AGM be held on a separate day rather than combining it with the Annual Dinner. The president responding to the suggestion stated that the idea was considered many times in the past and rejected on practical grounds. He however assured that the matter would be taken up in the first committee meeting for discussion and resolution.

Mr R Naganathan further requested that a copy of the amended constitution be distributed to the membership. The president responded by saying that a copy of the constitution would be distributed through email or post as appropriate.

Mr. N Karunakaran praised Mr. K. Kaneshalingam's outstanding contribution to the HCPPA (NSW) in the capacity of editor for many years. The president joined in the praise for Mr Kaneshalingam. The membership applauded and cheered acknowledging Mr Kaneshalingam's contribution.

Mr. Charles Somasundram thanked the members for electing him as president and pledged his dedication to the branch activities. He apologised for the late start and requested that all members to corporate and arrive early in helping to start the next AGM on time. There being no other business he declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Minutes Recorded by  
K. Paskarajothy.  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2005

## HARTLEY COLLEGE (POINT PEDRO, Sri Lanka) PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION, NSW BRANCH

### CONSTITUTION

(Unanimously Adopted at the Special General Meeting held on 15 August 1993 and as amended on 10 July 2004)

1. Name

The name of the Association shall be Hartley College (Point Pedro, Sri Lanka) Past Pupils Association, NSW Branch.

2. Aims & Objectives

- a) To foster and maintain fellowship amongst the past pupils of Hartley College, Point Pedro, Sri Lanka.
- b) To assist students at Hartley College, Point Pedro in maintaining and improving the standards set in the past.
- c) To maintain links with present College authorities and students and obtain information on the requirements of financial assistance required for the development of the College.
- d) To raise funds through donations from its members and well wishers, organise concerts and cultural functions, and other activities for the purpose of meeting the aims and objectives stated in articles 2b, and 2e.
- e) To provide financial and material assistance to build, rebuild, renovate, expand or set-up,
  - i) library, ii) classrooms, iii) science, language and computer laboratories, iv) woodwork, metal work, and handicraft workshops and v) sports and recreational facilities at Hartley College, Point Pedro.
- f) To maintain links with similar Associations of Past Pupils of Hartley College in other parts of the world.
- g) To associate with other organisations of past pupils of Colleges of Sri Lanka, with similar objectives, based in Sydney.
- h) Generally, to do, to engage in and execute all such other acts, deeds or things as are or may be necessary for or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Association.

3. Membership & Subscriptions

- a) Membership shall be open to all past students, teachers and non-tutorial staff of Hartley College now resident in NSW and ACT and also resident in other states of Australia who do not have access to join as a member of a HCPPA in the state where he/she resides.
- b) Categories of Members and Membership Fees
  - (i) Ordinary Members

The annual subscription for ordinary members shall be \$10.00 per member and this sum may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Committee of Management.
  - (ii) Life Members

The life membership shall be \$100.00 per person and this sum may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Committee of Management.

4. Committee of Management

- a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee of Management.
- b) The Committee of Management shall consist of a President, Vice President, Honourable Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary and two (2) Committee members, all of whom shall be members of the Association.
- c) The Committee of Management shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- d) No member of the management committee shall be appointed to any salaried office of the organisation or any office of the organisation paid by fees, and no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the organisation to any member of the management committee; except payment of out-of-pocket expenses, interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by the bankers in Sydney for money lent to the organisation and reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the organisation.
- e) In the event of death or resignation of an elected committee member, the committee of management may nominate a current member of the association to carry out the functions until a new committee member is elected by the association. At any time the number of such nominated committee member shall not exceed two.

5. Patron

The Principal of the College shall ex-officio be the Patron of the Association.

6. Vice Patron

The Association shall have minimum two (2) and maximum five (5) Vice Patrons. The executive committee shall appoint them from the life members. They will hold office for 5 years. They are entitled to attend the Executive Committee Meetings as advisers / observers only and will have no voting rights at the meeting. In the event of physical incapacity, death, resignation or expiry of the term of five (5) years, the Executive Committee

shall appoint another life member of the Association or reappoint the same member for a further period of five (5) years.

7. Auditor

An auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to audit and report on the accounts of the Association and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

8. Meetings

- a) Meetings of the Association and the Committee of Management shall be convened by the Secretary or by the President as and when found necessary. Three weeks notice shall be given to all members.
- b) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the second weekend in February of each year or as early as possible thereafter.
- c) Special General Meetings shall be convened by the Secretary on a requisition signed by one third (1/3) the number of members on roll or 15, whichever is less.
- d) The quorum for all meetings shall be one third (1/3) the number of members on roll or 15, whichever is less.
- e) The Agenda for the AGM shall include:
  - (i) Presentation of minutes of the previous AGM.
  - (ii) Presentation of the Annual Report of the Committee of Management and the annual audited statement of accounts for the year ending January of the year.
  - (iii) Election of a Committee of Management.
  - (iv) Election of an Auditor.
  - (v) Any other business of which due notice has been given to the Secretary.

9. Funds

- a) Funds of the Association shall be maintained in two accounts namely "Hartley College Past Pupils Association, NSW Branch" and "Hartley College Development Fund" with a recognised financial institution as found appropriate by the Committee of Management. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining these accounts of the Association.
- b) The funds of the Association shall be derived from subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Committee of Management determines and in a manner not inconsistent with the objectives of the Association.
- c) The funds derived from subscriptions (membership fee) shall be maintained in the "Hartley College Past Pupils Association, NSW Branch" account and shall be used for the day to day running of the Association.
- d) The funds derived from donations and other sources as the Committee of Management determines shall be maintained in the "Hartley College Development Fund" account and shall be used for the development of Hartley College, Point Pedro, Sri Lanka.
- e) The funds of the Association shall be applied only for the promotion of the objectives of the Association.
- f) The funds shall not be paid to or distributed amongst present or past members of the Association under any circumstances.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

- a) Amendment to the constitution shall be considered only when presented as a resolution at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting at which at least two fifths (2/5) of the members on roll are present and passed by a majority of at least two thirds (2/3) of members voting for the resolution.
- b) If the required two fifths (2/5) of members on roll are not present at the meeting where the resolution for amendment to the Constitution is presented, the resolution shall be reconsidered at an adjourned meeting specially convened for the purpose. At the reconvened meeting, the stipulation regarding the presence of two fifths (2/5) of members on roll shall not operate.
- c) The minister of the crown for the time being administering the Charitable Collections Act, 1934 shall be notified of the amendment and such amendment shall not be effective unless the minister has signified his/her approval to such amendment being made.

11. Dissolution

- a) In the event of dissolution, the surplus assets of the Association shall be credited to the benefit of Hartley College, Point Pedro or to an approved charity that is a registered or exempt charity.
- b) The Association can only be wound up by three fourths (3/4) of the members on roll deciding to do so at a Special General Meeting.

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