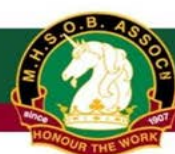




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From the President

Hello Gentlemen

We hope you are well.



To Old Boys based in Melbourne our thoughts are with you and your families during this most challenging time. We know those further afield are likely experiencing the adverse impacts of COVID-19 and hope you are bearing up wherever you may be.

As Year 11 and 12 students return to School in Term 4, we wish them, teachers and staff well. In particular we wish VCE students all the best with their end of year exams after an extraordinary final year of school.

In this edition we are delighted to share the newly launched **MHSOBA Business Directory**. Designed by Old Boys for Old Boys, for the first time you can connect with each other and the wider MHS community to do business together. We invite you to visit www.mhsoba.asn.au/directory for details and take out a Listing today.



We are also pleased to bring you updates from the MHSOBA Scholarship Committee; the GM&B; the MHS Foundation; and the unstoppable Men for All Seasons.

From the President (con't)

Honorary School Archivist Luke Savage shares a number of MHS jewels with us in "History Notes." These are followed by "Radio Days", "School Plays from the Past" and an intriguing account of former MHS student "Lila Isobel Madden" who attended the School in 1917.

With an encyclopaedic knowledge of the history of MHS, we thank Luke for his dedication to maintaining and preserving the School's collection of artefacts, uniforms, publications, images and records.

During these challenging and uncertain times, we encourage Old Boys to stay connected, support each other and keep well.

Honour The Work



Peter Stathopoulos
President
MHSOBA Inc.

COVID-19 Update

MHSOBA Reunions, Social & Professional Events

In keeping with State Government, DHHS and DET mandates, all MHSOBA and affiliate club events have been cancelled this year. This includes Reunions (12), our Annual Gala Dinner, AFL Finals Luncheon and Professional Networking events.

Over recent months we have discussed the best approach to holding Reunions for Old Boys who would have – and have been unable to – celebrate their Reunion this year. While a number of options have been discussed, it is impossible to plan at this time. With greater clarity from government, around social gatherings, we will advise how these events will be celebrated as soon as we can.

As we gradually return to hosting events in 2021, users of The Unicorn Club will see a new range of requisite protocols.

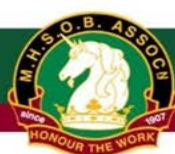
These will include mandatory guest management and registration; hand sanitising and wearing of face masks; physical distancing requirements; contactless food and beverage service; EFT (no cash) service; maximum number of guests permitted in the venue along with linen, food and deep cleaning protocols.

As ever, our focus is to ensure the comfort and safety of our guests, team and our suppliers in the delivery of events.

MHSOBA Student Vocational Seminars

MHSOBA warmly welcomes Bill Theodoropoulos as Careers Coordinator to MHS. We look forward to working with Bill, particularly with regard to our Vocational Seminar program.

Each year MHSOBA holds a series of Vocational Seminars for MHS students. Delivered by recently graduated Old Boys, the purpose of the Seminars is to give current students insight into particular professions, tertiary studies, life beyond MHS, internships and industry trends from their peers.



COVID-19 Update (con't)



*MHSOBA Student Vocational Engineering Seminar 2019
Presented by Deniz Atakan, MHS Class of 2013*

Open to all students and usually held during lunchtime in The Unicorn Club, in Term 4 we propose holding Medicine, Law, Commerce, Engineering and Music seminars online.

A Vocational Seminar program schedule will be released shortly, with recorded Seminars available to VCE students to review following their exams.

MHSOBA Office

In line with State Government and DET mandates, the MHSOBA team continue to work remotely and the office is closed. A reminder the best way to contact us during this time is via email: administrator@mhsoba.asn.au Please note our team work part-time and will respond to your enquiry as soon as possible.

MHSOBA Memberships

Given the above, our team are unable to process and send MHSOBA Membership welcome packs and cards. We apologise for the delay under the circumstances and appreciate your patience. Upon returning to the office, these will be processed as a matter of priority.

By Old Boys, for Old Boys.

Introducing the MHSOBA Business Directory.



MHSOBA is delighted to present our highly anticipated Business Directory.

Months in the making, the Directory is a bespoke online platform that enables Old Boys to find each other and work together. It also connects Old Boys with the greater MHS community.

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

A valuable lead generating, networking and marketing tool, subscriptions are tax deductible and cost-effective. Join our league of professional Old Boys and List yourself or your business. [Visit the Directory](#), [Search the Directory](#) or [Join the Directory](#) today.

MHSOBA Scholarship Update



*Dr. Peter Douros - MHS 1984
Chair Scholarship Sub-Committee*

In support of Old Boys at school or university, one of our key commitments is our annual Scholarship Program.

This year we offered seven Scholarships, each with a focus on a particular discipline(s). Given the disruptive impact of COVID-19, the date for submissions was extended, resulting in a healthy number of applications. Scholarships will be awarded, and successful applicants advised at the end of October 2020.

In 2020 we are pleased to welcome The Webber Family Scholarship. We warmly thank Old Boys and families for their generous and ongoing support. If you would like to contribute and be part of this program, please contact peter.douros@mhsoba.asn.au

The Bluey Truscott Scholarship

Awarded to: The Bluey Truscott Scholarship is awarded to two Year 10 students who display all-round excellence in five areas: leadership; co-curricular involvement; sport; academic endeavour and results; and general school community involvement.

Sponsored by: MHSOBA Inc.

The John Ly (Nguyen) Scholarship

Awarded to: A current MHS Year 12 student studying science-based subjects.

Sponsored by: John Ly (Nguyen) MHS 1999 to 2002 graduated on the Honours Roll Board achieving an ATAR of 99.50 and studied a Bachelor of Pharmacy and Commerce at Monash University.

The Mahoney Family Scholarship

Awarded to: An MHS Old Boy pursuing a degree in Education at an undergraduate or postgraduate level in any recognised Australian university.

Sponsored by: Jan and Darrell Mahoney, parents of Ben Mahoney who was a student at Melbourne High School between 1988 and 1991.

MHSOBA Scholarship Update (con't)

The Speros Beasley Scholarship

Awarded to: An MHS Old Boy who is studying an undergraduate studying Commerce or Business at an Australian university.

Sponsored by: The Beasley Family in memory of Speros who arrived at MHS in 1978 from Camberwell High School having gained special entry into Form 4.

The Verma Family Scholarship

Awarded to: An MHS Old Boy who is studying second year and above in a health-related science degree at any recognised Australian university.

Sponsored by: Abhishek, Amit and Ajai Verma all attended Melbourne High School. The three brothers all achieved high scores whilst at Melbourne High School, enabling them to gain entrance into medical school.

The Lambis Englezos Scholarship

Awarded to: An MHS Old Boy currently undertaking undergraduate studies in any area of study with relevance to current or past Australian-French relations.

Sponsored by: Lambis Englezos, MHS 1971 who - through research and persistence – has provided final recognition and dignity to fallen Australian soldiers killed on the Western Front on July 19, 1916 at Fromelles, a small village in northern France.

The Webber Family Scholarship

Awarded to: An MHS Old Boy pursuing a degree in Engineering & Computer Science or a STEM related degree at an undergraduate level in any recognised Australian university

Sponsored by: Greg Webber commenced at MHS in 1991. This scholarship is offered in the egalitarian spirit of the school, of lifelong learning, growth, contribution and a life less ordinary, wherever that journey leads.



GM&B Update



Daryl Brooks, Patron-in-Chief

It has been a busy period for the GM&B Patrons' Club Executive in recent times, despite not being able to meet with our members in the usual Forum context due to Covid19 restrictions.

GM&B members have been invited to participate in an online 2020 October Zoom Meeting format, at which reports will be presented by program leaders on their endeavours this year, including the planning that is underway for 2021.

Members who registered their desire to attend will have received a weblink to attend the meeting, and been offered an opportunity to post questions on current matters of importance. It is scheduled to commence Tuesday 27th October at 7.00pm sharp. We hope to reacquaint with all familiar faces, and introduce some fresh faces as well.

Our team of dynamic Group Leaders from the Covid19-interrupted Junior Leadership Program was determined to ensure that the remaining sessions could be offered to the 100+ Yr10 Melbourne High and MacRob students by remote online delivery. Hats off to GM&B Program Leader Wayne Chow, Assistant Principal, Pelissa Tsilimidis, IT Wes Stanczyk and MacRob's Marina McAlpine, Palladians' President Sally Ng and all Palladian group leaders involved in this year's bold program.

Innovative solutions were found to meet all challenges, and the program culminated with an enthralling webinar in which the same three alumni speakers who spoke at the Symposium last year returned to receive questions and reflections on the themes presented from their keen and curious students.

Our thanks again to our special panel comprising Julia Cornwall McKean, Ben Volkering and Lt Col Pingham Chua for their inspiring contributions. The program was duly nominated for a City of Melbourne special award to recognise the work of JLP2020 and its new virtual delivery mode that was initiated in response to the COVID19 lockdown.

GM&B Update (con't)

The Mentoring Program was also severely affected by the interruptions to school life this year. Planning has already commenced for 2021 with a campaign for new mentors to be launched in Term 4. The valued contributions of mentors will be even more appreciated in these times of growing uncertainty and difficulty that awaits all students in the near future.

Health and well-being, optimism, resilience and agility will be major considerations that will support their academic and professional aspirations, as new connections are facilitated for senior students in 2021. Not surprisingly, the themes of innovation and entrepreneurship are also attracting significant attention at present, and the GM&B is looking forward to further aligning its efforts with the school and key alumni stakeholders towards the trialling of timely initiatives in entrepreneurship in the new school year.

Also in an adaptive vein, our Heritage program that is headed up by Luke Savage is currently researching new technologies that could showcase the extensive digital resources that have become available in recent times thanks to great dedication, and much patience and perseverance. It is hoped that key themes of heritage value could be presented in future through a digital production platform that could be accessed remotely on demand. At this stage the potential scope of the project, the technical needs and the specialist expertise required is being assessed. Exciting developments indeed.

In the meantime, we look forward eagerly to our virtual gathering opportunity that is soon to appear on the calendar.

Healthy regards. Stay safe and well.

Daryl Brooks (MHS Class of 1970)
Patron-in-Chief
Green, Maroon & Black Patrons' Club



GM&B
PATRONS CLUB



Men for All Seasons Update

Summer – Christmas Lunch 2020

COVID-safe Plan

For Xmas MFAS 2020 a few changes will enable our event to be held at The Unicorn Club. This includes EFT only bar (no cash) and other safety approaches.

Where

The President's Bar & Dining Room
The Unicorn Club
Melbourne High School
Corner Yarra & Claremont Streets, South Yarra



Time

Bar from 1:00pm
Lunch at 1:30pm

Menu

Greek Feast

Drinks

At Old Boy Bar Prices – card/tap/contactless payment please (no cash bar payments)

Cost

\$75 per person – cash on the day thanks

All proceeds to MFAS Charity.

[Visit the MFAS Facebook page here](#)

Madder Lake: 50 Year Anniversary CD Giveaway

In our July Newsletter, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of legendary psychedelic Melbourne band “Madder Lake.” Co-founders and Old Boys Brenden Mason and Kerry McKenna have generously donated five signed copies of their double anniversary CD “The Live Adventures of Madder Lake” to five Old Boys who joined MHSOBA since July.



“And the winners are...” (drum roll...)

1. Adrian Cole MHS 1965
2. Hamza Kashif MHS 2018
3. Zev Barr MHS 1969
4. Chris Feretopoulos MHS 1986
5. Arthur Leontraris MHS 1987

Congratulations and a warm welcome to our MHSOBA members and CD winners. Your prize will be sent to you by mail shortly. Enjoy!

For those of you interested in purchasing a copy of the limited-edition “Live Adventures of Madder Lake”, [click here](#).

R U OK? Day 2020



Thursday 10 September marked national **R U OK? Day**.

With the impacts of COVID-19 continuing to present challenges and change our lives, we encourage Old Boys to take a moment to ask a relative, colleague, friend or fellow Old Boy “R U OK?”

R U OK says:

“Got a feeling someone you know or care about isn’t behaving as they normally would? Perhaps they seem out of sorts? More agitated or withdrawn? Or they’re just not themselves. Trust that gut instinct and act on it. Learn more about [the signs](#) and when it’s time to ask R U OK?”

Whether at work, school, university or home, you can find comprehensive and practical resources at www.ruok.org.au or follow the links below.

- [How to ask “R U OK?”](#)
- [Help and Support](#)
- [Everyday Resources](#)

Remember, a conversation could change a life.

History Notes

Dedman Walking

Ivo Alfred Gibson (MHS 1918) was secretary of the Liberal Party Branch in Geelong (the seat of Corio) and was sued for defamation by the Labor Member, Mr Dedman, for 10,000 pounds (later doubled), due to an ad he authorised, which claimed Mr Dedman would create a socialist state, not allowing working men to own their own home. Dedman lost his seat at the next election before the hearing and the case after it. Ivo was also Secretary of the Geelong Cricket and Football Club from 1940-1955.

An Accidental Meeting

Dr Roy Nettleton (MHS 1918-1920) was driving on the Princes Highway beyond Orbost in 1934 when he collided with another vehicle. As the two drivers alighted, an altercation was imminent when Roy recognised the other driver as Mr Bunting, a member of the Papuan Legislative Council, who he knew when he was Government Medical Officer in New Guinea. Roy towed his re-discovered friend's car back to Orbost for repairs.

CJ Dennis

In the last newsletter I wrote an article about CJ Dennis. Another connection has arisen, Edna Amy Morcom started in the 1932 film of *The Sentimental Bloke* (previously filmed in 1919, the 1932 was the first talkie version), in the minor roles of Artie and Effie. Edna was a student at the school in 1919 and performed in a number of radio plays in the 1920's and 1930's before she married in 1936.

Unlucky Tram

Jessie Eleanor Emms MHS 1921 when waiting for a tram outside St Pauls on 3 May 1926, had her purse picked from her handbag. The thief though had no use for Ms Emms' 1st Class ticket to Sydney (by train of course), and so dropped them in the Tourist Bureau letter box, where they were returned to Ms Emms in time for her holiday.

Archibald / Wynne Prizes

A further Archibald Prize and Wynne Prize MHS connection has turned up. Arthur Thomas Challen MHS 1925-1926 was a finalist in the Archibald Prize in 1936 with portraits of Edward Best, Esq. and of Mrs G. D. Kelly, in 1937 of Sir E Cunningham and 1952 with a self-portrait. He also was a finalist for the Wynne Prize with his painting *Barrier Reef* in 1952.

History Notes (con't)

Sound Cover

Reginald Ralph Pilkington MHS 1920 (below) like a number of MHS students completed the medical course at Melbourne University, though he took longer than most, not finishing until 1937 when he was 32.



The delay was caused though not from any problems with studies, but rather due to various criminal escapades, including as a child, escaping from custody, larceny, Robbery Under Arms and lastly blowing a safe at a railway station in Queensland (sentenced to 4 years imprisonment in 1925).

He did show some Melbourne High ingenuity, as when blowing the safe, he waited for a passing express train to help deaden the sound though this was insufficient, and he was caught.

History Notes (con't)

Poacher Turned Gamekeeper?

A contemporary of Reginald, Nathan Wynne MHS 1920 (below), also had a long criminal history (larceny, unlawful assault, fraud) and managed to add 10 years to his age.



He was released from prison in May 1939 and joined the army 6 months later (though not before his wife divorced him for desertion). He saw service in the Middle East and New Guinea, in the Provost Corps (military police), though he was court martialled several times for minor offences. He was back before the criminal courts in 1948, though the papers did not report the charges. He died on Remembrance Day in 1965.

Keeping it in the Family

We often hear of children following their parents' careers, but for the Mason family, the siblings followed each other.

The two boys both joined the E.S. & A. Bank, Arthur Ernest MHS 1924-1925 and Donald Sydney MHS 1926-1928. The two girls became pharmacists, Lilian May MHS 1920-1923 in Launceston and Phyllis Estelle MHS 1923-1925 in Orbost.

For the Stanton twins (Roy Alan Julian Stanton MHS 1929-1932 and Gordon Victor Stanton MHS 1929-1932) they both studied medicine and were doctors in Perth.

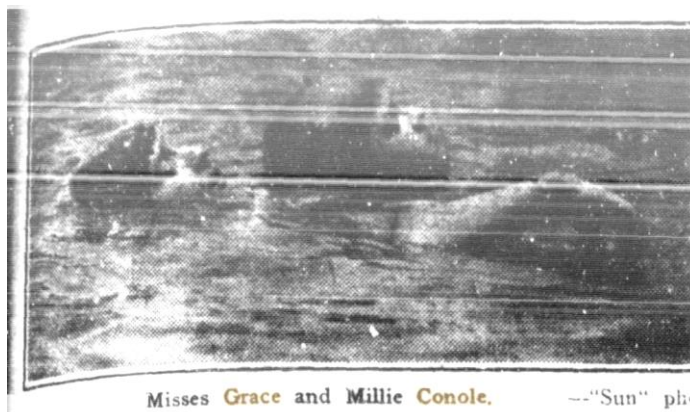
History Notes (con't)

Making Waves

Grace Eliza Conole MHS 1921-1922 was nearly the youngest Royal Life Saving Society Diploma winner in 1924 at 17, but she didn't pass. Instead she was successful the following year. Her younger sister, Amelia Christina Conole MHS 1923 assisted by being rescued.

Active at the South Port/Albert Park Life Saving Club, she competed and coached swimming for a number of years. In 1947 she taught 338 school pupils swimming in the summer campaign.

She completed her Diploma of Physical Education and both a teacher with the Victorian Education Department and an instructor at Melbourne University.



Left: Grace Conole diving at the Richmond Baths where she underwent a test for the Royal Life Saving Diploma, The Herald
Above: Misses Grace and Millie Conole, The Sun

History Notes (con't)

Eager to Enlist

On 30 January 1937, Frederick John Wridgway MHS 1921-1922 another pilot were in a Blackburn-Bluebird Biplane that went into a spin and crashed. They both survived the impact but died shortly afterwards.

Reports suggest that this was a not uncommon event with this model of plane. His death did not stop him serving in WWII, when he appropriately enlisted with the R.A.A.F.. Presumably this was his elder brother, who would have known his details and had access to his birth certificate and wanted to drop his age to be able to enlist.

This is not the only known instance. Monty Super MHS 1933-1937 was struck and killed by a car whilst at a tram stop on St Kilda Road in 1939. He enlisted in the Army, though it was actually his younger brother Albert Benzion Super MHS 1935-1939 who was only 17 but used his brother's identity (with an added year to Monty's age) to enlist.

A Different View

An interesting element of the World War Two Dossiers held by the National Archives of Australia are the photos on file. Whilst most are the formal front and side on photos, it would appear that enlisting service personal would provide their own photo.

Thus we have a photo of Keith Henry Cottman in his garden with his dog. Usually these photos are only in family collections, and so rarely accessible to the public. Keith attended MHS 1925-1927 and was an Accountant with I.C.I. for many years. He was a Pilot Officer in the R.A.A.F. Reserve in 1940. Alan Edward Claud Hughes MHS 1925 provided not just one, but three variations for his formal enlistment photo.



Left: Keith Henry Cottman Above: Edward Claud Hughes

History Notes (con't)

Early Notice

Lyndley Dawson Craven MHS 1926-1927 joined the R.A.A.F. and he was engaged to W.A.A.A.F. (Women's Auxiliary RAAF) Constance Elizabeth "Betty" Serrell before he departed to Africa for further training.

Part of Betty's duties was to decode incoming signals, one of which was notification to R.A.A.F. HQ in Melbourne of Lyndley's death in a flying accident in Kenya on 13 July 1942.

A similar occurrence occurred when Austin George Durst MHS 1929-1931 was ferrying a new Catalina Flying Boat from Hawaii to Australia. His plane disappeared after it last reported in 120 miles East North East of New Caledonia on 4 February 1944.

Two years previous he had married Kathleen Georgina Wilson, and her sister was in the R.A.A.F. in the signals area, and thus received news of Austin's disappearance.

Back to the Castle on the Hill

In 1948 Jack William Osborne charged with thefts from both Melbourne High School and Mac.Rob. It was an inside job though, as he was a student MHS 1935-1936.

Luke Savage

Honorary School Archivist

School Plays from the Past

Term three would usually be the time for the school play, something not possible in this year of COVID-19. Fortuitously two images of plays from brighter years have recently arrived, both from the pre-Opera era when plays were the main theatrical event. Today there is a musical early in the year, still referred to as an Opera as when they started in 1960 they would usually be a Savoy Opera.

The play would usually be in August and the records in the archives has 1957 as the first year when one major play was performed (See How They Run) rather than several shorter plays. The CJ Breen Memorial House Competition had both a musical and a drama component, with each house performing a one act play, which continued until about the 1970's.



The picture above is from 1938 showing the cast and set of *The Pied Piper*. The set was made of paper painted by teacher Don Webb in bright colours and was described as elaborate. The Pied Piper and his drummer have covered the highlight of the set, described in *The Unicorn* as:

“The central arch opened on a red stone quay, behind which was the Weser, a beautiful sky-blue colour. The river was crowded with fishing smacks with multi-coloured sails, and green hills rose on its opposite bank.”

School Plays from the Past (con't)

The Pied Piper was unable to combine acting and musical abilities, so an off-stage flautist was used. Don's son sent through the photo (see also the previous Newsletter for an article about his Archibald Prize entry).

The image to the right is from 1952 of the Moliere play, *The Would-Be Highbrows*.

This was part of the Drama nights run by Eric Meehan, of three plays and three musical numbers by the School Orchestra. Moliere was a favourite with performances of his plays *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* and *L'Avare* in 1925 and 1926. The closing event was very traditional, but with a major change, when *God Save the Queen* was played.

Both images follow the Elizabethan tradition of only male actors, including for the female roles, a tradition kept up for many years until joint productions with a girls' school started.

We look forward to the return of the School Play next year.

Luke Savage
Honorary School Archivist



The Would-Be Highbrows, 1952

Left to Right: Robert Molnar, Philip Avard, Lyle Smith, Ian MacDonald, Alan Gregory, Stuart Blackler, Roy Day, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown

The small boy in front is Ian Sullivan.

Lila Isobel Madden

The Archives have received a generous offer to donate Lila Isobel Madden's school badge on the Centenary of her finishing at MHS. Her grandson, Bradley Fenner, who is now Principal of Prince Alfred College in Adelaide has offered the badge, along with details of his grand-mother and scans of two family photos.



Lila's hat badge.

Lila was born in Heathcote in 1903 and start at Melbourne High School in 1917. In 1920 after completing her Leaving Certificate, she joined the Department of Education as a teacher, a career she followed for 44 years.

Whilst at school she played Tennis, including a trip to Ballarat, where MHS defeated Ballarat High School 44 to 33 games. She also a photographer, with her photo of the Goulburn Weir published in Ours in July 1920.

Lila Isobel Madden (con't)

Her first teaching post was to Glendaruel State School, about 10 kilometres southwest of Clunes in central Victoria. In 1928 she married a local farmer, James (Jim) Stewart Branigan of 'The Pines', now 'Beckworth Retreat'. They had three children, Henry (Harry) James 1929-77, Lynette (Bradley's mother) 1930-2015 and Rodney Stewart 1933-.



With her two older children, Bradley's mother Lyn at left and Harry, in 1930

She taught locally for many years to supplement farm income and in her later years, after Jim's death in 1960 she divided her time between the farm and a holiday house in Torquay. She died in Clunes on the 8 September 1986.

Lila and Jim's farm is now Beckworth Retreat, with accommodation for hire, with one of the cottages named after Lila.

Lila Isobel Madden (con't)

“Lila was a capable, wise, gregarious, good-humoured woman, with strong opinions, who enjoyed her role as matriarch of the family.”
Bradley Fenner



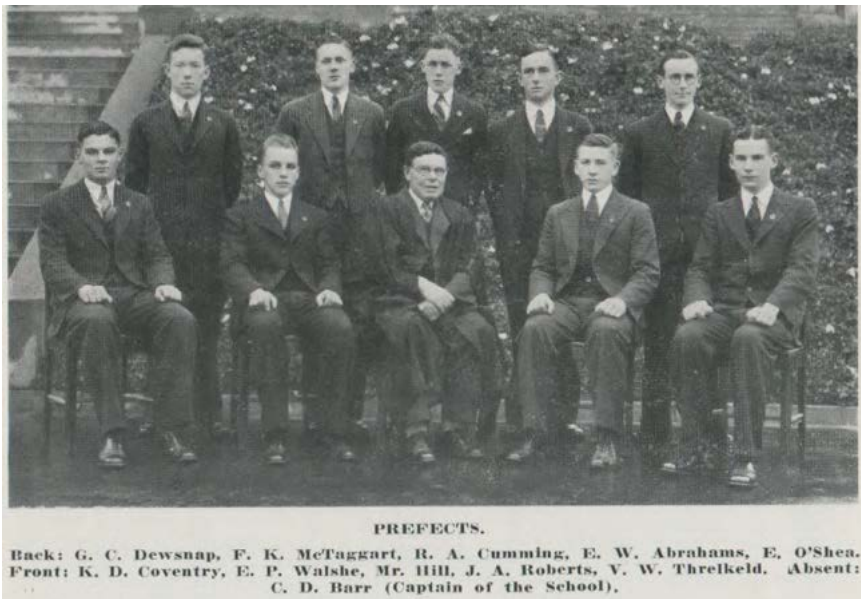
Lila (wearing glasses); with husband Jim (with hat); their three children at left including Bradley's mother Lyn; and a cousin from Melbourne with her daughter; taken at the farm.

Glendaruel State School has another MHS connection, as William Lindsay Rutherford D'Arcy MHS 1925-1928 was teaching there when he enlisted with the R.A.A.F. in 1942.

Luke Savage
Honorary School Archivist

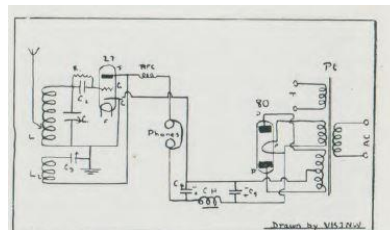
Radio Days

The Stonnington History Collection recently received a donation of an Amateur Radio Licence that was issued to Frederick Kenneth McTaggart in 1949. Ken as he was known, was a student at Melbourne High School from 1931-1936, where he was involved with the Orchestra, and was its leader in 1934. He was also a Prefect in 1935 and in the Forrest House Debating Team.



Above: Prefect Ken McTaggart – 2nd from left, back row

Right: Diagram and specification for "The M.H.S. Twin" radio set.



"THE M.H.S. TWIN."

A cheap and economical set for headphone use. Parts required:

L1—90 turns of 28 Dec on 1½" diam former tapped as shown.

L2—50 turns of 28 Dec. ¼" from L wound in same direction.

C1—.0005 variable condenser.

C2—.00025 fixed cond.

C3—13 plate midger variable cond.

C4 and C5—8 mfd electrolytics.

R1—3 megohm grid leak.

Pt—Power transformer 250-0-250, 50-2 amps, 25-8 amps.

R F C—Radio frequency choke.

C H—30 Henry choke—or primary of old audio transformer.

1 UX valve socket, 1 UY valve socket.

1 227 valve, 1 270 valve.

Nuts, Bolts, Screws, Wire, etc.

The set is intended primarily for headphone reception, under which conditions good results are obtained. On strong stations loud-speaker strength can be expected. Its chief features are simplicity, cheapness, and economy. A second valve, enabling excellent speaker strength to be obtained, is easily added.

The whole can be built on to an aluminium chassis. Note that all filaments leads must be made with twisted flex. F on the power transformer is connected with F on the 27 valve. Note also that the outside case of an electrolytic condenser must be connected to earth. If any trouble is experienced when building the set, the writer will be very pleased to offer help.

—VK3NSW.

His interest in Radio was noticeable in his involvement in the Wireless Club, of which he was Vice-President. He designed a simple self-build radio set, which he called the "MHS Twin" and signed off with his call sign, VK3NSW, the same as his licence held by Stonnington History Centre.

After leaving MHS, Ken completed his Doctor of Science and worked for the C.S.I.R.O. Ken died in 2004.

Radio Days (con't)

Another former student interested in radio was Otto Holst MHS 1922-1924, who received his first licence (call sign VK3BY) at the end of WWI, before coming to MHS.

To improve his radio transmissions, Otto erected a 105-foot Douglas Fir Radio Mast in 1930 in his parent's back garden at 27 Bambra Road, which was still standing at the time of Otto's death in 1967.

Otto and his brother installed the Herald Newspaper's Radio Station (3DB) system, connecting various entertainment venues in the city, with the Herald Building, and to their Transmitter at Ashburton.

In 1931 he also installed the Melbourne Town Hall Public Address System, of which much use was made by the school over the years with various Speech Night's and other events. Otto continued to maintain and operate it until his death.

Another old boy with an interest in radio was Alvin Clive Thornton MHS 1923-1924, though his interest had less fortunate consequences, when he was convicted of using wireless equipment without a Broadcasting licence in 1933 in Adelaide for which he was fined £2.10

Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist

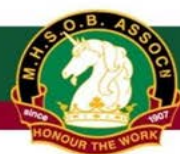
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Tributes



Dr. John Doric Aldous D.C.
26 April 1933 – 20 July 2020
MHS 1947 – 1948

For more information about John, [click here](#)



Robert Charles Briginshaw
29 May 1946 – 1 February 2020
MHS 1960-1962

For more information about Robert, [click here](#)



Sonny Chua
2 November 1967 – 9 September 2020
MHS Staff 2002-2007

For more information about Sonny, [click here](#)



Eric Louis Ellwood, M.For.Sc., Ph.D.
8 September 1922 – 27 May 2020
MHS 1937-1939

For more information about Eric, [click here](#)

Tributes (con't)



Peter Hans Frank, B.Ap.Sc.

16 January 1936 – 11 August 2020

MHS 1949-1952

For more information about Peter, [click here](#)



John Eric Greaves

31 May 1934 – September 2020

MHS 1947-1951

For more information about John, [click here](#)



Dr Charles Meyer,

M.A., Dip.Ed., G.Dip.E.S.L., Ph.D.

22 February 1938 – 28 July 2020

MHS 1951-1954

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Peter George Starkie

21 August 1948 – 13 September 2020

MHS 1965 -1966

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John Evans Teasdale, B.Sc.

5 March 1931 – 14 August 2020

MHS 1948

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Richard "Dick" John Terrens

12 June 1966 – 29 August 2020

MHS 1980 – 1983

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William Robert "Bill" Walker, B.A., Dip.Phys.Ed., B.Ed.

6 June 1930 – 24 August 2020

MHS 1944 -1948

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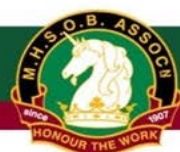
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