



**NEWSLETTER**  
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# From the President

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Hello Gentlemen

We bring you a delayed second edition of our newsletter as we emerge from Victoria's fifth lockdown.

In this issue we celebrate distinguished Old Boys who received **Queen's Birthday Honours**. We also reflect on **ANZAC Day 2021**.

Life at MHS continues apace. **Principal Dr Anthony Mordini** shares his **Term 2 Update** including student support, the future MHS learning model, broadening the curriculum and the school's Strategic Plan.

To our great disappointment, lockdown has resulted in the cancellation of a number of **"Reunions Revisited"** from 2020 and **Reunions** for 2021. See page 4 for full details.

We review our recent **AGM**, the MHS **Annual Careers Night** and the [MHSOBA Scholarship Program](#) which is now open to current MHS and tertiary students.

With the **Tokyo Olympics** in play, we meet Old Boys who have the honour of representing Australia and wish them every success in Tokyo.

A warm welcome to new **MHSOBA Members** and our thanks to Old Boys who have renewed their memberships in recent time. If you're not yet a member, we invite you to [join us](#) and support fellow Old Boys and our community.

We chat with Chris Edwards, Director of Oscar Hunt Tailors about his professional journey and hear his thoughts about the **MHSOBA Business Directory**.

In History Notes, Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC shares **"Remembering Melbourne High"** a compelling extract from his book "Incorrigible Optimist: A Political Memoir."



## From the President (con't)

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We bring you updates from the **GM&B Patrons' Club**; the **MHSOB Football Club**; the **MHSOB Hockey Club** and the **Men For All Seasons**.

As ever, we acknowledge **Honorary School Archivist Luke Savage** and **School Historian Dr Alan Gregory** and thank them for their expert contribution. Both gentlemen dedicate an extraordinary amount of time to maintaining MHS records and archives; to keeping abreast of the latest news pertaining to Old Boys wherever they may be; and to honouring those who have passed. We are grateful to them for their support.

Finally, we heartily congratulate Warren Fall (MHS 1975) for being admitted as a Life Member of the Inner South East Cricket Association – well done!

Stay safe. Honour The Work



Peter Stathopoulos (MHS 1982)  
President, MHSOBA Inc.

# Events Update



## Reunions

Prior to Victoria's fifth lockdown, we stood ready and were excited to deliver a mix of "Reunions Revisited" from 2020 and Reunions for 2021.

With great disappointment, government mandates left us no option but to cancel:

Class of 2010 10 Year "Reunion Revisited"	Wednesday 21 July
Class of 2000 20 Year "Reunion Revisited"	Friday 23 July
Class of 1980 40 Year "Reunion Revisited"	Wednesday 28 July
Class of 2016 5 Year Reunion	Friday 30 July

We thank those Old Boys who purchased tickets for their understanding and have issued refunds as per our T&C. **Every effort will be made to reschedule these Reunions to a later date.**

**Amid new mandates – not withstanding another lockdown - the following Reunions will be held as planned:**

Class of 2011 10 Year Reunion -	<u>Wednesday 4 August</u>	<a href="#">Buy tickets here</a>
Class of 2001 20 Year Reunion -	<u>Friday 6 August</u>	<a href="#">Buy tickets here</a>
Class of 1981 40 Year Reunion -	<u>Wednesday 11 August</u>	<a href="#">Buy tickets here</a>
Class of 1991 30 Year Reunion -	<u>Friday 13 August</u>	<a href="#">Buy tickets here</a>

## Tickets prices including light refreshments:

\* \$35 MHSOBA Members    \* \$40 Non-members    \* Drinks at bar prices

A reminder we will host a **combined 50 Year Reunion dinner** for **Classes of 1970 and 1971** mid-week in November. A **1 Year Reunion** will be held for the **Class of 2020**, also mid-week in November. Details and dates for both events are to be confirmed.

# Events Update (con't)

## Annual Dinner 2021

Proposed mid-week in October, we will soon share details of this year's event. The evening will feature an outstanding keynote speaker in a first-class venue.

Interested in attending this year's Annual Dinner? [Add your name to our guest list here.](#) We'll ensure you receive event and ticket details upon release.



In accordance with our COVIDSafe Plan, The Unicorn Club now accommodates a maximum of 60 guests subject to government mandates. 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)

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 are in the MHSOBA office on Wednesdays between 10:00am and 3:00pm. Should you wish to contact us, please email [administrator@mhsoba.asn.au](mailto: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

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Term 2, 2021

Dear Members of the Melbourne High School Old Boys' Community

Semester 1 2021 has concluded and fortunately, the disruptions associated with the COVID 19 pandemic have had less impact than last year. Nevertheless, the lockdowns and restrictions have resulted in two short stints of remote learning, several camps and interstate trips being cancelled, and school events being postponed or rescheduled. I thank the MHS Community for its understanding.

## **How have we maintained learning continuity and provided support to the boys and their families?**

With the assistance of additional Department of Education and Training (DET) funding, the school has been able to provide an Academic Tutoring Program.

Under the direction of Ms. Catherine Morton, a small team of teachers have and will at least for the remainder of this year, provide support to students who have fallen behind or are encountering difficulties with their schoolwork.

A variety of interventions have been designed including an after-hours program where boys can participate in online workshops. This intervention enables the boys to get home safely after school, eat their dinner and then obtain assistance with their coursework and assignments. This is at no cost to the parents and provides an additional saving at a time when some families are 'doing it tough'.

Wellbeing support is also front of mind during these challenging times. Additional funds sourced through the Department of Education, Stonnington Council and the MHS Foundation are providing additional programs and counselling.

A contribution from the MHS Foundation will enable a small group of staff and students to undertake the Mental Health First Aid program. This program builds mental health literacy and awareness. Better awareness of these issues will make our community stronger and more resilient.



## Principal's Report – Dr Anthony Mordini (con't)

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Remote learning has changed the way we design teaching and learning. In the future, approaches will include greater use of virtual platforms; more refined digital content; and hybrid methods involving face-to-face and online learning.

### **Moving forward, how will MHS design its learning model?**

Another initiative that could not have been realised without the initial investment and vision of the MHS Foundation is the **Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES)**. The CHES learning model will draw on pedagogies that are more collaborative, embed greater digital content and require deeper levels of inquiry and investigation. The CHES facilities will include an auditorium, technology-rich learning spaces and tertiary standard science and design labs.

MHS students along with students from the Mac.Robertson Girls' High School, and high-ability students from Melbourne Girls' College, Prahran High School and Richmond High School will be able to undertake a course at CHES as part of their VCE program. To support potential rural and regional students (and reduce time lost through travelling between schools), all CHES programs will be accessible through virtual platforms as well as on-site.

Construction has commenced. I expect the Minister to conduct a site visit soon.

### **How can we broaden the curriculum? Exploring the International Baccalaureate Diploma**

A scoping exercise has begun to explore the adoption of this additional senior secondary pathway. The intention is that the IB will be offered alongside the VCE. It has been very popular in the Independent, Catholic and Government sectors.

The IB Diploma program is a rigorous academic program that encourages interdisciplinary learning, community engagement and a global outlook. The workforce of the future will require a broader set of personal skills and the IB Diploma provides those skills. The IB DP is globally recognised by universities and other tertiary education providers.



# Principal's Report – Dr Anthony Mordini (con't)

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## **What will the next chapter of the Melbourne High School's history look like? Drafting the School's next strategic plan.**

On May 25 and 26, eight staff, School Council President, Mr. Henry McLaughlin, Peter Hutton (ex-Templestowe College) and Dave Runge (ex-Geelong Grammar) worked with me at a two-day residential workshop to help shape the foundations for Melbourne High School's next strategic plan. It was a productive exercise, and it has helped to provide a basis for future discussions. We summarised our strategic intent through the following statement.

*Strengthened by the legacy of those who have gone before, Melbourne High School is an aspirational learning community, where the exploration of new frontiers and the sharing of wisdom will continue to be forged by adaptation and evolution as we seek to be courageous in our learning endeavours and audacious in our contribution to the world.*

It is a starting point; however, I believe it captures what is intrinsic to the Melbourne High School DNA – a respect for the past, a strong tradition of academic learning, creativity and innovation, and a commitment to community service. I look forward to meeting with old boys in the coming months to obtain their views and input.

Honour The Work



Dr Tony Mordini  
Principal

# MHSOBA Annual General Meeting

The MHSOBA Annual General Meeting for 2021 was held in The Unicorn Club on Monday 24 May 2021 at 6:30pm.

We thank all attendees for their interest and support. [To view the Annual Report, click here.](#)

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
Networking & Seminars	Simon Anderson	MHS 2003
Student Engagement	Guy Velik	MHS 2016



Peter Stathopoulos



Warren Fall



Ted Goldstein



Marco Dogliotti



Peter Douros



Simon Anderson



Guy Velik



# Queen's Birthday Honours

We warmly congratulate Old Boys who received [Queen's Birthday Honours](#) this year.



**Officer of the Order of Australia**

**Peter Alexander Ivany, A.O.**

MHS 1968-1972

*For distinguished service to the community as a supporter of sporting, arts, film, not-for-profit, and natural science organisations.*



**Member of the Order of Australia**

**Dr Gavin John Becker, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P., A.M.**

MHS 1961-1964

*For significant service to medicine, to nephrology, and to professional societies.*



**Member of the Order of Australia**

**Charles Justin, B.Arch., A.M.**

MHS 1961-1964

*For significant service to the museums sector, to arts administration, and to architecture.*



**Member of the Order of Australia**

**Ian Douglas Riley, M.B., B.S., A.M.**

MHS 1952-1954

*For significant service to tertiary medical education, notably to tropical health.*





## Queen's Birthday Honours (con't)



**Medal of the Order of Australia**  
**Adrian Robert Bartak, B.A., LL.B., O.A.M.**  
MHS 1962-1965

*For service to music.*



**Medal of the Order of Australia**  
**Gordon Donald MacKenzie,**  
**B.Sc., LL.M, Grad.Dip.Sec.An., O.A.M.**  
MHS 1967-1971

*For service to tertiary education.*



**Medal of the Order of Australia**  
**Brenley McMillan Milsom, O.A.M.**  
MHS 1960

*For service to the community of the Gold Coast.*



**Medal of the Order of Australia**  
**Dr Michael Newman, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.N.Z.C.O.,**  
**O.A.M.**  
MHS 1967-1970

*For service to Ophthalmology*

## Queen's Birthday Honours (con't)

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**Medal of the Order of Australia**  
**Paul Kenneth Vear, O.A.M.**  
MHS 1960-1962

*For service to Squash.*



**Medal of the Order of Australia**  
**Max Wald, O.A.M.**  
MHS 1961-1964

*For service to the Jewish community.*

MHSOBA launched its long-awaited online Business Directory in late 2020. Currently listed on the platform, we talk to **Chris Edwards, Director of Oscar Hunt Tailors** about the Directory and what he thinks it can offer Old Boys.



“Obviously it’s early days...but if (the Directory) is executed correctly then I have no doubt that it will be a powerful networking tool and give Old Boys access to businesses that would normally have a firmly locked door.”

*Chris Edwards  
Oscar Hunt Tailors*

**Q.** Tell us about your business – how you got started, where you’re at and where you’re going.

**Chris:** I started the business with a friend from MHS in 2010. At the time I had just completed a Commerce Degree from Melbourne Uni and I had no interest in working in finance. I had always had an interest in menswear so after a number of failed start-ups decided to give it a go.

2020 was tricky given our business model is very much appointment-based as well as the bulk of our clients being the wedding and corporate market. That being said, we’re in a pretty good spot and are looking for further growth in 2021.



## Business Directions (con't)

**Q.** Generally, what marketing tools do you employ to market your business?

**Chris:** Historically it has been word-of-mouth and that continues to be strong for a business like ours. We also engage in digital marketing, PR, partnerships, affiliates, sponsorships and events.

**Q.** How important is the MHS network and community to your business? Why?

**Chris:** It has been quite important, particularly in the early days. I am often surprised by how many times one of the team mentions that they know Matt (my MHS business partner) or myself.

**Q.** Generally or specifically, what are your thoughts about the MHSOBA Business Directory?

**Chris:** The concept is very strong. If properly executed, I see very significant value in a platform like this as a business owner.

**Q.** If an Old Boy asked your advice to take out a Listing on the Business Directory, what would you say?

**Chris:** Get on board and engage with the other businesses. Give it a good go and see what happens.

"I was MHS exit year 2003. I have many fond memories of school – mass singing, colourful teachers, even more colourful classmates, bumbling my way through speeches, playing footy, the “roll-in-a-roll.”  
I made a wonderful group of friends, many of whom remain very close friends today.”



OSCAR HUNT TAILORS

# 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 Scholarship Program



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

**Our Scholarship Program is open Monday 5 July to Friday 13 August 2021.**

We extend sincere and grateful thanks to Old Boys and their families who generously fund [MHSOBA Scholarships](#). Their contributions provide significant benefits to current and past MHS students and their families. We acknowledge their commitment to the MHS community and our shared ethos to Honour The Work.

## MHS Student Scholarships

In addition to the prestigious [Bluey Truscott Scholarship](#), we are delighted to offer the following Scholarships to current MHS students in 2021:

- The Peter Ivany AO Scholarship
- The John Ly (Nguyen) Trust Scholarship
- The Men for All Seasons Scholarship

MHS students wishing to apply can discuss their Scholarship submissions in confidence with Ms Jenny Mill, Wellbeing Coordinator at MHS – [jennifer.mill@mhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.mill@mhs.vic.edu.au)

## Tertiary Student Scholarships

A range of Scholarships are available to Old Boys undertaking tertiary studies across a range of disciplines:

- The Professor Ross Fitzgerald AM Scholarship
- The Mahoney Family Scholarship
- The Speros Beasley Scholarship
- The Verma Family Scholarship
- The Webber Family Scholarship
- The Lambis Englezos Scholarship

**[View MHSOBA Scholarships Here](#)**





# MHSOBA Scholarship Program (con't)

## Become a Scholarship Supporter

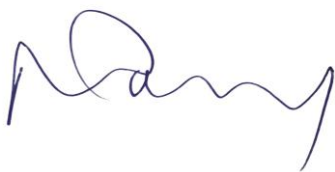
**Scholarships are a practical and meaningful way to support Old Boys and give back to the MHS community. They are also tax-deductible.**

To create a new Scholarship in your, your family or your son's name, please contact [peter.douros@mhsoba.asn.au](mailto:peter.douros@mhsoba.asn.au)

Alternatively, you can [make a single or recurring tax-deductible donation](#) to the MHSOBA Scholarship Fund.

Whatever your contribution, we thank you warmly.

Honour The Work



Dr Peter Douros  
Chair, Scholarships Sub-Committee  
MHS 1984



# MHS Annual Careers Night

**This year's MHS Careers Night was held via ZOOM on Wednesday 26 May from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.**



Viewed by some 370 students and parents, this virtual event featured interactive presentations from 10 expert Old Boys across myriad disciplines and 13 tertiary institutions from Melbourne, Australia and abroad. For their willingness to be involved and invaluable contributions MHSOBA warmly thanks:

## **Medicine**

**Dr Victor Jia Wei Zhang MBBS (Hons)**

MHS Class of 2011

Neurology Registrar Austin Health

Clinical Bedside Tutor

The University of Melbourne

## **Engineering**

**Simon Anderson**

MHS Class of 2003 & MHSOBA Committee Member

Senior Mechanical Engineer - Renewables  
AGL Energy

## **Commerce / Business**

**Sean Lester**

MHS Class of 2009

Senior Account Manager

Atlas Brokers

## **Law / Crime**

**Alan Stein**

MHS Class of 2012 & Member of GM&B

Solicitor

Allens Lawyers

## **Computer Science / IT**

**Andrew Nunn**

MHS Class of 2003

Director - Get DQD

## **Arts / Music**

**Po Goh**

MHS Class of 2016

Music Teacher & Accompanist

## **Physical Education / Sport**

**Matthew Nicholas**

MHS Class of 1999

Head of Major Projects & Sustainability

Tennis Australia

## **Australian Defence Force**

**Jordan Cowley**

MHS Class of 2008

Flight Lieutenant

Royal Australian Air Force

## **Science**

**Mr Tom Mackie**

MHS Class of 1997

Senior Environmental Scientist

Agon Environmental

## **Radiology & Medicine**

**Adjunct Associate Professor John Troupis**

MHS Class of 1983

Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences

Monash University

# MHS Annual Careers Night (con't)

For his contribution as closing Keynote Speaker we thank and acknowledge the contribution of:

## **Dr Steven Schmied**

BEng(Aero)(Hons) Meng, MBA PhD(Delft), PhD(UTAS),  
FIEAust, CPEng, EngExec NER APEC Engineer IntPE(Aus) RPEQ.  
MHS Class of 1989

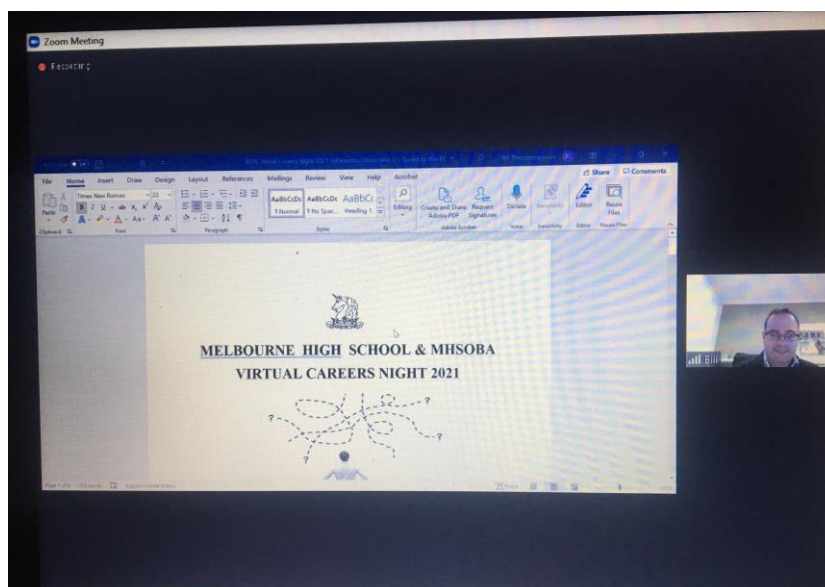
Director

Schmied Research and Development Pty Ltd

All Careers Night sessions were recorded and are available to students who were unable to attend.

It was our pleasure to work with Old Boys and enthusiastic MHS Careers and Pathways Co-ordinator Mr Bill Theodoropoulos to deliver this event. We look forward to a positive collaboration next year.

Honour The Work





# Commemorating ANZAC Day

On ANZAC Day at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne this year, Australian military surgeon Major General Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC, OBE, KStJ gave the address at the Dawn Service.

[Click here](#) to view his address.



## **Professor Jeffrey V. Rosenfeld AC, OBE, KStJ**

MB BS(Melb), MD(Monash), MS(Melb), FTSE, FAHMS, FRACS, FRCS(Edin), FACS, IFAANS, FRCS(Glasg) Hon, FRCNST Hon, FRCST Hon, FACTM, AFRACMA, RAAMC

MHS Class of 1970, Jeffrey Rosenfeld graduated in medicine from the University of Melbourne in 1976.

He completed general surgery training in Melbourne and then undertook neurosurgical training. He completed post-fellowship training at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, UK and was Chief Resident in Neurological Surgery at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Ohio, USA.

On his return to Australia in 1988, Jeff was appointed Consultant Neurosurgeon to The Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Royal Children's Hospital and undertook a laboratory research fellowship at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, investigating neural transplantation in mice, obtaining the Master of Surgery degree from the University of Melbourne in 1992.

He was awarded the Syme Medal and Syme Professorship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh for this research.

## Commemorating ANZAC Day (con't)

Professor Rosenfeld has been a member of the Army Reserve since 1984. He was promoted to Major General, Australian Defence Force (ADF) and was Surgeon General ADF (Reserves) 2009-2011.

He became Assistant Surgeon General Australian Defence Force - Army and Director General Health Reserves - Army 2007-2009. He is one of Australia's most senior and experienced military surgeons.



Jeff was appointed Senior Medical Officer to the 4th Brigade, 2001-2003. He was Consultant, Clinical Policy, Defence Personnel Executive, Canberra, 2003-2004 and Chair, General Surgery Consultative Group to the Director General of Defence Health Services 2001-2007.

He has served on eight deployments to Rwanda, Bougainville, East Timor (INTERFET and UNTAET), the Solomon Islands and Iraq (OP CATALYST and OPERATION OKRA (ADF) in Iraq, [Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) – Middle East (USA)]. He was Neurosurgeon, 21st Combat Support Hospital, Iraq 2017.

Awarded the United States Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) 2017 for service in Iraq, Jeff was the Neurosurgeon to the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group (EMDG), US Airforce, Camp Anaconda, Balad, Iraq 2004/2005.

He has been awarded the Australian Operational Service Medal (AOSM) – Greater Middle East Operation; the Australian Service Medal (ASM); the Active Australian Service Medal (AASM); the Defence Long Service Medal (DLSM); the Geoffrey Harkness medal in 2001 for outstanding contribution to the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps; and the United States Air Force Commendation Medal 2007.

## Commemorating ANZAC Day (con't)

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Jeff is a graduate of Reserve Command and Staff College. He was appointed to the staff of the Centre for Military and Veteran's Health, University of Queensland in 2004 – 2014, and the Director of Health Reserves (Army), National Triumvirate, Australian Defence Force in 2004.

Appointed Adjunct Professor of the Centre for Military and Veterans' Health 2006-2014, Jeff is the recipient of the Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeons' Award for Excellence for 2009 and the John Thomson Medal and Oration in 2010.

He was Chair, Australian Defence Force Human Research Ethics Committee 2012-2015 and is a Member, Defence Reserves Support Council (Vic) 2012-. Jeff was appointed Adjunct Professor in Surgery, F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland, USA in 2013.

In January 2014, he was appointed Colonel Commandant of the Victoria Region, Royal Australian Army Medical Corps. Jeff was appointed Board Member in 2016, Security and Health Executive Leadership Institute (SAHELI), The University of Melbourne.



# Dream Into Action: Tokyo 2021



Rhydian Cowley (MHS 2008), who represented Australia at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the 20km walk, has now been selected to his second Olympic team in Tokyo.



Rhydian has been working full time in office administration within the financial services sector since 2017. While he found it initially difficult to adapt to combining full time work with being an elite athlete, after some time Rhydian has been able to turn this into a strength with a consistent routine and structure.

Since joining coach Brent Vallance, whose other athletes include **Kyle Swan (right - MHS 2017)**, and 2018 Commonwealth Games Champion Jemima Montag, in 2018, Rhydian has improved over every distance he has raced at, and also made the step up to the 50km event. Rhydian qualified for Tokyo in both the 20km and 50km distance, but due to scheduling, can only compete in one, so has chosen the 50km event.



Kyle Swan – 20km Race Walk



# Dream Into Action: Tokyo 2021

The two main challenges of preparing for Tokyo have been the pandemic, and the expected hot and humid race conditions.

Rhydian has been in Melbourne for the duration of 2020 and 2021, and has had to get used to long stints training on a treadmill in order to maintain fitness while complying with local restrictions during lockdowns.

He has viewed the one-year postponement of the games as a positive for him, giving him an extra year of consistent training to improve even further.

Fortunately for Rhydian, his work can also be done remotely from home, and he has found the privilege of the financial security and extra time spent not commuting during lockdowns has also been beneficial for his preparation.



While Rhydian finds treadmills more challenging mentally to use than walking outside, he also thinks they present a good mental strengthening opportunity which could come in handy on race day.

The uncertainty caused by border restrictions has been a challenge. International races have been a no go, and domestic races hard to come by - in March this year a national championship had to be rescheduled because of Melbourne's circuit-breaker lockdown. To overcome this, Rhydian has focused on controlling what he can control, and coming to peace with the uncertainty that the pandemic provides when it comes to travel.

# Dream Into Action: Tokyo 2021

Patience has been important too. While Rhydian posted qualifying performances early in the qualifying period in 2019, he had to wait until June 2021 for his team selection.

The walks and the marathons have been moved 800km north from Tokyo to Sapporo, due to concerns about risks of extreme weather in the Tokyo summer due to climate change and urban heat island effects. Although promising a milder climate, tough conditions could still occur in Sapporo, so Rhydian and Kyle have been preparing in a heat chamber to acclimate to hot and humid conditions. They have also been practicing cooling and hydration strategies for pre-race and mid-race, to help them to outperform their international rivals on race day.

**In early July Kyle and Rhydian will travel to Cairns for an athletics team pre-departure camp to complete their preparations before heading to Japan at the end of July.**



Outside of work and sport, Rhydian can be found volunteering at his local community garden, the [Fawkner Food Bowls](#), and is also an ambassador for the [Sports Environment Alliance](#), [High Impact Athletes](#), and the Australian Institute of Sport's [Share a Yarn](#) reconciliation initiative, seeking to honour the work in every aspect of life. He is looking forward to getting married at the end of the year, after the pandemic forced a postponement of that as well in 2020.

Rhydian hopes to represent his country and community well in Tokyo, and performance wise is aiming for a top-10 finish. He looks to fellow MHS Old Boy Ron Clarke's bronze medal winning performance in the Tokyo 1964 Games as an inspiration. His event will be held on 6th August 2021.

Twitter: @rhydianc      Instagram: @rhydiancowley  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/rhydian.cowley.olympian](https://www.facebook.com/rhydian.cowley.olympian)

# Dream Into Action: Tokyo 2021

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Brothers **Lachie Edwards (below left - MHS 2013)** and **Blake Edwards (below right - MHS 2010)** have both been selected to represent Australia in the Men's Water Polo at Tokyo 2021.



We congratulate Rhydian, Kyle, Lachie and Blake on achieving this honour and wish them success at this most extraordinary Olympic Games.

**GO FOR GOLD!**

# GM&B Update



Daryl Brooks, Patron-in-Chief

Dear Gentlemen

In May this year the GM&B AGM was again held online and its Annual Report was presented. The Executive Committee had considered holding the event in the Unicorn Club but in the end circumstances did not allow. Special recognition and appreciation goes to our outgoing Treasurer Mr Scott Green who has handed over the reigns after more than two decades under his stewardship, and with the GM&B in a solid and healthy position indeed. Many thanks Scott for your exceptional contribution.

The GM&B's next opportunity for a face-to-face resumption for this year will now have to wait until **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** (tbc) when we will host Dinner Forum 2. As well as the delight of meeting in person again to discuss matters over dinner, of timely importance to the October Forum will be considerations of future directions for the GM&B post-Covid. Themes important to us will be the alignment of activities to the school's needs as described by the new Principal's strategic thinking and School Council's long-term planning. It is expected that this will be articulated and stimulated by keynote addresses from the school's newly appointed Principal Dr Tony Mordini, and the School Council's newly elected President Mr Henry McLaughlin.

Themes to be presented to the discussion groups that evening may include the post-Covid challenges of volunteerism, innovation and adaptability of alumni associations, the necessity for collaboration and partnership in a new era, technological possibilities for remote online alumni membership, program development (Mentoring, JLP, Entrepreneurship, Heritage) and new initiatives in alignment with emerging school priorities. It promises to be a hallmark event for the GM&B going forward. GM&B Members are asked in particular to please mark the date in your diary and join with others in committing to reconvening face to face over dinner in September. There is much important work awaiting.

Healthy regards to all

**Daryl Brooks** (MHS 1970)  
Patron-in-Chief



**GM&B**  
PATRONS CLUB





# MHSOB Football Club Update



**Around enforced breaks during COVID lockdowns, we keep playing football on the Woodfull-Miller Oval.**

After a solid pre-season program including both intra and inter Club practice matches our VAFA season commenced on Saturday 10 April. We celebrated the return to football in fine style with a memorable Coterie Dinner. It was a very enjoyable night attended by over 50 members of the broad MHSOBFC community who gathered to celebrate the outstanding playing careers of Andrew and Steven Villani.

Bernie Pretty continues as Senior Coach with Lachlan McKinnon and Beau Jellis providing great support in their respective Assistant Coach roles. Luke Campbell remains with us as Reserves Coach with assistance provided by Michael Mitchell. We are pleased to welcome back Liam Ferris and Adam Ashton who are sharing leadership duties for our Thirds while Adam Tardif and Liam McCoppin are looking after our talented group of young JuniorCorns.

As we approach the midpoint of the 2021 season MHSOBFC is well placed with both our Seniors and Reserves rebounding from Round 1 defeats to win the next 6 games. Our Thirds are finding the competition very tough in their Division but continue to provide an opportunity for more players to represent the Unicorns each weekend. The young JuniorCorns have played some great football and at this stage they are on track to make it through to the finals.

In other news we have acknowledged and celebrated some significant player milestones with **150 games by Mason Fennessy-Kent (pictured right)** and 50 games by Tim Campelj, Lachie Dowling, Oscar Sargeant and Mitch Wilson.

Assistance provided by a host of Club volunteers has been outstanding this year and we would like to formally acknowledge their tireless commitment.



# MHSOB Football Club Update



Peter Rendell, MHSOBFC Volunteer



1991 Premiership 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch

A recent social calendar highlight was our special game day luncheon on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. It provided the perfect opportunity for a large gathering of former players and officials to celebrate the **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our 1991 Seniors and Reserves Premierships**. Many great stories were told and some of them were actually true!

The entire MHSOBFC community is extremely grateful to our Major Sponsor – NED. The company provides premium quality 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 highly valued key sponsors: Union House, Community Bank - Windsor, Hello Sam, Belle Property South Yarra, Beasley & Co, Peter Smith Plumbing, Urban Water Solutions, Affinity Accountants and Evolutio Physiotherapy.

Warren Fall  
President  
MHSOBFC

# MHSOB Hockey Club Update



MHSOB HC have continued to play through another season affected by COVID-19. The opportunities provided to our community by our two new main sponsors, the Australian Venue Co and Brady Tiling have been fantastic, and the club would like to again thank them both for their ongoing support to the club members and coaching support.

The winter season for 2021 is well underway with the firsts of both the Men's and Women's Vic League 1 teams being very competitive. The lower grades of Men's Reserves, Pennant D and Women's Pennant E are all trying to find their feet with the teams trying to balance the differing experience ranges of the players.

Our Masters teams in the 45s B and D are enjoying being back playing in the Monday night competitions and our new Junior team in the Central Flames quarter field competition have played their first few matches and are loving their introduction to hockey.



The club is always happy to welcome any new recruits or late returning members even mid-way through the season, so if you feel like running around with a stick after all those lock-downs you are welcome to come and try out an obligation-free training session, we will even provide the stick.



# MHSOB Hockey Club Update (con't)



Whilst the social side of the club has been a bit stop-start, the season's season launch at the College Lawn and its Women's Round events have been early highlights to the season.

Our bake-sale and raffle raised over \$1,000 for Women's Breast Cancer (below), and we supplied Fitted for Work (a local charity that provides vulnerable women with appropriate work clothes for job interviews) with a carload of donations.



There are still a number of social events planned, including Trivia Night which is being held on 31 July at The Local in Port Melbourne. If anyone wants to test their trivia against the hockey tragics, further ticket and event details are on the club's website.

Vote Count and Presentation night will be scheduled towards the end of the season with updates to come. Check out the club website and socials for more updates on the club and future events [www.mhsobhc.com](http://www.mhsobhc.com)



# Men for All Seasons – Review



The Men For All Seasons (MFAS) are former Melbourne High School students (MHS) and friends who meet for lunch on the first Friday of each new season to enjoy each other's company and raise funds for charity.

The MFAS began in the year 2000 when a small cohort of past MHS students met for lunch on the first Friday in Spring. This event became the foundation lunch and the group was dubbed the “Men For All Seasons” by Anthony Watkins and Peter Day (both 1983 exit).



MFAS Founders Anthony Watkins (L) and Peter Day (R)

The Victorian Club was the home of every quarterly Luncheon event in the early 2000's. Gary Allen, a long serving MHS teacher of some note, joined the MFAS and became our Patron attending many MFAS events.

The Victorian Club closed and the MFAS moved to a variety of different venues each quarter. The Kelvin, Butterfly, Savage and Unicorn Clubs were amongst some classic venues with Kelvin and Unicorn becoming the annual Autumn and Summer/Christmas MFAS lunches – both very popular and well attended.

# Men for All Seasons – Review

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Over the past 20 years MFAS have donated regularly to MHS, the MHSOBA and the MHS Foundation. Individual MFAS Old Boys have also made generous contributions to scholarships, sponsorships and a variety of special efforts.

The MFAS continue to support current MHS students and have recently donated to the MHS Foundation to establish two inaugural scholarships for Year 12 MHS Students:

- The Speros Beasley Scholarship \$1,000
- The Men For All Seasons Scholarship \$1,000

We trust this special effort will create ongoing benefits and provide support.

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Honour The Work

# Congratulations Warren Fall

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On Wednesday 21 July, Warren Fall (MHS 1975) was admitted as a life member to the Inner South East Cricket Association (ISEC).

President Tim Boyce was delighted to welcome Warren “for years of tireless work with the association, formerly on committees and as a player and coach, but most recently as a result of the work he has done with the MHSOBCC as its Junior Convenor.”

Warren’s daily, weekly, monthly and annual contribution to MHSOB sporting clubs is beyond extraordinary. His drive, commitment and passion are unparalleled for which we thank him.

We warmly congratulate Warren for being awarded this honour with ISEC which is rightly bestowed.



*Warren Fall – MHS Class of 1975 and MHS staff 1981 to 2011  
MHSOBA Vice President, Junior Convenor MHSOBCC, President MHSOBFC*

# History Notes: “Remembering Melbourne High”

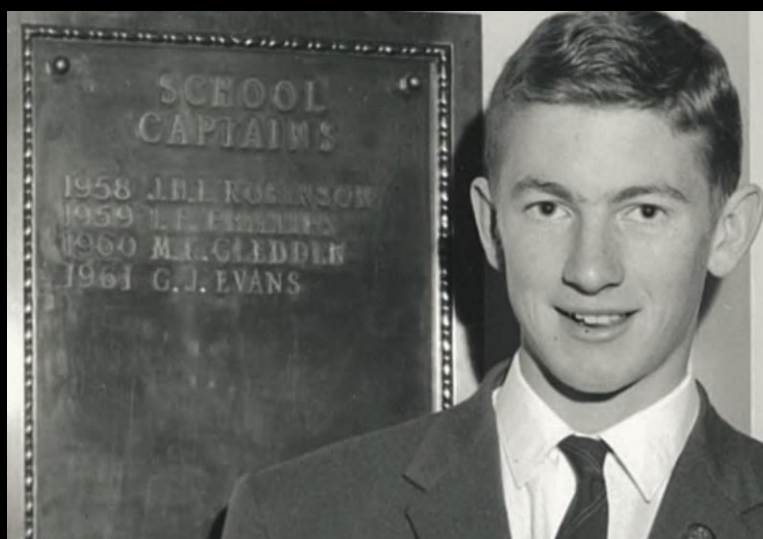
Extract from Gareth Evans’

**Incorrigible Optimist: A Political Memoir** pp. 293-5

**Teachers matter. Unbelievably so. It cannot be said too often how much good – or bad – ones change kids’ lives.**

And I did have a marvellous succession of them both at Hawthorn West Central School and, above all, Melbourne High.

There are plenty of my cohort who will no doubt remember as wistfully and affectionately as I do names like Graham Worrall, Ben Munday, David Niven and Alan Inch.



Gareth Evans, School Captain 1961

But the most influential of all of them for me was the biology master, Norton Hobson, a tall, stooping, bespectacled, frizzy-haired character of slightly idiosyncratic appearance and alarmingly idiosyncratic political views.

He was an extreme rationalist, with a kind of Darwinian intellectual attraction to the survival of the fittest, claiming to be indifferent to the woes of the marginal few in society, including various racial minorities, if that meant greater progress and happiness for the whole. But he combined all this with a genuinely sweet and nurturing nature, prepared to take infinite pains to bring along youngsters like me, getting us to read big books and dream big dreams.



## “Remembering Melbourne High” (con’t)

He lived only half a street away from my family home, gave me the run of his library, often drove me to school encouraging argument all the way about what was right and wrong in the world, and interrogated me about what I found to embrace or question in books like Bertrand Russell’s *Why I am Not a Christian?*. (I am told that when he died years later, his rationalism was vindicated when friends followed his instruction to buy a beer for him after the funeral: if there was an afterlife they would see the level go down...)

Norton genuinely wanted me and his other students not just to accept his fulminations, outrageous as they often were, but to think and argue for ourselves. Perhaps most importantly of all, he was endlessly patient in explaining to my parents over our kitchen table (as was also Graham Worrall on other occasions) why I should grab whatever opportunity I could to stay on at school and then go to university.

Norton has been semi-immortalized as ‘Lee Horton’ in a series of novels by one of my Melbourne High classmates, Ross Fitzgerald, himself an intriguing character, one of the many that Melbourne High has always produced. His subsequent career as not just a fine academic historian but, inter alia, a Murdoch press columnist and inner-sanctum-dweller, suggests he may have been rather more susceptible to our mutual mentor’s right-wing extravagances than I ever became. But I may be doing him an injustice. One of Ross’s many other claims to fame is a book about recovering from his alcoholism, which began at school and to which he insists I drove him. That might not be a complete exaggeration. We certainly had what might be described as confrontational, rather than complementary, personalities.

All of us were certainly trying to find our feet in a very competitive environment. The best thing about Melbourne High School, for me at least, was its fiercely uncompromising approach to academic standards, both in the quality of the teachers it hired and the goals that it set for its students, above all in the final-year state matriculation examinations.

## “Remembering Melbourne High (con’t)”

When it came to winning Commonwealth Scholarships for university entry and to ‘Exhibitions’ – prizes for topping the state in individual subjects – we just had to do better than Melbourne Grammar and Scotch College and all the rest of the private-school toffs. And most years we did.

Maybe in some cases youngsters were being pushed beyond endurance, but I think in many more instances it was a matter of every ounce of potential being recognised and dragged out of us. For that I, for one, was enduringly grateful, winning as I did enough scholarships and prizes both to keep me at school in years eleven and twelve, and to get to university with not only my fees paid but also a substantial living allowance. Needless to say, I remain to this day a passionate advocate of decent funding for the state-school system. With proper support, and genuine commitment to excellence in teaching, there is absolutely no reason why schools like Melbourne High should not be the norm within that system, rather than remaining exceptional.

The tone of the whole school, when I was there from 1958 to 1961, was set above all else by its principal, the former Australian test cricket captain WM ‘Bill’ Woodfull, who had won sporting immortality not only for the quality of his batting and Ashes-winning captaincy but for his famous response to the English management during the torrid bodyline series in 1933: ‘There are two teams out there. One is trying to play cricket, and the other is not.’

But the tone Woodfull contributed was not what might have expected. Frustratingly for everyone – not least the school’s sporting teams – he absolutely refused to re-live, or even allow anyone to mention, those glory days. He did not do celebrity, and he did not do informality, let alone vulgarity: Shane Warne he was not. Supremely modest, austere, and gentlemanly, he was an old-fashioned educator, and that was it. But a brilliant and universally respected one.

## “Remembering Melbourne High” (con’t)

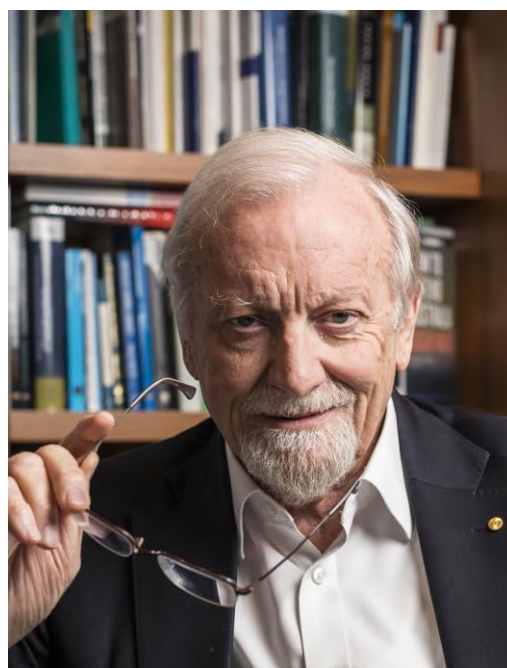
Melbourne High during my time rivalled the top private schools not only academically but in the multi-dimensionality of the educational experience it provided. It was where I learned to debate and make my first-ever television appearance (on ‘Parliament of Youth’). It was where I learned to enjoy theatre, by watching slightly older contemporaries like Max Gillies find their wings, if not performing myself (I found my limitations early, playing a nagging Chinese wife in a year nine production of ‘The Doubtful Misfortune of Li Sing’).

It was where I learned to enjoy – though, again, performance skills were beyond me – both classic and contemporary music, as did Athol Guy, Bruce Woodley and Keith Potger, in the year ahead of me, when they started calling themselves ‘The Seekers’. It was where I learned, in the school cadets, that whatever other career I might follow, it was not going to be in the military.

It was where I learned that, while I enjoyed playing Australian Rules football, I had peaked as a twelve-year old playing in the first ruck at Hawthorn West alongside the later-legendary David Parkin, and that I was condemned thereafter to being a second-eighteen battler.

And it was where I learned my first faltering social skills, through regular close encounters with our sister school, Mac.Robertson Girls High, though I suspect those skills would have come on considerably faster had we been co-educational. That said, and despite the flamboyance of some of Melbourne High’s theatre crowd, I don’t think our commanding South Yarra sandstone ever really deserved our then-common soubriquet, ‘Poofter Castle’.

**Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC**  
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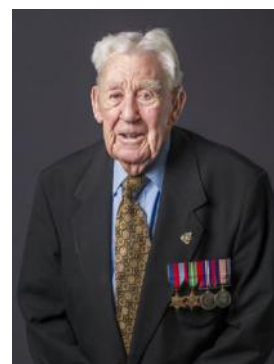
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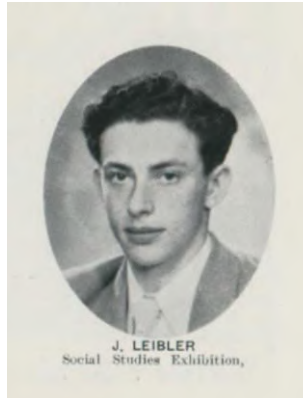
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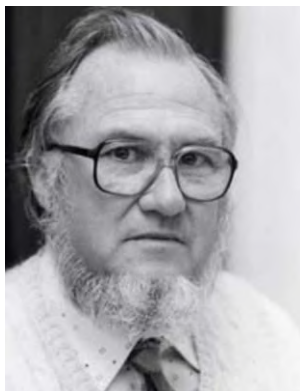
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