



## CELEBRATING 60 YEARS 2017 HALL OF FAME DINNER



On Friday 17 March we celebrated 60 years of Salesian College Chadstone at the 2017 Hall of Fame Dinner. The night recognised and celebrated outstanding Salesian College Chadstone Alumni who have achieved significant success in their chosen fields of service, and who act as positive role models for current and future students.



Hall of Fame Master of Ceremonies and past student, Tony Pilkington, has worked in commercial radio for over 50 years in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. High profile interviewees over his career include Sir Donald Bradman, Mrs Ethel Kennedy and the Rolling Stones.

Tony cherishes his memories of the night, and reflects on the legacy Salesian College has built over six decades.

*"The changes that have occurred at Salesian College Chadstone since I was last there at the end of 1962 are quite staggering. As I walked about on Friday 17 March, I noticed many new, impressive additions, including a new Auditorium and modern Science classrooms. More heartening, though, than the physical features of the campus was the College's wonderful history of academic achievement, sporting success and the ethnic diversity of the student body. The 2017 Hall of Fame inductees Bao Hoang, Commodore Alan Thompson, and Brian Ford personified the Salesian*

*motto of 'Inspire, Educate, Become Great Men'. They spoke with great affection of their student years, the teachers who inspired them (a great favourite of mine, Fr Bill Edwards, was singled out by a couple of the inductees), and expressed their everlasting gratitude to the spirit of Don Bosco in the formative years of Salesian. The opportunity to catch up, laugh and reminisce with so many of the '57 and '58 class is something I will forever cherish. While we are now grandfathers with our loss of hair, hearing and memory, we still share a common bond – we are Salesian boys forever."*

### 2017 YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD

*The Young Achiever Award is an initiative designed to encourage, inspire and acknowledge the upcoming generation of Salesian men who have significantly contributed to the community, both during and post their time at the College.*

The 2017 Young Achiever Award was presented to Damian Menz.

#### MR DAMIAN MENZ Business



Born 30 August 1987, Damian Menz is the son of Mary and Paul Menz. His two

siblings, Andrew and Simon Menz, also attended Salesian College Chadstone. During his time at Salesian College, Damian was College Captain, A Grade Debating Captain, recipient of the Past Pupils' Leadership Award, the Mary McKertich Literary Award, and the Best Achievement Award in Economics, English and Legal Studies (Units 3 & 4). He was also critical in the implementation of the CanTeeN (a charity supporting young people with cancer) 'Bandana Day', and provided voluntary tuition to other students.

**2010/2011** – Damian studied a Bachelor of Commerce/Laws at university, and graduated with First Class Honours in his Bachelor of Laws. During his final years at university, Damian began his career as a paralegal at Allens (a top tier law firm). He focussed on the pro-bono practice of the firm, which was aimed at giving the homeless a voice. He believes that this was "a humble beginning to a profession not often associated with the search for greater good".

**2012** - Damian achieved the highest possible performance grade at the top tier law firm, Allens. He was one of two people selected in a highly competitive national process to be seconded to Linklaters (Allens' globally aligned partner in London) for an initial 12 month period.

**2013 – 2016** – He consistently received the highest possible performance ratings, and practised banking and finance and private equity law in a different jurisdiction and on some of Europe's largest financial transactions.

**2016** - Damian was seconded to the world's most pre-eminent investment bank, J.P. Morgan, at their London headquarters. This was a highly sought after secondment, which was only awarded to the highest achievers at Linklaters.

**2017** - Damian is currently employed as Legal Counsel at the Melbourne Racing Club.





## 2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

### MR BAO HOANG *Entrepreneur*



Bao Hoang was born on 17 August 1982, and is Founder and Managing Director of *Rolld* Australia Pty Ltd. The group includes *Rolld*, a fast casual food franchise that serves Vietnamese hawker-style food, and *Mama's Buoï*, a casual dining restaurant that serves home-style Vietnamese cooking.

Bao attended Salesian College Chadstone from 1994-2000. He was Captain of the Volleyball and Table Tennis teams during his time at the College. After completing his Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Melbourne University in 2005, he immediately joined a Physiotherapy franchise, and, after two years, Bao opened five clinics. In this time, he was influential in growing the corporate services unit *Actif*, and founded the aged care services unit *Revita*, of which he is a current shareholder and involved in management consultancy.

Bao is the third son of Vietnamese refugees Van Quy and Thi Phien Hoang. He wanted to share his love of Vietnamese family recipes with the world, so with no hospitality experience, Bao opened the *Rolld* chain. He has grown *Rolld* to encompass 59 stores across Australia, as well as an International

Master Franchise. In 2017, *Mama's Buoï* opened its fourth restaurant, spanning across Melbourne and Sydney. Bao is passionate about creating a sustainable business model to support global expansion.

Bao established a partnership with the *Blue Dragon Children's Foundation*, and in September 2016 officially launched a boarding house to accommodate 150 children in crisis in Vietnam, built solely with funds raised by the *Rolld* family.

Bao is married to Angela Javier-Hoang, and has three siblings, Minh-Tu, Tuan-Anh and Quynh-Anh Hoang. He has three children, Lucas, Dominic and Sienna Hoang.

### COMMODORE ALAN THOMPSON *Legal Profession*



Commodore Alan Thompson was born on 29 September 1945. He attended Salesian College Chadstone from 1958 to 1964, during which time he was Editor of the College Newspaper and Convenor of the College Debating Society. Alan has fond memories of Father Alan McDonald and Father Bill Edwards, who he says "embodied the spirit of Don Bosco and inspired me to make some use of my talents. I will always be grateful for my education at Salesian College Chadstone."

After studying a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws at Monash University, Alan joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1972. Commodore

Alan Thompson has shown extraordinary commitment to the service of Australia in his career in the Australian Defence Force.

His role as Director General for ADF Personnel Policy principally involved developing policies across the ADF relating to drugs, alcohol, sexuality, sex discrimination, assisting Defence families, redress of grievances, honours and awards, education and training and non-financial conditions of service.

Commodore Alan Thompson was appointed Chief Lawyer for the Defence Force in 1993, before becoming Head of the Defence Centre, Sydney, in 1994. In his time in this position, he became a member of the 2000 Sydney Olympics Security Committee. He was also a Senior Member of the Veterans' Review Board, as well as National Chairman of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Alan was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia on 26 January, 1993 for his outstanding commitment to Defence Force personnel policy development.

Alan is the son of Leslie (dec.) and Frances Thompson, and has two siblings, Rob and Maureen. Alan was happily married to Darian Thompson for 38 years. He is now a retired widower and devoted son to his 91 year old mother, Frances.

### MR BRIAN WILLIAM FORD *Education and Community*



Brian William Ford was born on September 23, 1946. He attended Salesian College Chadstone from 1959 to 1964. He was Captain of Gould House, Captain of the 1st Football Team and Captain of the 1st 11 Cricket Team. After studying for a Trained Primary Teaching Certificate, a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education at Monash University, Brian returned to Salesian College Chadstone to teach from 1966 to 1967, and then again from 1970 to 1974.

Brian's career spans across positions at St Thomas More College, Emmaus College and Berwick Secondary College. He undertook National Service from 1968 to 1969 as a Regimental Duties Instructor at Puckapunyal.

His career highlights include being Sportsmaster at Salesian College from 1971 to 1974, Senior Master at Emmaus College from 1985 to 1989, and Learning Team Leader at Berwick Secondary College from 2009 to 2012.

Brian's personal highlights include playing football at the Beaconsfield Football Club from 1964 to 1965 (Best and Fairest 1965), acting as Captain/Coach at the Springvale Football Club from 1975 to 1977, and playing Cricket for the Salesian Old Boys' Cricket Club from 1964 to 1974. Brian coached the Salesian College 1st 11 team to the Premiership in the Associated Catholic Colleges Grand Final against Parade College in 1970. He was also Coach of the Springvale Football Club's 'Federal League All-Star Team', and Coach of the Monash University Blues 'Team of the Half Century'.

He was received as a Life Member and a Hall of Fame Inductee of the Salesian Old Boys' Cricket Club, and a Life Member of the Monash Blues Football Club.

Brian is the son of Chris and Jessie Ford, and has four siblings. He is married to Kerri Ford, and has five children, Shannon, Kynan, Candace, Patrick and William.

