

The Classical Association of New South Wales

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007

The Classical Association of New South Wales has again completed a very successful year with a programme of public lectures, Schools' Reading Competition, Annual Dinner, publication of *Classicum* and the 14th Latin Summer School. A strong membership has been maintained together with a healthy financial situation.

Officers and Council

The following were elected unopposed as office bearers at the AGM held on 7 March 2007 at Sydney Grammar School :

President	Mr Roger Pitcher
Hon. Secretary	Mr Ian McLeod
Treasurer	Mr Andrew Miles

The following members agreed to continue serving on CA Council for 2006 :

Mr David Allen, Professor Alanna Nobbs, Assoc. Professor Dexter Hoyos, Miss Frances Muecke, Dr Ian Plant, Mr Paul Reisner, Mr John Sheldon, Mr Michael Smee, Dr Kathryn Welch, Mr Roderick West., Professor Peter Wilson, Mrs Katherine Jolley.

We were also pleased to welcome to Council during the year Mr David Allen, President of Gaius Gracchus at Sydney University.

The year's activities

First Lecture : 7 March 2007

Following the AGM, Professor Eric Csapo of Sydney University delivered a paper on
The Ritual Matrix of Greek Comedy

The 17th Todd Memorial Lecture 29 March 2007

The lecturer on this occasion was Nicholas Purcell., Fellow of St John's College, Oxford who delivered a paper :

The Romans Overseas

It was agreed that this lecture would be printed and distributed to members in due course.

Schools Reading Competition

(a) The **Preliminary Round** was held on 9 June 2007 at Sydney University with ten schools participating (8 less than the previous year) :

Ascham (Mrs L. Richardson),
North Sydney Girls' High School (Mrs P. Gemmell)
Pymble Ladies College (Mr M. Brown, Ms M. Brunning, Mrs E. Matters)
Ravenswood (Mrs H. Powell)
Redfield College (Mr M. Fitzgerald)
Santa Sabina College (Mrs B. Twomey)
Sydney Boys' High School (Mrs C. Werner)
Sydney Girls' High School (Mrs K. Moon & Mrs D. Healey)
Sydney Grammar School (Mr R. Pitcher)
The Scots College (Dr R. Kowalski)

The judges commented very favourably on the high standard of reading both in Latin and Greek

The results of the **Reading Finals**, held at Sydney Grammar School on 26 July 2007, were as follows

Year 10 Latin	1st	Vaishnavi Suryaprakash	Sydney Girls' High School
	2nd	Christian Katsikaros	Sydney Boys' High School

Year 10 Latin Choral Reading *Kevin Lee Memorial Trophy* Sydney Girls' High School

Greek	1st	Emmanuel Marinos	Sydney Grammar School
	2nd	Christian Katsikaros	Sydney Boys' High School

Year 11 Latin	1st	Rachel White	Pymble Ladies College
	2nd	Max Murdoch	The Scots College

The Classical Association is most grateful to the judges who cheerfully took on the difficult task of judging this competition :

Mr John Sheldon, Mr Hilbert Chiu, Rev'd Greg Fox, Mr Anthony Alexander (Preliminary)
Ass. Prof Dexter Hoyos, Mr Andrew Miles, Professor Alanna Nobbs, Rev'd Greg Fox (Finals)

Fiona Tweedie gave the students an illustrated lecture on *The Roman Forum* during the day.

Our thanks go also to Sydney Grammar School for providing the venue and to Abbeys Bookshop for donating the prizes and to Mrs Libby Jones for assistance with catering.

Third Lecture : 27 September 2007

Philip Ford, Professor of French and neo-Latin at Cambridge University, gave a paper on

Mythology and Marketing in the Renaissance

Fourth Lecture and Annual Dinner : 25 October 2007

Colin Pitchfork, Director of Noble Numismatics Pty Ltd, gave an illustrated talk on Numismatics in the Brennan Hall and this was followed by the Annual Dinner in the Tower Room with 24 attending. Rev'd Dr Stuart Barton Babbage proposed the Toast to the Classics with an address entitled
What does Athens have to do with Jerusalem ?

Fourteenth Latin Summer School 14 - 18 January 2008

The very successful five-day Summer School was attended by 246 students covering a wide range of ages and abilities with a number coming from regional NSW interstate . There were 23 tutors (schoolteachers, university lecturers, postgraduate students and senior undergraduates) who taught at five different levels from beginners to postgraduates. AS feature of this Summer School was the presence of James Morwood of Wadham College, Oxford, as Guest Director. He gave the opening address, tutored a level 4 group , gave a lecture on his Oxford Latin Course, gave two sessions on writing Latin prose and gave a Special Series on Virgil. A detailed report and financial statement of the Latin Summer School will be tabled at the AGM.

Membership

There are currently 149 members of the Classical Association, including three societies and one honorary life member (Brother Michael McNaughtin) and 17 unfinancial..

Classicum

As usual two editions of the CA/CLTA Journal *Classicum* were produced during 2007 and we express our gratitude both to the Editor, Dr Ian Plant, and the Business Manager, Mrs Katherine Jolley, for their untiring work on this excellent publication. The Editor has submitted a report on *Classicum* to the AGM.

The Web site

www.classics.org.au

This has proved a great success and has been widely used by members and non-members alike. It has four separate pages : CA, CLTA, LSS and *Classicum* and is financed by contributions from all four. We are indebted to Kit Morrell for her splendid work as Webmaster.

7 March 2007

Roger Pitcher President
Ian McLeod Hon. Secretary