



## THE CHANGING FACE of the PHCCEA

**Someone should write a book about it. The Association began in 1984. Since then it has experienced many changes and a constant flow of people in and out. There is no doubt that the face of the Association today is very different to then.**

We should be grateful for the men and women who have played key roles in the past. They came up with the idea of grouping the local churches together to provide resources to teach Christian studies in our local high schools. They met, wrote a constitution, incorporated, promoted, recruited and gave generously of their time and finances. We simply build on the legacy that they left.

I hear stories of Joost Gemenen and his commitment to the Association as Secretary. He tirelessly gathered support and met with the Principals in the schools. He finally retired from his role in 2000. Many others like Tony McCarthy and Harry Edwards have also played a key role.

Some of these members still participate, some have retired and some have gone to be with the Lord. New members have joined and stepped up to fill the big shoes of those they follow. The Association looks nothing like it did 25 years ago.

Our challenge is to keep the membership growing. Potential members are about. There are new people who move into the area, new churches are planted and new students in the school who come from families who may want to support the Association. Someone who was a student benefiting from Christian studies five years ago may want to support the Association today. The batten needs to be passed on to succeeding generations.

The Association is constantly thinking up ways to promote its work and expand its membership. We visit new churches, remind old ones and continue to wave the flag. This newsletter, itself, is a way of doing this. Throughout all this change God's word remains the same. The need has been and always will be huge – students need to know Christ! Also, the opportunity to teach Christian studies in the School has not gone away despite threats and challenges. This is an answer to prayer.

We cannot rest on the laurels of the past and must continue to reinvent and promote the Association. Our history is growing and the nature of our Association is dynamic.

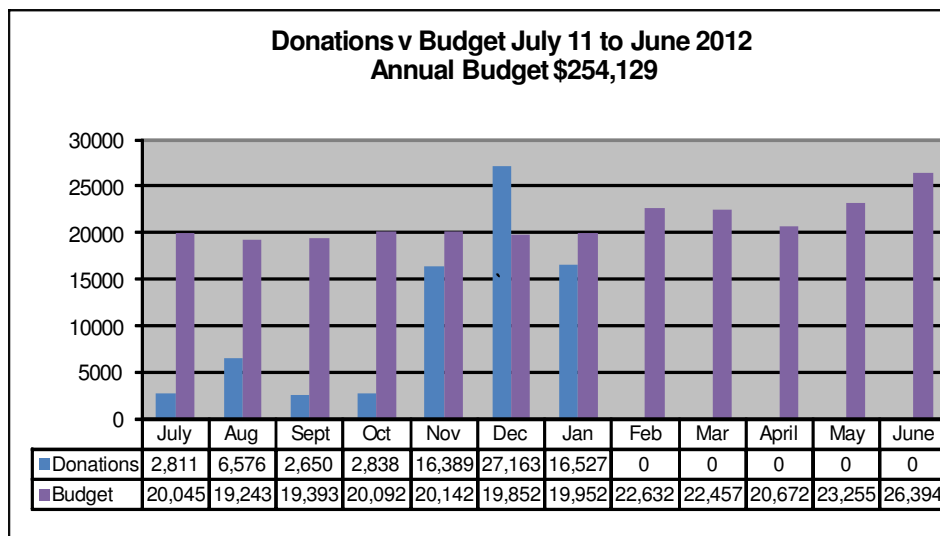
Gav Poole  
Chairman

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Thank you.

Thank you to those who were able to respond to our December appeal for funds. The graph below reflects your response. The faithful generosity of many over the years is something for which we thank God.

#### Our position at the end of January



As at the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2012 we have \$22,981.66.65cr in our Cheque Account, \$10,817.69cr in our CCMT Account and \$20,000 in a Term Deposit (maturity 8<sup>th</sup> of June). The Term Deposit includes a provision of \$16,519 for LSL Leave Liability as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

### **Credit Card**

A credit card facility has been established as a method for making a donation. Please see the details on the last page of this newsletter

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for this ministry in our local High Schools. Please do not hesitate to contact me on [treasurer@phccea.org.au](mailto:treasurer@phccea.org.au) if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ  
Elizabeth Morrison

### **MR ANTONIO GUTERRES SYDNEY VISIT**

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees visited Sydney on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Peter Murphy, our SRE teacher at Cherrybrook Technology High, was invited to the address given by Mr António Guterres at the Lowy Institute for International Policy. He was able to arrange for two year 12 students to accompany him. The two students were the Multicultural Representatives from the school's Student Representative Council. There were 120 people in the audience.

We are thankful to the school for the provision of transport and cover for Peter's classes on the day. This was an excellent opportunity for these two students to learn more about the plight of refugees and displaced persons in our world.

### **25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012**

Please reserve this date in your diary and we asked that it be marked on your churches calendar. We are planning an **Association Dinner**. The venue is Thornleigh Community Baptist Church. Other details are being finalised. Our Chairman's article highlights the need to continually attract new supporters. The dinner is an opportunity for you to invite someone such as the parent of a new high school student, a new resident etc

## How can I help SUPPORT.....

### Special Religious Education in our local High Schools?

#### Financial Support:

- Become a Pledge Partner and contribute \$50 per month, or \$..... per month, or
- Make a One Off Donation.

*All donations \$2 and over to PHCCEA are tax deductible. You will need to provide your address so we can send you a receipt.*

#### Three options for making payments

- Payments can be direct deposited:  
Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Christian Education Assoc.inc.  
Commonwealth Bank BSB: 062-225 Account Number: 0090 3146
- Cheques can be sent to the address below.
- Complete and mail the credit card slip to the address below.

Please debit my visa/mastercard for \$..... once off/monthly  
Starting from .....(date)  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRY\_\_ / \_\_  
Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Prayer partner

- I would like to become a PHCCEA Prayer partner. Please email me monthly prayer points or urgent prayer points if needed.

#### Quarterly Newsletter

- I am interested in receiving PHCCEA quarterly newsletter by email.  
My email address is.....

#### Skills:

- I have skills eg marketing/administration/webpage design/  
publication/ other ..... that I would be  
happy to contribute to PHCCEA on an occasional basis for advice or  
short projects as needed.

Name:.....  
Address:.....  
Phone Number/s.....  
Email address:.....\

Church:.....

*Please give this completed form to the PHCCEA contact in your church, or send it to: "PHCCEA" PO Box 346, Pennant Hills NSW 1715 or email information to: [secretary@phccea.org.a](mailto:secretary@phccea.org.a)*