

# The Classical Association of New South Wales

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

The Classical Association of New South Wales has completed a very successful year with a programme of public lectures, Schools' Reading Competition, Annual Dinner, publication of *Classicum* and the 16th Latin Summer School. A strong membership has been maintained together with a healthy financial state.

### Officers and Council

In the elections held at the AGM on 3 March 2009 the following were successful, all unopposed

President	Mr Anthony Alexander
Hon. Secretary	Mr Ian McLeod
Treasurer	Mr Andrew Miles

The following members agreed to continue serving on CA Council for 2009 :

Professor Alanna Nobbs, Assoc. Professor Dexter Hoyos, Miss Frances Muecke, Dr Ian Plant, Mr Roger Pitcher, Mr Paul Reisner, Mr John Sheldon, Mr Michael Smee, Dr Kathryn Welch, Mr Roderick West,, Professor Peter Wilson.

At the same meeting Dr Paul Roche of Sydney University and an incoming director of the Latin Summer School was formally welcomed onto the Council. The retiring President, Mr Roger Pitcher, was thanked for his excellent leadership over the last three years and was made a Vice President. Miss Frances Muecke volunteered to become Business Manager of *Classicum* from August 2009.

### The year's activities

#### First Lecture :

3 March 2009

Following the AGM, Dr Kathryn Welch of Sydney University presented a paper on :

*Velleius Paterculus - Portrait of Livia*

#### Second lecture

13 May 2009

The lecturer on this occasion was Dr Paul Roche of Sydney University :

*Pliny the Younger and the Monuments of Trajan's Rome*

This paper was presented in the recently opened Classics Centre in the Madsen Building

### Schools Reading Competition

- (a) The **Preliminary Round** was held on 5 June 2009 at Sydney University with 92 students and 13 schools participating (1 more school than the previous year) :

Ascham	(Mrs S. Hummel)	Sydney Boys' High	(Mrs C. Werner)
North Sydney Girls'	(Ms L. Restuccia)	Sydney Grammar	(Mr R. Pitcher)
St Aloysius College	(Ms L. Aronson)	Cranbrook	(Mr M. Ross)
Sydney Girls' High	(Mrs K. Moon )	Ravenswood	(Mrs H. Powell)
Redfield College	(Mr M. Fitzgerald)	Scots	(Dr R. Kowalski )
Queenwood	(Mrs J. Hoyos)	Pymble Ladies College	(Mrs E. Matters, & Mr M. Brown )
St. Ignatius College	(Mr I. Craigie)		

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

Chris Ransome, a doctoral student in the Dept of Classics at Sydney University gave an entertaining talk twice during the day on *Catullus on Love and Hate*

- (b) The **Reading Finals**, held at Sydney Grammar School on 13 August 2009, resulted in :

Year 10 Latin	<b>1st</b>	Lisa Gao	Pymble Ladies' College
	<b>2nd</b>	Laura Marinos	Sydney Girls' High School
Year 10 Latin Choral Reading		<i>Kevin Lee Memorial Trophy</i>	Pymble Ladies College
Greek	<b>1st</b>	Timothy Large	Sydney Grammar School
	<b>2nd</b>	Christian Toh	Sydney Grammar School

Year 11 Latin

1st Michelle Lim  
2nd Gowrie Varma

Pymble Ladies' College  
Ascham

The Classical Association is most grateful to the judges of this competition :

Mr John Sheldon, Dr Sebastiana Nervegna (Latin), Rev'd Dr. Greg Fox and Mr Anthony Alexander (Greek) (Prelim)  
Miss Frances Muecke, Mr Andrew Miles (Latin), Professor Alanna Nobbs and Rev'd Greg Fox (Greek) (Finals)

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

**Third Lecture :** 25 August 2009

This was a joint meeting with the Society for the Study of Early Christianity at Macquarie University and the paper was given by E. Prof. Tessa Rajak :

*Jewish and Christian Martyrdom*

**Fourth Lecture :** 22 September 2009

This paper was given by Robert Forgas on the subject :

*16th Century Musical Settings of Classical Latin Verse*

**Annual Dinner :** 16 October 2009

The Annual Dinner was held at Pellegrini's Restaurant, Balmain and was attended by 32 members and friends. Professor Alanna Nobbs proposed the Toast to the Classics. It was a very enjoyable evening.

**Sixteenth Latin Summer School** 18 - 22 January 2009

The very successful five-day Summer School was attended by 230 students covering a wide range of ages and abilities with a number coming from regional N.S.W., and interstate. There were 24 tutors (schoolteachers, university lecturers, and postgraduate students) who taught at four different levels from beginners to postgraduates. Guest lecturers included Em Prof. Edwin Judge, Andrew Miles, Kathryn Welch, Anne Rogerson, Robert Forgas, Kathleen Riley, Martin Stone and John Coombs. A detailed report and financial statement of the Latin Summer School will be tabled at the AGM.

## Membership

There are currently 150 members of the Classical Association, including two societies and one honorary life member ( Miss Beryl Ferris). With deep regret we report the death of two members : Michael Naughtin, a long-serving Marist Brother at St. Joseph's College whom we honoured with Hon. Life membership in 2002 and Ian Craigie who taught Greek at St Ignatius College.

## Classicum

As usual two editions of the CA/CLTA Journal *Classicum* were produced during 2009 and we express our gratitude to the Editor, Dr Ian Plant, the Reviews Editor, Dr Trevor Evans and the Business Manager, Miss Frances Muecke, for their work on this excellent publication. A full report on *Classicum* will be presented at the AGM. During the year the Editor negotiated CA membership of CAL (Copyright Agency Limited), an Australian rights management company which collects and distributes copyright funds. This will bring our journal to a much wider audience and attract funding for CA.

## Classics On Line

[www.classics.org.au](http://www.classics.org.au)

This continues to be 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 has grown considerably in the past year. It is financed by contributions from all four groups. We are indebted to Ms Kit Morrell of Sydney University for her splendid work as Webmaster.

1 March 2010

Anthony Alexander  
President

Ian McLeod  
Hon. Secretary