



NEWSLETTER
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From the President



Hello Gentlemen

We're pleased to bring you the first MHSOBA Newsletter of 2021.

In this issue, we congratulate distinguished Old Boys who received **Australia Day Honours**. With the sad passing of **Michael Gudinski AM**, we remember his extraordinary achievements and reflect on Old Boys who have also been recognised with **State Funerals**.

Following the closure of the MHSOBA in March last year, we were delighted to return to site in February. With this and the easing of COVID restrictions, we are reviewing our approach to **2021 Reunions, Annual Dinner, Student Vocational Seminars and Appreciation Evening**. Details will be posted to our website and through social media channels shortly.

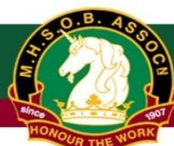
We warmly welcome **new Members to MHSOBA**. Last year's office closure resulted in a regrettable and unavoidable delay in processing Memberships. We are now addressing this and appreciate your patience under challenging circumstances.

The **MHSOBA Scholarship Program** continues to grow with new sponsors joining in this year. We acknowledge their support and that of Old Boys and their families who make a significant contribution to current MHS students and Old Boys undertaking tertiary studies.

Principal Dr Anthony Mordini shares his thoughts around Term 1 at MHS; community engagement; the 2027 centenary of MHS at Forrest Hill; and the importance of alumni.

Bluey Truscott Scholar and last year's School Captain **Shayan Soroush** farewells retired Principal Jeremy Ludowkye on behalf of the Class of 2020.

The **GM&B** bring us up to date with their **Mentoring and Junior Leadership Programs**. Congratulations to the JLP team for receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Melbourne.



From the President (con't)

The **Men For All Seasons (MFAS)** celebrated their first lunch of the year at Coopers Inn, Melbourne and reflect on their convivial gathering.

As is usual, we hear from **Honorary School Archivist Luke Savage** and **School Historian Dr Alan Gregory** who bring us fascinating History Notes and Tributes to Old Boys who have passed.

We appreciate the contribution “Memories of Melbourne High” from Russell Lansbury AO, Emeritus Professor of Industrial Relations, The University of Sydney, MHS 1959 – 1962.

We bring you updates from the **MHSOB Cricket** and **Hockey Clubs**. The **Football Club** has kicked off the 2021 season with its Coterie Dinner in The Unicorn Club and played their first home game on Saturday 17 April. Congratulations on an emphatic victory!

A reminder to take a look at the **MHSOBA Business Directory**. Designed by Old Boys for Old Boys, this is a great networking tool that supports B2B and B2C opportunities. Subscriptions are modest and tax deductible – we invite you to [join the Directory](#) today.

Finally, if your **Membership** has lapsed we encourage you to [renew your membership](#). Your vital contribution allows us to deliver Reunions, Annual Dinner, Scholarships, Student Vocational Seminars, VCE Exam Preparation Seminars, quarterly Newsletter, ongoing updates and financial assistance to students in need.

Please join us in supporting - and giving back to – fellow Old Boys and the wider MHS community.

Honour The Work



Peter Stathopoulos
President, MHSOBA Inc.

Events Update

MHSOBA Reunions and Events

Our Members and the Old Boy community keenly felt the impact of COVID-19 last year.

Happily, we were able to deliver our Student Vocational Seminars, VCE Exam Preparation Seminars and Appreciation Evening online.

All other events were cancelled including our Annual Dinner, AFL Finals Luncheon, networking evenings and Reunions for Classes of 2019, 2015, 2010, 2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1970 and Golden Years.

As MHS has now granted permission for MHSOBA to return to site, we have reopened The Unicorn Club and are reviewing our event calendar for 2021.

Reunions

With dates to be confirmed, this year's Reunions will be delivered in Terms 3 and 4 for Classes of 2020, 2016, 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1981, 1971 and Golden Years.

We are reviewing delivery of flagship Reunions from 2020, particularly 5, 10, 20, 40 and 50-year gatherings. More details regarding these events will follow shortly.

Annual Dinner

Usually held in May, this year's Dinner will likely be held in October following the end of the football season. As usual, we will present an exceptional speaker in a first-class venue. Full details will be released in Term 3.

Events Update (con't)



THE UNICORN CLUB

The Unicorn Club

In accordance with our COVIDSafe Plan, The Unicorn Club now accommodates a maximum of 60 guests. While government mandates around COVID-19 have eased, our event guidelines include:

- event bookings (essential) and mandatory guest registration
- provision of hand sanitising stations
- physical distancing indoors and outdoors
- contactless food and beverage service
- EFT service only (no cash)
- linen, food and deep cleaning protocols

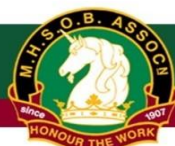
We are delighted to welcome Old Boys, affiliate clubs, clients and our hospitality team back to The Unicorn Club.

MHSOBA Office

Our part-time team has returned to the MHSOBA office on Wednesdays between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Should you wish to contact the team, please email administrator@mhsoba.asn.au

MHSOBA Memberships

Welcome Packs (copy of Strong Like Its Pillars and set of Kenneth Jack MHS prints) for new Student Members can be collected from the MHSOBA office on Wednesdays between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Please ensure your Membership is fully paid prior to collecting your Pack.



Principal's Report – Dr Anthony Mordini



A reflection on Term 1

Dear members of the Melbourne High School Old Boys' Community,

My first 10 weeks in the role have been primarily focused on acquainting myself with the school community, understanding its needs, and beginning to shape the next stage of its development. As I have embarked upon my new role, I have found that Melbourne High School is a complex entity with many stakeholders keen to play their part and contribute to the growth and development of the school. We are well-placed therefore, to establish new resources, academic programs, and partnerships.

What have been my experience thus far?

The community has warmly welcomed me, and I have felt that the ideas I am developing in collaboration with staff, students, families, alumni, and external stakeholders have been well-received. I feel there is a real love for the heritage of the school, while at the same time there is a passion and desire to explore more innovative and broader educational programs; develop more flexible use of facilities and resources; and expand our partnerships, scope, and influence with other educational providers locally and internationally.

MHS is a multi-faceted community. How have I engaged with the many audiences and stakeholders?

Communicating with such a variety of stakeholders has required adopting a range of strategies. For some of our older members, hard copy is the preferred method of communication and I intend to continue using this as one of our vehicles of communication.

There have been many formal and informal meetings with affiliates and Old Boys. There have been lots (and lots) of meetings including School Council, School Council committees, P&F, staff, school leadership, Department of Education and Training and meetings with other education providers such Kangan Institute and the University of Melbourne where we have established educational partnerships.



Principal's Report – Dr Anthony Mordini

With the current students, I have focused more on web-based methods including MS Teams, videocasts and social media. This is their preferred mode of interaction.

OURS, our weekly newsletter is sent out electronically each week to provide a summary of the week's activities and highlight issues that are of interest or front of mind.

In 2027 MHS will celebrate 100 years at Forrest Hill. What are some of my short-, medium- and long-term goals leading up to this historic event?

Although 6 years away, 2027 is within my sights and a focus for several my current and future projects. In the short-term, I will be developing a Master Plan that can identify areas of the school that need repairs and maintenance.

I want to ensure that the 1927 building is restored to its former glory. This is a piece of Australian history. The Master Plan will also identify other buildings such as the R Building, a unique Mid-Century building requiring a 'make over', and the construction of other buildings that will provide the learning spaces for future programs.

Mid-term, I will be working with the Heritage Committee to plan and take a lead role in the 2027 celebrations. With the assistance of the MHSOBA, the Foundation and other groups, I want to develop a permanent and publicly accessible display of the school's history.

Long-term, I want to ensure we have a suite of facilities and programs that celebrate the past but also provide a shining example of contemporary education.

Principal's Report – Dr Anthony Mordini

As custodians and supporters of the MHS alumni, how might MHSOBA further engage with its Members and broader community?

The MHSOBA will play a critical role in my future planning. So too, the other affiliates, stakeholders, and partners. Their in-kind and financial support will help shape the vision and enable the projects to come to fruition.

To graduated Old Boys, what advice can I propose regarding your enduring connection with MHS?

You are so important to the ongoing success of the school. I encourage you to reach out and look for ways to be involved. Become a part of one of the affiliated groups such as the MHSOBA or just contact me and we can explore ways in which your talents, skills and interests can be deployed.

Honour The Work

Australia Day Honours

Brigadier David John Kelly, C.S.C., D.S.M. MHS 1987-1990

David was a member of the School Cross Country Team, Athletics Team and a Cadet Under Officer. He has been Commander of the 1st Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery.

Awarded Distinguished Service Medal, Australia Day 2021, for distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Chief of Operations for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Operation RESOLUTE SUPPORT, Afghanistan from December 2018 to December 2019.



Allan Ernest Williams, A.M. MHS 1954-1956

Allan joined the Commonwealth Public Service in 1958 in the Taxation Branch though later became an Accountant.

Awarded Member of the Order of Australia, Australia Day 2021, for significant service to business tourism, and to the community.

Australia Day Honours (con't)

**Henry "Harry" Ronald Lew, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.S.C., F.R.A.C.O., O.A.M.
MHS 1961-1964**

Harry was a member of the Magazine Committee (which published The Unicorn), a noted scholar, he received Matriculation Honours in Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

Trained at the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital (1975-1977), where Professor Gerard Crock was his principal mentor; was Senior Registrar in Ophthalmology at Leeds General Infirmary UK (1978-1979) where he did Retinal and Paediatric Fellowships; took over from Professor Crock as Visiting Senior Surgeon, Repatriation General Hospital (or Veterans' Hospital), Heidelberg (late 1979-2007), and was also a Visiting Surgeon at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital (1980-1984). Harry has also authored a number of books.

Awarded Medal of the Order of Australia, Australia Day 2021, for service to ophthalmology, and to the Jewish community.



Old Boys Farewell Mr Ludowyke

I still remember Mr Ludowyke's first words to our cohort as we were incoming Year 9 students.

He emphasised that Melbourne High School offered us a once in a lifetime opportunity to "become a better version of ourselves."



2020 School Captain Shayan Soroush
and retired Principal Jeremy Ludowyke

He explained further, clarifying that this could involve experimenting with new extra-curricular opportunities; changing any traits or aspects of our personality that we thought would hinder us from achieving a particular goal; or becoming more socially engaged and active. These words guided me for the duration of my MHS journey and inspired me to take on new opportunities that I would never have seen myself doing before.

As an incoming Year 9 student, my personal and non-academic goal was to learn and consolidate leadership skills in an environment where I knew many like-minded boys would share a similar passion. As a junior student, I primarily achieved this through interacting with many older students who I looked up to as the leaders of the school and by partaking in many different co-curriculars.

However, Mr Ludowyke also played a pivotal role in this progression. One message that has always resonated with me was that "[we] are not just responsible for [our] actions, but also for the actions of others around [us]".

In the context of respect and integrity, this message was fundamental to my current understanding of leadership as it highlights the importance of working together in establishing a positive culture for our community. This is something that I hope will stay with the generations of MHS students that have graduated under Mr Ludowkye's leadership in all walks of their lives.

Old Boys Farewell Mr Ludowyke (con't)

Mr Ludowyke also taught me about the significance of community service as a leader. As the School Captain in 2020, I led a student review into the school Forms' structure and pastoral care in which we consulted a significant proportion of the MHS student body. In the end, our final proposal did not garner sufficient support from the community to become implemented.

In a Term 3 conversation with Mr Ludowyke, I remember him stressing the importance of listening to the people you represent as a leader and tailoring your leadership goals and objectives to the needs of these people. *True* leadership would ultimately be honest and fair representation of the community's views, despite the personal views and vision of our student leadership team. I have no doubts that this will apply to many future situations for me and my peers, where our decision making will not revolve purely around our own interests.

I am forever grateful for the avenues of opportunity Mr Ludowyke offered me in leadership. I am certain that he has had similar positive and long-lasting influences on many other students that have had the honour of working with him.

Mr Ludowyke, more affectionately 'Ludo', will be remembered by our community as a Principal that genuinely cared about all MHS students gaining a well-rounded education through not only their academic endeavours, but in co-curricular activities, leadership as well as community service and citizenship.

Shayan Soroush

School Captain 2020

Keith "Bluey" Truscott Scholar

Find and be found in 2021.

Join the MHSOBA Business Directory.



A bespoke online platform, the [MHSOBA Business Directory](#) will enable you to find like-minded Old Boys to explore business and networking opportunities. It also connects you to the greater MHS community.

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

Add the Directory to your suite of lead generating, networking and marketing tools. Tax deductible and cost-effective, join our growing league of professional Old Boys and List yourself or your business. [Visit the Directory](#), [Search the Directory](#) or [Join the Directory](#) today.

MHSOBA Scholarships 2021



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

We are delighted to announce the MHSOBA Scholarship Program is expanding in 2021, and warmly welcome Professor Ross Fitzgerald AM and Peter Ivany AM as sponsors of new annual Scholarships.



Professor Ross Fitzgerald AM
MHS 1961



Peter Ivany AM
MHS 1971

Valued at \$5,000, **The Professor Ross Fitzgerald AM Scholarship** is open to Old Boys pursuing studies in History and/or Politics at either Monash University or The University of Melbourne, particularly studies in Australian History and/or Politics.

Valued at \$1,000, **The Peter Ivany AM Scholarship** is open to current MHS students completing VCE who are in particular need of financial assistance.

We thank Ross and Peter for their benevolent support and look forward to awarding these new Scholarships in Term 2.

MHSOBA Scholarships 2021 (con't)

In addition to the Fitzgerald and Ivany Scholarships, we welcome the inaugural **Men For All Seasons Scholarship**. Valued at \$1,000 this Scholarship is open to a current Year 12 student from regional Victoria who resides in Melbourne during term and requires particular financial support.

We are grateful to MFAS for their contribution and ongoing funding of The Speros Beasley Scholarship.

We sincerely thank our Scholarship sponsors for their continued commitment to and support of MHS Old Boys and our community – the Mahoney, Verma and Webber families, and Mr John Ly (Nguyen).

Open and closing dates for this year's Scholarship Program will be released shortly. For details of all Scholarships, [click here](#).

Scholarships are a practical and meaningful way to support Old Boys and give back to the MHS community. If you would like to contribute and create a new Scholarship, please contact peter.douros@mhsoba.asn.au

Honour The Work



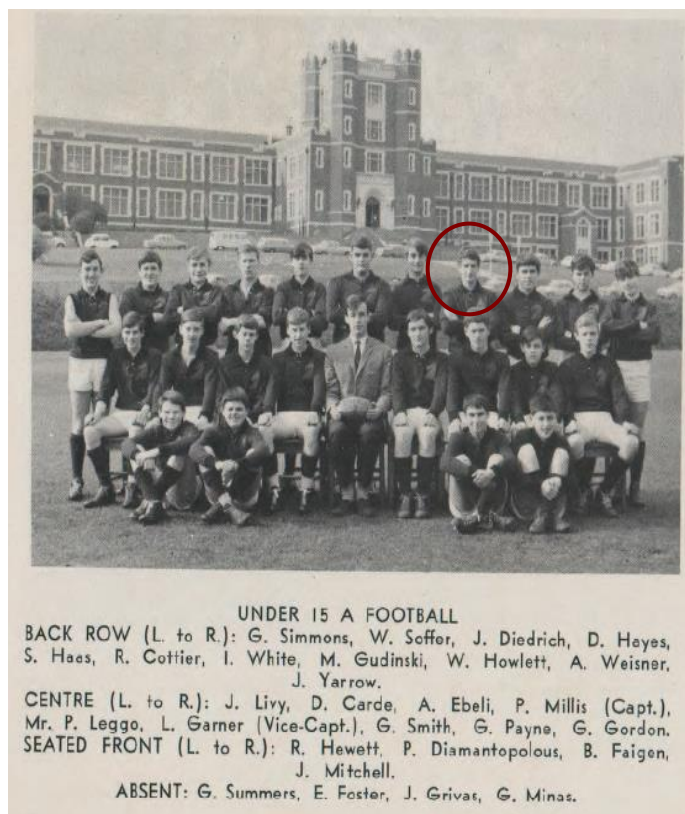
Dr Peter Douros
Chair, Scholarships Sub-Committee
MHS 1984

Remembering Michael Gudinski AM – MHS 1969

On 2 March, MHSOBA and the wider MHS community were profoundly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of distinguished Old Boy, Michael Gudinski AM.

A member of the cadets, Michael played football in the MHS Under 15 team in 1967 alongside John Diedrich.

His form notes for 1969 noted the talents he became famous for "Gudinski, organise a band! Let the celebrations begin!"



State Memorial Program for Michael

A State Memorial for Michael was held at Rod Laver Arena (Melbourne) at 7:07pm on Wednesday 24 March 2021. The Memorial opened with an Acknowledgment of Country by Aunty Joy Murphy AO, accompanied by Amos Roach performing a Didgeridoo tribute.

Michael's memory was then honoured by the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, followed by tributes, speeches and performances from family and friends including Matt and Kate Gudinski, Ed Sheeran MBE, Jimmy Barnes AO, Kylie Minogue AO OBE, and Lee Simon.

Remembering Michael Gudinski AM

Called the “rock guru”, the “music mogul” and “the mushroom man” Michael was widely recognised as one of the most important figures in the history of the Australian music industry. A man of many faces, his many business interests reflected the multiple facets of both his personality and his talents.

He founded Mushroom Group in 1973 with the inception of Mushroom Records and Mushroom Music Publishing. Mushroom Group is now Australia’s largest independent music entertainment group with a collective of nearly two dozen specialist brands incorporating international and domestic touring, booking agencies, record labels, merchandising, music publishing, creative and marketing services, venues, exhibition and events production, film and television production.

Mushroom’s international touring arm Frontier Touring is one of the most respected and well-known concert promoters in the Australian region repeatedly reported by Billboard and Pollstar rankings as Australia’s #1 concert promoter and in 2018 was recognised as # 3 Top Promoter Award at the Billboard Live Music Awards - the highest result ever for an Australian/NZ promoter.

Frontier Touring toured some of the world’s finest artists such as Billy Joel, The Rolling Stones, Foo Fighters, Eagles, Bruce Springsteen, Ed Sheeran and Taylor Swift, Paul McCartney to name but a few.



MHSOBA Annual Dinner 2019 (left to right)

Above: Lindsay Fox, Peter Stathopoulos, Michael Gudinski

Below: Max Grundmann, Peter Stathopoulos, Michael Gudinski



Remembering Michael Gudinski AM

Michael's personal achievements, accolades and honours include:

- 2006 - awarded an Order of Australia medal for his service to the entertainment industry;
- 2006 - listed in The Bulletin's "100 Most Influential Australians";
- 2009 - presented with the prestigious J.C. Williamson Award at the Helpmann Awards – the foremost honour that the Australian live entertainment industry can bestow.
- 2009 - listed in The Age Melbourne Magazine's 2009 Top 100 for his work on the Sound Relief benefit concerts which raised more than \$8 million for victims;
- 2012 - honored by the city of Melbourne as Melburnian of the Year - presented to an inspiration role model who has made an outstanding contribution to the city through their chosen field;
- 2013 - presented the GQ award for Lifetime Entrepreneur on behalf of GQ Magazine at their GQ Men Of the Year awards;
- 2013 - inducted into The Age Music Victoria Hall Of Fame for his services to the local music industry;
- presented with an ARIA Industry Icon Award;
- 2012-2019 - awarded the # 1 position in the Australian Music Industry Directory (AMID) Power 50 on 4 separate occasions.

Michael was part owner on the 2016 Melbourne Cup winner Almandin and the 2017 Melbourne Cup winner Rekindling.

He continued to work with enormous enthusiasm across all facets of his companies to the last.

MHSOBA extends heartfelt good wishes and support to Michael's family, team and fellow Old Boys.

State Funerals – MHS Old Boys

The announcement of a State Funeral for old boy Michael Gudinski MHS 1966-1969, raised the question of who else has received one.

The first state funeral in Victoria, and Australia, was William Wills and Robert Burke in 1863 and have since mostly been restricted to Governors and Members of the Executive Council (Ministers of the Crown). A search of the archives has turned up three, all former Ministers.

Francis Daniel "Frank" Crean MHS 1933 and Lindsay Hamilton Simpson Thompson MHS Staff 1953-1954 both received a State Funeral in 2008 and Evan Herbert Walker MHS 1953 in 2015.



David Crean MHS 1965-1969 and Simon Crean MHS 1963-1966 with their mother at their father's State Funeral. Photo CRAIG ABRAHAM SMH.

Luke Savage
Honorary School Archivist

The Quill Awards – Nick McKenzie, MHS 1998

Top journalism gong for McKenzie as Age scoops Quills

The Age, March 26, 2021 — 11.30pm

The Age's Nick McKenzie has won the 2020 Graham Perkin Australian Journalist of the year award, the country's most prestigious individual award in journalism, in a bumper night for the masthead.

The Age won 10 Melbourne Press Club Quill Awards on Friday night, after receiving 34 nominations. It is the second time McKenzie has claimed the top award, after taking home the prize in 2017 with his Age colleague Richard Baker.



The judges said McKenzie's work with *The Age* and Channel Nine's 60 Minutes "shone a powerful light" on war crimes, Crown casino and corruption in the ALP and he "continues to make a difference, not just by prompting official actions ... but by encouraging other media to investigate issues".

"His is quality journalism critical to our democracy."

McKenzie also took home the Quill for feature writing and, with Chris Masters, the prize for investigative journalism.

GM&B Update



Daryl Brooks, Patron-in-Chief

Dear Gentlemen

Should my words of gratitude that follow appear as personal indulgence, I make no apology. I offer them in response to several recent events that have affected each of us in different ways and to varying degrees, and as a catalyst for your own reflections as a past student of Melbourne High School.

In recent times we have experienced some discomfort of enforced disconnection imposed by the social distancing restrictions that have limited our opportunities to gather together in customary fashion.

Not revelling in a 50-Year reunion in 2020 as others would have done by tradition, I accept as an unfortunate consequence of the pandemic response, but it is far from soul-destroying. I am grateful that we have not experienced anywhere near the levels of deprivation, fear, threat or anxiety that was experienced globally during WWII, that affected my own parents as it did only one generation ago.

As we emerge after twelve months from our hygienic cocoons to gather in compliant-sized groups again with cautious trepidation, I look at the global pandemic in distant locations where I have lived at different times in recent decades, and I am most grateful to be home again right now.

As more truth is revealed daily of systemic disrespect and inhumanity suffered by the less powerful and most vulnerable at all levels in our society, I am grateful that resilience, courage and conviction are emerging to loudly strike long-suppressed and uncomfortable chords.

As an MHSOBA Life Member who reconnected actively with the school and the Old Boys only within only the last decade after a prolonged absence, I am grateful that I attended a Speech Night on 28th November 2017 to hear the [Principal's Address](#) that began with the words "I think we need to talk about men...", that eloquently announced the imperative for the "Respectful Relationships" Program that was introduced for all Year 9 & 10 MHS boys, and acknowledged the school's proud reputation for graduating good men of fine character.

GM&B Update (con't)

Of fourteen minutes' duration, the Principal's Address defined the responsibilities and challenges that all men, young and old, face today. How pertinent and timely, given the emerging high-level revelations of 2021...so far.

Accordingly, how grateful I am to MHS and MGHS school leaders, their IT teams, the MacRob Palladians and our GM&B Junior Leadership Program committee led by Mr Wayne Chow, that the 2021 JLP partnership with the Palladians has this year achieved gender equality in Yr10 student participation and Group Leadership, and has been hosted by each school campus, as well as online. MHS and GM&B was also proudly well-represented at this year's MGHS International Women's Day Breakfast in March.

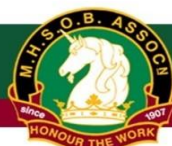
In these times of adaptation and evolution of new ways, and I am most grateful to have met with the new MHS Principal, Dr Tony Mordini in this most demanding first term of his new position. I look forward to furthering the shared sense of partnership and support evident that binds us, as he considers the offerings of the rich value of patronage that is available to the school through the dedication of the MHSOBA and the GM&B members.

The March GM&B Forum introduced Dr Mordini to members, and the Presidents of MHSOBA, Mr Peter Stathopoulos and the Palladians, Ms Sally Ng spoke on their perspectives of "Shaping the Future of Alumni", their recent experiences, and their challenges and planned initiatives going forward. GM&B's Forum 2 in October 2021 will review key issues, drivers and programs that support the school, as well as consider mechanisms for a future evolution of our alumni organisations that would seek to optimise the value of membership to its own constituents.

As we reconnect at work and in community with measured optimism this year, I encourage you to take time to reflect with gratitude on the fine influence that your school days at Melbourne High School had in shaping your own good character, and as MHS old boys seem to do so well, strive generously to help others in proximity find theirs. Vale Michael Gudinski - MHS 1969.

Healthy regards

Daryl Brooks (MHS 1970)
Patron-in-Chief



GM&B Mentoring Program



Adam Ashton, MHS 2010

After an enforced lay-off in 2020, our Mentoring Program is back for 2021. We're looking for Old Boys from all industries to become mentors.

As a part of the program, you will be assigned a mentee - a current Year 11 or Year 12 MHS student. In the past, we've seen great mentor/mentee relationships where an Old Boy has helped guide the future of an enthusiastic student, helping them avoid the common pitfalls in their career journey.

Previous mentors have commented that they found this to be a great way to "give back" to the school community and have a direct impact on a current high school student.

If you're interested in taking part in the 2021 Mentoring Program, please send an email noting your exit year and profession to Adam Ashton at mentor@gmbpatrons.com.au

Honour The Work

Adam Ashton

GM&B Junior Leadership Program

In late January, Assistant Principal Pelissa Tsimilidos received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Melbourne in recognition of the MHS and MGHS [Junior Leadership Program](#).



Wayne Chow, MHS 1994

Congratulations to all involved for your commitment to and support of a program that continues to go from strength to strength.



MHSOB Cricket Club Update



Season 2020 -2021

With the club's 2nd XI set to compete in a grand final this weekend against Old Haileybury, on the back of all three of the club teams competing in finals cricket for the first time in 9 seasons, it is an opportune time to reflect on what has been a terrific season for MHSOBCC.

For a season that was lucky to happen, our success has been especially pleasing and is a testament to the quality and engagement of the playing group and the strength of the organisation to respond to the challenges faced. A special mention to Kiran Ravi and Anuga Caldera, whose efforts allowed the club to start playing and training at the earliest possible time.

Fueled by the extended lockdown, players were as enthusiastic as ever, which was translated on the on scoreboard, with all teams achieving great results:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Ladder Position</u>	<u>Season Record</u>
1 st XI	3 rd	7 wins and 4 losses
2 nd XI	2 nd	8 wins, 3 draws and 2 losses
U17s	2 nd	8 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses

Summary of results for MHSOBCC season 2020-21. Source: MyCricket

Highlights were plentiful, in season 20-21. In a talented U17s side epitomized by the selection of Dhruv Redhu and Rahul Rajeshbabhu to the Victorian emerging player squad. Incredible performances were a weekly occurrence, but captain Dhruv Redhu scoring an impressive 93, in under 24 overs made batting look easy.

For the 1st XI, a come from behind victory against Old Scotch, due to incredible performances from Ayeed Ahsan and Swapnil Challa; brought up our first victory against Scotch for 5 seasons and marked redemption following last season's grand final defeat.



MHSOB Cricket Club Update



The 2s, lead passionately by Nipuna Liyange, demonstrated the commitment and talent that will hopefully take them to a premiership. Rebounded following a disappointing loss, to defeat Old Scotch in a dramatic final over finish, with new recruit Aditya Munukutla hitting a 6, with only three balls to go to seal the win.

Despite strong results during the home and away season, a mixture of inclement weather and bad luck saw the U17s lose in a very low scoring game and the 1st XI denied consecutive grand final appearances due to being washed out. However, the 2nd XI finishing 2nd place overall, earned their place in the Grand Final, to be played this Sunday.



Off the field, the club was able to invest \$5,000 into new covers, that have already saved a number of games. It is our hope this investment will facilitate more and higher quality opportunities for turf cricket for the school and the old boys. Furthermore, the club is currently seeking to expand to three senior teams in season 21-22, which would make us the only team to field a side in all divisions of the MCC competition.



MHSOB Cricket Club Update



While we are exceptionally pleased with this season's results, we are most proud of our engagement with school students who are actively seeking opportunities to play Old Boys cricket. As a club we have made a strong commitment to developing this pathway, because we realise the mentorship and shared opportunities to learn and lead, are perhaps the greatest benefits the club has given and gained through its relationship with the school.

Finally, if I have learned anything in my time as president, it's that cricket is an expensive sport. Without the incredible, on-going support of our sponsors NED Whisky, Hello Sam Burger Bar, Belle Property South Yarra, Elite Physiotherapy Consulting and Oscar Hunt Tailors; we simply would not be here. The fact that all our sponsors have continued and even increased their support in this economically challenging climate speaks for their commitment to our community and we thank them emphatically for that.

We are excited for the 2s grand final and hopefully celebrating a few more highlights. Looking further ahead, given our creation of the 3rds for season 21-22, we will be actively recruiting over the winter. So as always, if you have been thinking about returning to cricket or are seeking an avenue to reconnect with your school, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Cricket Club.

Honour The Work

Dr Duminda Weerasooriya
President of MHSOBCC



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MHSOB Hockey Club Update



MHSOB HC has hit the ground running this year as it gears up to shake off a season devastated by COVID-19.

Like any sporting organisation, we rely on the support of our community as such the club would like to announce two new sponsors and main supporters, the Australian Venue Co and Brady Tiling which will be the new uniform sponsor.

Brady Tiling is owned by club member Corey Brady and the Australian Venue Co owns 160 venues across Australia, including our venue sponsors the College Lawn, Prince Alfred Hotel and The Smith. The club would like to thank both of these sponsors and express our appreciation for the opportunities they will provide for club members, coaching support and acquiring equipment.

The club is in the midst of preparations for the upcoming winter season for 2021 and training is well underway with sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Two training nights offer players the option to attend the sessions that will work best for them. The club would like to thank coaches Jared Chaplin, Antony Smith, Julian Lugg, Gus Georgakas and Niko Hinett for their commitment to coaching this year.

While we are pleased to welcome back many familiar faces we are also always looking for new recruits. It doesn't matter if you haven't picked up a stick in 20 years or have no experience at all, the club can accommodate all levels of playing ability.



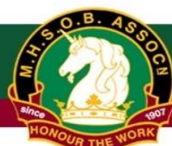
MHSOB Hockey Club Update (con't)



As a busy social club, the season's next social event will be the round 1 dinner on April 9 at the College Lawn. Other annual events include Ladies who Lunch; Trivia Night; Vote Count and Presentation night as well as several more casual events to be confirmed throughout the year. Members are looking forward to being able to celebrate, socialise and catch up after the 2020 lockdowns.

The club has teams for men, women, masters and juniors including juniors "Hook Into Hockey sessions." The men's competitions include Vic League 2 (and Reserves) Pennant D, and the women's competitions will include Vic League 2 and Pennant E. Masters comps include over 45s B and D (to be confirmed) and junior teams will be entered into the Central Flames quarter field competition.

See website and socials for more updates on the club and future events.
www.mhsobhc.com



Men for All Seasons – Autumn Luncheon

The Men For All Seasons (MFAS) Autumn Luncheon was held for the first time in the Bluestone Room at the Coopers Inn, Exhibition Street, Melbourne (thanks to Nigel Van Cuylenburg).

MFAS attending enjoyed a terrific event and fine camaraderie. Isaac Smith, a debutant (exit 1989), made a witty and poised speech about his life and times at MHS and beyond.

Anthony Watkins was present and you may not know holds the record of most consecutive attendances at MFAS luncheons, an amazing 17 years and three months. A perfect record was only interrupted when Anthony was working in Darwin for several months.

\$1,766 has been raised by the MFAS charity and donated to MHSOBA Foundation to fund the MHSOBA Speros Beasley Scholarship and a new annual Scholarship, the Men For All Seasons Scholarship.

Any MHS old boys and friends are always welcome to be included on the MFAS email list and attend any MFAS charity luncheon. There are four luncheons each year held on the first Friday of the new season.

Save the date! MFAS 21st Winter Lunch - Friday 4th June. Venue and details to be advised. For more information please contact Woody at mfas@wood.net.au or M: 0412 053 030.

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History Notes: Triplets & Twins

MHS has its first known triplets to attend, with Samuel, Oscar and Charles Eberbach (below) commencing in Year 9 this year. They have another brother Toby who is in Year 12.

Principal Dr Tony Mordini marked the occasion with a photo on the steps, with a set of twins who also commenced at the school this year Akshay and Abisheg Sundaram.

Twins are not uncommon at MHS, around 146 sets are known to have attended. The largest numbers of siblings to attend was the Trickett family with seven. They attended between 1915 and 1933 with two of the girls returned to MHS as teachers.



History Notes: Memories of Melbourne High

Russell Lansbury AO

Emeritus Professor of Industrial Relations, The University of Sydney

MHS 1959 – 1962

Melbourne High in the Early 1960s

In the early 1960s there was only a handful of selective high schools in Melbourne to which entry was based on academic achievement at primary school. I was fortunate to be accepted by Melbourne Boys High where I spent four years.

The Principal of Melbourne High, Bill Woodfull, was a former Australian cricket captain who led the team against England during the infamous ‘bodyline’ series during the 1930s.



Professor Russell Lansbury AO

I remember walking with my friend Tom through the gates of the school on our first day at Melbourne High, just as the Principal arrived in his car. Tom said: ‘Let’s go and say hello’. I replied, ‘We can’t do that’. But Tom intercepted the Principal and said: ‘Hello sir, we’re new students’. I cannot recall what Bill Woodfull replied but I imagine he said something like: ‘Welcome boys. Enjoy the school’. Despite his fame as a cricketer, Bill Woodfull was a reserved man but would probably have welcomed the approach by enthusiastic new students like Tom and me.

In the foreword to Alan Gregory’s excellent book *Woodfull: Gentleman and Scholar* (2011), Jeremy Ludowke, Principal of Melbourne High, wrote that Woodfull would be remembered ‘for humbly refusing both a knighthood and initially the captaincy of the Australian team as matters of principle’. Woodfull’s obituary in the *Sunday Times* of London in 1965, by the legendary Jack Fingleton, stated: ‘He preferred to be known more as a successful headmaster than as a Test captain or player. In all capacities he was eminently distinguished’.

History Notes: Memories of Melbourne High

Bill Woodfull appeared to be a modest man and did not boast about the school's achievements or give long-winded speeches. As a prefect in my final year, I saw quite a lot of him at school functions and he seemed quite aloof. However, my friend Gordon Broderick, who was Vice Captain of the school, told me that he was occasionally invited to share a sandwich at lunchtime with Woodfull who wanted to know what the students thought about issues at the school.

I think that Woodfull was concerned to keep his 'finger on the pulse' without being too intrusive. Woodfull's retirement event, held in my final year, was attended by both the Prime Minister and Governor, demonstrating the high esteem in which he was held. Bill Woodfull remains my ideal of a quiet and effective leader.



Bill Woodfull 1934

Melbourne High had a percentage of students from non-English speaking backgrounds who had been selected on academic merit. Coming from a predominantly middle-class suburb with few immigrant families, I had to adapt to the fact that many of my classmates had names which were other than Anglo-Celtic origin. It was my introduction to an increasingly multicultural society in Australia.

After the first two years at Melbourne High, we had to choose between science and other groups of subjects for the final two years. My weakest subjects were Science and Maths but I was persuaded by my form master to choose these subjects because, in his view, 'you can learn about the humanities subjects just by reading the newspapers'.

It was an unfortunate choice for me as I failed Physics and only barely passed the other science and maths subjects. However, I was able to switch to humanities and social science subjects in the final year and did much better. It was a great relief to be reading and writing about history and social studies rather than trying to understand the mysteries of science.

History Notes: Memories of Melbourne High

Memorable Teachers at Melbourne High

There were many outstanding teachers at Melbourne High, to whom I am indebted. Graham Worrall taught history in a way that made the past seem very relevant to the present. I recall in my first year Worrall showing us facsimiles of newspapers from the early days of the Australian colonies. He read us salacious reports of crimes and misdemeanours by the convicts and others, which had us transfixed.

Worrall later became a lecturer in history at Monash University. He later told me that he was disheartened by the obsession with publishing in academic journals and lack of interest in teaching and the students at University. I reconnected with Worrall at a school reunion when he was in his 80s and later corresponded with him. In retirement, he taught courses in history and opera for the University of the Third Age in a country town. He told me that was enjoying teaching as much as he had at Melbourne High, more than 40 years before!

Graham Worrall was in charge of debating and, to my surprise, chose me to be in the school debating team during the final two years of high school. My teammates included David Morawetz, who became an eminent international economist, Les Rowe who was a senior Australian diplomat and retired as Australian ambassador to Russia, and Gareth Evans who became one of the most distinguished and longest-serving Australian Foreign Ministers.

My membership of the debating team gave me a great deal of enjoyment as well as public speaking experience. We appeared on a popular TV debating programme at the time called 'Parliament of Youth' competing against a top private school. We travelled interstate and we had friendly competitions against a number of other schools.

Graham Worrall never instructed us in what to say but would listen to our arguments and tell us when we needed to do more preparation. I remember one occasion when we were in Adelaide to compete against Adelaide High. I rehearsed my speech with Worrall and the team. 'That's not bad', he said, 'but give it to Gareth to polish it up a bit'. Gareth Evans was the captain of the team and brilliant debater, as evidenced by his long and successful career in the Australian Senate as well as leading the International Crisis Group in Brussels. I should have welcomed Evans improving my speech. We won the debate!

History Notes: Memories of Melbourne High

Graham Duke was another notable teacher who later became Vice Principal of Melbourne High. Graham was form master and taught Social Studies in my final year. Some teachers tended to 'spoon feed' the students, telling us what to expect on the final exam paper and what arguments to use when answering the questions.

Duke never did this but taught us research skills and how to think for ourselves. Social Studies was essentially an introduction to politics in Australia and Southeast Asia, which most of us had never studied before. Instead of assigning us a textbook, Duke gave us questions to research in the library. I still remember visits to the State Library of Victoria and reading academic journals for the first time. Duke would go through our essays and ask us to do more research until he felt that we had adequately addressed the question.

Years later, I visited Graham Duke, shortly before he retired from Melbourne High and thanked him for what I had learned from his method of teaching. He told me that it was the first time he had taught Social Studies and it was beyond his area of expertise, which were Latin and the Classics. He decided that his best option was to send us off to find out the answers from research we did in the library! After his retirement as Deputy Principal of Melbourne High, Duke returned to university and completed a doctorate.

Another influential teacher was James Mollison. He taught art at Melbourne High and later became the inaugural Director of the National Art Gallery in Canberra, where he had a major influence on Australians' appreciation of art. Mollison was one of the youngest teachers and was full of enthusiasm for his subject.



James Mollison AO giving a lecture, NGA

He encouraged students to use the art room after school and, although I showed no artistic talent, I was a regular at the 'after-school art session'. Mollison was friendly and encouraging. I recall him giving me a copy of 'The Catcher in the Rye' by J.D. Salinger to read and invited me to discuss the ideas in the book with him. The conversations which I had with Mollison challenged me to think more deeply about a wide range of issues, including questioning my religious beliefs which were rather dogmatic at the time.

History Notes: Memories of Melbourne High

Mollison could be temperamental and quick to castigate students who misbehaved. One day, when Mollison was late to class, one student did a hilarious imitation of him losing his temper, not realising that Mollison had arrived and was standing behind him. Mollison reacted to the performance with good humour and continued with the lesson. For several years after finishing high school, I would visit Mollison at the Victorian Art Gallery where he was an education officer, before he was appointed to the National Art Gallery, and continue our discussions.

Life After Melbourne High

I entered the University of Melbourne in 1963 after completing my final year at Melbourne High with first class honours in Australian History and Social Studies - much of which I owed to the teaching we received at MHS.

I was awarded a teaching scholarship from the Victorian Education Department. I recall that many high achieving students at Melbourne High opted for teaching for several reasons. The teaching scholarship offered a modest but adequate allowance and this made it particularly attractive to students from less affluent backgrounds. However, teaching was also regarded as a worthy career. Many of us at Melbourne High admired our dedicated and gifted teachers and saw ourselves following their example. I aimed to become an educational psychologist and enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts.

To become a school counsellor required a three-year major in Psychology followed by a Diploma of Education. I also needed to choose subjects that would be useful for classroom teaching. Hence, I undertook a second major in Political Science and a minor in English.

However, an Arts degree at the University of Melbourne in the 1960s also required one year of a foreign language. I chose Swedish simply because there were few options for starting a new language and I did not wish to continue with Latin. I was told that Swedish was an easy language to learn and, while this was not true in my case, the choice of Swedish turned out to be a significant decision in terms of my later life and career. I subsequently became a graduate student at the University of Lund in 1967–1968 and undertook a number of research collaborations with Nordic colleagues during the next 50 years.

History Notes: Memories of Melbourne High

I went on to gain a PhD in Industrial Relations at the London School of Economics and subsequently taught at Monash, Macquarie and Sydney Universities. I had a number of visiting appointments in the US, Europe and Asia as well as assignments with international organisations such as the ILO and OECD.

Note

This is partly an excerpt from **Crossing Boundaries: Work and Industrial Relations in Perspective** by Russell D. Lansbury. Routledge; London and New York, 2021

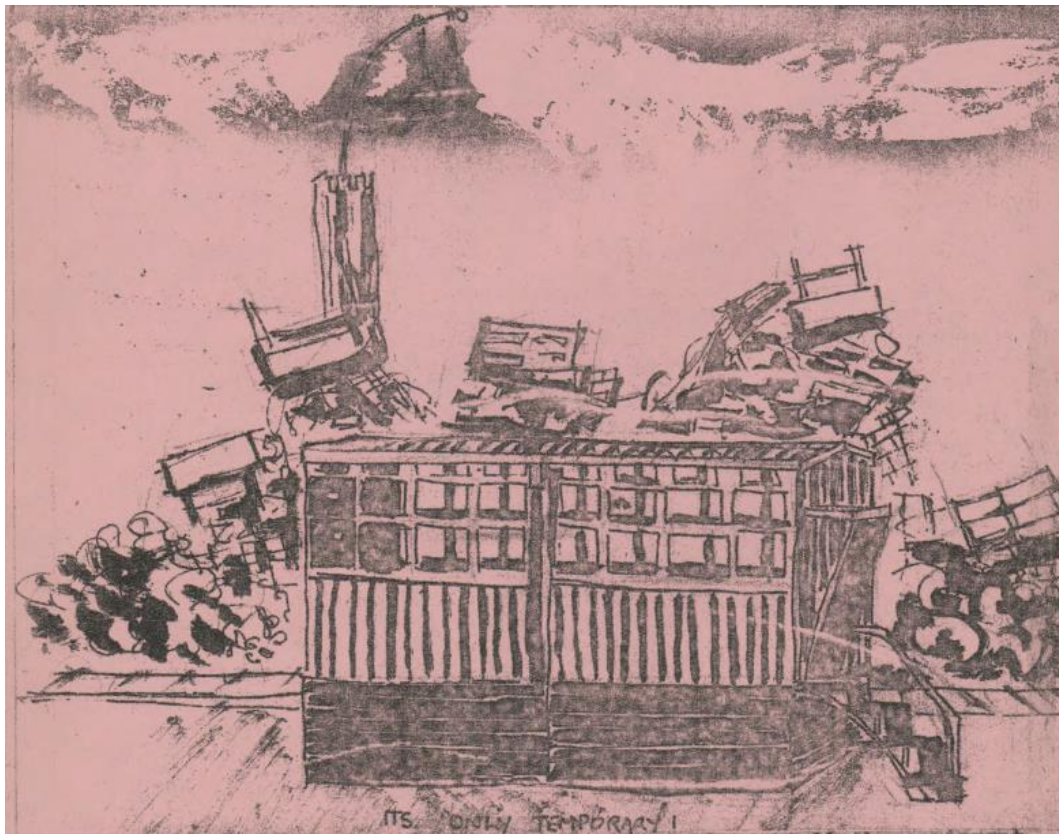
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History Notes: Farewell to Portables

Half a Century of Portables

Over the summer holidays the last portable left the grounds of Melbourne High School, ending 53 years of temporary accommodation. The Sentinel in 1968 summed up concerns, with a sketch of a crumbled castle, and a pristine portable, fears that proved unfounded after all.



It's Only Temporary! The Sentinel, 1968

Portables were used from the beginning of education in Victoria, the Education Board was hesitant to building permanent buildings on transitory gold fields, instead suggestion that timber buildings could be moved to follow the latest rush, the diggers and their children.

The Department also considered pre-fabricated buildings, with the first one erected as a demonstration at the Old Model School site on Spring Street, where MHS opened a few decades later. The Pre-fabs were not a success, as the transport and erection costs often made them more expensive than locally sourced buildings.

History Notes: Farewell to Portables (con't)

It was cheaper transport, and new materials, that made portables viable after the second world war, plus a rapidly expanding student population that created the demand.

The new Director of Education, Alan Ramsay (old boy and former Principal), needed large numbers of new school buildings, but without the funds or access to traditional materials. He ordered a number of Aluminium Buildings from the Bristol Company in the U.K. initially whilst working towards a local solution. Thus was born the Light Timber Construction (LTC) concept, using lattice beams, walls of windows, a single pitched roof with clerestory windows, and made from standard components and plans that could be expanded to suit needs.

Portables were used to fill short-term gaps in accommodation at new or expanding schools, and summer holidays would see convoys of portables on the road. They did though seem to become less portable, with many schools with stable populations having a significant number of them.

Melbourne High School received increasing numbers of portables from 1977 onwards, which appears to have been due more to reducing class sizes, rather than due to any growth in the school population. Permanent classrooms should have been built, but between 1927 and 1992, only 4 permanent classrooms were added (the Science block). The New Building completed in 1992 should have spelled the end, but with staff cuts under Jeff Kennett, the school grew to maintain staffing levels, and the refurbishment in 1995 of the main building reduced for a time the number of classrooms available. The end of their use as classrooms came with the Art Studies Building of 2008 which was built on the site of many of the portables and increased permanent classroom space.

The school kept several portables which were used for storage, located on the new Rifle Range, purchasing them, as the Education Department was decommissioning the older portables to replace them with Mod5's. Consideration was given to converting several of them into a Cadet Headquarters, but the North Pavilion was instead converted. The last portable, located beside the Sub Station, departed as construction is due to start soon on the Centre for Higher Education Studies which is adjacent.

Luke Savage
Honorary School Archivist

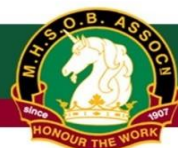
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Tributes



Patricia "Pat" Lesslie

Died 3 April 2021

Second daughter of Brigadier George Langley

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



Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Raymond Harrison

17 May 1947 to 15 March 2021

MHS 1961-1964

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



Trevor "Bluey" Lambert

15 February 1972 to 7 April 2021

MHS 1986-1989

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



John Murray Gothe

5 August 1923 to 12 December 2019

MHS 1937

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Tributes (con't)



Graeme Frank Barton

20 July 1934 to 22 December 2020

MHS 1948-1951

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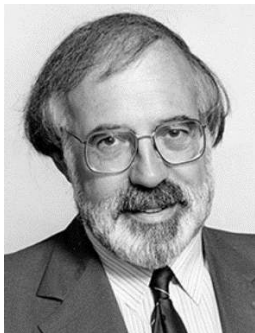


Colin Lovitt QC

17 March 1945 to 10 January 2021

MHS 1961-1962

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Richard John Snedden

8 October 1934 to 18 January 2021

MHS 1949-1953

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Eric Meade DeBoos

22 December 1922 to 6 September 2020

MHS 1936 -1937

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

Tributes (con't)



Frederick Thomas Docking

28 March 1923 to 11 March 2019

MHS 1936–1938

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Professor Jeffrey "Geoffrey" Davidson

28 January 1942 to 17 December 2020

MHS 1956 -1960

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Thomas John Woollard OAM

17 March 1931 to 21 June 2019

MHS 1945 -1947

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Lewis (Ludwig) Lustig

26 June 1932 to January 2020

MHS 1946 -1949

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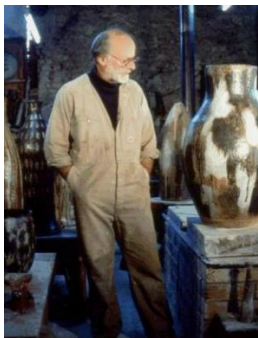


Noel Rex Delbridge

14 November 1932 to 15 November 2020

MHS 1946 -1949

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Milton Moon AM

29 October 1926 to 6 September 2019

MHS 1943

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Graham Keith Hoinville OAM

6 December 1928 to 15 July 2019

MHS 1946

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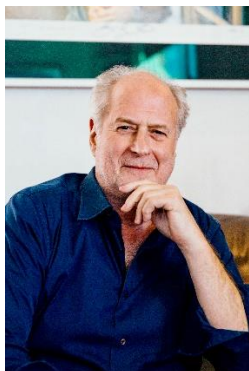
David Lea

4 July 1935 to 15 January 2021

MHS 1949 -1952

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Tributes (con't)



Michael Solomon Gudinski AM

22 August 1952 to 2 March 2021

MHS 1969

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Dr Janet Prideaux

MHS Staff 2000 - 2015

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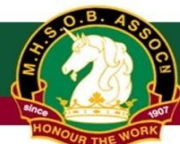
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Networking	Access to networking events and opportunities
For Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Pack – MHSOBA lapel badge, membership card, a set of Kenneth Jack prints and a copy of “Strong Like Its Pillars – A History of MHS 1905 - 2005” by Alan Gregory Work experience support Access to MHSOBA Scholarships Access to Vocational and Exam Preparation Seminars

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	5 Years	\$180.00
Associate (Non OB / Non Voting)	1 Year	\$ 50.00
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