



MHSOBA Newsletter

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From the President



Dear Gentlemen,

We hope you are bearing up during this testing and extraordinarily challenging time.

In this issue we bring you updates from MHSOB Football Club, the MHS Foundation and the GM&B Patrons' Club.

In response to government mandates, you will see MHSOBA events have been postponed indefinitely. This includes Reunions, our Annual Dinner and Annual Golf Day. All will be reviewed when we reach "the other side" of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regrettably the MHS Foundation "Giving Day" has also been postponed. Should you wish to pledge a donation, you can still do so via www.mhsfoundation.org.au As ever, your support is greatly appreciated.

On a happier note, we recognise and warmly congratulate those Old Boys who received Australia Day Honours this year. We also give a "shout out" to Brett Sutton (MHS Class of 1986) for his ongoing work with Victorian and Federal Governments in managing COVID-19. Brett currently holds the position of Victoria's Chief Health Officer.

We're pleased to note our online Business Directory will soon be launched. Available to Old Boys and the wider MHS community, the Directory will feature business and individual listings across a myriad of professions. It will enable Old Boys to connect, engage and do business like never before. More on this in coming weeks.

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From the President - continued

Finally, a reminder the MHSOBA office is closed until further notice. As a result, processing of new memberships may be delayed. We appreciate your patience under the circumstances.

Our team continues to work remotely and is **best contacted via email:**

Jo Malley administrator@mhsoba.asn.au and

Jodie Gunton office@mhsfoundation.org.au

We send our best to you and your loved ones. Please stay safe and well.

PETER STATHOPOULOS

President, MHSOBA Inc.

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MHSOBA 2020 Event Update – COVID-19

It is MHSOBA's priority to ensure the wellbeing and safety of everyone involved in our events from guests through to our team and suppliers.

With the advent of COVID-19 we continue to rigorously follow directives from MHS, DET, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Chief Medical Officer, the Premier of Victoria and Chief Health Officer Victoria.

In response to Federal and State Government mandates, MHSOBA has suspended all events until further notice.

This includes Reunions for Classes of 2019, 2015, 2010, 2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1970 and Golden Years along with our Annual Dinner. It also includes our Annual Golf Day.

As you may expect, we are unable to take bookings for The Unicorn Club until we "come out the other side of COVID-19." If you have a special event in mind for 2021, we'd be happy to hold a date for you.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed via www.mhsoba.asn.au; LinkedIn; Facebook; Twitter and Instagram.

The MHSOBA office is now closed. As our team is working remotely until further notice, please contact us by email administrator@mhsoba.asn.au

We appreciate your understanding and support and wish you well at this difficult time.

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COMING SOON!



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

YOU. ME. US.



There has never been a more important time for Old Boys to unite and support each other.

That's why the MHSOBA Business Directory is coming soon.

Available to Old Boys everywhere, our user-friendly web Directory will connect you with each other and the wider MHS community.

You can engage and work together like never before.

Business and professional listings are cost-effective and tax deductible with flexible payment options.

You. Me. Us. Let's do business together.



For details contact administrator@mhsoba.asn.au

GIVING DAY POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

After much deliberation, the MHS Foundation Board is postponing MHS Giving Day 2020 due to Covid-19. Our decision to cancel is twofold:

1. With the safety and well-being of all the community in mind, including that of our dedicated volunteers, staff and students, we felt the most responsible course of action is to cancel the Giving Day activities at the Unicorn Club, where we had planned to bring together over 100 volunteers.
2. Taking into consideration the uncertainty and concern that Covid-19 is creating in our community, we did not think that it was the right time to be asking our community to help us raise funds for classrooms, so we have decided to also cancel the digital fundraising campaign. Instead we ask our community to focus on supporting families, friends, neighbours and strangers over the coming weeks or months. We encourage you to check-in with fellow students, former classmates, colleagues and parents to see if they need any support and chat and make plans for post COVID-19. During these unprecedented times this is the best way for us to utilise the school's strong community spirit.

A big thanks to everyone who registered to volunteer on MHS Giving Day. We hope that you will join us again when we reschedule post COVID-19.

To all those who have already pledged a donation, we will process your donation over the coming week. For anyone who is still keen to support the renovation of classrooms you can do so at :

WWW.MHSFOUNDATION.ORG.AU

We will keep you informed about our plans for another Giving Day and wish you all the best over the coming months.

if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Jodie Gunton at office@mhsfoundation.org.au

MHSOBFC Update



In light of recent events concerning the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the MHSOBFC Unicorns supports the Victorian Amateur Football Association's decision to postpone the upcoming season until at May 31, 2020.

The VAFA Board considered all options in response to the global outbreak and made the decision with the health and safety of all participants its fundamental priority. The announcement aligns with the AFL's decision to suspend its 2020 season, with all senior metropolitan community competitions now postponing their respective seasons until at least this time.

The Unicorns have ceased group training and games until further notice. We have been advised that the VAFA will communicate with all clubs when they believe it is safe to return to regular training based on forthcoming evidence surrounding COVID-19.

"We understand that football right now is a game, but not the main game. Our focus is on looking after the community and that is the clear priority for everyone at the moment. The Unicorns will rally together during this difficult time with many unknowns, and however remote and isolated we may feel physically, we know that our connection and support extends in every other way, shape and form."

– MHSOBFC Unicorns Club President Warren Fall.

All players have continued their current program remotely to ensure we are well placed to return together when allowed, and maintain regular contact with other players, coaches, and support staff via existing digital communication channels. They acknowledge the situation is fluid and any decision made may change, but remain optimistic at the prospect of playing some football this year.

MHSOBFC Update - continued

We appreciate the ongoing support of our wonderful Unicorns community; including family, friends, volunteers, supporters and loyal sponsors who have all shown incredible humanity and generosity during this extraordinary period.

In off field news, we are pleased to announce two major additions to our 2020 coaching panel, including; new U/19s coach Adam Tardif who joins us after being midfield coach for Williamstown in the VFLW competition last season, and new Reserves Assistant Coach Aran Michael after an incredibly successful period of premiership success at Mount Eliza Football Club. We thank outgoing U/19s coach Mike Mitchell for his wonderful contribution to our football club over four incredibly successful seasons including two grand final appearances, and Thirds coach Rhys Johnston who moves on after a gallant run including making the finals last season. This follows the earlier announcement of the departure of Senior Coach Matt Nicholas who took the team to a preliminary final berth in 2019. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and look forward to welcoming them back soon.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge Kylie da Fonte for her 2020 Certificate of Merit Award from the VAFA. Since joining the Unicorns in 1999, Kylie has provided both the club and league with endless support as a committee member, secretary and trainer. She is also a three-time winner of our prestigious Sam Silberberg Award for Outstanding Club Person. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for our club.

For up to date information and club updates please visit our website (www.mhsobfc.com.au) and follow our MHSOBFC Facebook and Instagram pages.



GM&B Patrons' Club Update

Forum No. 1 – Monday 6th April – Postponed

Dear Gentlemen,

Your Executive Committee has reluctantly taken the decision to postpone the Forum until we have a clearer picture of the current situation.

The decision was not taken lightly because we stand to lose some momentum as we seek to redefine our role, but similar events all around us are being cancelled, and we have received the following advice from the Principal via the School's weekly newsletter "Ours".

"The Premier of Victoria has made it clear that as the State moves into the 'Social distancing' response phase to Coronavirus it is inevitable that all schools will be instructed to close. Additionally, an individual school will be closed immediately if a student or staff member tests positive to COVID 19. In the event of a school closure there will be no access to the MHS site."

The agenda for the Forum was a good one, and we particularly looked forward to participation from MacRob. We will certainly hold it later in the year.

In the same context, we have found it necessary to suspend our Junior Leadership and Mentoring Programs.

Colin Green will email members in the next few days proposing a revised format for our forthcoming AGM.

Hoping you are all surviving a very challenging time.

Best wishes,



JOHN MCINTOSH
Patron-in-Chief
GM&B Patrons' Club

Australia Day Honours 2020

MHSOBA recognises and warmly congratulates those Old Boys who received Australia Day Honours in 2020



OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Lieutenant General Gregory Charles BILTON, AO CSC

MHS 1979 - 1982

For distinguished service in the appointments of Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army in the Pacific, Deputy Chief of Joint Operations and Commander Forces Command.



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

Mr Stephen Vincent COLES, AM BVScs

MHS 1970 - 1973 (died early 2019)

For significant service to veterinary science, and to professional bodies.



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

Dr Robert Jeffrey SWARD AM BSc, PhD

MHS 1965 - 1969

For significant service to primary industry, to genetechonology, and to the Jewish community.



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

Mr Vincent Lloyd Douglas TREMAINE, AM BBus

MHS 1972 - 1975

For significant service to shipping infrastructure and freight transport.



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

Dr Shane Thomas HUNTINGTON, OAM BSc PhD

MHS 1986 - 1989

For service to science as a communicator.



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

The Reverend Albert William ROSIER, OAM

MHS 1947 - 1950

For service to the Uniting Church of Australia, and to the community.

For details of all Award recipients, [CLICK HERE](#)

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A shout out for Brett Sutton

At this time of unprecedented crisis, we turn to government and appointed experts for clear advice. We look to them to help us navigate unfamiliar territory and to keep us safe.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, you may have been listening to or following Professor Brett Sutton.

MHS Class of 1986, Brett is Chief Medical Officer of Victoria. Responsible for strengthening hospital management and systems, he ensures Victorian hospitals have appropriate systems, processes and governance in place to support clinicians in the delivery of high-level, safe care.

With deepening mandates to “flatten the COVID-19 curve,” Brett continues to provide regular updates and essential advice to Victorians via traditional and social media. Clear and concise, he is an expert voice of calm in an uncertain and ever-changing environment.

Click here to read Brett’s recent article [“It’s not a matter of if but when for Australia. This is how we’re preparing for a jump in coronavirus cases.”](#)

Under extraordinary circumstances, we send a “shout out” to Brett. Thank you for your contribution and tireless efforts. We wish you all the best for days, weeks and months to come.

The MHSOBA Team

To view Brett’s professional profile and achievements, [click here](#)



Repurposing Production for Good

In response to national shortages, alcohol producers have turned to manufacturing much needed hand sanitiser. Proudly, our own NED Australian Whisky has joined the fray. We talked with Top Shelf International co-founder and Old Boy Drew Fairchild (MHS 1992) about what it takes to move from distilling NED premium whisky to producing NED hand sanitiser.



Q. When did you decide to start making hand sanitiser?

A. Just over two weeks ago in late March. Within a week of making the decision we featured nationally on Channel 9's 6pm News, running 750ml bottles on the bottling line and hand labelling smaller 100ml bottles. We experienced a slight delay as we had to wait on labels. Last Thursday we ran off our first quantity of 25,000 750ml bottles. It took around 8 days to get up and running.

Q. Do you have a “secret recipe?”

A. No, we don't. We produce an alcohol-based sanitiser at 65% which is compliant with requirements.

Q. What's the production process?

A. The process is largely the same as distilling whisky, starting in the brew-house. Then the wash - or “brew” – is then put through the distillery and refined to make ethanol greater than 95% ABV. It's then blended to 65% and sent to the bottling line.

Q. How much do you make daily?

A. We produce 25,000 x 750ml bottles per 8-hour shift every two days.

Q. Where is your plant and what percentage of it is dedicated to sanitiser production?

A. Based in the Melbourne suburb of Campbellfield, we fast-tracked installation of a second distillery.

Q. How many team members do you have working on production?

A. We have 20 full-time staff currently working. It's great to keep our team employed.

Repurposing Production for Good - continued

Q. Will it be difficult to clean plant and resume whisky production on the other side of COVID-19?

A. No – we have fully integrated cleaning in process systems and we clean every day.

Q. How are you distributing to supermarkets and shops?

A. Most of our stock is going into liquor stores nationally. We also sell online at Nedwhisky.com.au and deliver direct to small commercial operators locally and interstate.

Q. What does it feel like to produce hand sanitiser under current circumstances?

A. We've given away over 2,500 bottles to different groups – police and charities for example. We feel like we are doing our bit to support others, keeping our people employed and of course building and promoting the NED brand.

Q. If Old Boys want to purchase online, can they do so? What's the link?

Yes, you can buy 100ml personal applicator bottles of NED sanitiser [via this link](#)

Drew recently featured on Channel 9 News Melbourne. [To view the story on Twitter, click here.](#)

MEN FOR ALL SEASONS - UPDATE



Student Assistance

MFAS recently donated \$850 to Student Assistance,
Well done to all MFAS!

Keep In Touch

We invite MFAS members to give a brief update on themselves
and their families during this time of isolation through Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/mhsmenforallseasons/posts/>

MEN FOR ALL SEASONS - UPDATE

GARY ALLEN STANDS FOR NEXT COUNCIL ELECTION

wish to announce that I will nominate for our local ward at the next Surf Coast Shire election in October 2020.

Doing so I acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by Clive Goldsworthy for our community and shire over the past 20 years. Cr. Goldsworthy served with integrity, commitment and leadership and was a very effective advocate for our ward, drawing upon his proven professional expertise to ensure the proper allocation of the resources allocated to our ward.

Connections to Lorne and district go back to the 1870s, with both the Allen and Goldsworthy families settling in the area. I was born, educated and have lived in Lorne and Aireys Inlet and attended the Deans Marsh educational institution. I served as chair of the Otways Area of Country Project in the 1990s. I have been an active member of the Lorne Community Hospital Board, The Lorne Historical Society, The Lorne Bowls Club and Lorne Connect.



Above: Gary Allen.

As principal of the Lorne and Stawell schools and as president of the Surf Coast Shire Council, I have a proven track record of leadership and advocacy.

Council decisions affect the lives of everybody living in the community. In recent times the services provided have extended beyond the vital services of roads, rates and rubbish – in fact they are, to include diverse services such as environmental protection, waste management and the promotion of local businesses. I understand that my priority as a councillor will be to ensure the council services provide the needs of our community. I believe that sustained economic growth can only be achieved if we provide the resources needed to support the natural beauty and the coastal and hinterland regions.

I recognise that the needs of our community within the Ward vary. It is my pledge that I will listen to the concerns of the residents in our ward and to follow-up with the matters raised. I am a tireless volunteer in our community and if elected I am committed to the tasks entrusted to me.



A word from Gary Allen

MHS Staff 1971-1984. Gary taught Commerce and was involved in Cadets and Drama. He was later Principal of Stawell High School and Lorne High School.

Firstly, how fortunate are we to live in Australia and I feel equally fortunate to be in Lorne where I walk twice a day in a beautiful setting and continue to volunteer my time for several local organisations. For example, the Lorne Historical Society is setting a weekly quiz to keep those residents interested and occupied and at the same time promoting the Society.

I am planning to stand for local council (Surf Coast Shire) at the next election, whenever they are held. They are scheduled for October in Victoria, but who knows. The preparation for this significant commitment is helping to keep me occupied. I trust you are all well and my warmest regards to you and your families.

Gary

Tributes



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MHSOBA Tributes



Keith Norman Oxenbould
(30 May 1945 - 25 February 2019)

MHS 1958 - 1961

For more information about Keith, [CLICK HERE](#)



Graham Stewart Worrall B.A.(Hons), Dip.Ed.
(28 November 1929 - 18 February 2020)

MHS 1943 - 1946

MHS Staff 1957 - 1963

For more information about Graham, [CLICK HERE](#)



Morris Lewis Raphael
(6 October 1927 - 6 February 2020)

MHS 1942 - 1946

For more information about Morris, [CLICK HERE](#)



Mervyn Jack Fidler
(1 September 1941 - October 2019)

MHS 1955 - 1958

For more information about Mervyn, [CLICK HERE](#)



Alfred Ernest William Swan, B.A., B.Ed.
(20 January 1927 - 11 February 2020)

MHS 1941 - 1944

MHS Staff 1961 - 1966

For more information about Alfred, [CLICK HERE](#)



Henry (Harry) Joseph Kannegiesser, B.A., M.Ed.
(Died 16 June 2019)

MHS 1958 - 1961

For more information about Henry, [CLICK HERE](#)

MHSOBA Tributes - continued



Miss Joyce Mary Vineer – B.A., Dip Ed
(23 February 1923 - 17 February 2020)

MHS Staff 1980 - 1987

For more information about Joyce, [CLICK HERE](#)



Julien Arthur Burton Beaumont
(1 January 1936 - 22 September 2019)

MHS 1954

For more information about Julien, [CLICK HERE](#)



Kenneth Charles Mawson, O.A.M., B.Com.
(28 February 1922 - 10 June 2019)

MHS Staff 1945 - 1946

For more information about Kenneth, [CLICK HERE](#)



Walter Davis Hardy O.B.E., M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.
(6 January 1911 - 8 January 2015)

MHS Staff 1938 - 1939

For more information about Walter, [CLICK HERE](#)



Wesley Milton Miles, B.Sc., B.Ed.
(1 June 1939 - 20 January 2020)

MHS Staff 1960 - 1963

For more information about Wesley, [CLICK HERE](#)

MHSOBA Memberships

Amid extraordinary circumstances, you are welcome to purchase your 2020 MHSOBA Membership.

Membership includes:

- Member-only hire fees 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 (valued at \$800 per annum)
- Networking opportunities

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS		
TYPE	TERM	PRICE
Student	Valid until student's 30th birthday	\$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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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.

When we arrive at "the other side" of COVID-19, we warmly invite you to book The Unicorn Club for your special events.

To discuss your function, contact Jo Malley, Event Manager MHSOBA - administrator@mhsoba.asn.au or call 9824 0480.



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If you would like to contribute an article in the MHSOBA newsletter, feel free to contact the MHSOBA office or email us.

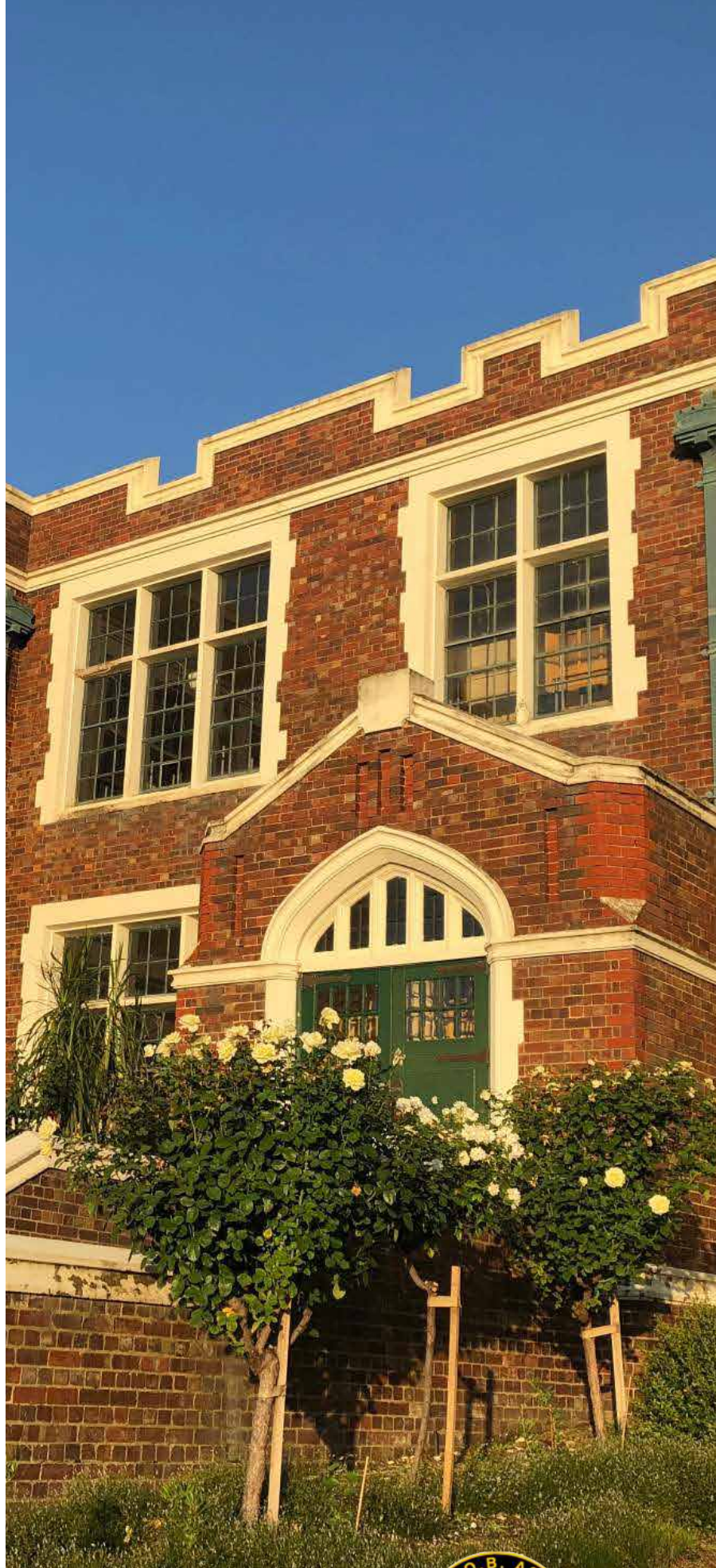
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