



MHSOBA Newsletter

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From the President



Greetings Gentlemen,

We're pleased to present the MHSOBA July quarterly newsletter. As we all continue to live with the impacts of COVID-19, it is gratifying to share positive stories and undertakings with you.

In this edition we bring you updates from the GM&B Patrons' Club; the MHSOB Football Club; the MHS Foundation and the Men For All Seasons. We also provide a COVID-19 update around MHSOBA Reunions and other events.

After three years of service as GM&B Patron-in-Chief, we farewell and thank John McIntosh (MHS 1960) for his contribution. We warmly welcome Daryl Brooks (MHS 1970) and David Saul (MHS 1980) to the roles of Patron-in-Chief and Deputy Patron-in-Chief respectively. We wish them well and look forward to continuing our close, productive and fruitful association.

The MHSOBA AGM was held on 21 May and the Annual Report can be viewed online. I extend sincere thanks to Committee members who have dedicated themselves to the Association for the year ahead and am grateful to those who have served for the year past.

Development of our long-awaited Business Directory continues apace with the launch anticipated in coming weeks. We are excited to bring this bespoke business and marketing tool to the Old Boy community and look forward to sharing it with you.

As we congratulate those who received Queen's Birthday Honours, we also acknowledge Old Boys "at the front line" of COVID-19 and Old Boys newly appointed to MHS School Council.

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From the President - continued

In collaboration with Adam Ashton (MHS 2010) MHSOBA has launched an inaugural six-episode Podcast Series featuring prominent Old Boys. This is an important and widely accessible archive of conversations that will contribute to the rich history of MHS and future generations. We encourage you all to listen in.

We celebrate MHS students who – despite the pandemic and challenges it has presented – have demonstrated resilience, staunch camaraderie and innovative entrepreneurship. School Captain and Bluey Truscott Scholar Shayan Soroush shares his thoughts on Morale, Motivation and Mateship, while Year 10 student Tim Huang shares his online enterprise “We Are Open Now,” designed to assist struggling cafes and restaurants devastated by the coronavirus.

Equally we celebrate Old Boys who have made significant contributions in their chosen fields. Brenden Mason (MHS 1968) of legendary psychedelic blues band “Madder Lake” toasts a new 2-CD release and their 50-year anniversary, and Alan Gregory reviews “50 Years Sober” the latest book from Emeritus Professor Ross Fitzgerald (MHS 1961). We also hear from “An Old Boy Abroad” Tim Lockwood (MHS 1981).

Given COVID-19 mandates, we reflect on possibly the most unique ANZAC Day in history with the RSL’s “Light Up The Dawn” campaign, along with the “May Day” anniversary of Brigadier Langley’s retirement on 1 May 1956.

Amid a fascinating collection of History Notes we bring you reflections on the Archibald Prize: an account of C.J. Dennis and MHS; insights into Dr Bryan Smith AM; and our usual jewels from the MHS archives.

Finally, if not currently a member of MHSOBA we invite you to join us. A range of options are available, and it would be our pleasure to welcome you to our Association.

Please stay safe, look after yourselves and each other.

Honour the Work

PETER STATHOPOULOS
President, MHSOBA Inc.

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COVID-19 Update

MHSOBA reunions and other events continue to be on hold for 2020. Unfortunately, we do not anticipate holding any events this year unless there are marked changes to government mandates around gatherings and social distancing.

Our calendar of events for 2021 will be reviewed early next year. We will provide event updates when we can via social media and our website.

When The Unicorn Club does reopen, we anticipate a "new normal" and will work diligently to ensure the safety of our guests and team.

The MHSOBA office remains closed in line with MHS and DET guidelines. This is impacting the processing of new memberships for which we apologise. While our team performs many aspects of our core business remotely, some tasks – such as creating membership packs – cannot physically be completed. We appreciate your patience under these circumstances.

A shout out to those on the front line

For their extraordinary contribution in the field during the coronavirus pandemic we acknowledge the great work of frontline Old Boys:

Professor Brett Sutton - Chief Health Officer, Victoria
MHS Class of 1986



Major Brendan Nottle – The Salvation Army (Melbourne)
MHS Class of 1982



Lieutenant General Gregory Charles BILTON, AO CSC
MHS Class of 1982

<https://news.defence.gov.au/people/steering-course-through-tumult>



GET READY...



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

YOU. ME. US.



The MHSOBA online Business Directory will launch soon!

Whatever your business or profession, the Directory is designed to support B2B and B2C opportunities.

Connect with fellow Old Boys to explore possibilities, identify synergies and foster rewarding relationships.

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

For details email administrator@mhsoba.asn.au



MHS
Foundation
**Annual Appeal
2020**

Thank you

A big thanks to the Old Boys who have helped us ensure we can support students impacted by COVID-19

During lock down, MHS had to adapt quickly to remote learning finding diverse ways to keep our students engaged. We also had to look at new ways to support students facing challenges in accessing remote learning. We supported families through the provision of laptops and helped them gain stable internet access.. Our staff have stayed in contact with at-risk students studying at home, helping them access material, educational, and psychological support.

With the return to school we now need to adapt to a new set of circumstances. As the full economic impact of COVID-19 unfolds we are preparing for many more students requiring scholarships and material aid. We also anticipate that a larger cohort of students will need social and psychological support to build their resilience for the challenging times ahead.

In response, this year's Annual Appeal focused on our most flexible trust, The Future Fund, established to respond to the school's most pressing needs.

Through an incredible display of community support, by 24th June, we had raised **\$50,088** towards our Future Fund and other important programs including:

Classrooms - \$27,866.

Scholarships - \$19,126

Millgrove - \$10,000

Arts & Culture - \$351

We can't thank the MHS Community enough for generously supporting Melbourne High School in this way. We are still accepting donations, and any tax-deductible donation large or small will help MHS students during these challenging times.

Donate Today
mhsfoundation.org.au/annual-appeal

Queen's Birthday Honours 2020

MHSOBA warmly congratulates members of the Old Boy community who received Queen's Birthday Honours this year.



Officer of the Order of Australia
Professor George Arthur Werther, A.O., M.B., B.S., M.D., F.R.A.C.P.

MHS 1962 - 1965

For distinguished service to medicine, to paediatric endocrinology and research, and to professional medical organisations.



Officer of the Order of Australia
Emeritus Professor Perry F Bartlett, A.O., B.D.Sc., Ph.D., F.A.A.

MHS 1961 - 1964

For distinguished service to neuroscience research, and to people living with dementia, motor neurone disease, and spinal cord injury.



Member of the Order of Australia
Dr Robert John Bartlett A.M., M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S.

MHS 1957 - 1961

For significant service to orthopaedic medicine, and to national and international medical associations.



Member of the Order of Australia
Barbara Jean Green, A.M., B.A.(Hons.), M.Ed.

MHS 1978 - 1992

For significant service to tertiary education, particularly to university colleges.



Member of the Order of Australia
Emeritus Professor Roger James Pepperell, A.M., M.D. (Monash), M.B., B.S., M.G.O., F.R.A.C.P., F.R.C.O.G., F.R.A.C.O.G.

MHS 1956 - 1959

For significant service to medical education, particularly to obstetrics and gynaecology.



Member of the Order of Australia
The Honourable, Robert Frank Redlich, A.M., LL.B.(Hons.), Q.C.

MHS 1960 - 1963

For significant service to the law, and to the judiciary, to professional groups, and to the community.

To view Award Recipient details, [CLICK HERE](#)

Queen's Birthday Honours 2020 - continued

MHSOBA warmly congratulates members of the Old Boy community who received Queen's Birthday Honours this year.



Member of the Order of Australia
Bryan Hamilton Smith, A.M., B.Ag.Sc., Ph.D.

MHS 1953 - 1956

For significant service to the minerals and mining research and exploration sector.



Member of the Order of Australia
Innes Alexander Willox, A.M., B.A.

MHS 1978 - 1981

For significant service to business, particularly to industry, and to the community.



Medal of the Order of Australia
William Thomas Brown, O.A.M.

MHS 1953

For service to the community of Queenscliff.



Medal of the Order of Australia
Sikie George "Saki" Ganella, O.A.M., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

MHS 1961 - 1964, MHS Staff 1971

For service to education.



Medal of the Order of Australia
John Robartson Down, O.A.M.

MHS 1951 - 1953

For service to the community of Mudgeeraba.



Medal of the Order of Australia
Billie Pidwell, O.A.M.

MHS 1949 - 1951

For service to sport, particularly to baseball.

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Queen's Birthday Honours 2020 - continued

MHSOBA warmly congratulates members of the Old Boy community who received Queen's Birthday Honours this year.



Medal of the Order of Australia

Dr. Peter John Tregear, O.A.M., M.Mus (Melb), PhD (Cambridge)

MHS 1984 - 1987

For service to music education, and to professional organisations.



Member of the Order of Australia

John Roger Wilson, O.A.M. (18 May 1940 – 15 June 2019)

MHS 1954 - 1957

For service to the community through a range of roles.

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Annual General Meeting 2020

The MHSOBA Annual General Meeting was held online on Thursday 21 May at 6:30pm.

The following Committee members were nominated and appointed to serve for the upcoming year:

President	Peter Stathopoulos	MHS 1982
Vice President	Warren Fall	MHS 1975
Treasurer	Ted Goldstein	MHS 1966
Secretary	Marco Dogliotti	MHS 2011
Scholarships	Peter Douros	MHS 1984
Student Engagement	Guy Velik	MHS 2016

To view or download the Annual Report, [click here](#).

Special Thanks

We acknowledge Luca Gonano, Chair of the Digital Sub-Committee who resigned from MHSOBA in the past year.

Our sincere and grateful thanks to Luca for his significant contribution to the Association and the Old Boy community. We wish him well with his endeavours.



Old Boys on School Council

It's pleasing to note that there are Old Boys who are always performing and contributing much needed experience and expertise to the great MHS family.

On March 25 when School Council held its AGM, a number of Old Boys nominated to become part of School Council for the next 12 months.

We congratulate them for putting their hand up for the important roles that they will fulfil on behalf of the entire School. Council Representatives are:

Jeremy Ludowyke

MHS Principal

MHS Class of 1972



Tom Wodak

**Council Observer –
Honorary Life Patron,
Melbourne High School**

MHS Class of 1959



Paul Drew

Teachers' Representative

MHS Class of 1981



Mark Bainbridge

Council President

MHS Class of 1988



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Old Boys on School Council - continued

David Craven

Council Vice President

MHS Class of 1983



Henry McLaughlin

Council Member

MHS Class of 1990



Peter Stathopoulos

**Council Observer –
MHSOBA President**

MHS Class of 1982



Beyond School Council there are other Council Committees to which Old Boys are making an important contribution. These are:

Directions Committee

- Peter Douros MHS Class of 1984
- Alan Munday MHS Class of 1974
- Jeremy Ludowyke
- Tom Wodak

Resources Committee

- Jeremy Ludowyke
- Paul Drew
- Michael Fooks MHS Class of 1966
- Henry McLaughlin
- David Craven
- John Dodd MHS Class of 1958
- Rick Kornhauser MHS Class of 1967

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GM&B Update

Dear Gentlemen,

I am pleased to advise that in these extraordinary times, and despite disruption to usual practice, the GM&B is maintaining a steadfast commitment to its purpose and programs.

Its 2020 AGM was formally conducted online, albeit without the usual delights of an Annual Dinner, and the Annual Report of its 26th Year was presented to members electronically. The work of your Executive Committee is now conducted via regular remote online meetings that benefit from familiar structure of the business at hand, and valued efficiencies in its discussions and decision-making.

If you are familiar with the VUCA Model (a widely-used framework in leadership and management during challenging times) you can be assured that whilst Volatility is not applicable to the GM&B circumstance, your Executive is busily attending to the Uncertainties, Complexities and Ambiguities of how we may adapt in coming months to facilitate our next Forum, deliver our valued programs and develop chosen initiatives.

As an example, our GM&B program leaders and their teams have been collaborating closely with school staff to design a modified online delivery model to complete the 2020 Junior Leadership Program for the Year 10 students from MHS and MacRob GHS whose program was terminated abruptly back in Term 1. We are also working towards practical modifications to the Mentoring experience in the short time that remains for 2020.

The GM&B is currently deliberating on key initiatives planned for 2021 including some C21st personal and professional capability areas identified by students from last year's Ray Willis Leadership Scheme – e.g. entrepreneurship, financial literacy, healthy lifestyle and study balance in the tertiary years, sustainability and service to community (volunteerism).

As students ourselves, the Melbourne High School experience impacted on each of us in different eras, and in different ways. Commonly however, our student days were regarded as character-building and the knowledge and skills gained in those formative years were reinforced by explicit and implicit values that would hold us in good stead beyond school days and throughout life. Covid19 is now a powerful reminder that learning is lifelong, change is constant, adaptability is essential, social connectedness is vital, resilience requires creativity and courage, and community gives strength. It is in times such as these that we use the licence granted by disruption to rethink our priorities and redesign our plans.

As for the short term, arrangements for our September Forum are under careful consideration, and will be shaped by public health advice and requirements. Announcements will be made as soon as deemed wise to do so.

Until then, healthy regards to all

DARYL BROOKS

Patron-in-Chief

GM&B Patrons' Club



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News from the MHSOBFC

As this MHSOBA newsletter is being distributed there has yet to be any football played in the Victorian Amateur Football Association due to COVID-19 restrictions. Members of the Melbourne High School Old Boys Football Club commenced pre-season training last November and all was progressing well until mid-March when the coronavirus pandemic started to have an impact on our normal routine. From Tuesday 2 June onwards a modified version of training has resumed on the School oval with all VAFA clubs only permitted to undertake non-contact sessions in two groups of 20 plus a coach and minimal support personnel.

The final decision on whether our 2020 football season proceeds will be determined by the VAFA Board in consultation with AFL Victoria on Monday 6 July. A key issue requiring resolution is the need to finalise AFL 'Return to Play' protocols which are dependent on state government announcements relating to a 'Return to Training'. The earliest date that our season could commence is Saturday 25 July.

Last year all of the MHSOBFC teams played finals football with the Reserves and Under 19s both reaching Grand Finals. This has provided us with a very strong foundation to build on throughout 2020 when we will once again be represented by four teams – Seniors, Reserves, Thirds and Under 19s. There have been a few changes to our coaching staff this year. Lachlan McKinnon will continue in the role of Football Operations Manager where he provides a breadth of experience in a range of elite level sports including AFL. Lachlan will be responsible for our football development program and liaise closely with the coaching staff.

Bernie Pretty (below left) has taken over the Senior Coach mantle replacing Matthew Nicholas (below right) who served the Club with distinction and is taking a break to focus on family and work commitments.



Bernie has an outstanding record with the Unicorns as a highly successful Reserves Coach and last year served as our senior Assistant Coach. Luke Campbell continues as Reserves Coach and he will be assisted by Aran Michael who brings a wealth of premiership experience from his time in the MPNFL. In 2020 our Thirds will be coached by Rob Coxon who returns to that role after a short break and will be assisted by Rhys Johnson.



News from the MHSOBFC- continued

We are delighted to welcome Adam Tardif to the Unicorns as our Under 19 Coach. In recent years Adam has taken on coaching roles with the Williamstown Seagulls' VFLW team and Pascoe Vale in the EDFL. Adam has a strong focus on personal and professional development which will assist our young men to become the best they can be both on and off the field. Liam McCoppin also joins the Club and he will work closely with Adam as our Under 19 Assistant Coach. Liam has extensive experience as a development coach in a range of sports and he will provide high quality input relating to skill acquisition and coaching strategy.

In other news from the Club we have acknowledged and celebrated some significant player milestones during the 2019 season 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 last year ensuring that our home game luncheons and major social events were all enjoyable, well attended functions. At our 2019 Presentation Night last October we also congratulated Tim Campelj on winning the Senior B&F award and Matt Nicholas was the recipient of the 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



MHSOBCC: A Year in Review



First XI after winning their semi-final against Old Trinity to achieve the club's first Grand Final appearance since 2013

Season 19/20 was an incredibly successful year for The Old Boys Cricket Club, marking a significant turning point in the club's recent history.

Over the last 5 years MHSOBCC has undergone a significant rejuvenation, recruiting the next generation of players, refreshing the committee and engaging new sponsors. These changes have facilitated the development of three very competitive teams on the field, but more importantly has created a supportive, enjoyable and sustainable community off the field.

This year's success was marked by both our U17s and 1st X teams making it to the Grand Final of their respective competitions. Although both sides came off second best, it did not detract from the numerous incredible performances throughout the season that allowed both sides to go deep into finals.

Our success has been driven by tremendous community support, noting our platinum sponsor NED Whiskey Cola, with thanks to Old Boy Drew Fairchild. Further support was also obtained from our gold sponsors Hello Sam Burger Bar, Belle Property – Hockingstuart South Yarra, Oscar Hunt Tailors and Elite Physiotherapy Consulting. These organisations provided us with significant financial support, but also their expertise and resources to enhance the club environment.

While we are proud of our recent achievements, the club has ambitions for further growth and engagement of our community. We specifically wish to enhance our contribution to the school and have plans to invest in projects to further develop the cricket program for students and the wider Old Boys community.

MHSOBCC: A Year in Review - continued

I would like to take this moment to thank our entire committee for their incredible work over the years, especially our Treasurer Vidhur Rangaswamy, Chairman of Selectors Ayeed Ahsan and Captain of the 1st XI Arushan Dushyanthan. These individuals each stood up in times of need to support a community they believed in, and we owe them a great deal of thanks.

I would also like to note the incredible contribution of Mr Warren Fall, who without his commitment to cricket both within the school and beyond for decades, our community would simply not exist, let alone have the soul and strength it has today. And lastly, to thank the school and its leadership, for supporting us through our challenges, and providing the foundation for this proud community.

Finally, if you're itching to pick up a bat or ball or want to reconnect with the school and some like-minded individuals The Cricket Club would love to hear from you.

We are active through our social media channels and check our emails regularly (details below) so please do not hesitate to get in-touch.

Honour the Work.

Duminda Weerasooriya
President of MHSOBCC



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MFAS (Men For All Seasons) Update

Donations - 2020 MHS Annual Appeal

The MFAS were proud to have donated \$1,000 to help MHS Support Families in need during COVID-19

20th MFAS Spring Lunch

During our 20th year you may not be aware the MFAS 2020 Winter Lunch was the first time an MFAS Lunch was cancelled, a shame about our record of 77 consecutive events over twenty years but we're excited about our first Lunch post the COVID-19 lockdown.

Our 20th MFAS Spring Lunch is being held at The Kelvin Club on Friday 4th September 2020 and all MHS Old Boys and friends are welcome (please see event details below). Bookings are limited so reserve your place via mfas@wood.net.au or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mhsmenforallseasons/>

Where

Kelvin Club www.kelvinclub.com.au 14-30 Melbourne Place, Melbourne, 3000, VIC
Bar: 1.30pm

Lunch

Presidents Room 2pm onwards

Menu

Two courses included

Beverages

Drinks during lunch included

Cost

\$99 per head

All proceeds to MFAS Charity



Keep Fighting Tzio!

Andrew Tziotzis our long-time mate and MFAS supporter has emerged from a massive 100+ days in an induced coma at The Alfred after fighting for his life upon contracting a rare lung disease (not COVID-19).

MHSOBA President Peter Stathopoulos has recently chatted with Tzio (pictured right) who is now thankfully recovering at home.

Best wishes to Tzio for a speedy recovery.



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ANZAC DAY 2020



**LIGHT UP
THE DAWN**
WITH OUR ANZAC SPIRIT





ANZAC DAY 2020



Dear Gentlemen,

Whilst the streets will be quiet and empty this year, we can still join our veterans and RSL to remember those who have sacrificed the ultimate during previous conflicts.

MHSOBA members, families and friends are encouraged to join the rest of the country this ANZAC day. At 0600 you can stand in your driveway, on your balcony or in your lounge room to commemorate those who served, those who died and those who are still serving.

A live ABC radio broadcast from the Australian War Memorial will be available at 0600 tomorrow morning. To listen, go to <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/sydney/anzac-day-2020/12133324>

For their ongoing efforts to find missing Old Boys who served in all theatres of war, MHSOBA acknowledges and thanks William (Bill) Latham, Lambis Englezos, Alan Gregory and Luke Savage.

Lest We Forget.

Peter Stathopoulos
President
MHSOBA Inc.

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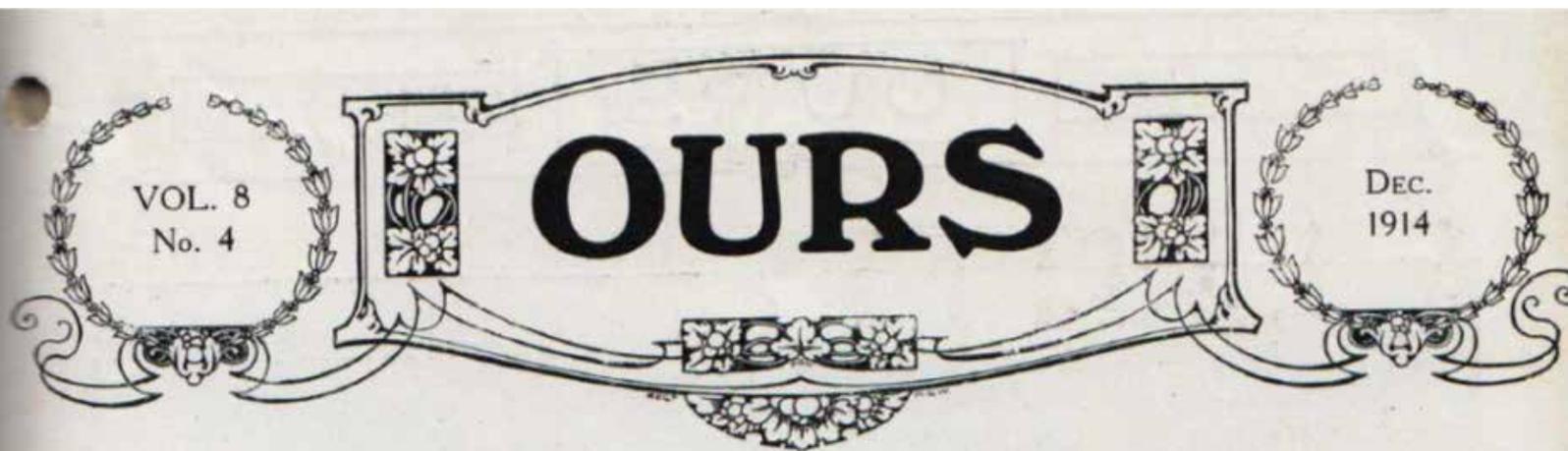




The School and WWI

Coming within the first decade of the school's life, the Great War had a profound effect on the school. The enlistment rate by old boys was very high, and the Principal Joseph Hocking, focused the school community on their service, with lists, articles and photos in the school magazine.

The school magazine, Ours, was posted to old boys known to be serving overseas, who would then write to the school about their happenings, which would be published and sent overseas. A number of photos and letters about the Gallipoli landing were published in Ours within 3 months of the landing itself. This constant feedback tied the students and the old boys together. Students also helped raise money and collect goods.



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The School and WWI (continued)

Military Jottings

Departure of Troops.

On the morning of their departure I went to the camp to say good-bye to some friends. They then told me that they were leaving at 9 o'clock. Five minutes past nine found me rushing towards City-road, South Melbourne. I met the troops on the road, near the junction of the tram lines, and marched with them to the Railway Pier. From that time till after two we waited patiently on the beach. About half-past two the crowd tried to rush the gate, but they were stopped by the pickets and the police. After a time even these combined forces proved insufficient, although the pickets had their bayonets against the breasts of the people. One

woman completely lost her head in the excitement, and flung aside the bayonet nearest her. This stirred up the others, who then broke through, and rushed along the pier as fast as their feet would carry them. About a quarter-past three the Orvieto pulled out, carrying among her hundreds of troops Mr. Fairlie and two of our ex-students, one of whom had been trained at Duntroon. It was a great sight. As the boat drew out the men swarmed into the rigging, while the crowd surged to the end of the pier to get a parting glimpse of their brothers and friends who were going to defend their country. R.McI. (Class F2).





The School and WWI (continued)

On Sunday, 11th October, when I visited the Broadmeadows Camp to say farewell to my two soldier brothers, I wore my M.H.S. band and badge. When leaving the camp I heard a voice near me say "Good old Contin.," and looking round I saw a smiling, sunburnt young soldier, who saluted. I wonder if he was one of "Our Boys," who recognised our red, green and black?
K.M.B. (Class B1).

By the end of The Great War, 1617 boys had left MHS, of who 593 are known to have served, 31 enlisted but were either rejected, discharged, or the war ended before they served overseas. Another 3 may have served but at this stage, available records are insufficient to confirm. To date, no old girls are known to have served in WWI (though we know of 15 who served in WWII). Of the male staff, 98 taught at MHS before the war ended, of whom 12 served and another 7 enlisted but were either rejected, discharged, or the war ended before they served overseas.

We know of 98 old boys died who died during the war, including 4 at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day (the first old boys to have died during the war). Another 10 died during the Gallipoli campaign.

Another three times during the war were 4 old boys killed on the same day, during First and Second Bullecourt 1917 and Passchendaele 1917. 12 old boys were killed during the battle of Poziers or the associated actions in July and August 1916.





The School and WWI (continued)

Whilst 14 were killed at Passchendaele and Polygon Wood in Belgium during September and October 1917. The single biggest loss of life of Old Boys on one day though was in WWII, 20 November 1941, following the sinking of HMAS Sydney. 5 old boys were serving aboard her.

Of the Staff, 6 died during the war, including both old boys. After the war 3 old boys died from influenza, 3 from illness whilst on service or just after discharge and 2 died from the effects of war, one in 1920 and the last in 1924.

Of the boys who served in WWI, 118 also served in WWII, of whom 4 died whilst on service. 36 staff who taught at the school after the war had served in WWI (1 died whilst serving in WWII), including 12 who were Old Boys. 13 staff served in both WWI and WWII.

Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist





The School and WWI (continued)



Private T. W. Liddell

A letter from Frank Brennan, written before his departure from Egypt, has a pathetic interest for us to-day, for of all the men mentioned, only one as far as we know has come through without a scratch, while the writer is also wounded.

"All the old M.H.S. chaps are doing well, and we often have a chat about old times. I have had several pleasant yarns with Mr. Fairlie. He was remarking about the contrast between a soldier's life and a teacher's life. One free from all anxiety, a happy-go-lucky existence, a life of freedom in spite of any physical hardships, as against a state of everlasting studying and mental weariness. I have also seen Bill Colvin, Archie Feddersen, Frank Lord, Signaller Corben, Bugler Davies and others, all doing well."

We have no details as to Mr. Fairlie's end, but we know that he did the work of a soldier, as he did all other work, thoroughly and well, and that he died a soldier's death.



Private R. J. Bretherton

Archie Feddersen is now in hospital at Port Said and doing well. He carries with him as a memento a Turkish bullet, though he doesn't know exactly where it is. From a most interesting letter kindly supplied by his father, space only admits of a short quotation.

"Life in the trenches is all right, as we have good tucker in plenty, and also get plenty of cigarettes and tobacco. One night when I was on observation post a big Turk—he must have been six feet six, came walking round the bushes as if he was going down Bourke Street. He did not notice the trench, and for the space of four seconds he continued. Then he saw us and turned to escape. There were three of us within a space of thirty yards on sentry, and Mr. Turk dropped in his tracks. H. Nicholls (who is still going strong) and myself had a good bit of shooting at them while they were making a trench, and I do not think it was without effect.

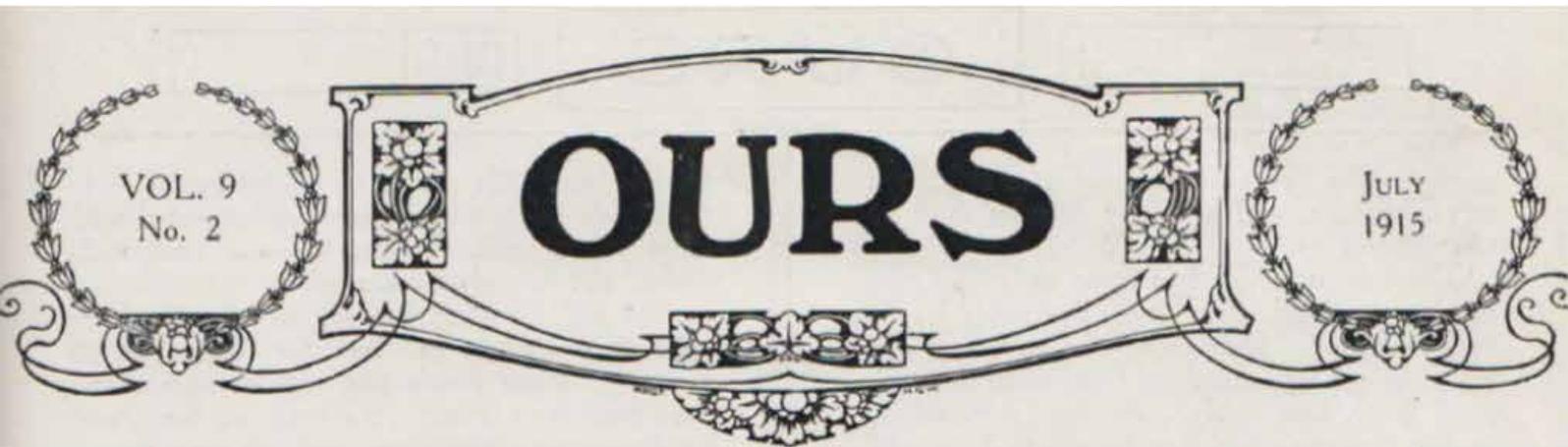
"I have been in a couple of very tight corners since we started. Another day when we





Melbourne High has always had a close association with ANZAC.

26 Old Boys and two teachers were at Gallipoli – 11 of them were killed there. One teacher (Aubrey Liddelow) sent back a photo, published in the school magazine Ours, of him and his men on the beach at ANZAC Cove on 25 April 1915.



The Beach Where Our Lads Landed
Note the packs, etc. thrown aside in the first rush
Photo by Lieut. Liddelow

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Melbourne High has always had a close association with ANZAC (continued)



Landing Place of Australians at Gallipoli
A Beach Party under the command of Lieut. Liddelow. Taken on the historic 25th April. *Photo by Lieut. Liddelow*

were in the trenches, Bert Summers and I were sitting in a dugout, when a shell landed on top and blew the roof clean off it. Luckily, no more landed there. Another day I had just gone into the trenches when a shell burst about 30 yards on the left, blowing up the dirt, and one piece, about 4 lbs., hit me on the side of the head, and sent me heels over head."

A few extracts from a cheery letter from Sergeant Rochstein.

"I have had the luck to get slightly 'knocked,' but I was extremely lucky in getting a couple of clean wounds. I might have got 'dum-dums' or various other things. I reckon myself fortunate because enough lead and nickel whistled past to sink a battleship. I may always be minus a little flesh, but it will not 'invalide' me at any rate."

Sid. Lumb is stationed at the hospital at Heliopolis. By the kindness of his father we are able to quote from his letters.

"The boys all praise the Queen Elizabeth—'Good old Lizzie,' as they call her. As one chap puts it, her first shell kills a few hundred,

and the next buries them. An armoured train was worrying our chaps. 'Lizzie' spoke, and it was no more. A battalion of Turkish reinforcements was coming up—the ship spoke again—men, horses, guns, wheels and earth were hurled in the air, and a crater left."

Sid speaks in his letters of many of our lads who have passed through the hospital there or whom he knows to be in hospital. Jim Cormack (since dead), Kenneth Hollings, Tom Carmichael and others.

Staff-Sergeant W. R. Penington contributes a most interesting letter to the "Spectator."

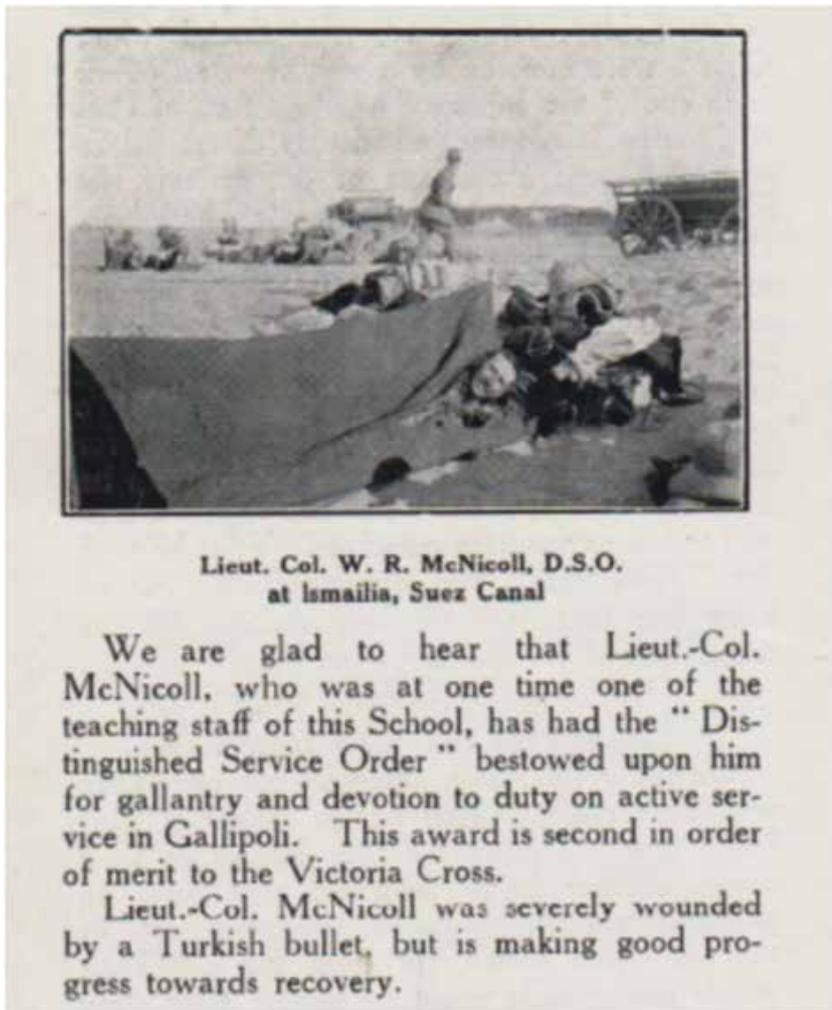
"After about three days we sighted the rendezvous, and there it was that we became part of what was perhaps the greatest fleet of ships that has ever been got together—huge liners and dirty old tramps, all laden with troops, and the munitions of war; ships of war, from the largest battleship in the world down to the smallest, British, French and Russian. It was a magnificent sight, and one I am not likely to forget.





Melbourne High has always had a close association with ANZAC (continued)

Another teacher - Walter McNicoll - was injured at Gallipoli and highly decorated. Being repatriated home for a short while to recover from war injuries he led the first ANZAC March in Melbourne in 1916. While he had left MHS at this stage and become Principal of Geelong High School, he was a foundation teacher of our school. So Colonel Walter McNicoll DSO led the first ANZAC march held in Melbourne, leading the 10th Brigade. The school has commemorated ANZAC ever since.



Lieut. Col. W. R. McNicoll, D.S.O.
at Ismailia, Suez Canal

We are glad to hear that Lieut.-Col. McNicoll, who was at one time one of the teaching staff of this School, has had the "Distinguished Service Order" bestowed upon him for gallantry and devotion to duty on active service in Gallipoli. This award is second in order of merit to the Victoria Cross.

Lieut.-Col. McNicoll was severely wounded by a Turkish bullet, but is making good progress towards recovery.



Melbourne High has always had a close association with ANZAC (continued)

One of those 26 boys at Gallipoli was George Langley. When Langley's ship the Southland arrived at their destination, Langley now a Captain, was standing on top of the hold addressing his men when the ship was torpedoed. Langley was thrown into the bilge, was badly injured in both legs – eventually was hauled out and managed to safely evacuate his men into lifeboats before collapsing from his injuries.

Still 30 men lost their lives some from drowning. Because of this as Principal of this school he introduced a policy that each boy had to learn to swim before doing any other sport. While injured Langley insisted on going on shore with his men. He was there until the evacuation.

Asked to speak about ANZAC on the 50th anniversary Brigadier George Langley CBE DSO ED Serbian Order of the White Eagle said:

That fateful Sunday morning of 25 April 1915, which marked our entry into the European theatre of war announced to the world that Australia had come of age – had passed its initiation ceremonies with honour and distinction and was now entitled to be admitted to the Comity of Nations. The events which followed in the various theatres of war in which Australians played a part on land, sea or air only served to emphasise our new status. The poet Henry Lawson was right 'I tell you the Star of the South shall rise - in the lurid clouds of war.'

Alan Gregory





MHS MAY DAY



GEORGE LANGLEY, SIR DALLAS BROOKS & BILL WOODFULL



Dear Gentlemen,

When Brigadier Langley retired as Principal of MHS on 1st May 1956 the Governor of Victoria took the unprecedented step of attending Langley's final Assembly and in full military uniform.

In those days teachers were required to retire on their 65th birthday.

He had an outstanding military career serving in two world wars with great distinction and was regarded as an outstanding Principal.

An old boy of the school himself he was an inspirational principal and much loved. He recruited talented staff at a time when this was difficult to do, he encouraged innovation strongly endorsed and expanded the co-curricula activities.

He started the cadet band, was a great supporter of music and was a superb speaker. Boys remember so well his assembly addresses.

At the final assembly the Governor used his vice-regal powers and declared that hereafter the school would commence a half an hour later on 1 May in honour of Langley.

So today - 1 May 2020 - we honour one of the truly great principals of MHS: Brigadier George Furner Langley CBE DSO ED OStJ Serbian Order of the White Eagle.

Article by Alan Gregory with thanks. Honour the Work.

Peter Stathopoulos

President

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Morale, Motivation and Mateship.



A School Captain's perspective on his final year at MHS as he studies online and celebrates his 18th birthday in isolation.



From Peter Stathopoulos
President, MHSOBA Inc.

One of the true pleasures of being involved with the MHSOBA is the interaction with current Melbourne High School students and seeing the personal development they achieve during their time at the school.

One of the areas that the Old Boys' community assists in is the Junior Leadership Program which is run during Term 1 for eligible Year 10 students. I must thank those who have led the charge in this area over the past seven years: David Saul, Wayne Chow, Daryl Brooks and Deniz Atakan. This year we saw the program expand to include Year 10 students from Mac.Robertson Girls' High School with great results.

It has been my pleasure to be involved with the selection process of Keith 'Bluey' Truscott Scholars where Year 10 students are chosen for what we feel is a most prestigious appointment.

Over the past few years it has been a joy to see some of these students then go on to occupy senior leadership roles within the school such as School Captain and Vice Captain and Senior SRC leadership roles.

One such student is Shayan Soroush who is joint School Captain of Melbourne High this year. Shayan is also one of the Year 12 'Bluey' Truscott Scholars in the Class of 2020 and a member of the MHS School Council. He has been involved with sports such as Soccer and Futsal and has played the Tuba in the Symphony Orchestra with short spells in the Davis Band and the Tattam band.

Morale, Motivation and Mateship (con't)



In 2020, Shayan was also a Chorals Conductor for Forrest's Free choice piece. Outside of school, he's heavily involved with Refereeing Football Victoria competitions including the National Premier League and Senior Men's State League.

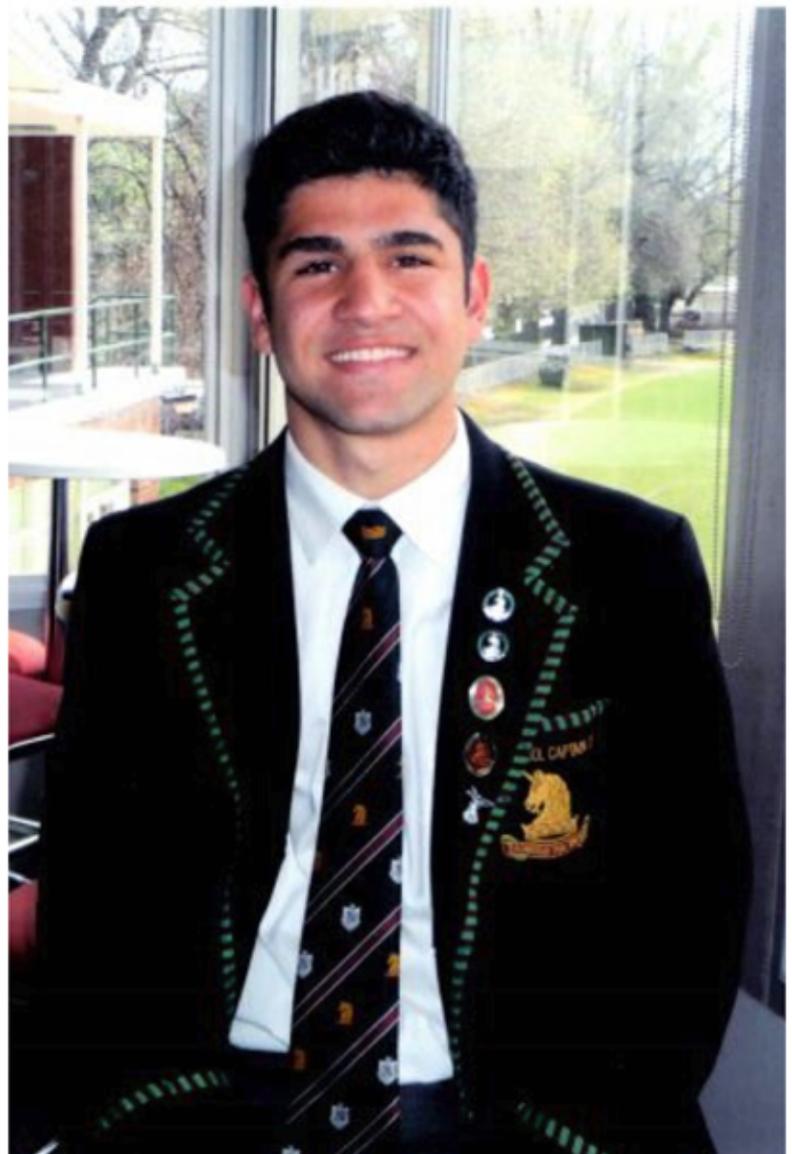
It's my opinion that Shayan has a very bright future and I look forward to him maintaining a long and productive relationship with the MHSOBA once he graduates from MHS.

Today - Monday 4 May 2020 - Shayan celebrates his 18th birthday.

On behalf of the MHSOBA I would like to wish him all the best for the day and for all his pursuits going forward.

Recently I contacted Shayan to see how he was coping and progressing and I managed to ask him some questions about the year to date.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)



**MHS School Captain and
Keith 'Bluey' Truscott Scholar 2020,
Shayan Soroush**

We Are Open Now

Listen to MHS Year 10 student Tim Huang talk to Rafael Epstein of "Drive" on ABC Radio 774 regarding his enterprise "We Are Open Now." Despite the COVID-19 crisis, #weareopennow brings eager customers to restaurants in need.

From ABC Radio website (25.03.2020)

It all started when 16-year-old Tim Huang watched his brother's restaurant sales dwindle, thanks to the building coronavirus crisis.

In the midst of a global pandemic, the two hatched a plan to create a place to support any small food business trying to stay afloat - #weareopennow.

[The website](#), launched on Friday, now has over 500 restaurants signed up, and provides a necessary space for those that are still operating to flag their availability, as well as a place where consumers can go to find a meal and show their much-needed support to a local provider.

Tim says that while "it's been super stressful", it's worth the work.

"There's just so many people in Australia who are losing their jobs...this is a movement that will help connect a community in need."

About We Are Open Now

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing people unable to purchase essential groceries, businesses incapable of dealing with reduced sales and our country being forced into lockdown. During these tough times, we serve to provide a platform for consumers and businesses to mutually support each other.

To small businesses still offering delivery, we hope to provide the necessary exposure in allowing the achievement of your sale goals.

To consumers living in self-isolation, or those who cannot find the necessities in local shops, we aim to maintain an abundant of delivery options.

#weareopennow #mhs #mhsoba #honourthework

<https://www.abc.net.au/.../weareopennow-brings-eager.../12090574>



MHSOBA Inaugural Podcast Series

On 17 June MHSOBA proudly launched our inaugural podcast “Between Two Unicorns.”

The series is intended to give Members, past and present students, parents and teachers an opportunity to learn from remarkable Old Boys.

Through the first season of five candid interviews, listeners can share each gentleman’s unique journey. Interviews include fond memories of MHS, lessons that have endured since school days, accounts of professional endeavours and sage words of wisdom.

Series 1. includes conversations with:

- **John Tasioulas** (MHS 1982): Professor of Politics, Philosophy and Law at King’s College London
- **Ashton Pereira** (MHS 2010): Co-Founder of BathBox
- **Charles Macek** (MHS 1964): A five-decade career spanning Financial Service & Non-Executive Directorships
- **Benjamin Wilson** (MHS 2010): Entrepreneur & Australian Survivor: Champions VS Contenders
- **Wayne Chow** (MHS 1994): Dental Specialist & Former Australian Army Officer

Produced and hosted by Adam Ashton (MHS 2010), a new podcast has been released weekly.

We appreciate Adam approaching us to undertake this initiative and thank him for his time in bringing the series to life. We trust the series will act as a widely accessible archive of conversations that will contribute to the rich history of MHS and future generations.

You can listen to MHSOBA podcasts at any time. Visit our podcast page for more:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/between-two-unicorns/id1518035234>



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“The Live Adventures” of Madder Lake

This year (2020) marks the 50th anniversary of the formation of the mighty Madder Lake. And what better way to help celebrate that milestone than a Double CD's worth of live material from various stages of the band's career? So you get multiple renditions of some songs but they are all different so they bear repetition.

For a brief recap on the band's history, here goes: Madder Lake originally worked under the name San Sebastian but took the new moniker in December 1971, to reflect the band members' art school / graphic design backgrounds. (Madder lake is the colour obtained by mixing madder dye with oils or water.) The original line-up comprised Micky Fettes (vocals), Brenden Mason (guitar), John McKinnon (keyboards, vocals), Kerry McKenna (bass, guitar, synthesizer, vocals) and Jacobus 'Jac' Kreemers (drums). Their brand of progressive psychedelic blues found much favour on the Melbourne pub and club circuit.



One of Madder Lake's first major engagements was as opening act at the inaugural Sunbury Pop Festival in January 1972. A year later they were one of the headlining acts at Sunbury 1973. The live track 'Down the River' / '12-lb. Toothbrush' appeared on Mushroom Record's triple album of the event, The Great Australian Rock Festival Sunbury 1973 (April 1973).

Having signed to Michael Gudinski's fledgling Mushroom label, the band issued the imprint's first single 'Goodbye Lollipop' (February 1973) and supported The Rolling Stones at their Melbourne concert, Kooyong Tennis Centre. The band was soon vying with Chain, Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs and Coloured Balls as one of the top live drawcards on the Melbourne scene. *

**Excerpts from the liner notes to Madder Lake - The Live Adventures of Madder Lake 1973-2008 used by permission of the author Ian McFarlane.*

(Ian McFarlane is the author of The Encyclopedia of Australian Rock and Pop, available to order from www.thirdstonepress.com.au)

“The Live Adventures” of Madder Lake - continued

We recently talked with co-founder Brenden Mason (MHS 1968) about the release of “The Live Adventures” album and his reflections on 50 years of Madder Lake.

Here’s what he had to say:

Q. It has been seven years since your last album release "World." What prompted the band to compile "The Live Adventures" album?

A. It was Gil who had collected enough live gig recordings that started the fire. With extra input from Kerry and myself, we had enough material for the double CD.

Q. "The Live Adventures" features 19 previously unreleased live tracks. Of these, is there a track (or tracks) that are particularly special to you? Which are they and why do they resonate?

A. "When is a Mouse," "Rodney's Birthday" and "Lizards." These three songs were typical Madder Lake compositions in only one respect - they had numerous parts.

Song writing within Madder Lake generally was a lot of laughs and a lengthy amount of time was spent (asking) how do we make this into one song. The band has been and still is a very democratic collaboration when comes to writing.

Personally, I don't have any real favourites. There is a great deal of flexibility in the way we perform our songs. On the double CD there are a few examples of different versions of the same song, so this can present a new adventure along a familiar track.

Q. "The Live Adventures" is described as "an immersive career retrospective." What moves you most looking back at your career?

A. Pursuing a career that allowed me write and play music, along with the brotherhood that's within the band. To be an original band and be able to weather the highs and lows of the music industry requires high grade glue.

Being able to travel the country touring and more to the point, meeting and performing to people across Australia. What a great lesson in life.



“The Live Adventures” of Madder Lake - continued

Q. While you and Kerry McKenna (both MHS Class of 1968) are co-founders of Madder Lake, other members have changed over the years. What's the band's current line-up? Are other Old Boys part of the mix?

A. The current line-up is Michael O'Loughlan (our new singer) as Micheal Fettes the original singer passed away 2016.

Luke McKinnon is on drums as original drummer Jac Kreemers has developed dementia. The remaining three are original members are John McKinnon, Kerry McKenna and me.

Q. You and Kerry sat together in class at MHS - you've known each other for a long time. How would you describe your relationship? What makes it work?

A. I have recounted this story many times over the years.

In third form our form teacher was Mr Harrowfield. Possibly for convenience he placed all the class in alphabetical order. Mason, McKenna...and so on.

I often have commented that if my surname was Smith or Brown, Madder Lake would never have happened. Kerry and I always had a love for music and - in particular - guitar. So that was the basis of a long friendship.

Possibly what makes our friendship work is the fact that we both have not been formally taught. We essentially learnt off each other with literally years of playing together, creating literally thousands of finished and unfinished pieces.

Q. We know COVID-19 has had a major impact on events and live music everywhere. How has Madder Lake responded to the pandemic?

A. Up until the pandemic, the band has for many years made Wednesday night “Madder Lake night.” We are extremely fortunate in that one of the band members built a new house. One of the features was an underground room. This has become our permanent rehearsal room, complete with second set of gear, PA and 20-track digital recorder.

When the lock down hit we were in a miserable state. We couldn't get together to write. As soon as we were able to rehearse we were at it immediately. The fact that we are unable to perform is a shame especially as we were celebrating our 50th. But you can't win them all. We are still a happy and proud Australian band.

Q. What advice would you give to MHS students and Old Boys who aspire to make music their profession?

A. The only advice I can give is the word "persistence."

“The Live Adventures” of Madder Lake - continued

Q. Final thoughts Brenden?

A. *In the very first band Kerry and I formed “TAKEOVA,” Jim Parris was a member playing bass. He also was an MHS student (Class of 1968).*

SPECIAL MHSOBA MEMBERSHIP OFFER!

The first five MHSOBA Membership applications received from the release of our June newsletter will receive a complimentary copy of Madder Lake’s double-CD “The Live Adventures” signed by original band members Brenden Mason and Kerry McKenna.

We appreciate their generosity.

To purchase “The Live Adventures” visit <https://tinyurl.com/yyqrl4na>



Top Left – Kerry McKenna

Top – Madder Lake at the MHSOBA Annual Dinner 2019

Left (L-R) – Michael Gudinski AM, Brenden Mason, Michael O’Loughlan, Kerry McKenna

Book Review

Fifty Years Sober: An Alcoholic's Journey

By Ross Fitzgerald

MHS Class of 1961

[Hybrid Publishers Melbourne 2020](#)

Reviewed by Alan Gregory

Ross Andrew Edward Fitzgerald was born on 25 December 1944 and attended Melbourne High School from 1958 to 1961.

A highly intelligent student, he won the Economics prize in year 6 and gained Honours in every Matriculation subject and so gained a Commonwealth scholarship which, as he came from a poor family, enabled him to attend university.

He had a great admiration for his teachers at the school, particularly Neville Drohan, Norton Hobson, Graham Worrall, Arthur Cocks and David Niven. He was a contemporary of Gareth Evans. Good at sport, football and cricket, he captained the school second XI and also featured in debating.

His left-wing political bent meant a close association with Graham Worrall who he kept up with in later life. He was also close to Norton Hobson who told him he was an ASIO man.

Fitzgerald, who is now one of the best-known public intellectuals, also became well-known as an alcoholic. He states his first (and last) alcoholic drink was as a schoolboy in school uniform at the Her Majesty's hotel which was near the school. Before being served his first drink, the barman asked him to take off his school cap!

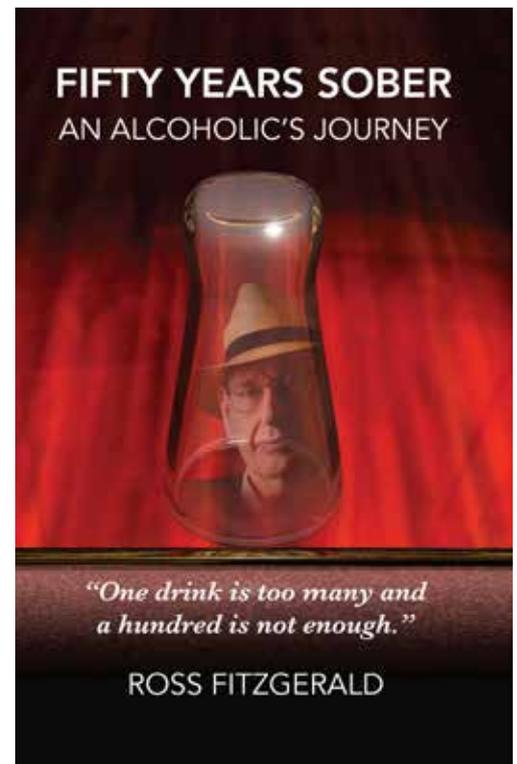
Ross seemed to collect a number of high-profile friends like Barry Humphries and on his many overseas trips recounts (to his great advantage) being mistaken for the eminent Dr Stephen FitzGerald, a former Australian Ambassador to China.

His university days at Monash University were taken up mainly drinking alcohol and the dreadful consequences of his frequent drunkenness. Intellectually brilliant, he still managed to do well. While no Adonis he seemed to be attractive to people and especially women and somehow engendered something in people who helped him out of his frightening escapades.

He treated people appallingly. His alcoholism saw him get a 2A rather than a first, but his brilliance got him tutorships.

He tells the story frankly of a chaotic passage of jobs, girlfriends, benders, and being institutionalised both here and in the USA. An only child, he was uncontrollable and gave his parents hell. The story is told with all the dreadful things he did revealed. He ended up completing a doctorate at the University of New South Wales, which led to a job at Griffith University during the time when Joh Bjelke-Petersen was Premier.

To his detriment, Ross opposed the decision by the University of Queensland to award Sir Joh a doctorate.



Book Review - continued

He was a prolific writer of both scholarly works including two volumes on the History of Queensland as well a biography of 'Red Ted' Theodore, and also novels and humorous books. This is his second book about alcoholism and it celebrates being fifty years sober.

It also gives a vivid picture of AA – Alcoholics Anonymous and the importance of AA to him all his life, both for staying sober as well as his general welfare.

After many women he lived with and who supported him, his marriage to Lyndal (photographic model of the year) changed him totally and gave him a wonderful married life which also produced a much-loved daughter, Emerald. He is full of praise for his wonderful Lyndal for while now sober, his eccentricities were not always easy to live with.

Sadly, the much-loved Lyndal Moor Fitzgerald, to whom *Fifty Years Sober* is dedicated, died on 22 January this year. It is a very personal book. Fitzgerald is self-deprecating about his own ability and achievements but frank about his faults.

AA urged recovered alcoholics to try and apologise to all he hurt and offended in his alcoholic life. Some refused to accept his apology!

It is a superb book for the reader to gain insight into alcoholism and addiction. While still needing to attend AA meetings himself, Fitzgerald also tries to help those trying to fight their problem.

A moving read. Emeritus Professor of History and Politics at Griffith University, Ross Fitzgerald AM now lives in Sydney and continues to write books and is a regular contributor to *The Australian* newspaper.

Alan Gregory

An Old Boy Abroad: Tim Lockwood

To Old Boys around the world, MHSOBA sends good wishes and encourages you to keep in touch with us and with each other. Here Tim Lockwood – now living in Berlin - shares his professional journey and reflections of his time at MHS.

Nearly 40 years after completing my HSC at MHS in 1981, I find myself living in the best city in Europe - Berlin, Germany.

I am the Europe Business Manager for Australian Vintage Limited, whom readers would probably know as McGuigan Wines.

From my first job at Liquorland Prahran opposite the original Dan Murphy's (tough gig), I stayed in wine retail while graduating from William Angliss, transferred to the legendary Crittendens' in Toorak and ended up married in Sydney running my own wine retail with my brother (who still runs it).

19 years ago, I moved to Germany and along the way worked for Grant Burge, Wine Australia and now McGuigan. The MHS work experience in Year 11 was a good predictor: the first Exhibition of Victorian Winemakers at the Victoria Hotel in the City, with me washing glasses among legends.

My best memories of MHS are being a member of the Stage Crew; Captain of Trevor Reid's 'Gentlemen's 18'; and training Innes Willox on the SRC (congratulations on your Queen's Birthday Honour this year). I well remember my good teachers - Gary Allen (obviously), Mr Jolley and Frau Rollinghof / Graham...with a special mention to Jack the Bear.

Mega finally got to see his Tigers win and I am waiting on the Dees, still a member even now!

Honour the Work.

Tim Lockwood



Queen's Birthday 2020 Honours List

Dr Bryan Hamilton SMITH

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

For significant service to the minerals and mining research and exploration sector.

Bryan outlines his work in mineral exploration

My main interest and passion, during my working life as a geologist/geochemist has been in mineral exploration. Western Australia is well endowed with minerals such as gold, iron ore, nickel and more recently lithium. These mineral discoveries have benefited all West Australians so there is huge potential for further discoveries.

I worked as a Research Scientist in the Soils Division of CSIRO in Adelaide for five years and then worked for a number of large mining companies such as American Metals Climax (AMAX), WMC and CSR and then as Exploration Manager for Aztec Mining before branching out on my own as a consultant geologist/geochemist to a number of smaller exploration and mining companies mainly in Western Australia. I was awarded the W.R. Browne Medal by the Geological Society of Australia in 2016 for contributions to the geological sciences in Australia over my 40-year career.

Most mineral exploration work is usually carried out as part of a team supported by company infrastructure. I had the good fortune to have had leading roles in the discovery of nickel sulphides for WMC at St. Ives south of Kambalda, the discovery of a nickel laterite deposit at Bulong east of Kalgoorlie both of which have been mined. I also discovered vanadium and titanium deposits at Barrambie north of Sandstone and proved up the Mt. Marion lithium deposit south east of Kalgoorlie all of which are currently being mined. I am presently exploring for extensions of the Golden Mile under the town ship of Kalgoorlie Boulder as consultant for a private operator.

I joined the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC), which represents smaller mining companies throughout Australia and was a Councillor for 25 years from 1993 to 2018. I was awarded a Life membership of AMEC in 2002. In AMEC we developed numerous initiatives that added value as well as assistance for the mineral exploration industry.

I was a member of the WA Geological Survey Liaison Committee for a period of 23 years and I was also Chairman of the Regional Geoscience Mapping Sub-Committee establishing new research projects to enhance the mineral potential of WA.



Queen's Birthday 2020 Honours List - continued

I represented AMEC on the Mining Industry Liaison Committee for 25 years. The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Chamber of Mines, the Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association, the Mining Lawyers Association and AMEC as well as executives from the Mines Department. The Committee is chaired by the Director of the Mines Department. We were influential at the policy level and also helped to secure significant increases in funding. The agendas dealt with the many issues brought forward by mineral explorers through their representative bodies as well as new regulatory proposals from Government. It was a privilege to work on the Committee as we developed a number of innovative proposals for the mineral exploration industry of Western Australia and Australia as a whole.

I was also a member of the Minerals and Energy Research Institute of WA (MERIWA) for 9 years to 2014 and then the Minerals Research Institute of WA (MRIWA) for 4 years to 2018. These Committees allocated WA Government funds for mineral exploration research projects that varied from \$600K to \$4 million p.a. under what is now known as the Exploration Incentive Scheme (EIS). The EIS scheme was initiated by AMEC and was promoted and successfully established by Norman Moore, the Minister for Mines at the time. Project researchers are required to submit a report within three years. Because of the time constraints on project completion imposed on participants in the EIS the three-year timetable fits in very well with post graduate research projects carried out by universities. Over the years a number of innovative projects have been supported that have greatly benefit the mining industry.

Education

- **Melbourne High School** (1953-56). Matriculated with Commonwealth Scholarship. Prefect 1956
- **University of Melbourne** (1958-65). B Agricultural Science & PhD.



Centenary of the Archibald Prize

Next year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Archibald Prize for Portrait painting, and the Art Gallery of NSW, the host, is seeking to track down as many of the finalists as they can. The prize was established by John Feltham Archibald, a journalist and founder of the Bulletin. One of those finalists is very familiar to generations of MHS students, being George Langley's portrait that hangs in the Memorial Hall.

Bruce Edward Fletcher (MHS 1951-1952) had a number of drawings published in the Unicorn during his time at the school but his portrait of George Langley shows a precocious talent in a difficult medium. Entered and accepted as a finalist in 1955, Bruce was only 18. The painting was purchased by the Langley's and was donated to the school on the 1 May 1978 by Pat Lesslie, George's daughter. Bruce was accepted as a finalist another 7 times, as well as being the subject three times (twice as self-portraits). Bruce was Official War artist during the Vietnam War and has been an art teacher for many years.



*Brigadier G. Langley, D.S.O., E.D., B.A.
by Bruce Fletcher, 1955*

The school's connection with the Archibald is older though, as in 1932, Quentin Sutton was a finalist. Quentin (MHS 1921-1922) was an author and illustrator as well as a painter. His most notable commission are the murals in the Regent Theatre. He also illustrated a book by fellow student Laura Isobel Langlands (MHS 1918-1920), *Songs Of The Bush For Children* published in 1926.

The next was Donald Webb (MHS 1925-1926, MHS Staff 1937-1938) who was accepted as a finalist with a self-portrait in 1935. Donald also had a number of drawings published in the school magazine, including a new title page and was a noted debater. Donald taught Art at a number of High Schools, as well as at Geelong College and Wesley College. He was on the Geelong Art Gallery Association Committee 1952-1977, including time as Vice-President and Convenor. He was also Secretary, then Chairman of Victorian Public Galleries Group (later called Regional Galleries Association of Victoria 1957-1978). The self-portrait remains with the family. Peter Webb, Donald's son, provided details of his career and the photo for this article and his assistance is much appreciated.



Donald Webb - Self Portrait 1935

Centenary of the Archibald Prize - continued

In 2018 Yvette Coppersmith won the Archibald Prize with a self-portrait. Yvette is the artist of Ray Willis' (MHS Principal 1992-2004) portrait in the Memorial Hall, and also painted a portrait of Anthony Conabere (MHS Staff 1966-1969) for the Knox School, though neither was hung at the Archibald Prize.

The other Prize associated with the Art Gallery of NSW is the Wynne Prize for landscape painting. This is an older prize, founded in 1897. Donald Webb was our first finalist, in the same year as his Archibald finalist entrant, 1935. It was not until the 1958 that an old boy was again a finalist, when Bruce Fletcher was accepted, with a painting of Frankston. In 1963 Len Annois (MHS 1921-1922) who painted the frescos in the school foyer in 1956, had his first of two paintings accepted. The following year he won the Trustees Watercolour Prize. Kenneth Jack (MHS 1939-1942) also won the Trustees Watercolour Prize in 1967 and had two paintings accepted in the 1971 competition.

A full list of finalists and details is available on the Art Gallery of NSW's website:

<https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/archibald/history/archie-100/>

The following known Finalists have connections to MHS:

Archibald Prize (Year, Artist, Sitter, MHS connection in bold)

- 1932 - **Quentin Sutton** - Dr Charles Stanford Sutton, MB
- 1935 - **Donald Webb** - Self Portrait
- 1955 - **Bruce Fletcher** - Brigadier G. Langley, D.S.O., E.D., B.A.
- 1956 - **Bruce Fletcher** - Lynette
- 1956 - **Bruce Fletcher** - Mr. J. T. Tomasetti
- 1957 - **Bruce Fletcher** - Self-portrait
- 1957 - **Bruce Fletcher** - Sir Arthur Warner, M.L.C.
- 1958 - **Bruce Fletcher** - Self-portrait
- 1960 - **Bruce Fletcher** - Mr. Henry Bolte
- 1961 - **Bruce Fletcher** - David
- 1968 - Stanley Ballard - Lieutenant **Bruce Fletcher** (official war artist)

Wynne Prize (Year, Artist, Title)

- 1935 - Donald Webb - Landscape
- 1958 - Bruce Fletcher - Windy Day, Frankston
- 1963 - Len Annois - A view of Lorne
- 1964 - Len Annois - Sand dunes, Simpson Desert - Winner: Trustees' Watercolour Prize
- 1967 - Kenneth Jack - The diamantina - Winner: Trustees' Watercolour Prize
- 1971 - Kenneth Jack - Killalpaninna Mission ruins
- 1971 - Kenneth Jack - Geike Gorge

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C.J. Dennis and MHS

C.J. Dennis (Clarence Michael James Stanislaus Dennis 1876-1938) became famous during the 1910's and 1920's for his rather colloquial Australian verse. His best known is the *Songs of a Sentimental Bloke*. Brigadier George Langley's (MHS 1906-1907, Principal 1949-1956) passion for C.J. Dennis' verse is well known to those who remember the 'Brig', and indeed his own experience on the *Southland* on the voyage to Gallipoli in WWI became part of *The Moods of Ginger Mick* published in 1916.

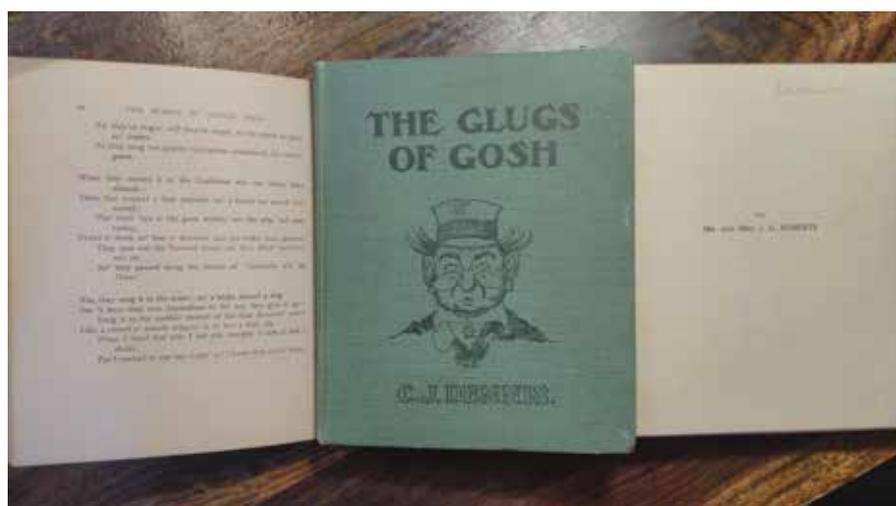
When they socked it to the Southland wiv our sunny boys aboard —
Them that stopped a dam torpeder, an' a knock-out punch was scored;
Tho' their 'ope o' life grew murky, wiv the ship 'ead over turkey,
Dread o' death an' fear o' drownin' was jist trifles they ignored.
They spat out the blarsted ocean, an' they filled 'emselves wiv air,
An' they passed along the chorus of "Australia will be There."

The Singing Soldiers, from The Moods of Ginger Mick published in 1916.

George came to know C.J. Dennis after the war, and named his first daughter Doreen "A sweeter, dearer sound I never 'eard" from the *Sentimental Bloke*.

But there is another connection between C.J. Dennis and Melbourne High School, revealed in *The Age* on 11 July 1967 following the death of Bertrand John Roberts:

INSPIRED DENNIS VERSES: The funeral of a man who inspired some of C. J. Dennis' works will be held today. Dennis wrote verses for the man, Mr. Bertrand John Roberts, while he was in hospital as a youth. The verses became part of one of Dennis's best-known works a satire entitled "The Glugs of Gosh." Mr. Robert's father, the late John G. Roberts, manager of the cable system of the former Melbourne Tramway Company, allowed Dennis to camp in an old tramway car in the garden of his holiday home Kallista. Some parts of Dennis's "Sentimental Bloke" - were inspired by "stones and incidents surrounding the Roberts." Dennis dedicated "The Sentimental Bloke" to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.



C.J. Dennis and MHS - continued

Bertrand John Roberts (MHS 1917-1921), following his father into the tramways, and was designing engineer (Mechanical & Electrical) for the Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board at Preston Workshops. Bertrand was a poet himself, with 13 poems having been published in the school magazine, as well as a drawing.

C.J. Dennis lived for a number of years in Toolangi, having first camped in the area in 1908. According to the Australian Dictionary of Biography, Bertrand's father let C.J. Dennis use an old Tramway Bus (not a tramway carriage as described above, which helps explain how it made it all the way out to the Dandenong Ranges) at his holiday house *Sunnyside* in Kallista in 1913. The following year he moved to Sydney, but he would return to Toolangi to settle. His garden there inspired his last book, *The Singing Gardens*. The Singing Gardens themselves have survived several bushfires and are usually open in Autumn and Spring to visitors.

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William Norman Meinardi's Great War Medals

On 26 June 2020 the school archives were delighted to receive a donation of a set of World War One medals, our first such donation. They relate to William Norman Meinardi, who attended the Melbourne Continuation School in 1911, the year before we were renamed Melbourne High School.

After leaving the school, he worked as a clerk, before enlisting on 21 June 1916, and embarked on the 21 October 1916 from Melbourne. He was a Private in the 3 Battalion of the Pioneers, rising to the rank of Corporal.

He was wounded on the 8 June 1917 in France, with a gunshot wound to his left hand. He re-joined his unit on the 8 November 1917, before transferring to the Australian Royal Engineer Workshops. After the armistice, he was transferred to the Australian War Records Section, where he was photographed (circled below). He returned to Australia on 4 January 1920.

He married Emilie Josephine Prender in 1933. William died on 23 August 1964, and his wife died in 1993, at the age of 99.

The school previously only had two sets of medals, both from World War Two. One is Hugh Brodie's medals donated last year, and the other being Leslie Clifton Wilkin (MHS 1937) who was killed outside Benghazi in 1941.

By Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist



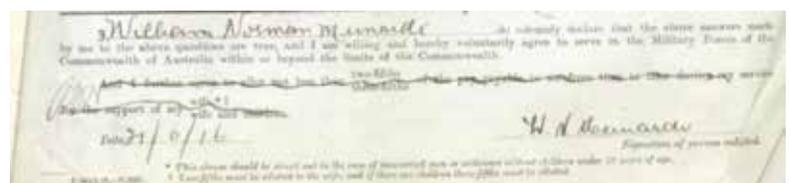
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Meinardi's Great War Medals



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History Notes from the Archives: June 2020

On Friday the 14 April 1916 a student was missing from class, but this was no ordinary wagging, as rather than going off enjoying himself, **Alan Essendon Humffray** was at the Melbourne Town Hall, enlisting to go to war. Adopting a false name of Robert James Grenville, a farm hand from Healesville, lifting his age by 1 year and 4 months and with a letter apparently from his parents giving their consent, he signed up.

The authorities though were not fooled, and quickly discovered who he actually was and cancelled his enlistment. Alan therefore waited until January 1917 when he was finally of age and he was accepted. By October 1917 he was in France, serving in the 38th Battalion which was recovering from the Battle of Passchendaele. The 38 saw action during the German offensive at Ancre, Amiens, Albert, Mont St Quentin, Hindenburg Line and the St Quentin Canal. Alan rose through the ranks to be a Sergeant. After the war he returned to Wonthaggi, where he had been a drapers assistant, presumably in his father's store.

Another old boy, Eric Charles Peverill (MHS 1916-1917) was more successful, enlisting in Adelaide on the 13 April 1917 as Edwin Arthur Shore, age 19. Once in France he did admit to his real name, but still claimed to be 19. His deception did not last long, and he was promptly returned to Australia, he had turned 16 by the time he returned.

Eric Wilfred Welch (MHS 1915-1917) was 17 when he enlisted on 21 May 1918, but claimed to be 21. Authorities were doubtful, but Eric produced a birth certificate which, apparently, showed he was 21. He did not arrive in Europe until a week after the war had ended and after his 18th birthday. Eric's career after the war was just as colourful, he was a radio and ABC announcer (the oldest known ABC recording is of Eric), but he was sacked in 1933 (he was co-respondent in a divorce case at the time).

He commented on horse racing for many years, even after he was banned from the track, which forced him to set himself up at a vantage point with powerful binoculars. He used the Pioneer Hotel in Flemington in 1934 for this, which despite the impediments of distance from the horses, and proximity to the hotel bar, he correctly called the dead heat of the St Leger's Race. Drink and gambling was often a presence in his life. After marrying Zalda Gouldston in Sydney in 1928, she wrote to the authorities to tip them off that her husband would be arriving in Australia with a different Mrs Welch. He also parted from his Rolls Royce, in 1939, when they both went off the South Wharf.

Kathleen Ross Levens (MHS 1919-1922) was a teacher at Sale High School when she and a fellow teacher tried to hike from Walhalla to Seaton in south Gippsland, through very rough country in 1931. They became lost and were found when a nearby farmer used his plane to search for them, an early use of Air Search and Rescue.

In 1933, Herbert Edward Brehaut started his own iron and brass foundry business, which is still operating today as Hebco in Vermont, run by his grandson who attended MHS 1997-2000.

Clifford Charles Duckett (MHS 1917-1920) was a final year science student, when he was found dead at his family home in Royal Park. He would often experiment with chemicals and died from potassium cyanide poisoning in January 1925. Expert medical opinion was that it was unknown if vapours could kill, the implication being that the chemical was ingested, and thus was deliberate, not accidental.

History Notes from the Archives: June 2020 - cont.

Statements were taken from various family members, none of whom identified Clifford as being melancholic (and thus grounds for suicide). The coroner returned an open verdict. But one person not mentioned, presumably because the family did not know, was Beryl Vere Owens, Clifford's wife. They had married the year before. The newspapers of the time carry no mention of either the marriage, or of her, in his death notices. She remarried in 1927.

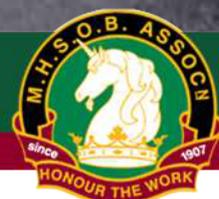
Harold Clarkson George Ellemor (MHS 1917-1918) was sued in 1928 for damages, after he failed to marry Miss Martha Walker, which he had promised to do. He had to pay 210 pounds in damages.

Gerald Holmes Ellis (MHS 1917) had an eventful day, when the Commonwealth Bank in Sandringham where he was a teller was held up. Gerald manage to fire his own pistol, which frightened off the would-be robber. It would seem most Bank Officials were armed, as several other old boys are mentioned in the news in similar circumstances.

Tributes



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Alfred 'Alf' John Keam
(23 August 1924 - 17 June 2020)

MHS 1939 - 1941

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Peter David Brereton, B.A., M.Ed.
(5 May 1930 – 15 January 2020)

MHS 1944 - 1947

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Neville Adrian Rutledge
(25 March 1925 – 9 July 2020)

MHS 1939 - 1940

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David Wilson
(18 October 1979 – 8 April 2020)

MHS 1997

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Barry Allan Guttridge
(11 September 1943 – 13 July 2020)

MHS 1960 - 1961

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Dr Brian Alexander Brigham
(25 August 1944 – 11 July 2020)

MHS 1962 - 1963

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Trevor George Penhalluriack
(13 January 1952 – 13 December 2019)

MHS 1969

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Jon Lyle Wyatt
(8 October 1935 – 9 June 2019)

MHS 1949 - 1952

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Owen Wallis Spurway, T.S.T.C. (Arts and Crafts), Dip.A.
(10 January 1941 – 5 April 2019)

MHS Staff 1973 - 1974

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Michael E Humphries – BA LLB B Ed M Ed Grad Dip Lib
(10 April 1946 – 28 April 2020)

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