



MHSOBA Newsletter

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From the President



Dear fellow Old Boys,

I hope this finds you well.

2019 has been a year of transformation for the MHSOBA so far, with a number of changes implemented to ensure its longevity and prosperity.

Throughout the last 12 months we have continued to seek ways of enhancing the relationship we have with our associated bodies and therefore increase the interaction we have with Old Boys from all exit years. A number of new initiatives have been undertaken and the successful events will be used as a template to expand our activities in future years.

I must thank Melbourne High School Principal, Jeremy Ludowyke for his co-operative approach and inclusive manner which has enabled us to work so well with the MHS leadership team. We also continue to maintain representation on the MHS Foundation Board and the MHS Council where we make a positive and productive contribution which enhances the strong relationships within the greater MHS family.

MEMBERSHIP/DIGITAL

The **YOU | ME | US** membership campaign has been successful in providing a steady increase in membership numbers over recent years. Our total membership has grown by over 10% since 2016 and a very pleasing aspect of our membership drive has been the increase in numbers of our SM30 program. This provides all current MHS students the chance to purchase a special membership category which gives them the benefit of being part of the Association until they reach the age of 30.

We recently launched a modern new-look website, with an emphasis on bringing news of upcoming events and successes of Old Boys in a more simple, direct way.

We continue to benefit from an increase in Old Boys interacting with us through our social media platforms.

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From the President - continued

Numbers continue to grow, with almost 6,000 Old Boys connected through Facebook alone. Luca Gonano continues to oversee the Digital Media portfolio and I need to congratulate him again on his tireless work in this area. We are also planning to launch our new, updated and overhauled CRM soon. We hope that this will create a level of ease for all Old Boys to interact with us and update their personal details at any time. If you believe your details are incorrect in our system due to a change in mobile, email or postal address, we would greatly appreciate it if you let us know. While our new CRM is under construction we continue to use our long-time database. This has resulted in delays issuing new and renewed memberships. We apologise for such delays and appreciate your patience as we transfer from the old to new.

EVENTS

Our Reunions throughout the early part of 2019 have attracted pleasing participation numbers and attendances across all exit years. Our Appreciation Night for members held during November 2018 was a resounding success and we look forward to running this event again in future years. We have also promoted and facilitated a range of professional events where Old Boys and current students can rub shoulders, network and hear from guest speakers. At this stage we have been focusing on the Legal Profession, the Banking and Finance sectors, the Medical Profession and the Engineering Profession.

Our Annual Dinner has seen a healthy increase in attendance numbers over the past four years and we aim to maintain this trend. We always look forward to your attendance at our Annual Dinner as we consider it to be the gala event for the year where all Old Boys can enjoy each other's company. In 2019 we were fortunate enough to hear from a legend of the Australian music scene, Michael Gudinski AM (MHS exit 1969). A full report on this year's event can be found later on in this newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We have received some positive feedback from recent scholarship winners and we also look forward to once again assisting Old Boys where we possibly can. The incorporation of our MHSOBA Scholarship Fund within the MHS Foundation has resulted in a number of healthy contributions. We hope to be able to offer new scholarships through this platform. If you are interested in contributing to this area, please contact us.

GREEN, MAROON & BLACK – PATRONS' CLUB

The GM&B Patron Club continues to provide substantial support to the School in the key areas of Student Mentoring, the Junior Leadership Program and School Heritage. I thank John McIntosh and Colin Green as, Patron-in-Chief and Executive Officer respectively, for their leadership and involvement this year. I look forward to working together with this esteemed group of Old Boys in future years.

OFFICE STAFF

Once again our MHSOBA office staff worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth organisation and implementation of the services and events that we provide to Old Boys and current MHS students. Part of our response to the 2017 deficit involved a restructure of the MHSOBA office administration function. This resulted in the appointment of a temporary part-time social media officer and replacement of the full-time events manager position with a part-time employee. I would like to thank Margie Haes, Jodie Gunton, Bernaba Balili and Jo Malley who all made significant contributions in the MHSOBA office throughout the last 12 months.

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The aim of our SAC is to provide assistance to all current MHS students, Old Boys who are continuing their tertiary studies and recent graduates. Guy Velik heads our Student Advisory Committee which explores ways that we can help those students whilst they strive to find their path in life. It is by no means a simple task, but we aim to help where we can and where students and young Old Boys feel that we can best serve them.

MHSOBA COMMITTEE

Once again I would like to thank the MHSOBA Committee for their outstanding commitment this year and the countless hours they gave in serving the greater MHS community. As the President, I extend my most sincere thanks to them for giving me support and encouragement to build our Association into a better and more vibrant entity.

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Margie Haes and Brad Barr for their service to the MHSOBA. As our Events Manager over recent years, Margie looked after a wide range of functions and was the first point of contact for many Old Boys. As the chairperson of our Legal Governance portfolio Brad made a significant contribution to the MHSOBA Committee.

I would also like to thank Nicholas Psychogios and Brad Gofman for all their service as MHSOBA committee members. Both have worked tirelessly to ensure a strong future for the Association.

I know that the committee members will continue to Honour The Work and all Old Boys can be proud of their efforts. They are Warren Fall – Vice President, Marco Dogliotti – Secretary, Ted Goldstein – Treasurer, Peter Douros, Luca Gonano and Guy Velik.

As always, I encourage you to reach out if you would like to learn more about the MHSOBA. It would be great to hear from you.

Honour the work.



PETER STATHOPOULOS

President, MHSOBA Inc.

2019 MHSOBA Commitee



Peter Stathopoulos (MHS 1982) – President

Peter has overseen a period of growth in the MHSOBA in terms of engagement, membership, attendances and finance. He is an incredibly active MHSOBA President in the broader school community, extending his role beyond its ordinary scope by attending meetings and being involved in functions of the MHS Council, MHS Foundation and GM&B. Peter has worked collaboratively to deliver strategic initiatives that will continue to ensure the growth of the MHSOBA.



Warren Fall (MHS 1975) – Vice-President, Chair of the Membership Sub-Committee

As a former Assistant Principal of MHS and current President of the MHSOB Football Club, Warren has developed countless relationships across the wider school community, including with staff, current students, Old Boys and members of associated clubs. His knowledge of the operations of the MHSOBA and its associated entities is unparalleled.



Ted Goldstein (MHS 1966) – Treasurer, Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee

As a member of the GM&B, Ted has established numerous relationships with prominent Old Boys and members of general public to assist in the growth of the MHSOBA. Through regularly hosting MHSOBA events, Ted has developed a rapport with our many senior Old Boys and positively mentored our younger members. Ted is a qualified CPA.



Marco Dogliotti (MHS 2011) – Secretary, Chair of the Facilities Sub-Committee

Marco is an active advocate of the MHSOBA, presenting to the student body on countless occasions. As Secretary of the MHSOBA and former Manager of the Unicorn Club, Marco has an in-depth understanding of the operations of the MHSOBA and the level of professionalism required to manage the MHSOBA's various stakeholders. Marco is a graduate accountant at EY, working in the financial services assurance department.

2019 MHSOBA Committee - continued



Luca Gonano (MHS 2003) – Chair of the Digital Sub-Committee

Luca has been responsible for the development of the MHSOBA's social media presence since joining the Committee in 2015. His efforts have ensured that the MHSOBA is now recognised as a leader among alumni associations in the digital media space. Luca was the Editor of the Sentinel in his final year at Melbourne High School, as well as being involved in countless other extra-curricular endeavours. He is committed to ensuring the engagement between Old Boys and the MHSOBA continues to grow.



Peter Douros (MHS 1984) - Chair of the Scholarships Sub-Committee

Peter Douros exited Melbourne High School in 1984 and has been involved professionally in delivering dental care in an inner suburban clinic for the past 25 years. In recent times he has been a member of the Melbourne High School Council and currently sit on the MHS Directions Committee. An Old Boy with a high regard for the education enjoyed at Melbourne High, Peter is enthusiastic about supporting the school so it can continue to prosper.



Guy Velik (MHS 2016) - Chair of the Student Engagement Sub-Committee

Guy Velik completed Year 12 at Melbourne High School in 2016. He was the Captain of Yarra and the Captain of Boats, successfully leading the MHS rowers to the National Championship. He is currently studying Science at the University of Melbourne. Guy provides a fantastic voice on the Committee for younger Old Boys and current MHS students.

If you would like to join the MHSOBA Committee or one of its Sub-Committees, please contact:

Peter Stathopoulos at president@mhsoba.asn.au

MHSOBA Memberships

There's still time to become a 2019 MHSOBA member and gain access to our incredible network of Old Boys.

Membership includes:

- Discounted hire of The Unicorn Club for all of your functions
- Assistance to gain work experience
- Free access to the exclusive Kelvin Club in the Melbourne CBD for your events (this normally costs over \$800 per year)
- Networking opportunities

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS		
TYPE	TERM	PRICE
Student	Valid until student's 30th birthday (payable in instalments)	\$400
Adult	1 Year	\$70
	5 Years	\$300
	10 Years	\$500
Concession (Senior/Tertiary)	1 Year	\$50
	5 Years	\$180
Associate (Non OB/Non Voting)	1 Year	\$50
	5 Years	\$180

Now is the best time to become a member.

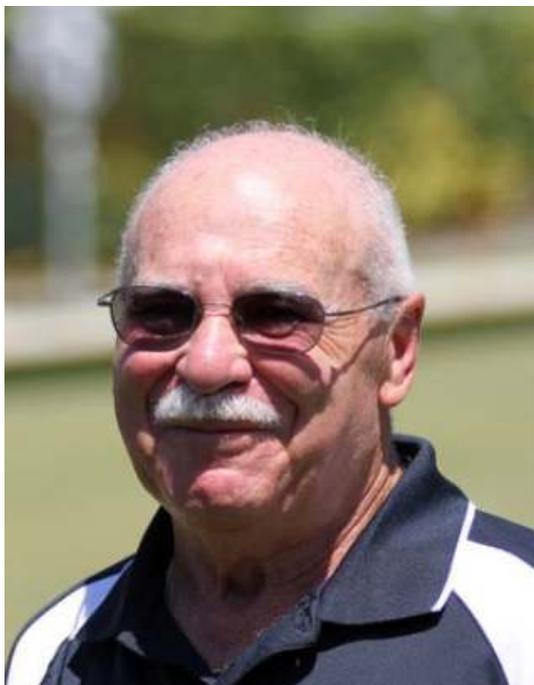
Explore our membership options online at <https://mhsoba.asn.au/membership/>

or phone (03) 9824 0480 for more information.

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Australia Day Honours Awards 2019



Joseph Aarons OAM

MHS 1951 - 1954

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

For significant service to lawn bowls, particularly at the national and international level:

- World Bowls: President, 2012-2014
- China Bowls: Advising Consultant to Government appointees for the promotion of the sport of bowls throughout the provinces starting in Xinxiang Henan, since 2018
- Bowls Australia: President, 2010-2012. Board Member, 2009-2011. Certified Coach and Umpire, since 2009
- Bowls Victoria (formerly the Royal Victorian Bowls Association): Group Chairman, 2006-2011. Councillor, 2004-2008. Member, Coaching Committee, 2007-2010. Elected Chairman, MCC Kew Sports Club, 2017. Chairman, Caulfield Park Sports Club, 2007-2008. Maccabi Ajax Lawn Bowls Club: Past President, Vice-President and Secretary. Committee Member, 25 years. Life Member, since 1996
- Awards and recognition includes: Awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia, 2006. Inductee, Maccabi Victoria Hall of Fame, 2016 and 2011. Life Member, Lawn Bowls Association of Israel, 2013. Recipient, Great Honour Citizen Award, Municipality of Raanana (Israel), 2013. Recipient, Volunteer Award, Glen Eira Council, 2010. Recipient, Community Recognition Award, Jewish Community Council of Victoria, 2007

Australia Day Honours Awards 2019 - continued



Jon Faine AM

MHS 1971 – 1974

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

For significant service to the broadcast media as a radio presenter, to the law, and to the community:

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC): ABC774 Radio, Melbourne: Host, Morning Show, since 1997. Host, The Conversation Hour, since 1997. Former Host and Producer, The Law Report, ABC Radio National. Employee, radio and television host, since 1989
- Law : Past Member, Social Security Appeals Tribunal, 1980s. Principal Lawyer, Fitzroy Legal Service, 1984-1986 and Former Volunteer. Volunteer, Tenants Union Legal Service, 1979-1984. Past Member, Victoria Law Foundation. Trustee and Foundation Member, Tim McCoy Trust, since 1988
- Co-Author of a range of publications including: 'From Here to There', Harper Collins, 2010. 'Lawyers in the Alice', 1991. 'Taken on Oath, 1990. Editor, 'Law Handbook', 1987
- Awards and recognition includes: Distinguished Fellowship Recipient, Monash University, 2013. Recipient, ABC Local Radio Broadcaster of the Year, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 2003

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Australia Day Honours Awards 2019 - continued



George Hans van Holst Pellekaan OAM

MHS 1951 - 1954

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

For service to the community:

- Inaugural Board Member, Hans Heysen Foundation, since 2011
- Founding Trustee, The Nora Heysen Foundation Inc, since 2004
- Board Member, Country Arts South Australia, 2000-2003. The Hahndorf Academy Foundation
- Chair, 2007-2014
- Vice Chair, 2006-2007
- Board Member, 2005-2015. Carrick Hill Trust Deputy Chair, 2005-2011 Board Member, 2002-2011. Professional Hilton International Hotel Chain
- General Manager, Adelaide Hilton, 1984-2000
- Member Management Team, 1961-2000
- Board Member, International College of Hotel Management, Adelaide, 2000-2010
- Board Member, Adelaide Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1996-2000 and 1984-1990

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Reflections from Barry Berger

The 1960's were times of enormous change. It was post war and rebuilding and revolutionary times were happening. Australia's xenophobic existence was in the process of transition.

Our indigenous population was granted significant recognition under the Constitution including the ability to vote and to be included in census. The white Australia Policy was being challenged, and the financial system was moving out of the credit squeeze of the early 60's into a more worldly system.

Sport was strong, TV was heavily influenced by the US (moving away from the English influence) and then there was "the music". British pop and R&B led to a vibrant Australian emergence.

MHS was a lively, but conservative microcosm of all that was happening in Australia and the in the World. Heady times indeed!

I enjoyed my time at MHS, although my business partner Bill (Vasilios) Kordos tells me he didn't.

Nevertheless our times there had a significant influence on both of us in terms of future education, our enjoyment and involvement in music (Bill became a drummer in a punk rock band for many years), art and culture and most importantly the friendships and acquaintances that we hold to this day.

It was by chance that he and I met in 1991 when he joined the legal firm that I was at, and we have been "in business" ever since – 27 years and still going.

Reflections from Barry Berger - continued

Furthermore we each have sons in our business. My eldest son, Leon Berger – who spent a short period of time at MHS until a mutual decision was made that he no longer continue – and Bill’s two oldest sons, Yianni and George are members of our firm.

We call Berger Kordos the “Family” Family Law Firm.

In 2018 we made a commitment to support the MHSOBA by jointly sponsoring the Annual Dinner and also assisting in the hosting of the 50 year reunion of my matriculation year.

We will continue to be involved with the school and note that there are some exciting and expansive plans on foot.

Honour the work!

Barry Berger

Major General Greg Bilton AM CSC

Major General Greg Bilton was born in Melbourne, Australia. After completing his secondary education at Melbourne High School he entered the Royal Military College in 1983 and graduated to the Royal Australian Artillery Regiment in 1986. He completed regimental appointments as a Lieutenant and Captain in the 1st and 4th Field Regiments, the 8th/12th Medium Regiment and the School of Artillery.

Major General Bilton has held command appointments as Battery Commander 104th Field Battery, Commanding Officer 4th Field Regiment, Commander 7th Brigade, Deputy Commanding General United States Army Pacific and Deputy Chief of Joint Operations. He served in staff appointments in the Directorate of Officer Career Management, the Directorate of Force Structure (Army) and as Director General Development and Plans (Army). He has also been an instructor at the Australian Command and Staff College.

Major General Bilton deployed on Operation MAZURKA in 1993 on the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) Headquarters. In 2008 he deployed on Operation SLIPPER as Deputy Chief of Staff for Security Sector Reform on Headquarters Regional Command South, Afghanistan.

Major General Bilton is a graduate of the Long Gunnery Course at the UK School of Artillery, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Weston Creek. He also holds a Bachelor degree in Military Studies and Master's degrees in Military Art and Science, and Strategic Studies. He is also a recipient of prestigious academic honours; the Major General Hans Schlup (US)



award for excellence in International Relations and the Blamey Award (Australia) for Leadership.

Major General Bilton has been awarded the Force Commanders Commendation for his work on Operation MAZURKA in the Sinai, a Conspicuous Service Cross for his force structure work at Army Headquarters, the Canadian Meritorious Service Medal for his work in Afghanistan, the United States Legion of Merit and the Japanese Defence Cooperation Medal for his work at United States Army Pacific. He was appointed a member of the Order of Australia in 2014 in recognition of his work as Director General Development and Plans at Army Headquarters and as Commander 7 Brigade.

Major General Bilton is married to Rachael, who is a registered nurse. His eldest son Alex is a Staff Cadet at the Royal Military College and his youngest son Nic is a second year Officer Cadet at the Australian Defence Force Academy.



New Century Giving Day

The Old Boy community gets behind our Classrooms for a New Century

On December 6th, the MHSOBA supported the MHS Foundation to raise an incredible \$496,202 to bridge the gap in government funding and upgrade the nearly 100-year-old dilapidated classrooms in the 'Castle on the Hill'. With the centenary of the building fast approaching the school has set a target to rejuvenate 50 classrooms by 2027. We can't believe that in one day enough funds were raised to renovate 7 classrooms in 2019. Through the generous support of 1353 donors, the initial target of \$210,000 was smashed before the campaign day commenced. We would like to thank all the Old Boys who not only donated money but also those that shared information about the campaign to their networks and volunteered their time in the call centre on the day. Thanks to Jodie Gunton and Emer Diviney for their herculean efforts with this project. A big shout out to Nicholas Psychogios for donating the Greek BBQ to ensure everyone was well fed.

The new classrooms will reflect Melbourne High's commitment to the best learning environments for students. In terms of classroom design, this includes embracing the potential of technology and both individual and group learning. The classrooms are also in-step with how commercial offices and tertiary institutions are now designed. The new classrooms have a feeling of spaciousness, flexibility of furnishings, integration of technology and, a surprise to many first-time visitors, no fixed desk for the teacher.

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New Century Giving Day - continued

The comments that people left alongside their donations speak volumes about the incredible community that continues to support MHS to educate tomorrows leaders.

Here are a few examples:

Thank you for a successful lifetime - Philip A'Vard

To the school that has helped me so much, this is for the next generation! - Victor Jia Wei Zhang

With best wishes for the success of this venture from a most thankful MHSOB - Brian Wigg

For future generations to be as lucky as me to receive an MHS education - Colin Scott McLaren

A shout out from your 4th Form Captain to the Class of 1970 - 50 yrs ago! - Daryl Brooks

Thanks to MHS for the start it gave me 35 years ago! - Michael Gidley

If you would like to support the Classrooms for a New Century Campaign visit:

<http://www.mhsfoundation.org.au/new-generation-classrooms/>





MHS Class of 1978 - 40 Year Reunion



MHS Class of 2017 - 1 Year Reunion

Reunions in Review

Over recent months, MHSOBA has hosted a number of Old Boy reunions at The Unicorn Club including

- Class of 1988 – 30 Year Reunion
- Class of 1983 – 35 Year Reunion
- Class of 1978 – 40 Year Reunion
- Class of 1968 – 50 Year Reunion
- Class of 2017 – 1 Year Reunion
- Class of 2018 - MHS Homecoming
- Class of 2014 - 5 Year Reunion
- Class of 2009 - 10 Year Reunion
- Class of 2004 - 15 Year Reunion
- Class of 1999 - 20 Year Reunion
- Class of 1994 - 25 Year Reunion
- Golden Years - graduates of over 50 years

Starting with a guided tour of The Castle on the Hill, for some it's the first time they've returned to MHS since being a student. Reunions represent a great opportunity for Old Boys to reminisce and reunite with mates. Past teachers are also invited to attend. At the recent Class of 1978 Reunion, former Director of Music Peter Ross led the group in stirring renditions of "Honour the Work" and "Forty Years On." MHSOBA is deeply committed to providing gatherings for Old Boys that are relevant, engaging and rewarding. We look forward to welcoming you to your next reunion, whenever that may be.

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Men for All Seasons Luncheon

MFAS Lunch – Summer 2019

“ The 18th consecutive Men For All Seasons Luncheon was held on the first Friday of Summer at the Unicorn Club. Over 30 Old Boys, most having been at the school in the early to mid eighties, were privileged to hear from and celebrate the impressive careers of Mr Stefan Janus and Mr Paul Keyte . Now retired, collectively, they have taught at the school for over 85 years and the Old Boys in attendance were thoroughly entertained by their speeches as they reflected on their time at MHS.

We were pleased to also have Mr Tim Gurry, a former teacher of MHS attend, who’s career at the school overlapped those of the guest speakers.

Joe Christie, the MHS Co Captain for 2019, introduced himself to the group, detailed his journey from Darwin to Melbourne High and shared his enthusiasm for the school and its values. It was great to hear from Joe who is an impressive young leader of the school.

All the guys present enjoyed a delicious Greek Feast, a few refreshing ales in good company and the event of the day which kicked on well into the early evening.

The Men For All Seasons is an informal group of MHS Old Boys, mostly, but not exclusively from the early to mid 80’s, who meet for lunch on the first Friday of every season. We aim to have a guest speaker at every luncheon and raise funds which help students at MHS. All MHS Old Boys are invited to attend and details are available at the MHSOBA Office.”

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Men for All Seasons Luncheon - photos



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Friday 20 September

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Tributes



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Vale Old Boy...



ROBERT JENKINS

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of Robert Jenkins on October 4th. Robert was a long-time player and committee member with our MCC Hockey Section.

Robert began his junior hockey at MCC, playing in MCC's first Junior Premiership (u/14s) in 1966. His playing career spanned 5 decades, playing over 500 Senior games and over 250 Masters games from the mid 1960s through to 2008. At right wing, Robert was a regular member of MCC's First XI throughout the 1970s.

He contributed enormously to the administration of the club, serving as Club Treasurer from 1975-1986 inclusive. He was awarded the O'Sullivan-Stevens Trophy in 1983 for outstanding service to the MCC Hockey Section.

Robert also served on the MCC Sporting Sections Sub-Committee for 25 years and in 2010 was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the Melbourne Cricket Club for services to MCC Hockey and the MCC Sporting Sections.

We all at MCC Hockey extend our deepest sympathies to Robert's wife Jill and the extended Jenkins family.

MAX WEST

Maxwell John West (born 4 December 1936) was a student at Murrumbeena State, then Gardiner and Lloyd Street Central School before attending MHS from 1950 to 1953, belonging to Forrest House. While not a great scholar, completing an 'honours' year in third form, Max loved his time at the school was active in cadets and relished the Assemblies, the addresses of Langley and the singing. He went on to become an electrician and had a successful career. Max completed his National Service in the Air Transport wing, and loved regaling tales of being in the back of a Dakota Aircraft, parachuting cargo into small clearings in the forest around Puckapunyal. Max was also a great joiner, convivial in company and was a Freemason with Monash Lodge and also the Holy Royal Arch Melbourne Chapter. Max enjoyed his national service, wore his medal with pride and was active with the National Servicemen's Association. For many years he served as a volunteer guide to the Victoria Barracks. He was also in the Box Hill RSL. He was an active Anglican serving on his local church vestry as well as Synod.

Devoted to his old school he did volunteer work in the archives, spending much time compiling a list of teachers of the school. He donated a Speech Night Prize and to celebrate his 60th birthday had a dinner party for his old MHS teachers. Max was a 'salt of the earth' character who was always a pleasure to be with. He was an optimist about life, only in his final years acknowledging some of it's darker aspects that had affected him. He died on 17 September 2018 aged 81 and is survived by his three children and 12 grandchildren.

- Alan Gregory and Luke Savage

Vale Old Boy... continued



JAMES KENNETH RUSSELL OAM (6.8.1939 - 30.12.2018)

Jim from Williamstown High School attended MHS from 1953-1956. He made a major contribution to the school as a rower. An outstanding rower he was in many school crews starting from Form 3, and then stroked the 1st VIII. He won a Speech Night prize for rowing.

Jim did well academically gaining Honours in Physics his Matriculation year and a Commonwealth Scholarship. He then did Engineering at the University of Melbourne. He had a distinguished career in engineering – at Swinburne University where he was Head of the Department of Manufacturing, and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. He had a major role in matters concerning the engineering profession as Chair of the Advisory Panel for Engineering Qualifications, as a member of the Accreditation Board of Engineers Australia, and he was Hon Secretary of the Australian Council of the Institution of Production Engineers. He was Chair of the National Committee for Manufacturing Industrial and Production Engineering, he also had an involvement with TAFE. Active in community affairs, Legacy, the Gardenvale State School Jim was also a Director of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, and supporter of the Care for Children Foundation.

Jim was helpful to the school both with his rowing expertise, he was a prominent rowing coach, and also through the GM&B Foundation serving on its Education sub-committee.

In 2016 he was honoured with an Order of Australia Medal for his services to engineering and the community.

He leaves his wife Jennie and four children. A lovely man and a great contributor.

- Luke Savage and Alan Gregory



JAMES EDWIN HUGH MILNE 3.6.1924 – 1.11.2018

James (Jim) Milne came to MHS in 1938, the year before World War Two broke out. He was the only child of James Gordon Milne, a Gallipoli veteran, and Dora (nee Isaacs). In his own words, his parents “knew nothing” about education and he was always grateful for the start that MHS gave him. He was thankful that a scholarship from the Old Boys Association paid the fees for him. He was taught, amongst others, by Bill Woodfull, the ex-captain of the Australian Cricket team, (later the Principal of MHS) described by Jim as “A dead shot with a piece of chalk”. Jim was Form Captain in year 11 (‘Leaving’) and acting School Captain after the 6th formers finished. He became a Prefect and House Captain of Como house in his final year.

Vale Old Boy... continued

and made some lifelong friends, including Alec Jenkins, Keith Ross, Eric Ebbott and Bruce Fry.

In 1942, he completed the first year of Metallurgical Engineering at the University of Melbourne. He was desperate to join the RAAF and did so in 1943. He loved flying and enjoyed his time in Deniliquin and Mildura but wished for a bit more action in Darwin.

At the end of the war, as an ex-serviceman, he was eligible to have his university fees paid by the government and was thus able to study Medicine. After graduation, he married June Prentice and they were a devoted couple for nearly 66 years.

Jim worked in psychiatric hospitals in Royal Park and Sunbury and later became the solo GP in Sunbury for 9 years. He began working at the State Health Department in the 1960s, beginning a long and distinguished career in Occupational Health, a specialty that was just beginning at that time. In 1970, he was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to complete an M.Sc in Occupational Medicine at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He later spent two years working at the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France, a destination that delighted his wife and family. He was instrumental in the formation of the Australasian College of Occupational Medicine.

His interests covered a wide spectrum. He was an accomplished painter and avid reader. He enjoyed football and cricket, opera and theatre. He loved swimming and was convinced by his son to compete in the Alice Springs Masters' games in his 80s. His record for the 50m breaststroke 80-84 years age group still stands. He was a devoted family man and was dearly loved by his extended family.



DONALD (DON) STANLEY 1945 – 2018

Don attended MHS from 1961-1963. He really enjoyed his time playing 1st 18 Australian Rules football for 3 years and captain of football during his final year. He was a school prefect in his final year as well. He has attended many reunions and enjoyed talking with many students of his time! His blazer is still hanging in the wardrobe!

Don became a teacher and a Primary School Principal. He was very involved with School Sport Victoria mainly Under 13 Australian Rules State Football. He played a few games with South Melbourne before moving to the country playing for Murtoa then Terang in the Hamden League where he represented the league and won a League Best and Fairest. His football playing finished at Eltham in the Diamond Valley League and he chaired the league tribunal for a few years after. Don passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at home on November 11th 2018 at almost 11am. Sadly missed by family and friends!

Vale Old Boy... continued



BART NORMAN DROHAN 17.8.1924 - 29.1.2019

Bart Drohan who died aged 94, attended MHS from 1938-1940 after previously attending Tooronga Road Central. He quickly became heavily involved in House Sports for Forrest including cricket, tennis and athletics.

Bart served in World War II with the 2nd AIF serving as a Corporal. Post-war he joined the Commonwealth Public Service in the Repatriation Department and later the Australian Broadcasting Control Board'. He was involved in many community groups including his local church. A gentle kindly man, he was the older brother of Neville Drohan, former Principal of the school and Bart was proud of Neville's achievements. His wife Marjorie has predeceased him and he leaves three children, Ruth, Beth and Jon who attended MHS 1977-79. - Alan Gregory and Luke Savage



PHILIP HEFFERNAN

A Funeral Mass for Mr Philip Heffernan was held at St John's Catholic Church, 52 Yarra Street, Heidelberg on March 1, 2019.

Originally a physics teacher, Phil was a loyal and hard-working Vice-Principal at Melbourne High School from 1987 to his retirement in 1994. The MHSOBA acknowledges Phil's extraordinary contribution to the school, colleagues, students, their families and the wider community. We acknowledge his enduring legacy and offer our best wishes to his family and friends.



THE VENERABLE GEORGE B LUCAS OAM 30.4.1930 - 2 .3.2019

George Lucas attended MHS in 1947 and was an outstanding student, gaining honours in Geology and History at his Matriculation. He also won a scholarship to Trinity College at the University of Melbourne. He then entered the priesthood of the Anglican Church.

I recall George Lucas as a truly great parish priest. What an impact he had at St George's Malvern and indeed in every parish he served. At St Georges, George coped with four services each Sunday – including that memorable Children's Service which attracted hundreds and gave new spiritual life to so many. It was a demanding congregation –

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with many intelligent minds in the congregation to question his sermons. As a Vicar he had the uncanny knack of engaging with people – of getting his Vestry to work and do things, of involving the laity. He embraced all the organisations in the parish. He preached brilliant sermons – he was wonderful in helping the bereaved and hitting the right note in his funeral addresses. He brought the life of Christ to the every day person in his care.

He became a Deacon in the Anglican Church in 1953 in the Diocese of St Arnaud and Priested in 1954 he first served in Mildura under a hard taskmaster before going to Sea Lake then Charlton holding various posts along the way as Director of Youth and Examining Chaplain for the diocese. From 1964 he came to Melbourne, to Cheltenham 1964-70, and then St Georges Malvern 1970 -85, serving as an Industrial Chaplain and as Archdeacon. There were many committees and organisations he had responsibility for. Those who knew him were delighted that some recognition as given to this remarkable man with his Order of Australia Medal. In 1985 he concluded his active Ministry at East Frankston, retiring as Archdeacon Emeritus in 1995.

Despite a seemingly casual and sometimes gruff manner, George was very hard working, caring, highly intelligent and very well read. If he heard of a new idea he would want to pursue it. He understood the full implications of life as a priest. If he sensed some distress in a person – he pursued it to give real comfort. Yet despite all this he managed to be a good husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather – he so loved his beloved Dorothy and his family. He was so proud of them. George enjoyed his family, he also enjoyed good food and wine. He was great company. Above all he remained a great priest who brought Christ to the lives of many. George was proud of his schooling at Melbourne High.

DEREK RICHARD COOK 09.06.1925 – 26.04.2019

Derek Richard Cook, who attended Melbourne High for four years during the late 1930's, passed away in April. My father very much enjoyed attending a school reunion a few years ago. He was born on 9th June 1925 and almost reached the age of 94. Being a war veteran, he would have been pleased to know he hung on for one more ANZAC Day!

- Rod Cook

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PROFESSOR GEOFFREY JAMES BISHOP AM 26.9.1932 - 1.6.2019

An Old Boy of MHS from the early 1950s, has died. MHS was a central part of my father's life and endeavours, both as a student and afterwards as an Old Boy. He enjoyed maintaining contact with the School and with his surviving classmates, and often spoke warmly of his time there, as a swimmer and a rower and the leader of the school orchestra.

- Tom Bishop

Geoff was at MHS where he had a brilliant career later echoed by a brilliant career in the medical profession. He was at the school from 1946 to 1950.

At school he was notable in swimming being in the school team and also as a rower. He gained colours in those sports. He was in the school orchestra as a violinist. Also served on the SRC, became a prefect and vice captain of the school. He gained Honours in Matriculation and then did Medicine at the University of Melbourne. He became a specialist obstetrician and gynaecologist and ended up Professor in this field at Monash University. His research and teaching earned him the prestigious medal of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

He was awarded the AM – Member of the Order of Australia in 1999 for service to medicine in the field of obstetrics, gynaecology and women's health. His wife Ruth was a very distinguished medical researcher, a virologist who discovered the rotavirus, with an international reputation and many awards including the AO. Geoff was an active member of the GM and B, and ran the all important mentor programme for some time. Geoff had high regard for his school and was a generous supporter. Both Ruth and Geoff were regulars at the MHSOBA lunches and also were highly successful speakers making medical topics accessible.

A delightful and popular couple. Geoff was highly respected and eminent medical figure.

A truly notable old boy.

- Alan Gregory

Vale Old Boy... continued



NOEL ROBERT MCINTOSH 19.02.1927 - 16.08.2019

Noel was one of that band of students who saw little of the “Castle on the Hill”. When the School was loaned to American Forces during WW2, the boys were dispersed elsewhere. To Noel’s delight, he was assigned to Tooronga Road School, just around the corner from his home.

He was a friend of Ken Jack who painted the great series of water colours of the School and gained international recognition. Noel remembered vividly, holding Ken’s easel as he painted Flinders Street Station in blustery conditions. According to The Unicorn, he was a noted Cross Country runner - notable for his ability to run last.

He left MHS to join Dalgety and Co, an Australian company listed on both the London and Australian Stock Exchanges - unusual at the time. They became Australia’s largest Stock and Station Agent, and were our largest wool exporter. Noel rose to become Financial Director of what had become an international conglomerate, with interests in wine (the Saltram winery) and Scotch whisky as well as the traditional areas of agriculture. He became a globetrotter.

An early colleague at Dalgetys was Errol Flynn who charmed everyone and borrowed from most. After he became a Hollywood superstar, a group from the office wrote to him, suggesting that he might now be able to repay his loans. He did - an autographed photo for each of them!

Upon retirement Noel, and wife Alison, became farmers on a picturesque property outside Taree in northern NSW.

He passed away in his sleep.

Noel was the uncle of John McIntosh - GM&B Patrons Club.



The Unicorn Club

MHSOBA Events & The Unicorn Club - Update

In late October 2018, Jo Malley joined the MHSOBA team part-time as Event Manager.

Responsible for delivering our calendar of flagship, reunion and networking events, Jo has MHS in her DNA. Her father is an Old Boy (Class of 1959) and her mother a graduate of Mac Rob. With over 20 years experience in special event production, her background also spans corporate communication, marketing and L&D.

In addition to MHSOBA and stakeholder events, Jo is also managing a growing number of business functions held at The Unicorn Club. The Club is ideally suited to professional meetings, executive offsites, training seminars and workshops. She will also be reaching out to Members to better understand what is of particular interest to you. We look forward to delivering future events that are relevant, timely and well-priced.

In recent years, hire of The Unicorn Club has been offered at no cost to MHSOBA Members. As revenue from The Unicorn Club supports our Scholarship Programs, events and new Member program, we recognise such an approach does not best serve our Members. From 1 January 2019, The Unicorn Club can be hired at reasonable rates for business and approved social events. Discounts are available to financial Members of MHSOBA, along with past and present students and MHS staff.

If you have an upcoming event, please contact Jo to discuss your requirements jo@mhsoba.asn.au or P: 9824 0480

We're delighted to advise The Unicorn Club has recently undergone an exciting refurbishment. This unique space now features new carpet, stylish lighting and is freshly painted throughout.

Our sincere thanks to the MHSOBA Committee and to Frank Penhalluriack for their particular support of this project.

- Jo Malley



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The Fairbairn Gym

The Fairbairn Boxing & Fitness gym opened in early 2015 at the MHSOBA Unicorn Club.

Fairbairn was established by Dylan Hamilton-Ho, MHS Exit 2008, member of both the MHSOBA and MHSOBFC. Dylan is joined by two other trainers, Fauntine and Matt, who are also based at the gym.

They work in conjunction with the MHSOBFC ensuring the fitness of all players.

The Fairbairn team works with MHS/MHSOBA staff both on one on one or in group personal training classes.

Group fitness classes are offered for boxing, yoga and circuit training and personal training is also available.

Further information is available by contacting the team on the emails below:

Fairbairn Boxing (Dylan):

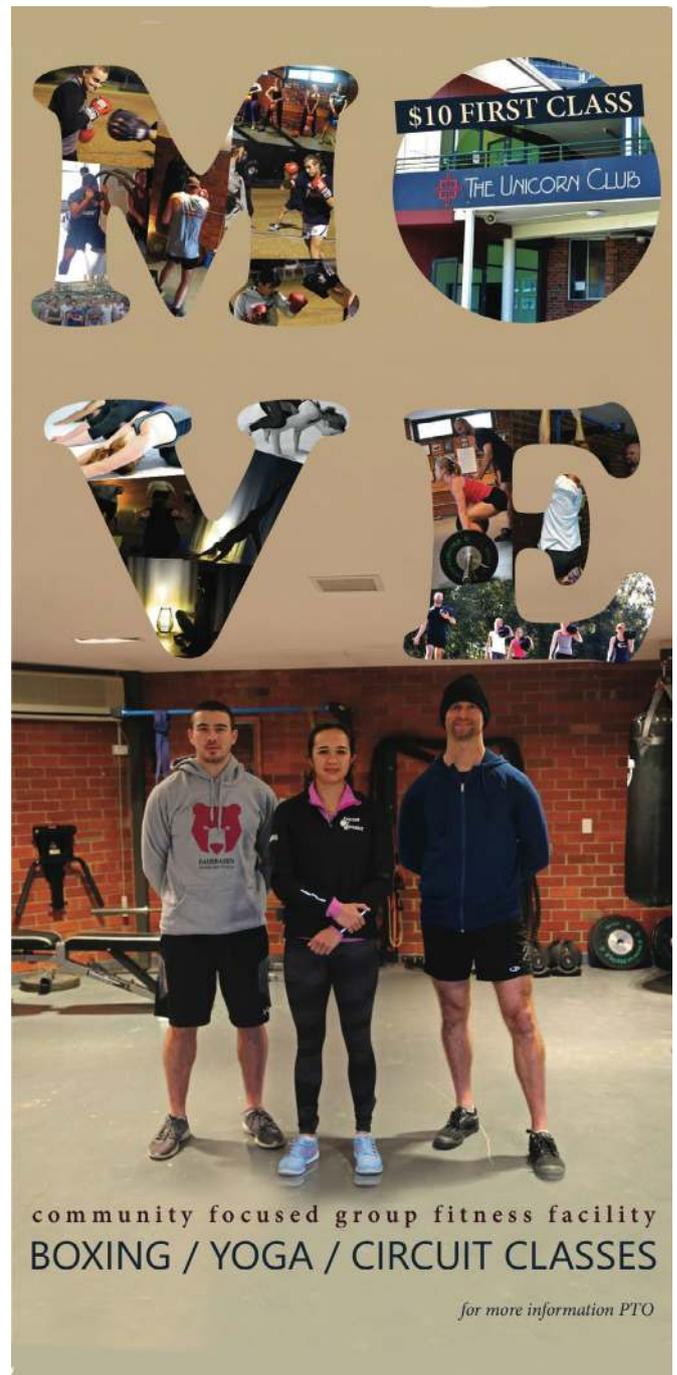
www.fairbairnboxing.com.au

Freedom of Movement (Fauntine):

www.freedomofmovement.com.au

Unseat Your Body (Matt):

www.unseatyourbody.com



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