



# MHSOBA Newsletter

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## From the President



*Dear fellow Old Boys,*

Welcome to our revamped newsletter that will now be published bi-monthly providing news and updates from September to October 2019.

In this issue we have contributions from Old Boys across the years. Laurie Pole (Exit 1955) has delved deep into our archives to report on MHS winning the Argus Footy Competition in 1955. John Ly (Exit 2002) provides an update on the International Pharmacy Leaders Workshop he hosted in Abu Dhabi. Warren Fall (Exit 1975) has penned an end-of-season report from the MHSOBFC letting us know about the successful season that the UNICORNS had. Colin Green (Exit 1962) has prepared an update on the GM&B Patrons' Club and Alan Gregory (Exit 1955) has shined a light on the Prefects' Club of 1955 who still meet every year.

You will enjoy moving appreciation letters from our 2019 MHSOBA Scholarship Recipients, an overview of the latest School Play – "Witness for the Prosecution" and photos from both the MHS Old Boys Annual Dinner held back in May and our Footy Finals Luncheon, held in September, with special guests including Robert "Dipper" Di Pierdomenico, Matthew Richardson, Brad Johnson and David Rhys-Jones.

Last but certainly not least, Tributes to Old Boys and other significant contributors to the school that passed since our last newsletter are also included in this edition.

Sit back, make yourself a cup of tea and enjoy catching up on the news from MHSOBA.

Honour the Work.

**PETER STATHOPOULOS**

President, MHSOBA Inc.

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# MHSOBA Memberships

Get in early and purchase your 2020 MHSOBA membership.

*Membership includes:*

- Discounted hire of The Unicorn Club for your next business, social or networking event
- Assistance to gain work experience
- Free access to the exclusive Kelvin Club in the Melbourne CBD (this normally costs over \$800 per year)
- Networking opportunities

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Student	Valid until student's 30th birthday	\$400
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	5 Years	\$300
	10 Years	\$500
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	5 Years	\$180
Associate (Non OB/Non Voting)	1 Year	\$50
	5 Years	\$180

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# THE UNICORN CLUB



With sweeping views to the Castle on the Hill, the newly refurbished Unicorn Club is your perfect venue for business meetings, seminars, workshops and celebrations.

Host your client or team Christmas soir  e in Unicorn style with drinks, delicious canap  s and million dollar views.

**Limited Fridays and Saturdays in November and December are still available.** To discuss your function, contact Jo Malley, Event Manager MHSOBA - [administrator@mhsoba.asn.au](mailto:administrator@mhsoba.asn.au) or call 9824 0480 today.





# Scholarship Recipients



## **MAHONEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP \$2500**

### **Minto Felix (Exit 2010)**

"I am enormously thankful to the MHSOBA for this valued gift of the Mahoney Family Scholarship in support of my studies to undertake the MSc in Higher Education degree at Oxford. The life changing, and indeed, world changing impact that education enables for individuals and communities was instilled in a profound way during my time at MHS. The school taught me, that irrespective of circumstance or walk of life, an individual who is empowered with quality

education can go on to shape society for the better. It is a firm belief in this vision that has fuelled my own personal ethos to education – but more excitingly – this course of study I will now undertake. Pursuing this course will enable me to not only understand the core drivers and influencers of universities and higher education systems across the world but to be able to develop the skills and knowledge to shape these systems for the betterment of all people in our communities. I will be taking a particular interest in Indian higher education policy, looking to translate lessons from the Australian context where appropriate, and examine how the two countries can work more effectively together to strengthen each other's systems."



## **SPEROS BEASLEY SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

### **Arushan Dushyanthan (Exit 2014)**

It is an honour to be the recipient of this Scholarship and I would like to thank the MHSOBA for choosing me. The funds I receive from this Scholarship will allow me to further myself academically as I finish my Bachelors of Commerce/Bachelors of Law (hon) degrees at Monash University. It will also support my endeavours on the cricket field through the purchase of new cricket gear and indoor training before the season. This will allow myself and others involved in the MHSOB Cricket Club to benefit and hopefully give back to the school by winning our competitions over the summer.



## **SPEROS BEASLEY SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**

### **Ryan Chowdhury (Exit 2018)**

It is a great privilege to be awarded the Speros Beasley Scholarship that will provide some invaluable opportunities for me. I will be using the Scholarship to fund a study exchange towards the end of 2020 or early 2021, to study at the London School of Economics once I begin to focus on my desired major (Economics) for my Bachelor of Commerce degree. Having the Scholarship relieves the burden of gathering sufficient finances that would have otherwise restricted me from going; however, now I am able to focus on simply achieving the grades to hopefully be chosen to go

on my anticipated study trip. Moreover, other than the financial benefit the Scholarship has motivated me to continue playing sport competitively and to diligently pursue my own career goals, while doing the things I love, as Mr Beasley successfully did during his lifetime.

# Scholarship Recipients - continued



## VERMA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP \$3000

### Alan Xue (Exit 2015)

In 2020, I will be travelling to London for my Honours year as part of my medical degree. Whilst there, I will be working with a lab at Guys' Hospital as part of a genomics research team investigating a rare subtype of prostate cancer. The research position is unpaid and finding work alongside a full-time research load would be difficult. The Verma Family Scholarship will reduce the financial strain associated with meeting the famously steep costs of living in London; and allow me to make better use of my time whilst overseas. I am incredibly grateful to the Verma brothers for their continued support of both the MHS old boy community and the medical community in general.



## JOHN NGUYEN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000 Total, \$500 awarded each)

### Akash Thomas (Exit 2019)

In the midst of a financially difficult and traumatising time for my family, receiving a sum of money that can be applied for my own education is very pleasing. As my father puts aside large amounts of money towards the medical expenses of my grandfather, receiving a scholarship of \$500 eases the pressure on him to provide for me. As we head into the climatic point of Year 12, this money can be used to explore different learning material and allow me to fund for my tutoring expenses, without any reliance of my father during the remainder of the month. I would like to thank the MHSOBA and John Ly for providing this opportunity.



## JOHN NGUYEN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000 Total, \$500 awarded each)

### William Giang (Exit 2019)

Getting this Scholarship means a lot to me. Not only does it ease the financial burden on my parents, but moreover, it allows me to pursue opportunities with a greater sense of freedom now that I am able to overcome any financial difficulties. As a devout student of science imbued with a great sense of passion to explore the field, I believe that receiving such a Scholarship bestows upon me a great privilege to further my educational endeavours, allowing me to face forward and challenge myself, and that is what makes it meaningful to me.

# Volunteers Needed

## Can you help us for 2 hours on Thursday 12 December?

Get Ready! Melbourne High School is hosting another innovative 15-hour Giving Day.

We are looking for volunteers to join us in our Campaign HQ at The Unicorn Club to help us reach out to our community on the phone.

Government funding has not stretched far enough to renovate our nearly 100-year-old classrooms in the 'Castle on the Hill' and as a result they have become dilapidated and out of date.

But things are changing. Through an extraordinary display of community determination and support our Giving Day last year raised an incredible \$496,000! With the centenary of the 'Castle on the Hill' fast approaching, we want to keep this momentum going and renovate 50 classrooms by 2027. To date, nine classrooms have been renovated!!



**The most exciting part is every donation made within the 15 hours will be doubled by our generous matching donors.**

**We need help to ensure we reach as many people as possible to advise them of this exciting opportunity.**

If you are planning on volunteering, why not invite some of your old classmates to join us on the day. We are planning a fun community event with a live telecast of the donor tally. After-work-hour shifts are available.

To get a reminder to donate on Giving Day register at [www.charidy.com/mhs](http://www.charidy.com/mhs)

For more information contact Jodie at [office@mhsfoundation.org.au](mailto:office@mhsfoundation.org.au)



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# The Great Footy Coupon Saga

In the early 1950's the Melbourne "Argus" newspaper (published from 1846 to 1957) ran a competition in which they offered a prize of £1,000 (= \$2,000 equivalent to about \$60,000 today). Over a number of weeks the Argus published a coupon each day in the paper. Footy clubs were encouraged to collect the coupons and win the competition to gain funds for their club.

MHSOBA Football Club President "Pop" Shapir heard about the competition and thought our club should have a go. It was a big ask as league clubs with large supporter bases would be competing. "Pop" and Vice President Bill Pole approached the Principal Brigadier George Langley to see if the school could help and he agreed.

The wheels were set in motion and an army of MHS boys equipped with scissors started the quest. Passengers (usually men) reading the "Argus" on a train or tram were accosted with the request "Mister can I please have the footy coupon from your paper?" Most times people were happy to let the boys cut the coupon out of their paper.



As the momentum grew no stone was left unturned to collect every available coupon. One day "Pop" visited a Ford car dealership and found that Ford had an advertising supplement in the "Argus" that day. "Pop" and Bill swung into action and drove to various Ford dealers and, you guessed it, collected the sections of the papers the dealers didn't need but which held the all-important coupons.

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# The Great Footy Coupon Saga - continued

When the day for submission of coupons dawned MHSOBA Football Club submitted bags and bags of "Argus" coupons under the astonished gaze of "Argus" staff and League Club supporters. The footy-following public were totally surprised that a rather obscure amateur football club had won the prize ahead of League Clubs, such as Collingwood and Essendon, that had huge numbers of supporters. The prize money was most welcome at MHS and went towards the swimming pool building fund.

Contributed by Laurie Pole MHS 1956-59



## SCHOOL HELPS OLD BOYS WIN ARGUS PRIZE

● Jubilant classmates of form 4D—which contributed most votes—cheer form-captain Jim Webber.

**MELBOURNE High School Old Boys' team has topped The Argus Football Popularity Premiership poll—and wins the full £1,000 prize!**

M.H.S.O.B. — supported by hundreds of Melbourne High School students — polled 332,213 votes.

Bellfield, another amateur football team, is second with 219,782 votes.

Next are three League clubs: Collingwood, 194,971; Essendon, 137,159; and Footscray, 83,818.

[If a League club won, it would have been awarded £650 of the prize money, leaving £350 for the most popular club outside the League.]

## New swim pool

More than 200,000 votes were cast for the Old Boys in the final three days of voting last week.

Most of these votes were collected by youngsters at Melbourne High School who for weeks scrounged votes all over Melbourne.

And for all this work the Old Boys will give the school £500 of the prize money to help build a new indoor swimming pool.

Students and teachers returned from an outing as Argus representatives arrived at the school yesterday.

"We've won it, have we? You beaut!" they shouted.

The headmaster, Brigadier G. F. Langley, interrupted an important conference to break the news to Forms 4D and 3A, which collected most votes at the school.

"You can probably guess boys, we have won The Argus Football Popularity Premiership," Brigadier Langley said.

The boys went wild with excitement. For several minutes there was a continuous cheering and shouts of "We've won. We've won."

"All the credit must go to the boys. They worked hard and did a marvellous job," Brigadier Langley said.

Form 4D, captained by 15-year-old Jimmy Webber, won the school competition for the form to collect the most votes. It collected 42,871 votes.

"Although I barrack for Hawthorn it did not get one of my votes, they all went to the Old Boys," Jimmy said. "And it is the same with everyone in the school."

### 'Marvellous'

The Old Boys' Football Club president, Mr. M. J. Marshall, said, "I'm tickled pink. It's marvellous... no it's better than marvellous; it is something really great.

"But all the credit must go to the boys at school, they really won the prize for us.

"They did everything. The club's £500 will go towards club expenses and possibly pay for a trip for the boys next season," Mr. Marshall added.

Bellfield president Mr. P. McLean said last night, "Of course I am a little disappointed, but if we did not win there is no other team I would rather see beat us than M.H.S.O.B."

Collingwood secretary Mr. Gordon Carlyon said, "Congratulations to both M.H.S.O.B. and Bellfield. They did a terrific job."

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# MHSOBFC End Of Season Report

During 2019 the Melbourne High School Old Boys Football Club was represented by four teams in the Victorian Amateur Football Association. Our Senior and Reserve sides played in Division 2; while we also fielded a Third XVIII and an Under 19 team in Section 4. Our season was launched in fine style back in April with a memorable Coterie Dinner. It was a very enjoyable night attended by more than 60 members of the MHSOBFC community who gathered to celebrate the outstanding playing careers of Tim Harper and Anthony Svirskis.

Matthew Nicholas continued in the role of MHSOBFC Senior Coach this season with Bernie Pretty as Assistant Coach. Despite a couple of disappointing performances our senior side finished fourth following a huge win over Ivanhoe in Round 18. The semi final clash with Glen Eira resulted in an outstanding win played in wet and windy conditions at the Trevor Barker oval. Unfortunately we were outclassed the following week in our Preliminary Final but with some finals experience the foundation is now in place for future success in 2020.



Luke Campbell and Alex Drew shared the coaching roles in our Reserves this year. The team played another season of very consistent football and once again provided many players with the opportunity to push their case for senior selection. We finished comfortably in top spot and approached our semi final confident of progressing through to the Grand Final. After a relatively slow start we were able to outclass the opposition with a dominant second half. Unfortunately our GF result was a disappointing outcome as we simply couldn't generate our normal free flowing game. Despite a late surge we finished Runners Up to Whitefriars and the feeling in the rooms after the game was that it had been a Premiership opportunity missed.

# MHSOBFC End Of Season Report - continued

The Unicorns were delighted to maintain the services of Michael Mitchell as our Under 19 Coach. He quickly moulded the boys into a very competitive team that played some great football and finished the season in 3rd spot. This enabled us to host a home semi final where we defeated St Kevins by 6 goals and progressed to the preliminary final. It was a game of football where we genuinely dominated at times and had far more scoring opportunities but ended up losing by 9 points. However it was still a mighty effort and we look forward to seeing many of these talented lads playing senior football very soon.

Our Thirds completed a productive season in the VAFA Section 3 of their division and continued to play an important role by providing an opportunity for more players to represent the Unicorns each weekend. Rhys Johnson once again did a sterling job as Coach and consistently inspired the Thirds to play some enjoyable football. His astute leadership guided us into a semi final where we were beaten by a very strong Richmond Centrals combination.

In other news from the Club we have acknowledged and celebrated some significant player milestones with 200 games to Tom Rendell and 100 games to Adam Ashton, Kane Smith and Tony Tran. Assistance provided by a host of Club volunteers was outstanding throughout 2019 and our home game match day luncheons and major social events were all enjoyable, well attended functions. At our recent Presentation Night we also congratulated Tim Campelj on winning the 2019 Senior B&F award and Matt Nicholas was the recipient of the of the prestigious Sam Silberberg award.

The entire MHSOBFC community is extremely grateful to our Major Sponsor – NED. The company provides premium quality Whisky & Cola beverages and we appreciate the ongoing support from Life Member and former Club captain Drew Fairchild who is the driving force behind that very successful NED brand. We also acknowledge the financial assistance provided by other key sponsors: Union House, the Windsor Community branch of Bendigo Bank, Hello Sam, Hocking Stuart South Yarra, Peter Smith Plumbing, Urban Water Solutions, Affinity Accountants and Evolutio Physiotherapy.

Warren Fall  
President  
MHSOBFC



# International Pharmacy Leaders

## Building the Next Generation of International Pharmacy Leaders

John Ly (MHS Exit 2002) has hosted a Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) at the prestigious International Pharmaceutical Federation's (FIP) World Congress in Abu Dhabi of September 2019. It once again received hundreds of applications from young pharmacy leaders around the world. Running for its second year, only 30 pharmacists from 16 different countries were accepted the two-day program. Last year it was hosted in Glasgow Scotland, and next year it will be hosted in Spain World Congress 2020.

### *The LDW Key to Succession Planning*

The LDW was conceived by John Ly, whose experience in the global pharmacy community includes previous leadership positions such as International President of the Young Pharmacist Group for FIP, President of the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation and President of the Asia Pacific Regional Office, to name a few. Ly sought to bridge the gap between the lack of training available to enthusiastic members, and the core skills required for the often under-estimated workload and complexity of leading a global social cause.



Beyond upskilling young pharmacists from around the world, the Leadership Workshop seeks to unlock the leadership potential of those who will succeed today's leaders, ensuring the continued success of the important work carried out by the Young Pharmacist Group for FIP, as well as FIP.

### *Real-world Leadership Skills*

The LDW is aimed at helping young pharmacists be more involved with the profession- whether it be in leadership roles locally or globally, advocacy, or even FIP projects and committees. Some of the unique and uncommonly discussed session topics included Sustainable Leadership, Personal Leadership Styles and Personalities and Values of Servant, Ethical and Volunteer Leadership were presented by current FIP leaders.

# International Pharmacy Leaders - continued

The LDW also imparted practical skills through workshops on strategic planning, succession planning, communication skills, how to run effective meetings, project management, among other critical topics, delivered by FIP and other international pharmacy thought leaders. Not only will these skills catapult those seeking FIP-YPG leadership positions in future years but also provide skills transferrable to the pharmacists' professional career pathways in their local community.

## *Increased Engagement from Young Pharmacists*

The LDW is aimed at helping young pharmacists be more involved with the profession. The tangible success of the LDW could be observed through the record-breaking number of pharmacists who applied for YPG leadership positions held annually at the World Congress, with 22 candidates vying for only five roles. The newly-elected team were graduates of this year's LDW and are well-equipped to confidently carry out YPG's global pharmacy initiatives.

Further, a number of participants have since been motivated to start their own Young Pharmacist Groups in their own country where they are under-represented, using the tools and networks made at this workshop.

Article by:  
John Ly (MHS Exit 2002)





# AFL Finals Luncheon 2019

On Friday 20 September, MHSOBA presented this year's AFL Finals Luncheon at Marvel Stadium.

Now in its second year, the event featured an outstanding Legends Panel that included Matthew Richardson, Brad Johnson, Robert "Dipper" Di Pierdomenico and David Rhys-Jones. Hosted by the energetic Shane McInnes of 3AW Sport, panellists were in fine form as they discussed "The Big Dance" and all things AFL past and present.

An entertaining audience Q&A session followed, along with a surprise presentation from Dipper. He talked about "Outside the Locker Room," an initiative designed to support good mental health for boys and men at a grass-roots sporting club level. MHSOBA plans to talk more about this with Dipper in 2020.

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## 20 Years On, or None At All?

On June 20th I went back to Melbourne High School 20 years on after finishing in 1999. It wasn't the first time I've been back at the school since then, but since moving to Hong Kong in 2006 this is only the second time I've been back. Before I go on I'd really like to thank the school archivist Mr Luke Savage, and the President of the MHSOBA Mr Peter Stathopoulos who have made this an incredible experience.

Walking back through the school grounds years on, you're still compelled to use only the students staircase at the old building, and you tend to start referring to everyone as sirs and madams. I felt out of place wearing a hat (as I was dressed for a holiday here in Melbourne). And more than anything else, I felt "at home". Going through the archives, the Unicorn, and seeing the records of the many contributions our old boys have made to the country has made me more proud than ever. To be reminded that I was part of this heritage, and that everything that I do...adds to the legacy that the Old Boys leave behind, makes me so proud to call myself one of them. Many things have changed about the school. The school grounds have changed. We have an arts building, the oval was extended and now it's a full sized oval. Many of the staff have changed since my exit year of 1999. However, the school spirit and it's "ethos" still remains. It's the one thing that sets us apart from other people and they wouldn't understand if they've never spent time here.

The experience today was made even better when I had the opportunity to meet with Dr Alan Gregory as he was present to receive donations from a fellow Old Boys' family who came into possession of Hugh Brodie's personal correspondence as well as war medals. For those who are not familiar with Hugh Brodie I'm sure the MHSOBA will provide a write up at a later date, but what a lot of us may have missed in all of our time at the school, was the letter he wrote back to the school when he was away at war, and the Airman's Prayer which arrived at the school shortly before his death during WWII. After reading this though, I was truly moved and inspired at the same time. This is the legacy that he left not just for himself, it was for all of us to share in.

I'm so glad to be in touch with the school again, and through the MHSOBA I've been able to connect with parts of the school that I otherwise would not have had access to. If not for this group of gentlemen who donates their spare time to keep the torch alive for us, many of these beautiful memories we have of the school and our time there may well fade with time. Lastly, I'd like to thank those Old Boys before me who made the school what it is and gave me your legacy to carry on and be proud of. To those who are still at the school, I would encourage you to be involved with the school in as many ways possible and create your own legacy so that others who follow can continue to be proud of who "we" are as Old Boys.

### **Chester Chan (Ex 1999)**



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# MHSOBA Annual Dinner 2019

On May 20th this year we were thrilled to be able to host our Annual Dinner at Leonda By The Yarra. A welcome return to this venue after an absence of several years.

The night's entertainment began with a performance of the MHS Year 10 String Quartet. Special thanks to Gareth De Korte, Director of Music of MHS for arranging the students and the musicians Vincent Wong, Hong Sheng Quah, Ian Chiu and Roger Sun.

Our guest speaker was none other than Mr Michael Gudinski AM, the founder & Chairman of The Mushroom Group. No overnight sensation but Michael shared his insights and the roller coaster ride that he has piloted for almost 50 years since he departed the Castle on The Hill. Master of Ceremonies, Shane McInnes from 3AW Sport led us through an insightful interview with Michael on how he has become one of the greatest success stories in the Australian popular music scene as a true, independent operator.



The night's musical performances included a smooth array of modern jazz by King Armadillo who are ably led by Peter Dumsday, Oscar O'Bryan, Andrew Pollock and Greg Bates all Old Boys who exited in 2002, Angus Rigby, Exit 2004 and Dr Dave Evans. We look forward to them joining us again in future years.

The musical highlight of the night was Madder Lake Trio. A special surprise for Michael Gudinski as Madder Lake were the first band on Mushroom Records to be presented with a gold record award. Momentous at the time and a sign of things to come for Michael and Mushroom Records. Amazingly the mainstay of this group since its inception, almost 50 years ago, has been Old Boys Brenden Mason and Kerry McKenna who both exited MHS in 1968. They were joined by the gutsy Michael O'Loughlin who belted out a number of the group's classic tracks. Michael was truly moved and humbled by this performance.

Our Live Auctioneer was Toby Parker from Hocking Stuart, Balwyn and he aided the sale of key items such as the Gourmet Steak Masterclass, special thanks to Guy and Caroline Velik, Laneway Food Studio & Gary's Meats, Prahran Market; Tuscan Villa Experience courtesy of the Dogliotti & Nunn Families and Premium Wines from Turners Crossing Vineyard, Bendigo.

We were also fortunate to have prizes donated by Grand Ridge Brewery, The Olsen Art Series Hotel, Oscar Hunt Tailors, The Kelvin Club, Wheatland Hotels, The Australian Book Connection, Southern Golf Club, Blue Wheelers, Hawthorn, Di Parsia Coffee and the Carlton FC Guernsey kindly donated by Luca Gonano.

We are truly grateful to all those who sponsored our event and to our guests for sharing the night's events and presentations with us.

Special thanks to our Events Manager, Jo Malley and Jodie Gunton for helping to create an experience that we will remember for many years to come.

Whose life achievements will we celebrate next year?

Stay tuned...

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# School Play Review - Witness for the Prosecution

Drama has a long history at Melbourne High School with a School Play being performed in 1925, *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* and another French play, Moliere's *Comedy, L'Avare* followed in 1926. Plays were performed intermittently until 1957 when *See How They Run* was performed, marking the beginning of a yearly play. It is fitting that Mac.Robertson Girls' High School and Melbourne High School continue this tradition of joint productions with Agatha Christie's *Witness For The Prosecution*.

Director and teacher at MHS, George Marotous, made use of the space of the Memorial Hall to bring the drama off the stage and into the hall, allowing the audience to feel like spectators in a court. A simple set was quickly changed from scene to scene, but with detailed props to create the right atmosphere. The audience on arrival was greeted by Uniformed Police Officers who patrolled the school foyer, ensuring discipline amongst the spectators to the play before they were ushered into the drama.

The story, briefly, is about Leonard Vole, an unemployed man who befriends a wealthy woman, who is subsequently murdered. Leonard's wife, Romaine, provides an alibi, though her history of having been rescued by Leonard from Germany after the war, and her doubtful married state, challenges Leonard's defence counsel in their seemingly helpless case. As stories change, as emotions are revealed, the audience assess Leonard Vole's innocence and questions his wife's motives.

Lazarus Olsen-Wilson plays the convincingly gormless Leonard Vole, who proclaims his innocence despite all the contrary evidence. Olivia Brouwer plays a very controlled, scornful wife of Leonard, who seems to have no heart. They were well supported Harvey Weir and Vasunta Shipp as defence counsel, Carrie Churchward as the aggrieved servant, Elliott Cook as the Judge, to name a few of the cast.

The School Play continues to provide an opportunity for students of Melbourne High School and Mac.Rob not only to perform, but in the many supporting roles backstage or front of house. Old Boys are welcome to attend next years' play.



# What I Wish I Knew

Are you an Old Boy currently in University, working, TAFE, or trade who feels unsure about whether you are in the right place? Perhaps, you are thinking about changing career trajectories or considering degrees and opportunities in other fields? This article may be for you. And for those who feel that they have chosen the 'right' path, you may still wish to read on to consider why this path is indeed so 'right' in your mind, or perhaps to share what you learn from this article with others who are still searching for that seemingly rare and oh-so-glorious find.

Earlier this year, I spoke to a cohort of Year 11 and 12 students about "What I Wish I Knew". The discussion focused on senior students and sought to help them figure out their journey beyond MHS: what direction one should, or could, take with regard to their career, and perhaps, more importantly, the steps one can take to help him or her discover what their niche may be.

The system isn't perfect – ideally, one would leave high school and be able to select their chosen path, which would instantaneously and without fail be 'right'. However, life doesn't always shake out this way, and what is the 'right' path may also differ for each individual. To some, it could encompass providing a lifetime of fulfilment, and interest; others, however, may seek a challenge to enable the lifestyle of their choosing.

I thought I would take the concept of "What I Wish I Knew", rephrase it, and target it towards Old Boys who are still in their current studies or work, and are still unsure whether they have decided on the 'right' career path. Hopefully this will save you some time in the long run, arguably your most valuable commodity.

Bygone are the days of a "one-job-for-life" career. For better or worse, scientific advances are moving faster, society is more flexible and responsive, and industries are more focused on consumer needs. Company trajectories are changing quicker and the interconnectedness of our economies demands more 'pivots' or manoeuvres from employees and businesses. 'Pivot' is a term coined in the highly successful "Lean Start-up" (recommended to anyone with an interest in entrepreneurship).

Let's hone in on practical steps that have helped others figure out their careers.

## Step 1.

Step 1 begins the process of getting you to think not about your career, but rather about lifestyle. That is, what kind of lifestyle do you wish to lead? How do you see yourself spending time outside of work? Is health and fitness a priority to you, such that you want a career that will help you maintain a balance? Do you want a family, pets, or do you have people who rely on you for your support? It is important to be honest with yourself because if you embark on a career path that contradicts any of your answers to this question, then you are likely to stumble into a path that breathes unhappiness or resentment.

## Step 2.

Placing your thoughts from Step 1 aside for now, write out a broad list of all jobs that interest you, whether they pique your interest or are a fleeting curiosity. The focus of Step 2 is on jobs not careers, wherein a career may be a sequence of jobs in occupations that demonstrate progression over a period of time. This will be a list that you can always fall back on and can be as broad or as narrow as you like, but you'll start to see certain trends or industries become more apparent as those which you tend to lean more towards.

# What I Wish I Knew - continued

## Step 3.

Think of a problem in the world you want to solve. If you are having trouble with this one, begin more broadly – it can be anything from climate change to improving healthcare or changing how cities look and feel like, to improving systems for social justice. Next, consider what you specifically wish to solve – what about climate change frustrates you? This can be labelled as the ‘problem.’ Now, step back and write the list of skills that would benefit you to solve this problem. This step should enable you to discover ‘why’ you are doing what you are doing, and if you are interested in delving deeper into this step, I’d recommend reading Simon Sinek’s ‘Start with Why’.

## Step 4.

By this stage you should be able to shortlist several industries that interest you. It’s important to consider beyond the path most often taken which may feel safe and secure, because it’s those thoughts that will lead you to decide out of fear as opposed to desire. With your shortlist in mind, position yourself to do ‘real’ work experience. Spend time observing and learning from exciting people who are at the forefront of their industries. It will be the businesses that are pushing the envelope that will more accurately reflect the industry in 10-15 years’ time when you’re at the height of your career.

## Step 5.

Having seen the exciting now it’s time to have the tough talks. Talk to those in the industry for 10, 15, 20 years and ask (politely) what they have struggled with in their careers, or whether they’d have done something differently or wished they had known. You’ll find genuine and insightful information about the hardest aspects of an industry, and this is oftentimes where people can avoid a conflict between their careers and desired lifestyle (as assessed in Step 1) to set themselves up for a healthy and successful future career.

## Step 6.

Go back to Step 2, and circle all the jobs that you could still see yourself practicing. The beauty of our generation is the number of opportunities that are out there. One doesn’t just have to be an Engineer for 40 years after their degree. There are always opportunities to do part-time research, teaching, consulting, business, start-up work, industry-specific marketing where your “Engineering” degree will provide expert insight and experience that will be incomparable to those who haven’t had that formal education, and more. Formal education has been proven to improve the chances of finding success, whether it be through application, remuneration, or progression; hence, it would be recommended and very beneficial. If after this process you are still undecided, consider this question among the options that remain: what you would regret not having tried?

## Step 7.

Take the plunge. Discover the pathways that are accessible to you and start the process of going on your journey. The journey itself, those you meet working or studying and your experiences will help shape your decision. This is by no means an exhaustive list of how one can discover the ‘right’ career path, but by discovering who you are today you will have undertaken the first step to being who you will be tomorrow.

Honour The Work

*Alex Khominsky, Class of 2012*

*A dentist, researcher and teacher discovering his ‘right’ career.*



# The Prefects Club – 1955 Reunion

On 26 September, at the Riversdale Golf Club, there was a reunion of the 1955 Prefects and their guests.

This group has had annual reunions since they left school in 1955 – some 64 events- early on they were rather boozy affairs, and in recent years have become lunch rather than dinner. One strong feature of the group is their regard for Principal Brigadier George Langley – and the Brig was our guest as some of these reunion functions.

This year there was a commemoration for Robert “Blue” Woods who had died. A warm and kindly man, an outstanding teacher and great contributor, Blue was very much missed. This was the fourth of our group to pass away – there was Bob Oliver, Alan Metcalfe, John Hart and now Blue Wood.

Our guests at this lunch were widows of our group Dorothy Metcalf and Jan Hart, former teacher Peter Larsen (going well at 92), Joan Thompson (94) widow of Lindsay accompanied by her son Murray Thompson (former MLA).

Of the fifty fivers, there were Ron and Maureen Beazley, Alan Gregory, John and Noelle Howell, John and Betty Nelson, Robert Reese, and John and Ann Taylor.

John and Ann Taylor had come across especially from Perth, and Robert Rees from Adelaide. The group has financed scholarships/awards in memory of Alan Metcalfe and John Hart. As well as some formal speeches with Ron Beazley giving recollections as well as a toast to the school, and John Taylor trying to trace the Townsend Bell at Gardenvale Central, there was the hearty singing of the school song and the Stockriders song - ably conducted by Peter Larsen. John Howell is the organiser of these reunions – which are now usually held at Riversdale with occasional ones at the school in the Unicorn Club.

This group enjoys this reunion of good friends and a chance to honour the schooldays we all loved.

*Alan Gregory*



**Pictured Above:** Ronald Charlton Beasley, Noel Grenfell Brown, Alan Gregory, John Arthur Lewis Hart, John Maxwell Howell, Austin Gregory Johnson, Kwong Chiu Lee Dow, Alan Metcalf, John Fraser Nelson, Harry William James Oldfield, Robert James Oliver, Robert Owen Rees, John Pearson Smart, John Douglas Taylor, David Giles Teasdale, Donald Andrew Wallace & David Robert Wood

# Well Played! Sporting Clubs in Stonnington.

Stonnington History Centre's latest exhibition is on Sporting Clubs in the Prahran and Malvern area, and the MHSOB Hockey Club and the MHS Archives have contributed. Other connections with the school included material from Power House, whose display includes the history written by Dr Alan Gregory, who went on to write the MHS History, Strong Like Its' Pillars.

Members of the rowing fraternity would recognise items from the Power House Rowing shed (including a photo of the rowing pool) which MHS shares. For the author, this brought back memories of very early and very cold mornings on the Yarra. Melbourne Bowling Club in Windsor was also well represented, where for many years now the school has played lawn bowls as part of its sports programme. At the opening night on 16 October 2019 the Old Boys were represented by President and local resident, Peter Stathopoulos, and the School by Honorary School Archivist Luke Savage.

For the Old Boys President, it was the Malvern Harriers that brought back many memories. Before coming to MHS, Peter joined the Harriers and keeps his running outfit still. Rumour has it that he is waiting for the resurrection of the Old Boys Athletics Club before returning to the track himself. The exhibition is in the old ball room of Northbrook House, located behind the Malvern Library and is on until 10 November 2019, opening hours Wednesday to Saturday, 12pm – 5pm and Sunday, 2pm - 5pm.

*Luke Savage*

# GM&B Patrons Update

The October Forum of the GM&B Patrons' Club took place on Tuesday 15 October in the Unicorn Club. The Forum was attended by 40 people, including 9 Group Leader members of the Junior Leadership Program, two guests of members, and the President of School Council. The Principal was not in attendance.

The PowerPoint presentation (now pdf) was delivered by Scott Green and Simon Bowen, two members of the GM&B Directions Committee set up earlier this year to look at our mission and values, our structure, our programs and our future sustainability. The presentation concluded with a look at our Legacy in 2050.

The presentation encouraged considerable table discussion with each of the 5 tables examining one of the key points for consideration (last slide in the pdf file). Verbal reports from each table were accompanied by clear statements from our 9 JLP Group Leaders.

The Executive will now put together all the points raised and prepare a survey for all GM&B members in the next month so that we can have a clear plan for our future growth. Action plans will accompany the findings.

Special thanks to all who participated in this most worthwhile energising Forum. In particular special thanks to Scott and Simon for their excellent work.



Colin Green OAM



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For more information on the GM&B Patrons Club please call Colin Green on 0411 759 132 or visit the website at [gmbpatrons.com.au](http://gmbpatrons.com.au)

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# Upcoming Events

Friday 8th November, 5.30pm, Class of 1979 – 40 Year Reunion at The Unicorn Club

Thursday 21st November, 12.00pm, Class of 1969 – 50 Year Reunion at The Unicorn Club

Tuesday 26th November, 6.30pm, MHS Speech Night at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

Thursday 28th November, 6.00pm, MHSOBA Appreciation Night at The Unicorn Club

# Tributes



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# MHSOBA Tributes



## Lorraine Pole

Lorraine Pole who died on at the wonderful age of 102 was an important part of Melbourne High School.

I personally remember her and her husband Bill from my schooldays at the school from 1952. In the 1950s it was the beginnings of an active parent group. There were seemingly endless events many to raise funds for a pool. There was also a gigantic fair. At all these events the leaders were the Poles. No one worked harder. This was no short term commitment. Lorraine was to also serve on the School Council and Bill was active with the Old Boys. Bill (William John) Pole

at the school from 1930-1934 was an active member of the Old Boys Association for many years was President 1971 to 1979, and was made an Honorary Life Member, he was also active in the Football club serving as President. Lorraine was also Wardrobe Mistress for many schools plays and musicals. After Bill's death Lorraine kept working for the school and after this amazing service she was honoured by being a Patron of the School. She was active in this role taking a keen and supportive interest in all school events.

In the late 1950s and through the 1960s and 1970s Lorraine worked tirelessly producing costumes and staging for the School Musical. Brian Corless and David Niven were the producers and Lorraine, together with other mothers, always responded to their calls for help in producing costumes for the MHS boys and the Mac.Rob girls. Bruce Worland was musical director at this time and speaks glowingly of Lorraine's efforts. Lorraine also gave countless hours to volunteering in the School Canteen over more than 40 years.

When she turned 100 the Principal Jeremy Ludowyke presented her with the School Medal, which had only been awarded to one other person. Her son Laurie (MHS 1956-1959) is also active both with the OBA, the GM&B and supporting school events.

Lorraine was always a hard worker, a direct speaker who always wanted to get on with the job. Over 60 years, Principals, the Old Boys and the boys of the school could always rely on Lorraine. Her contribution was enormous.

*Written by Alan Gregory & Colin Green*



## The Honourable Richard Tracey AM RFD QC

*(18 August 1948 - 11 October 2019)*

Richard Tracey has died from cancer aged 71 after short illness. He attended MHS from 1962 to 1965, being involved with Cadets from the beginning, rising to Cadet Under Officer in his final year. He was awarded the Special Cadet Speech Night Prize whilst he was in Fifth Form. He was also in the School Rifle Shooting Team for two years and the School Debating Team, as well as the 2nd XI. Academically he did very well and matriculated with honours in four subjects and won a Commonwealth Scholarship.

He went on to the University of Melbourne, at Newman College, a connection that was close for many years, where he did law and was President of the Students Club.

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He was then involved with the Newman Old Collegians Association, 8 years as President as well as on the council of St Mary's College (Newman's partner college) from 1984.

Upon graduation he was Associate to Sir Richard Eggleston for two years before returning to Melbourne University to teach. He became a barrister and was well respected and successful and became a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia in 2006 a post he held until he retired in 2018, including the high profile case involving the Health Services Union and Kathy Jackson, in which he showed much forbearance. In 1976 he joined the Army, rising to Major-General and the prestigious position of Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Force from 2007 to 2014.

On Australia Day 2014 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (Military Division) for exceptional service in the field of military law, as a consultant for the Director of Army Legal Services, and as Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Force and has actively promoted the fairness and integrity of the system.

He was well versed in the law and was highly regarded in his profession.

Dr Matthew Collins QC head of the Victorian Bar, at Judge Tracey's farewell from the court said this:

*'All have come together to join in paying tribute to Your Honour's service, to date, to the Law in Australia:*

- *as a Judge of this Court for more than 12 years;*
- *as a Barrister for more than 24 years, of those more than 14½ years as Silk;*
- *as a Solicitor, including as a Law Firm Partner, more than 7 years;*
- *as Associate to the Honourable Sir Richard Eggleston for 2 years;*
- *as a Legal Academic for some 15 years; and*
- *in Military Law, for more than 40 years and still counting.*

*I say "to date" because Your Honour has no plans to stop any time soon—and you are, as we've heard, in your "retirement", continuing as:*

- *Judge in Residence at the Melbourne Law School in 2019;*
- *ongoing Adjunct Professor of Military Law at the ANU Law School; and*
- *Colonel Commandant of the Australian Army Legal Corp '*

After his retirement he was appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission into aged care, quality and safety. The Commission was about to release its interim report when he died.

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### Alexander (Alec) McCulloch BSc TPTC

(15 August 1916 - 31 May 2019)

Alec McCulloch, who died on 31 May 2019, at aged 102 was probably our oldest old boy. He was at Melbourne High from 1930-1933, an able student, who also excelled at rowing, rowing in the school 1st VIII and being awarded school colours in rowing. He went on to become a primary teacher, but also completed his Bachelor of Science and became a secondary teacher. A notable career as a secondary teacher culminated in his appointment as Principal of three high schools. He was founding Principal of Pakenham High School, followed by Montmorency High and he finished a distinguished career as Principal of Mt Waverly High School. As a young man he enlisted in the Navy during World War II with



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service in the significant Battle of the Coral Sea , then with the British Pacific Fleet, and then in Tokyo Bay for the Japanese surrender. He was associated with HMAS Lonsdale. From the ranks he rose to Lieutenant. Active until the last two years, after he turned 100, he went into care in Warrnambool to be near his family. At 100 he had a superb recall of his school days - teachers, friends and events.

*Written by Alan Gregory*



## **Brian Eugene Kann**

*(21 July 1933 - 21 May 2019)*

Brian Kann died at 85. He attended MHS from 1948- 1951 and was an outstanding sportsman as well as notable student. He played with the first XVIII football team from 1949, ending up as vice-captain in 1951. He also played in the first cricket team, being captain. He won Speech Night prizes for both cricket and cadets, was a House Captain (Como) and a Prefect. His remarkable school career was followed by an equally successful life.

Brian was an outstanding sportsman, but most well known for his role with the Hawthorn Football Club. He played 57 games with Hawthorn as a defender between 1954 and 1959. He played in the 1957 finals for the Club – their first finals appearance. He also captained the Hawthorn reserves 1958-59, to two premierships. He then was Captain coach of Moorabbin. He also played district cricket for Fitzroy. He served on the committee of the Hawthorn Football Club from 1976 for 17 years and became a Life Member of the Club. He was active with the Hawthorn Social Club and the Hawks Football Museum. He was made a member of the Hawthorn Football Club Hall of Fame, for his outstanding service to the club. In his other life he was a teacher, of physical education. He coached the MHSOBA football team in 1968 when the team was in A grade and their normal coach overseas. After a career as a teacher he became Manager of the Hawthorn Football Clubs centre at Waverley Gardens.

A dedicated participator, he was not just respected but a much loved figure.

*Written by Alan Gregory*

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## Dr David Thomas Baring

(10 October 1963 – 28 February 2019)

At Melbourne High, he did well academically, served in the Cadets, was Form Captain and played in the 2nd XVIII. He went on to do dentistry at the University of Melbourne. He was a greatly respected dentist in Hamilton, Victoria and a popular figure in the community. He and his wife had three sons. He had an aggressive form of blood cancer. His older brother John, also attended MHS.

*Written by Alan Gregory*

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## (David) Robert 'Blue' Wood

(6 February 1938 – 28 July 2019)

Robert Wood, always known at MHS as "Blue" because of his hair, was a very active participant in school life. Blue featured in the cadets, athletics, band, school second XVIII, and in 1955 was elected as a Prefect. Blue treasured his life at school and was a great admirer of Brigadier Langley and the school band. Rejecting going into the family nursery business Blue went on to do primary teaching and had very successful periods teaching at Hailebury, St Leonards and then headed the Junior School at Geelong Grammar where he was greatly loved. A great teacher he was much admired by generations of students. In semi retirement he reverted back to the nursery business, running a business in Beaufort where he retired as well as becoming Managing Director of Scotsburn Nurseries. A popular and enthusiastic member of the Beaufort community, Blue continued his interest in the school and attended annual reunions of his school mates.

*Written by Alan Gregory*

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## Dr Eric Leonard Unthank BSc B.Ed P.h.D.

(10 December 1923 – 25 April 2019)

Eric Unthank, a notable teacher at Melbourne High during the 1950s has died aged 96. Eric served in World War II, first with the AIF then the RAAF and after the war completed his Science degree then his Dip Ed, and came to MHS from Spring Road Central (with Lindsay Thompson) in 1952. He taught Mathematics and Physics, becoming a specialist and only teaching at the senior levels. A superb teacher, he was always aware of his students and their remarkable capacities. He was an outstanding teacher in an era with other similarly dedicated teachers such as Niven, Cocks, Drohan, Munday Evans etc. It was an era of what Unthank called 'a unique melt of staff' who blended well together and enjoyed each other's company. Unthanks as well as teach, coached hockey and in 1957 became Sportsmaster. He was a great success in this role and was imaginative. He shifted the swimming sports to the newly created Olympic swimming pool, which enabled parents to attend, and then shifted it to an evening.

He also published a key mathematics text for Year 12. Renowned as a physics teacher, he was appointed to the Staff of the RAAF Academy of the University of Melbourne, at Point Cooke in 1962 he also completed a

## MHSOBA Tributes - continued

doctorate on the topic 'Radar studies and stratospheric circulation in southern latitudes.' He was then appointed Head of Science at the Burwood State College and then became Dean and Professor and Assistant Principal of Victoria College. He retired in 1986. He maintained a keen interest in the school and was a frequent attendee at the Old Boys luncheons.

A lovely man, a dedicated and outstanding teacher he is remembered fondly by all who knew him at the school. His wife, Bett, died in 2017. He is survived by his son Bruce and daughter Susan.

*Written by Alan Gregory*



### **Dr Raymond David Marginson AM LLD.**

*(13 December 1923 - 10 February 2019)*

Ray Marginson had a distinguished school career as he did a professional career. He was at Melbourne High School from 1937 to 1941, coming there from East Kew Central School, he repeated Year 12, at the request of the Principal so he could return as School Captain. Deeply involved in co-curricular activities, playing Hockey (both for Waterloo and the school, Colours for both) rowing, the YMCA and the Magazine Committee (for which he won the speech night prize in 1940). He also wrote poetry which was published in the Unicorn and he won the school's Cohen Essay Prize in 1941. A Prefect in 1940 and then School Captain and SRC Chairman in 1941, he won a Free Place to the University of Melbourne, where he was a noted

Fabian. After completing his Bachelor of Commerce he joined the Commonwealth Public Service, first as a research clerk in the Department of Transport and then with the Post Master General. He held various senior positions including Deputy Assistant Director General of the PMG from 1963-1965 as well as attending the Australian Administrative Staff College in 1957.

The University of Melbourne, needing reform of its administration engaged Ray to take on the special role of Vice-President and this he did with great success. He served too on the University Council and in 1982 became Chairman of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works. He was also Vice-Chair of the Melbourne Theatre Company, and a Member of the Howard Florey Institute Board. He also was President of the Council of the Museum of Victoria.

He had married Betty Riley in 1947, and she was also active in community affairs and was awarded the AM, as was Ray in 1985.

He was very keen on jazz and had a great collection of jazz music and records, and was President of the Victorian Jazz Archive. He remained engaged with the school and the Old Boys' Association, of which he was a Life Member. He donated to the school a great collection of Memorabilia which constitutes the Marginson Collection in the school archives. Together with his brother he was a keen wine connoisseur and was always good company. His brother Max (1928-2002) an academic, was at MHS 1941-44. His wife Betty had died some years ago. They had three sons and a daughter.

He was indeed a very distinguished Old Boy who Honoured the Work.

*Written by Alan Gregory & Luke Savage*



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## Garry John Maurice Bell

(29 April 1938 – 7 October 2018)

As a boy Garry contracted polio which was to affect his life seriously. He had to go to the Yooralla Centre where he was hospitalised for many years and did his schooling. In 1953 he entered MHS at Year 10 level. At school he was active in plays at both house and school level and Matriculated with Honours in three subjects gaining a Dafydd Lewis Scholarship, a Free Place and a Commonwealth Scholarship. He went on to the University of Melbourne where he completed a Commerce degree. Intelligent and able he was given a cadetship at the E S and A Bank. He came from a humble background. The early death of his father and mother, many relationships and changes of abode - together with his polio - was not an ideal upbringing. He married Helen and they had two children Georgia and Tony.

Finding the work in the bank not very challenging, Garry took up secondary teaching, posted first to Parkdale High School. He proved an outstanding and innovative teacher. He then completed a Dip Ed at Monash University. He taught in various schools for the next few years becoming known for his teaching of economics. He was appointed to the Commonwealth Parliament as an adviser on economics to members, functioning from the Parliamentary Library. He proved a great success at this. He had a sound grasp of economics and was a good communicator. His family did not like Canberra life so he returned to Victoria where he once again taught with great success. He also published. There are over 20 books listed in the State Library catalogue of books by Garry Bell. There was his almost annual *Issues in Economics*, and titles like *Fact and Fallacy in Economics*, *Sources for Courses*, and *Wealth and Welfare*. They were found ideal for teachers and students of senior economics and general readers found they made economics understandable. His emphasis on the use of sources by students was pedagogically progressive and engaged students with the economy.

He also took up a role as Publishing Manager with the Victorian Commercial Teachers Association (VCTA). An able editor as well as author, the role suited him, he was a great success. He made VCTA a highly successful publisher. He was generous to his old school, and voluntarily edited some of the MHS books.

He then returned to teaching, at St Catherines School Toorak. He was a gifted and inspirational teacher. However, his polio and post - polio syndrome began to affect him and he was forced to retire. He managed to keep writing, and among many papers was an autobiography and a book which was a critical analysis of today's society. His change of jobs meant he was not well off financially. He moved to live in Castlemaine. He was hit by the tragedy of his son Tony being killed in a house fire – from which he never recovered. To economise he moved into a residential retirement village at Cobram, but ill-health and a botched operation which left him no power in his left arm or hand, forced him to Melbourne, where his health deteriorated. He was lovingly cared for by his daughter Georgie.

He was a significant figure in economics education and he made an enormous and imaginative contribution.

*Written by Alan Gregory*

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## Ian William Moody

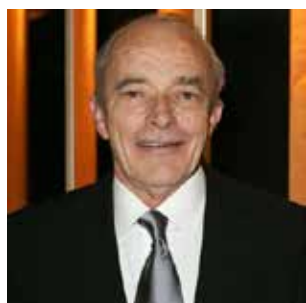
Ian Moody died quite suddenly and unexpectedly on the 11th July 2019 from what appears to have been a heart attack.

Ian was the first of the third generation of Moody's to attend MHS, following in the footsteps of his father Ray (exit year 1953) and grandmother Martha Merrifield (exit year 1916). A solid all-round sportsman, Ian played in both the 1st XI and 1st XVIII teams while at MHS as well as playing for the Old Boys U19 football team.

Following MHS, Ian attended Monash University where he found a passion for geology, the career which he followed until his untimely death. His first posting as a geologist was in Rushworth in country Victoria. Ian then moved to Townsville in 1989 where he and his best mate from Uni, Dr. Alison Vivian, finally formalised their relationship and became life partners.

In 1989, Ian and Al moved to Zimbabwe for 4 years, where Ian worked for Rio Tinto and played provincial cricket for Midlands in the National League. They then moved back to Australia and spent the next 20 years based in Western Australia. Ian's work over this time led him to spend extended periods in outback Australia as well as in Senegal, West Africa and Rajasthan, India. Returning to Melbourne a decade ago, Ian resumed playing cricket with East Doncaster Cricket Club with many blokes that he had played junior cricket with 40 years earlier.

A unique character with a kind heart and soul, he was a much loved uncle to his nephews George Moody (exit year 2016) and Nick Moody (exit year 2017) and elder brother to Neil Moody (exit year 1982) and Stuart Moody (1984).



## Leslie Allen Carlyon AC

(29 April 1938 – 7 October 2018)

Les Carlyon was at Melbourne High 1956-1958, leaving at the end of Form 5. At school he had an involvement in the cadets. The word 'remarkable' aptly describes a career as a very successful journalist, a top class editor, and a writer who wrote with authority and elegance in the fields of the racing industry (he had a great love of horses), cricket, football, and war. His book on the Great War is regarded as a classic as is his superb book on Gallipoli. His war books are amongst the most readable.

He was born in Elmore in northern Victoria and grew up in a poor family in bushland but with much contact with horses. He became a great reader, although it is not clear how much MHS played in his desire to read and write. He started his career in journalism with the Sun News Pictorial, as a young reporter in 1960. He also taught journalism at RMIT, and then went to the Age. He was Editor of the Age (1975-76), Editor in chief of the Herald and Weekly Times (1985-87). After this post he continued as a journalist as well as writer – and his columns and articles were avidly followed. He covered everything from racehorses, to Bradman and to events of war.

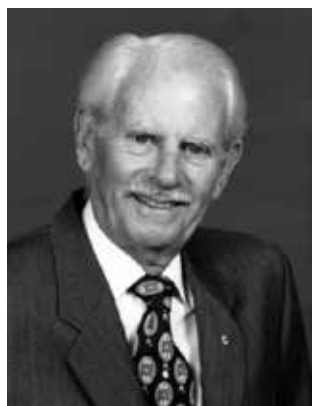
Another notable old boy writer the late Harry Gordon described Les a writer who had 'gritty elegance'. In tributes by top journalists he has been described as the 'greatest wordsmith' or one of our greatest writers ever. Carlyon himself said 'he just pushed words around on a page'. Garry Linnell said of him 'When you wrote about sport you managed to make horses sound human. When you wrote about politicians you made

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humans sound like asses.' John Howard said his book *The Great War* was the best he has read about World War I. His book on Gallipoli helped revive public interest in Gallipoli. The receiver of Australia's highest honour – the AC – he also was awarded the Walkley Award for journalism in 1971, the Graham Perkin Journalist of the Year award in 1993, and the Prime Minister's Prize for history for his book in 2007 *The Great War*. Among his other books was one on Bart Cummings (2011) as well as *The Paper Chase* (1982), *True Grit* (1996), *Heroes in our Eyes* (1998), *Gallipoli* (2001). Carlyon not only wrote well but had a magical touch in his writing. Les is survived by his wife Denise, three children (Richard, Patrick and Kate) and seven grandchildren. He had been in poor health for several years.

Farewell Les Carlyon - one of our great Old Boys.

*Written by Alan Gregory*



### **Sir Rupert H Myers KBE AO FTS BSc MSc PhD LLD FRACI FIM FIDA M AUT I MM**

*(21 February 1921 - 21 February 2019)*

Sir Rupert was at MHS 1935-1938 graduating with honours. At school he won colours in rifle shooting, baseball and athletics. After school he attended University of Melbourne where he completed a BSc MSc and was the first person in Australia to be awarded a PhD (1948). He was awarded many prizes for his work in chemistry and metallurgy. He became Senior then Principal Research Officer at CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Hartwell, UK. He then became Foundation Professor and head of Metallurgy at the University of New South Wales. In a very distinguished career he held many significant appointments. He was Chairman of the Co-operative

Research Centre for Greenhouse Accounting, President of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and was a Member of the Prime Minister's Science and Engineering Council. He served on major boards, foundations and commissions in the field of metallurgy, science and engineering. He became Vice-Chancellor of the University of New South Wales (1969-1981) and he was regarded as an outstanding Vice-Chancellor. He received many honours, Honorary Doctorates, medals, and Fellowships (such as Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science (FAA)) and he was Knighted (Knight of the Order of the British Empire KBE).

Is he our last Old Boy to have been knighted?

His contributions to metallurgy were highly significant, and he was not only well regarded but much liked. A building and lecture hall at the University of New South Wales are named in his honour.

He maintained a keen interest in his school, although living in Sydney. He felt that the smells of the school he knew in his time should be preserved and produced artificially for the new generations of boys.

*Written by Alan Gregory*



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## Scott Anthony Reid

(1 June 1967 – 26 July 2018)

Scott Reid attended Melbourne High School from 1981-1984. He was a man who walked to a different beat and was able to live a very full life which was unfortunately cut way too short.

Scott played football for the school and the Old Boys. He absolutely loved the game and the Richmond Football Club. Remembered by his team mates as a protector, playing with a smile on his face.

He was an excellent student without seemingly trying that hard and went to Monash University and graduated with degrees in Economics and Law. Scott initially practiced law in Australia and then saw an opportunity to contribute on a more global scale. He moved to Samoa and later Papua New Guinea and worked as a lawyer very successfully in both countries. Scott's legacy will be remembered in PNG and Samoa for successfully setting up AFL competitions. It was in PNG that Scott met his lovely wife Freda, and they had three beautiful children, Finley (Old Boy), Dasheille and Rueben. Scott served as Chairman and Director of AFL PNG since its inception in 2001 and was in recent years a Commissioner of the AFL PNG Commission. PNG now has over two and a half million people who have played AFL as a result of what Scott did in running development programs across the country. He was a driving force in establishing the community clubs in PNG and that country successfully participating in international AFL tournaments in Australia.

Scott eventually returned to Australia and became a partner with Minter Ellison on the Gold Coast. He has been widely recognised for his strong mentorship of junior lawyers and will also be remembered for the positive impact he had on the Gold Coast community at large.

At his funeral service at Box Hill and later at the wake hosted by his beloved sister Kimberley, many people spoke. The overwhelming theme on that day was Scott's love of family; his mother and father, Vivienne and Ken, sister Kimberley, Freda and the kids.

Scott was a very active Old Boy and he attended many Men For All Seasons lunches and enjoyed catching up with his old mates and making new ones. He was a person who could always see the funny side of life and be serious when it counted. This strength made him a great man to have on your side. He was selfless with his time and loved to help others. A true friend to all who knew him and we will miss him deeply.

*Written by Matthew Beazley*

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## William Neville Drummond

(17 April 1925 – 8 March 2018)

Neville Drummond attended MHS 1939-1942, excelling as both a scholar and a sportsman – with colours in football, cricket and athletics and achieving Honours in his Matriculation results. He went on to the Melbourne Teachers College and graduated TPTC, then completed his BA at the University of Melbourne. He had a career as a teacher in both primary and secondary schools before entering the administration section of the Education Department and became the first History Officer of the Department. He played an important role in this regard and was in charge of the Centenary project. He was also a key author in the massive three volume book Vision and Realisation a centenary history of the Education Department (1973)

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A greatly respected figure he was an excellent writer and a very helpful person. He was involved in many related activities including the Historic Schools Society of Victoria. In retirement Neville lived near Ballarat. He died aged 92.



## Sinclair Imrie "Mick" Miller

(13 October 1927 - 6 August 2019)

Mick Miller attended Melbourne High School in 1940 and 1941, coming to the school from Camberwell Central. He was active in lacrosse, earning colours, and was involved with the YMCA club. He left to enlist in the AIF serving in the Australian Armoured Squad.

Mick joined the Victorian Police Force in 1947 serving at police stations in Richmond, Brunswick and Prahran. He soon became known for his honesty in a period when there were groups of corrupt police. He was then appointed to the Vice Squad and then to the Homicide Squad. The then Chief Commissioner, Major General Selwyn Porter recognised his ability and integrity.

Miller was largely responsible for cleaning out illegal book-making and consequently the government set up the TAB. He travelled overseas in 1967 on a Churchill Fellowship looking at the latest in law enforcement. In 1971 he was appointed Assistant Commissioner for Operations and Crime, making many sensible decisions. He was also involved with ex-MHS teacher Lindsay Thompson in the Farraday kidnapping in 1972 (Miller was under a blanket in the back of the car with a rifle, whilst Lindsay Thompson stood with a bag of cash, waiting to hand to the kidnapper) and the Wooreen incident in 1977. In 1977 Mick Miller was appointed Chief Commissioner of Police a post he held with great distinction for ten years. The Premier at the time, Dick Hamer wanted a scandal free Chief Commissioner.

Miller proved a remarkable Chief Commissioner making visits to police in hospital or injured, he modernised the police force, introduced Neighbourhood Watch, established the Police Air Wing, introduced task force policing, set up the Special Operations Group (to combat potential terrorism) and revolutionised detective training. An influential Police Commissioner he was much loved and respected by the Victorian Police and was accorded many honours.

He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), made a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (LPO), awarded the Queen's Police Medal, became a Commander of the Order of St John, a Cavalier of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, he was Victorian Father of the Year (1983) Victorian of the Year (1981) and given an Advance Australian Award.

In his long retirement he undertook many charitable activities, including the Reclink Football League, Bereavement Assistance, Meals on Wheels, the Hawthorn Football Club and many other groups. One of the school's Distinguished Old Boys, who was inducted in 1999, his photo is proudly displayed in the corridor of the school. One of our greatest Old Boys who truly Honoured the Work.

*Written by Alan Gregory*

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## Marcus Heselev

*(2 November 1921 – 11 October 2009)*

Marcus Heselev, a devoted family man and leading plastic packaging developer, has died. He passed away on Sunday 11 October 2009 without suffering and with his family around him.

He was born in Melbourne on 2 November 1921 of Russian parents. His father Benjamin, who had arrived in Australia in 1906, became a well known violinist and violin teacher. Benjamin met his wife-to-be, Fima, while on a concert tour in Jerusalem. Their other child was a younger daughter, Tama.

Marcus started school at Caulfield North and then went to Melbourne High where he in the Orchestra in 1939 as well as contributing various articles to The Unicorn. He studied metallurgical engineering at Melbourne University but was diverted into plastics.

The advent of supermarkets meant that fresh food had to be cut into portions and packaged to last on the shelves. So flexible packaging – airtight and attractive – was needed especially for chickens, other meat and cheese. This required sophisticated plastic film and machinery, which became Marcus's specialty.

Marcus worked for several large companies for almost 20 years but after suffering a heart attack on a business trip to Germany in 1973, decided to change his working life. He became a consultant with clients in Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, Germany and Israel.

His mother's cousin, a member of the Histadrut (Israel's trade union organisation), soon realised that he could assist in establishing plastics factories as kibbutz industries, and Marcus gained much satisfaction in working with several kibbutzes. In the 1990s, he began importing plastic film from Israel to Australia, winning six annual Israel trade awards.

Marcus was always ready to deliver a quirky line – often at his own expense. When asked how he was feeling, he used to tell people: "If I felt any better I'd be dangerous."

Indeed, he could be called the man with the twinkle in his eye. A slight curl of the lip would telegraph his wry remarks. He loved receiving and telling jokes and in more recent years, many of these were told with friends and former colleagues via email.

He and his wife Margaret were a team for 55 harmonious years, bringing up their three sons and later enjoying time with their grandchildren.

Marcus and Margaret were members of the Eastern Suburbs Progressive Jewish community (now Leo Baeck Centre), where he served for a period as a board member. He was also a dedicated member of the B'nai B'rith Raoul Wallenberg unit, working in several roles including treasurer.

Marcus was a gentle, unassuming and quietly generous man who was taken seriously for his integrity, expertise and work ethic. His goal of achieving a 'good name' was certainly fulfilled.

He will be forever lovingly remembered by Margaret and sons Rob, Tony and John and their families.

*Written by Tony Heselev (Tony is Marcus' second son, and Tony's son Sam attended MHS 2007-2010)*



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### Ian McAleese

As a Prefect in 1959 and Vice-Captain of Yarra House, Ian McAleese had a high profile at Melbourne High School - a profile that was earned from excellent academic results, and particularly from his prodigious talent as a distance runner. Ian set new School records for 880 yards, the mile and for cross-country. Just as notable was Ian's friendliness and his involvement in encouraging and mentoring other developing athletes. Beyond school, Ian set State records, won several State championships, and represented Victoria in National competitions.

At the University of Melbourne, Ian completed a Science degree, majoring in mathematics. This led to a long career in the fast-developing area of computing.

In 1967 Ian married Vivien Hall, and a few years thereafter they welcomed their first daughter, Janet. While Janet was still a baby, they all travelled to the UK, where they established in London their family home, soon to be shared with a second daughter, Caroline.

For the last several years, Ian lived with Parkinson's disease, the effects of which became serious in the last year. Ian died in London on 7th October 2019 at the age of 77. He is survived by his sister, Elizabeth, his wife, Vivien, his daughters Janet and Caroline, son-in-law Justin Tyas, and grandchildren Lucy and David.

*Written by Ian Jones*

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