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Dear Old Paradians,

It is with some sadness that we write to let you know that Tony De Bolfo, Alumni Officer and CEO of the Old Paradians' Association, has indicated his intention to resign at the end of his long service leave on 1 March 2022.

In speaking with Tony, he has a sense of wanting to explore other challenges and initiatives and the decision for him has not been easy but whilst made with reluctance, he leaves with a feeling of gratitude and humility for the significant achievements and some very fond memories of the role.

Tony has been in the role for twelve years and has been key in *refounding* the Old Paradians and reinvigorating the Association and reconnecting with both East Melbourne and Alphington Old Boys as well as more recent Bundoora and Preston alumni.

Tony has been the public (and private!) face of the Old Paradians. He has a gift of listening to and sharing stories. He delights in meeting Old Boys and their connections. Whether it is at one of the 10-year reunions, the monthly lunch at the RACV Club, the business breakfasts, or over a coffee or a pint, he relishes reconnecting with former students. When he reflects on the Association's many achievements over the past twelve years, he humbly shared that as part of the pastoral role it has saved a life or two.

His gift extends to writing their stories in engaging ways. The publications, *With Hearts and Courage* and the two volumes of *Parade Thy Sons* are testimony to his skills as a writer.

For Tony, the job came out of the blue. Br Denis Moore wanted to revitalise the Old Paradians, as it had become dormant, and together with Lewis Derrico as President they tapped Tony on the shoulder to be the CEO. The Old Paradians were then able to celebrate in style 100 years since its foundation, establish a Hall of Fame, AFL Team of the Century, Encore21 at the Athenaeum, and become incorporated as a legal entity, to name but a few of the achievements

Tony leaves this role with the blessings of the College and the Association, together with a deep sense of gratitude for all that he has achieved.

Tenete Traditiones,

Andy Kuppe
Principal
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Paul Shannon
President
Old Paradians' Association