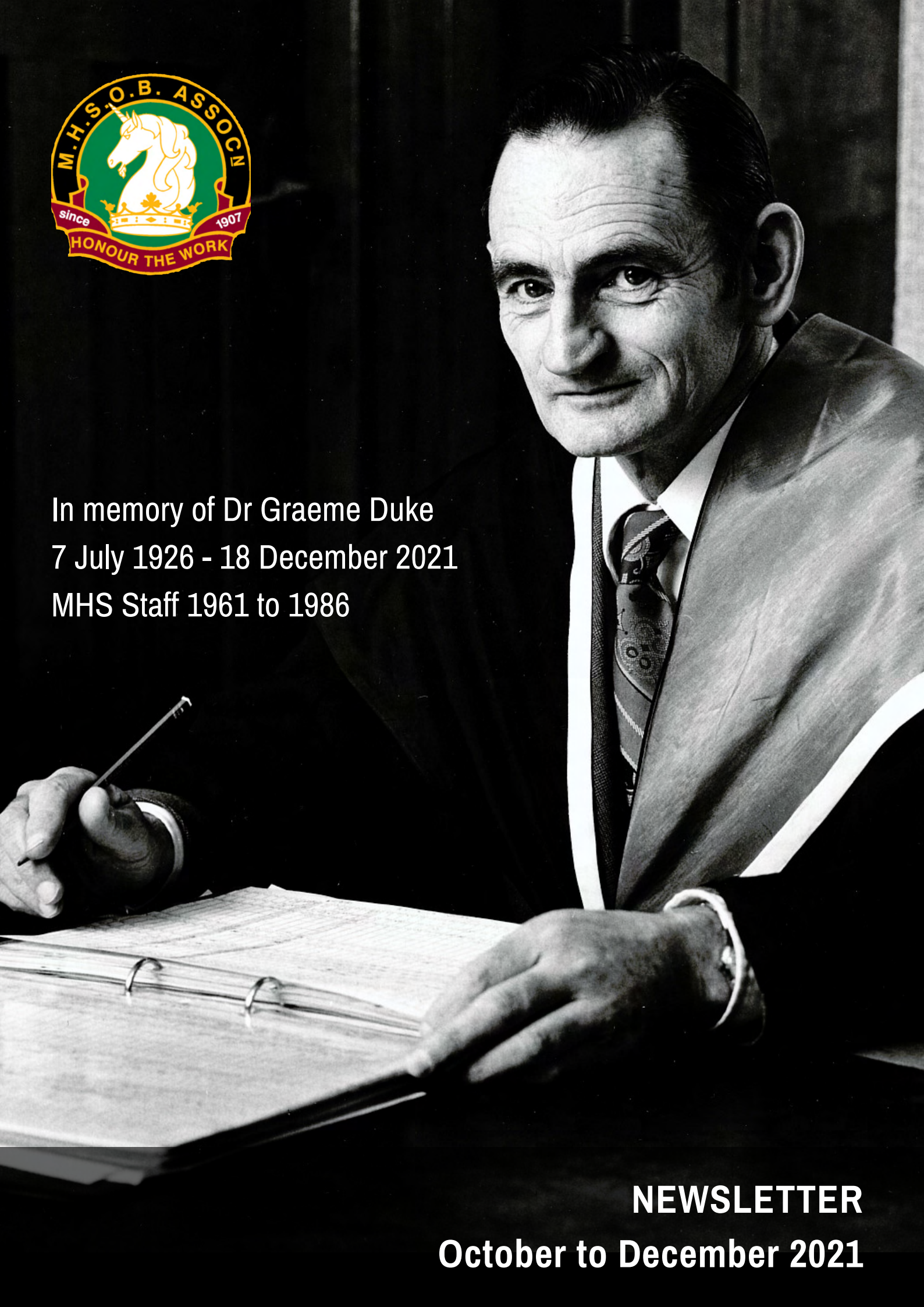




In memory of Dr Graeme Duke
7 July 1926 - 18 December 2021
MHS Staff 1961 to 1986



NEWSLETTER
October to December 2021

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From the President



Hello Gentlemen

In this our final edition for 2021, we reflect on a year of camaraderie and contribution in the face of yet more challenges wrought by the global pandemic.

We mourn the passing of **Dr Graeme Ivallan Duke**, one of the school's most distinguished educators and leaders and send our condolences to his family.

While lockdowns forced the cancellation of our Annual Dinner and Reunions this and last year, we successfully delivered our **Vocational Seminar Series** and **VCE Exam Masterclasses** to current MHS students. Our thanks to all Old Boys who facilitated and presented at these invaluable seminars.

Our annual **Scholarship Program** offers \$19,500 across 10 Scholarships to current MHS students and Old Boys undertaking tertiary studies. To our new and longstanding supporters of this program we again extend grateful thanks. We congratulate 2021 Scholarship recipients on their achievement - see page 12 for full details.

In collaboration with MHS Careers, we enlisted the help of 11 Old Boys to provide expert advice at this year's **MHS Careers Evening**. From medicine to engineering and defence to the creative arts, we thank those Old Boys who gave generously of their time for the benefit of students and parents.

Spearheaded by Nicholas Antonas (MHS 2001), we supported the gathering of Old Boys in London for a private dinner at The Reform Club, Pall Mall. We hope to support more social events for Old Boys wherever they might be, and warmly thank Nicholas for instigating "**London Calling**". We understand this group met for festive drinks recently and that they intend to catch up regularly.

If you missed your **Reunion** in 2020 or 2021, we are working to bring you together next year. Including our flagship **Annual Dinner**, we are now planning our **Events Calendar** with MHS and will share full details early in the New Year. Thanks again for your patience during snap lockdowns and resultant event cancellations over the past two years.



From the President (con't)

In the absence of our annual **Appreciation Evening**, we acknowledge the many individuals and stakeholders who contribute to and support our programs.

We recognise **Notable Old Boys** including Max Gillies (MHS 1958), Robert Rosen (MHS 1970), George Megalogenis (MHS 1982) and Colin Axup (MHS 1984) – see page 32 for more.

With lockdowns lifted and in true festive spirit, the **Men for All Seasons** recently celebrated their convivial summer luncheon at The Bush Inn and raised funds in the process. See page 28 for an event overview.

The **GM&B Patrons' Club** bring us up to date with their end of year report and the **MHS Foundation** share their summer greeting.

This edition includes a **Literary Review** of “The Lowest Depths” co-authored by two Old Boys - Professor Ross Fitzgerald (MHS 1961) and Ian McFadyen (MHS 1965). Enjoy a review of this entertaining title from School Historian, Dr Alan Gregory AM.

As is usual, Honorary School Archivist **Luke Savage** and School Historian **Dr Alan Gregory AM** bring us **Tributes**. Luke also brings you an extraordinary **Archive Visit** featuring Dr Liz Rushen.

To **new members of MHSOBA** we say “welcome”. If not already a member, we invite you to [join us](#) in support of our community and the greater MHS family.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you and your loved ones a happy festive season and a positive, uplifting New Year.

Honour The Work



Peter Stathopoulos (MHS 1982)
President, MHSOBA Inc.

Vale - Dr Graeme Ivallan Duke



The MHSOBA mourns the death of Dr Graeme Ivallan Duke, teacher at MHS from 1961 until his retirement in 1986. An outstanding and innovative educator, a brilliant Vice Principal who showed skill as an administrator, wisdom and humanity.

Much loved by students and staff. Our condolences to his family. He truly Honoured the Work.

Dr Graeme Ivallan Duke, B.A.(Hons.), Dip.Ed., D.D.

7 July 1926 - 18 December 2021

MHS Staff 1961-1986

Graeme Duke was born into a Methodist family and won a scholarship to Wesley College.

He then went to the University of Melbourne where he completed an Honours Arts degree and was a student of Queens College. He was an excellent scholar gaining honours in French and Ancient History, and a first-class honour in Latin.

He then completed his Dip Ed and in 1947 joined the Education Department. His teaching career commenced at Rushworth Higher Elementary School where he was from 1948-1952. He was then promoted to University High School (1953-1960) where he was soon recognised as a first-class teacher.



One his students, later Professor, Russell Lansbury noting him as an outstanding teacher also commented 'he read every student essay carefully but did not tell you what to think he posed questions- his interest was seminal'

A brilliant classroom teacher and pioneer in social studies and politics he had a scholarly breadth that saw him familiar with so much. He was well versed in the classics, Latin, modern literature and he was well versed in theology. He had a keen sense of humour and a dry wit but he was always modest and self-effacing.

Vale – Dr Graeme Ivallan Duke (con't)

Graeme was at the school under three principals Thompson, Collins and Barberis but he is most well-known for his remarkable work as vice principal to Barberis.

The two of them combined to make a brilliant and effective combination. He was promoted to Vice-Principal in 1976. In his work as vice-principal he became a legendary figure. His voice and presence immediately had the attention of the students, who respected him greatly. He rejoiced in the nick name of “Snapper”, for reasons unknown. Legend amongst the boys had him as a former boxer! He never had disciplinary problems.

Among his stories, was of a phone call reporting that a boy was ill and would be absent that day from school, asked who was speaking the reply was “It’s my father speaking”.

When Graeme Duke retired in 1986, Principal Lou Barberis said the debt to him was immense: he had administered a large and complex institution with apparent ease and his influence on staff and students was enormous. He was not only wise but his ‘presence instilled respect’ Barberis went on to say ‘he brings to an exacting role a superb intellect, wisdom and long familiarity with and an inspired awareness of the unique character of MHS’ and he showed ‘unremitting dedication’.

He provided for staff and students important structures within which they could function and show creativity and achieve excellence.

Sadly, soon after he retired in 1987 his wife Sheila died. This was a grievous blow. He was a man of faith, and he then undertook study for a Doctorate. He was successful and became a Doctorate of Divinity, his thesis topic was Biblical criticism and the Protestant Churches in Victoria 1850-1900.

Graeme retained a keen interest in the school was a regular at school and old boy events and was a key figure in the writing of the history of the school as well as the centenary celebrations. A real scholar in retirement he undertook much scholarly work.

Not only was Graeme Duke one of the great figures in the history of MHS but one of the most loved.

He truly Honoured the Work.

Dr Alan Gregory AM, School Historian

Events Update



Reunions 2021

This year, COVID-19 and snap lockdowns resulted in the cancellation of select “Reunions Revisited” from 2020 and Reunions for 2021.

As weeks in lockdown passed, we hoped the situation might improve and enable us to deliver some cancelled events. Unfortunately, that was not to be. To our great disappointment, the lifting of mandates and restrictions in late November did not allow sufficient lead time for events to be planned, marketed and delivered.

In addition to prevailing mandates, once students returned to school DET issued a directive that “only students and essential staff may be onsite”. This meant we were not permitted at MHS and were unable to host events with external guests on premises.

We now look forward eagerly to 2022. We understand how important it is to bring you together, and plan to deliver select Reunions from 2020 and 2021 along with those scheduled for next year.

All events will be advertised via direct email, our website, newsletter, your cohort’s Facebook page and other social media channels. We are reviewing dates with the MHS leadership team and will provide full event details in the New Year.

We hope to see you back at the Castle on the Hill in good spirits and full voice once again!

HONOUR THE WORK

Blithesome our hearts are and free is our fancy,
Swift fly the hours in work and in play;
Fain would we linger but youth turns to manhood,
School days are passing, and we must away.

Chorus

Honour the work, let our motto remind us,
When courage weakens and stern grows the fight,
Strong, like its pillars, the school stands behind us,
Standing for duty, and standing for right.

Lo! Steering westward through life's stormy surges,
Those who once laboured and played here are gone;
Before them a vision, a lamp lit by learning,
A shrine to be guarded and fame to be won.

Chorus



Events Update (con't)

Annual Dinner 2022

We are assessing dates and venues for next year's Annual Dinner. Given two years of lockdowns, we anticipate great enthusiasm for Old Boys to come together at this flagship event. Keen to attend? [Register your interest here.](#)



The Unicorn Club will open its doors in 2022 to MHSOBA members and Old Boys. The perfect venue for business and social events, email administrator@mhsoba.asn.au to make an enquiry.

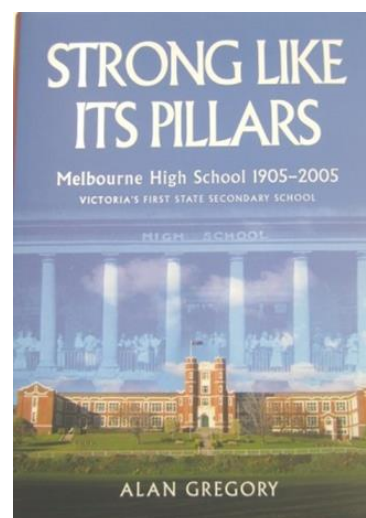


SM30 Student Memberships – Welcome Packs

All new Student Memberships have been processed with members receiving a letter of welcome, lapel badge and membership card.

Welcome Packs – copy of Strong Like Its Pillars and set of Kenneth Jack prints of MHS - can be collected from the MHSOBA office from February 2022.

We appreciate our new member's patience in receiving their packs given recent lockdowns.



MHSOBA Office – School Holiday Closure

Our office will close through the festive season and school holidays from Wednesday 22 December to Tuesday 1 February 2022. Should you wish to contact us, please email administrator@mhsoba.asn.au

In Appreciation with Thanks

It is usual for MHSOBA to hold an Appreciation Evening at the end of each year to thank and recognise those who support us and our various programs. With the late lifting of lockdowns and restrictions in November, the decision was made to hold the event next year.

That said, we wish to thank the following Old Boys, associates, MHS staff, students and stakeholders for their time and support in 2021:

MHSOBA Committee

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
Networking & Social Media	Mangala Prasetia	MHS 2014

MHS Historian & Archivist

Dr Alan Gregory AM, School Historian	MHS 1955
Mr Luke Savage, Honorary Archivist	MHS 1996

MHSOBA Team

Event & Operations Manager	Jo Malley
Accounts Manager	Jodie Gunton

Melbourne High School Team

Dr Anthony Mordini	Principal
Mr Andrew Sloan	Assistant Principal
Ms Pelissa Tsilimidos	Assistant Principal
Mr Marcus Sharp	Assistant Principal
Ms Katrina Hebblewhite	EA to Principal
Ms Rebecca Leahy	Reception
Mr Bill Theodoropoulos	Careers Coordinator
Mr Lachlan Stewart	Head of Visual & Performing Arts
Mr Paul Drew	Leading Teacher – Learning Technologies
Ms Rosemary Dickson	Registrar
Mr Geoff Hare	Facilities Manager

We appreciate the ongoing assistance and support of all MHS staff.

In Appreciation with Thanks

School Council

Mr Henry McLaughlin, President
Judge Tom Wodak (retired)

MHS 1990
MHS 1959

School Captain & Vice School Captain

Arth Tuteja
Magnus Mulhall

Current student
Current student

Bluey Truscott Scholars

Ali Al-Zabaidy
Jake Shelly Paul

Current student
Current student

Melbourne High School Foundation

Colonel John Wertheimer AM
Mr Sam Theodore
Ms Angeline Yeoh

MHS 1954
MHS 1982

Green, Maroon & Black Patrons' Club

Mr Daryl Brooks, Patron-in-Chief
Dr Wayne Chow

MHS 1970
MHS 1994

MHSOB Football Club

Mr Warren Fall, President
Ms Kylie Da Fonte, Secretary

MHS 1975

MHSOB Hockey Club

Mr Andrew Lenga, President

MHSOB Cricket Club

Archit Shukla, President

MHS 2017

MHS Parents & Friends

Mr Zoltan Kokai

In Appreciation with Thanks

Scholarship Program Sponsors 2021

Mr Peter Ivany AO	MHS 1971
Emeritus Professor Ross Fitzgerald AM	MHS 1961
Mr Steve Pilmore	MHS 1966
Mr John Ly (Nguyen)	MHS 2002
Mr Ben Mahoney & Family	MHS 1991
Dr Abhishek, Dr Amit and Dr Ajai Verma	MHS 2001, 2003, 2006
Mr Lambis Englezos AM	MHS 1971
Mr Greg Webber & Family	MHS 1993
The Men For All Seasons –	
Mr Peter Day, Mr Anthony Watkins & Mr Mark Wood	MHS 1983, 1983, 1982

Vocational Seminar Series Presenters 2021

Mr Nicholas Benbow	William Buck	MHS 1996
Mr James Zong	Classical Pianist	MHS 2014
Mr Christos Stathopoulos	Christopher James Lawyers	MHS 2011
Mr Tom Egan	Dept. Premier & Cabinet	MHS 2011
Mr Shayam Soroush	Student of Medicine, Monash Uni	MHS 2020
Mr Kiran Rasaratnam	Student of Medicine, Monash Uni	MHS 2020
Mr Hoang Vu	S&C Electric Company	Associate

VCE Exam Masterclass Presenters 2021

Mr Avanish Yogaramanan	Specialist Mathematics	MHS 2019
Mr Shayam Soroush	Psychology	MHS 2020
Mr Malith Fernando	English	MHS 2018

MHS Careers Evening Presenters 2021

Dr Victor Jia Wei Zhang	The University of Melbourne	MHS 2011
Mr Simon Anderson	AGL Energy	MHS 2003
Mr Sean Lester	Atlas Brokers	MHS 2009
Mr Alan Stein	Allens Lawyers	MHS 2012
Mr Andrew Nunn	Get DQD	MHS 2003
Mr Po Goh	Music Teacher & Accompanist	MHS 2016
Mr Matthew Nicholas	Tennis Australia	MHS 1999
Flight Lieutenant Jordan Cowley	Royal Australian Air Force	MHS 2008
Mr Tom Mackie	Agon Environmental	MHS 1997
Associate Professor John Troupis	Monash University	MHS 1983
Dr Steven Schmied	Schmied Research & Development	MHS 1989

Find and be found in 2022.

Join the MHSOBA Business Directory.



Make 2022 your year. 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

We have been impressed with the calibre of scholarship submissions this year and are delighted to share the thoughts of award recipients with you. We warmly congratulate these Old Boys on their achievement and wish them well.



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

The Webber Family Scholarship – Brian Lee, MHS 2020

I feel incredibly honoured to receive the Webber Family Scholarship.

I'm grateful for the assistance that the award will provide in funding the different avenues for my growth, mainly the transition from on-campus accommodation at ANU to living off-campus, and a hiking trip with my close mentor.

I'm also appreciative of what the scholarship represents: my continued connection to the School, and the cycle of Old Boys supporting the development of young men into effectively altruistic citizens, who do the same when their time comes.

Thank you again to MHSOBA, and especially Mr Greg Webber, for this scholarship.

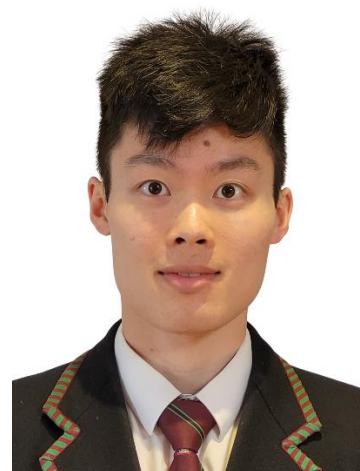


The Mahoney Family Scholarship – Hanford Lam, MHS 2013

The Mahoney Family Scholarship represents support for increasing the quality of education that future generations of students receive.

As a student of life, I appreciate the profound sentiments of effective altruism ingrained in this education scholarship. As a piano teacher, I feel recognised and supported by this award for the work I do and ideas I share.

As a two-time recipient of this generous prize, I understand that the Mahoney family believes in my suitability to drive progress in education. I do believe that a good education opens doors and I aim to deliver inspirational education to many in the future.



MHSOBA Scholarship Program (con't)

The VernaFamily Scholarship – Gabin Soosaipillai, MHS 2017

It is a truly exceptional honour to be chosen as the recipient of The Verma Family Scholarship.

This achievement recognises excellence and commitment to teaching and mentoring which has been a passion of mine since my time at Melbourne High School. I have benefited immensely from the passion and ethos of my mentors, and I strive to emulate this in my own endeavours.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the MHSOBA and the Verma Family for their generous support. Their enduring contributions continue to be powerful in fostering the legacy and community that us Old Boys are so lucky to be a part of.



The Peter Ivany AO Scholarship – Travis Leung, MHS Year 11

I would just like to say a heartfelt thank you for awarding me this scholarship as well as Mr Peter Ivany AO, whom this scholarship is dedicated to.

Your financial assistance has reduced my financial burden going into Year 12 and allows me to focus on my studies rather than the financial aspect of schooling, so I am very grateful for this opportunity.

After I graduate from MHS, I hope to one day be part of the MHSOBA and help out students who may be in the same situation as me.



MHSOBA Scholarship Program (con't)

The Speros Beasley Scholarship – Sean Bastians, MHS 2019

This scholarship has been majorly beneficial for myself due to the easing of the financial burden associated with my undergraduate studies.

This scholarship will assist me in the purchasing of any software, materials and devices required for me to succeed in my tertiary studies.

Being an Old Boy, I feel honoured to be recognised for my prior service to the school in both sport and extra-curricular involvement and believe that all students should take advantage of the many opportunities they have to excel in receiving a well-rounded education. Honour the Work!



The Men For All Seasons Scholarship – Rajas Satija, MHS Year 11

Why do you want to go to Melbourne High School? Was the first question that was on everyone's lips prior to me sitting the exam. Whilst the outstanding academic record of the school was partially the reason, the primary motivation for me to attend the school was the vast amount of co-curricular opportunities offered.

The Men for All Seasons Scholarship will provide me with the opportunity to expand my current co-curricular engagement as well as provide me with much needed funds to purchase textbooks and material required for Year 12.

I will be forever grateful to the Men for All Seasons, MHSOBA and Melbourne High School for the assistance they have provided with me with this scholarship and will endeavour to utilise it to make my time at MHS a more meaningful one.



MHSOBA Scholarship Program (con't)

The Bluey Truscott Scholarship – Ali Al-Zabaidy, MHS Year 10

When applying for the Bluey Truscott Scholarship, I thought to myself – what makes a high achieving student?

This question set the tone for my application, yet more importantly, it helped me gain a deeper understanding of what it means to Honour the Work. I realised that our school's motto is not confined to academic achievement, nor sporting, leadership or extracurricular pursuits. Rather, it embodies values of passion, dedication, and a sense of community. What makes Keith 'Bluey' Truscott such a memorable figure in the MHS and Australian communities is not solely attributed to his achievements, but the values he lived by as a young man.



Despite not having a major position within the leadership structure, I have strived to be a compassionate and dependable leader in various aspects of my life. Within a classroom setting, I have been involved as a Form Captain and SRC Representative, knowing that even the smallest actions could have large impacts on my peers' experiences at school. As a Lance Corporal in Australian Army Cadets, I have overseen the development of junior cadets, led a section during winter Bivouac Camp, and commemorated the service of ADF veterans in the Legacy Parade. I was also selected as one of 300 Class of 2023 Monash University Young Scholars – an academic and leadership enrichment program. Beyond distinct positions, my passion for leadership extends into my involvement in MHS, as well as my local and Arabic communities.

Despite several interruptions, I believe the many friendships and memories I have made this year captivate the essence of sport at MHS. I have been involved in the MHS rugby and basketball teams, was awarded the U15s House Athletics Age Group Champion, and broke the school's long jump record. Having competed at a state level and qualified for national competitions, I look forward to representing MHS in athletics next year.

Whilst this scholarship embodies excellence in several areas, it ultimately represents making the most of the plethora of opportunities at MHS. I am extremely honoured to receive this prestigious award, and I look forward to working with the MHSOBA and broader student body.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program (con't)

The Bluey Truscott Scholarship – Jake Shelly Paul, MHS Year 10

I am Jake Shelly Paul from the Class of 2023, and before continuing, I would like to extend my gratitude to the MHS Old Boys Association for giving me this opportunity.

When I first heard about Bluey and this scholarship, I was amazed. Most people spend their lives chasing success in one field, but Bluey was an excellent sportsman, fighter pilot and leader, who managed to make friends wherever he went. Nevertheless, the more I read, the more I realised that Truscott was no different from the rest of us. At the end of the day, he was a social personality who found a way to excel through hard work and determination, just like I aspire to do.



Just like Truscott, I find myself very engaged within the Melbourne High community, whether it be as a Junior School Captain, Form Captain, Club Executive, or Water Polo, Football and Basketball player. Outside of school, I find myself taking part in entrepreneurial pursuits, fuelled by my love for technology.

Most importantly, I see myself as the mate sitting next to you in class, and I look forward to meeting more people in our ever-growing brotherhood.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program (con't)

Become a Scholarship Sponsor

We invite you to support current MHS students and Old Boys completing tertiary studies by sponsoring a Scholarship. You determine the selection criteria and value of your Scholarship which is tax-deductible.

To create a new Scholarship in your, your family or your son's name for 2022, please contact peter.douros@mhsoba.asn.au

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

Whatever your contribution, it is most welcome.

Our thanks again to new and longstanding Scholarship sponsors for their generous support of this program.

Honour The Work



Dr Peter Douros
Chair, Scholarships Sub-Committee
MHS 1984



Assistant Principal Appointment



We congratulate Paul Drew on his appointment to the role of Assistant Principal in 2022.

An Old Boy from the class of 1981, Paul joined the MHS team in 2012 teaching Mathematics, Computing and Robotics.

He is father of three Old Boys himself – Peter (MHS 2016), William (MHS 2021) and Joshua (currently in Year 9).



Of this appointment, Principal Dr Anthony Mordini said:

It is my pleasure to advise that Paul Drew is the recommended applicant for Assistant Principal.

I congratulate Paul and look forward to working with him as a member of the Principal Class Team.

Paul is passionate, committed to innovation and eager to ensure that MHS continues to design programs that will improve students' academic achievement and personal development.

*Dr Tony Mordini
Principal*

We wish Paul every success and look forward to continuing a positive, collaborative relationship.

Farewell to Retiring Teachers



In league with MHS, we acknowledge the extraordinary contribution of longstanding teachers. We thank them for their many years of service and wish them well in retirement.

Saki Ganella O.A.M.

Maths / 415 Squadron AAFC

MHS student 1962 – 65

Staff member 1971 – 2021

In cinema mythology very few sequels are as good as the original. Movie buffs generally confer that an exception to the rule is the Godfather Part II, a good segue to Saki Ganella's career with Forrest House and 415 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets.

I refer you to Gordon Lowing's excellent tribute to Saki Ganella in the 2002 Unicorn when Saki first retired. In summary, Saki had been at 15 Flight Air Training Corps, as it was known then, as a student from 1962 to 1965. He came back as a MHS Staff member in 1971 and served as the Chief Instructor of 15 Flight till 1985, when he became the Commanding Officer until 1985, reverting to Chief Instructor until he retired from the Australian Air Force Cadets in 2002. His time as Commanding Officer has been recognized this year with the commissioning of a ceremonial sword for 415SQN named after him.



As a House co-ordinator during this period, he was unparalleled in his influence. His time first as a Co-ordinator for Forrest from 1973 to 1987 and of Yarra from 1994 to 2001, 23 years in total, is the equal longest as a house co-ordinator in the modern history of MHS. But his leadership to 13 wins in the house competition is unrivalled. When he came back to MHS in 2004 he became "The Godfather" of Forrest House and has remained the defining figure of the Forrest Tribe over the last 18 years. There is a Greek word for passion- pathos, Saki illustrated this, writ large, when he was commanding the Forrest choral rehearsals, always demanding the best performance from Forrest's young men.

Farewell to Retiring Teachers (con't)

For my perspective, Saki was my Year 12 Mathematics teacher at MHS. He is quoted as saying: "Mathematics runs in the blood of the Greeks. I tell my students that Pythagoras was my uncle and quite a few of them believe it", that passion for mathematics came through in his teaching. As my Commanding Officer of Air Cadets, Saki illustrated that elusive leadership trait of Command Presence.

As both a student and junior member of staff of Forrest during his time as Forrest House Co-ordinator, I would like to say that Saki was a mentor. However, that scowl, the finger point, the intensity of his focus, the emotional ferocity; like his fellow Melbourne Football Club tragic, Ron Barassi, they possess talents that cannot be taught, just humbly admired.

In 2020 Saki George Ganella was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List with an OAM for his service to education in all aspects of Melbourne High School.

After 50 years of service at Melbourne High School, I wish him the all the best in his well-deserved second retirement, and that for him "The Godfather: Part III" will be the perfect end to his trilogy.

Dr Shaun Kemp

Mihaela Brysha

Visual Arts

Staff member 1986 – 2021

**Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.
Edgar Degas**

We say goodbye to Mihaela, who has worked at MHS for 35 years – and in doing so is one of the school's longest serving art teachers, and its longest serving female teacher. Mihaela completed a double major in Painting and Art History at Phrahan Tech (now VCA) and graduated in 1978.

She started her career at MHS in 1985 after having previously taught at Flemington High School. She quickly became involved in a range of activities such as the school play where she was head of costume design and also became age group leader of Como house.



Farewell to Retiring Teachers (con't)

Mihaela was instrumental in the proposal for the design and development of the MHS Arts Centre, in both helping secure funding for construction and overseeing the design of a 21st century specialised centre for the visual and performing arts. She also led the consultation process for the refreshed colour scheme in the twenties building and initiated the MHS House Art competition which saw its first event in 2021.

Mihaela has spent her career as an artist first, with her continued practice in art making and exhibiting serving as an ongoing source of inspiration for her students. With every VCE student she took the time to personalise her teaching, discovering unique forms of expression that motivated them to create their best work – which was visible for all to see in our yearly arts show.

As head of Art and the Visual and Performing Arts from 2010 to 2017, Mihaela was a strong advocate for the faculty and always fought hard to ensure that a diverse range of subjects ran in the face of enrolment fluctuations. She oversaw the implementation of several new curricula and worked tirelessly with every staff member to support them and their subject area.

Mihaela has led our faculty with both her heart and her head, and genuinely cares about the wellbeing of each staff member, going above and beyond to help wherever she can. She has had such an impact on the arts at MHS that we present a yearly award in her name, The Mihaela Brysha Arts Award, that embodies her spirit of creativity and passion.

We wish Mihaela all the best in retirement and hope that she enjoys devoting her time to her love of art and spending time with her cherished family.

Lachlan Stewart

Farewell to Retiring Teachers (con't)

Sandro Bisetto

Physical Education (PE)

Staff member 1984 – 2021

Sandro Bisetto arrived at Melbourne High School in 1984 and after 38 years of outstanding leadership and service is finally hanging up his ACME Thunderer whistle for the final time.

In his time at MHS Sandro has taken on many roles and responsibilities, from Form Teacher to Head of Physical Education to Year 10 Student Learning Coordinator and many other committees along the journey. However, it has always been his passion for Physical Education, Sport and Outdoor Education that has driven Sandro's professional achievements.



In Physical Education Sandro has always been a leader and innovator in our faculty. From teaching in gumboots during the construction of the Nineties Building in the late 80s and early 90s to developing cutting edge Year 9 and 10 electives Sports Performance and Exercise Sports Science, Sandro always brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to everything he did.

For those lucky students who studied these electives over the years, they will forever remember Sandro's quirky anecdotes and wicked sense of humour. When old boys recollect about their time at MHS and the teachers they had, they invariably light up and talk glowingly about Sandro.

From early on in his teaching career Sandro recognised that learning is not just restricted to the classroom, and this is evident in his passion for outdoor education. Over the years hundreds of MHS students have experienced and benefited from the Cross-Country Ski camps and Surf camps that Sandro organised and ran. I would hate to imagine how many days and nights he has spent away from home and family running camps that MHS students benefited so greatly from. I personally will never forget the early morning run swim runs at Surf Camp and the cooking!! Of course, everyone who experienced a camp with Sandro will never forget the food!

Farewell to Retiring Teachers (con't)

What Sandro will be remembered for most will be his involvement in Athletics. The House Athletics Carnival runs so smoothly every year because of the hours of time Sandro has put in fine tuning the perfect program – one that balances optimising participation, whilst still enabling the elite athletes the opportunity to shine.

Sandro's passion for MHS Athletics will never be surpassed. While he may have attended 3 x Olympic Games and multiple World Championships and Commonwealth Games as a coach, his proudest achievement was the success of the 2004 MHS Senior Athletics team that won the 2004 National All School Championships in Tasmania.

But even when lined up together, this long list of achievements does not come close to explaining the full impact Sandro has had on multiple generations of Melbourne High School students. Sandro possessed a rare talent for making strong and meaningful connections with a diverse range of students; challenging and demanding hard work from students whilst equally never losing a sense of fun and mischief; supporting students on their travails to adulthood and life beyond the school gates.

We are going to miss Sandro in the PE office and around all the sporting events, but will forever be grateful for his knowledge, passion, and friendship!

David Veale and James Guthrie

Farewell to Retiring Teachers (con't)

Dr Anne Lierse

Music

Staff member 1995 – 2021

I find it hard to put into words the enormous impact Dr Anne Lierse has had upon Music at Melbourne High School, because what she has done for Music Education in Victoria and Australia has far surpassed her amazing efforts at MHS.

Anne joined the staff of Melbourne High School in 1995 after leaving Blackburn High School. During her time at MHS she taught piano at an exceptionally high level, she conducted the School Orchestra, she mentored Chamber Music ensembles, she taught classroom music, and was Director of Music from 2004 until 2010.



While one might marvel at her achievements within the MHS setting, Anne has been a passionate advocate for Music Education in Victoria and Australia, arguing for increased funding for all schools so that they can run effective music programs. She has sat on and written articles for Parliamentary Reviews, she helped design VCE Music Study Designs, and worked tirelessly with organisations such as the Victorian Music Teachers Association (VMTA), the Association for Music Educators (ASME), the Australian Society of Music Educators (aMuse) to help enhance and further Music Education for all schools.

Anne has been an advocate for Australian Music, with her students and her ensembles championing and performing the works of Australian composers. She was the Director of Music when MHS won the Future Leader in Australian Music Education award from ABC Classic FM in 2009. Her piano students have won awards and competitions in Australia and abroad, and a significant number have gone on to become professional musicians and teachers. One indicator of her amazing teaching ability and her positive impact on her students is the high numbers of piano playing Old Boys who regularly attend the recitals of the current students.

Farewell to Retiring Teachers (con't)

Thanks to all of Anne's work in advocating for Music Education she has been awarded a Fellowship of ASME, Life Memberships of aMuse and the VMTA, and in 2019 she was nominated for the Senior Australian of the Year and awarded the ASME Music Educating for Life Award.

MHS has been incredibly privileged to have had the benefit of Anne's experience and passion for Music Education. Her students, both past and present, have benefited enormously from her expertise.

From speaking with Anne, I am in awe of her phenomenal insights into Music Education. While it is sad that she is moving away from teaching, I feel exceptionally privileged for having worked with such a passionate and inspiring colleague for so many years. Thank you, Anne, for all you have done for Music Education at MHS and throughout the State of Victoria.

Gareth de Korte



MHS Foundation Message



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The Board and Team of the MHS Foundation wish the Old Boy community and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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GM&B Update



Daryl Brooks, Patron-in-Chief

It is appropriate to offer in this final update for 2021 a reflection on GM&B's challenges and achievements for this past year as well as to signal what is in its sights for 2022.

I am proud and grateful to advise that your GM&B Executive remained steadfast to its intentions despite the ongoing disappointment that our formal functions and Forums could not be enjoyed in their usual style, and that our GM&B spirit of comradeship could not be savoured in our usual fashion around the dinner table at all in 2021. Your Executive continued to meet monthly online to advance the business of GM&B by supporting program activity and liaising with key project stakeholders. We introduced our new MHS School Principal Dr Tony Mordini and School Council President Mr Henry McLaughlin to the purposes, pursuits and resourcefulness of the GM&B. We affirmed our desire and readiness to support the school, the MHSOBA and the broader school community in priority initiatives that will contribute to the ongoing success of the school in its on-campus resumption of school operations in 2022 and beyond.

We are only too well aware that many businesses and community organisations continued to experience great difficulty enduring the severe ongoing social impact of the pandemic over the last two years, but the agility of the GM&B has been quite remarkable. We look to 2022 keen to encourage the contributions of an expanded membership base that can be grown from our younger program leaders who support student programs directly, as well as others in regional, interstate or international locations who wish to connect and communicate with fellow members through remote technologies that we have now embraced in our business and family lives. Just as the school will by necessity steer significant human, social and systemic adaptations in its core work through the teaching and learning processes, the GM&B will explore how best it can support those adaptations going forward.

I am looking forward eagerly to a year where we can reconnect directly in anticipation of fresh initiatives, new partnerships and trusted generosity in all alumni endeavours that are intended to support the school's future success and help write its next chapter.

Healthy regards for the festive season

Daryl Brooks (MHS 1970)
Patron-in-Chief



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Men For All Seasons (MFAS)



We shared a super successful MFAS 21st Summer Christmas Lunch on Friday 3rd December 2021. Forty-nine MFAS attended plus special guest Dr. Tony Mordini, MHS Principal.

The Bush Inn (Toorak) was terrific and served a great luncheon - this venue evoked fond memories for some MFAS who had occasion to visit this venue forty years ago.



A post-Covid Lockdown luncheon event that raised funds for MHS Speech Night Prizes, Scholarships (MFAS and Speros Beasley) and MHS students in need.

A classic raucous day that continued into the evening. A safe and joyous Christmas and Summer break to all!

Mark Wood, MHS 1982

[Visit the MFAS Facebook page here](#)



L to R: Stuart McKenzie, John Bird, Dr Anthony Mordini (MHS Principal), Phillip Stott, Christos Stathopoulos, Nicholas Agnew and Perry Mougos



L to R: Tim Morgan, Paul Keyte, Richard Woodmason and Peter Stathopoulos



L to R: Victor Andreou and Stephen Byrne



L to R: Colin Axup, David Smyth and Paul Keyte

Literary Review

The Lowest Depths by Ross Fitzgerald & Ian McFadyen

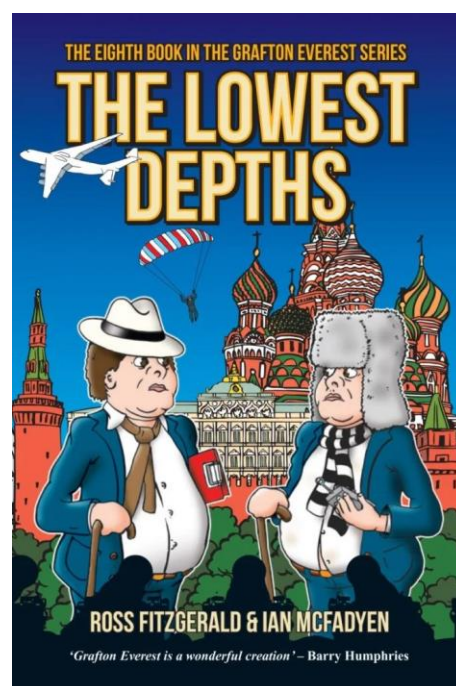
Hybrid Publishers, Melbourne 2021

Reviewed by Dr Alan Gregory

Graham Green's term "An Entertainment", probably best sums up this beautifully produced book.

The Lowest Depths is a very good read, with equal elements of a socio-politico farce and of a spy thriller, plus a touch of sci-fi!

As with its predecessor, *The Dizzying Heights*, this book featuring Dr Professor Grafton Everest is written by two Melbourne High School Old Boys – Ross Fitzgerald and Ian McFadyen. Ross Fitzgerald AM is Emeritus Professor of History & Politics at Griffith University. Known throughout Australia as a long-term sober alcoholic, Fitzgerald is the author, co-author or editor of 43 books and numerous articles and reviews, many of which regularly appear in *The Australian* newspaper and *The Weekend Australian*.



Ian McFadyen is a writer, actor and television producer who has created several successful television series, books and plays. He is remembered by many for his role in the TV series "The Comedy Company", in which he sometimes appeared, unforgettably, as Sir David Rabbitborough.

This is the eighth Grafton Everest adventure. While the two most recent were co-written with McFadyen, for two of the others Fitzgerald had different collaborators.

The scene-setting, opening chapters of *The Lowest Depths* remind the reader that Grafton Everest was for many years an academic at the University of Mangoland. But he became a Federal parliamentarian holding the balance of power. And then, Senator Everest became the first President of the Republic of Australia.

Literary Review (con't)

We find Everest at a Writers Festival. The book will have special appeal to those who experienced the age before writers' festivals, modern supermarkets, and what really constitutes academic research. There are superb digs at political correctness – not only colour-blind testing for parts in films and plays but also gender-blind testing! Yes, Black Lives May Matter but also Green and Orange ones. In this novel, new dog breeds include Goldhunds and Rottcollies. There are also First Nation Paleo-food and many other gastronomic delights.

Grafton Everest is extremely lost trying to cope at home without his much-loved wife Janet, who is travelling overseas with a group of all-female friends on a twenty-six-city world tour. The section describing Everest's first venture into a modern supermarket is hilarious, as he is bewildered by the whole place and especially the mysteries of self-serve checkouts. Indeed, most modern technology is beyond him.

Then comes the arrival from America of his pregnant, vegan daughter Lee-Anne, her husband Wayne Singlet and their son Justice, as it transpires, to live with Grafton on his own. Lee-Anne wisely calls in Nanny Neal to look after Justice and bring the house into order, but Neal has now become an urban-survivalist.

Grafton, with nothing much to do, is persuaded to start researching his autobiography. Doing so, he uncovers ambiguous information about his own birth and ancestry, with a strange suggestion of a Russian connection.

Then the Australian government invites him to be a delegate to a United Nations team investigating the recent election, as President for Life of Russia, one Valdimir Putrid. (In other parts of *The Lowest Depths*, we become aware of American Presidents George Bosh and Ronald Thump). Confusing Grafton Everest with another academic, Australian government officials believe he is fluent in Russian, which of course he is not.

So begins a thriller – which takes Everest to Russia. It includes an enthralling trip on the Trans-Siberian Railway and many amazing and surreal adventures.

A key character in the book is Mr Lee Horton, Grafton's "former high school science teacher, erstwhile father-in-law, former spy and lifelong mentor". Horton is, in part, based on the late legendary Melbourne High School teacher Norton Hobson and, in part, on Fitzgerald's sponsor in Alcoholics Anonymous, the late Lee Parry, who was the advertising manager of Radio 3AW.

Literary Review (con't)

In real life, Norton Hobson was an eccentric but brilliant teacher at Melbourne High, who had a major impact on everyone he taught, including one-time Australian foreign minister Gareth Evans and Ross Fitzgerald himself.^[1]

In *The Lowest Depths*, Mr Horton is able to clone himself into various forms and follow Everest wherever he goes, getting him out of several serious scrapes. Indeed, in all eight Grafton Everest adventures, Mr Horton is crucial to Everest's well-being and sometimes to his survival.

The characters, all of whom are Fitzgerald's creations, are caricatures. But they are well-drawn, and the latest Grafton Everest entertainment is absorbing, if to the literalist sometimes implausible.

Mention by Fitzgerald and McFadyen in their latest offering of another book, *The Da Vinci Code*, gives a hint of some of the flavour of these current adventures.

The Lowest Depths is both extremely well-written and utterly enthralling.

Embrace the improbability and enjoy!

Dr Alan Gregory AM

ENDNOTE

[1] After Norton Hobson died, a group of his ex-students who became doctors, promised substantial donations to a new Science block at Melbourne High. Their only proviso was that Mr Hobson's ashes were interred in the building. They were.

For more details about *The Lowest Depths* [click here](#).

Notable Old Boys

The Old Boy community is vibrant and ever-changing. We're pleased to bring you news of personal and professional endeavour, past and present.

Colin Axup – MHS 1984
Principal, Suzanne Cory High School

New President of VASSP

We congratulate Colin Axup on his appointment as President of the Victorian Association of Secondary Schools earlier this year.

Having completed a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) and a Diploma of Education at Monash University and then a Graduate Diploma Strategic Studies at the Australian National University, Colin began his teaching career at Melbourne High School in 1992. His subjects included history, politics and international relations.

Over the next 19 years Colin held various leadership positions, including house master, rowing master, coordinator of history, sailing and water polo. As a leading teacher he was a year level coordinator, student leadership coordinator and registrar.



In 1991, Colin was commissioned into the Australian Army Reserves and in 1994, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the Melbourne High School Cadet Unit. He held this role for 17 years until his resignation at the end of 2010. In 2001, Colin joined the newly formed national headquarters of the Australian Army Cadets and served for the next 10 years culminating in his appointment as Deputy Commander of the Australian Army Cadets from 2007 to 2010 in the rank of Colonel (AAC).

In 2011, Colin was appointed to Williamstown High School as Assistant Principal and in 2013 he was appointed Principal of Stawell Secondary College in the Grampians region of Victoria. In 2013, Colin completed a Master of School Leadership at the University of Melbourne. Then in 2015, Colin was appointed Principal of Suzanne Cory High School which is located in the western Melbourne suburb of Werribee. The school is one of Victoria's four select entry high schools.

Notable Old Boys (con't)

Max Gillies AM – MHS 1958
Satirist, Actor, Comedian

Unmasking Max Gillies – Australian Story ABC TV, Monday 18 October 2021
Introduced by musician and actor Eddie Perfect

Funny man Max Gillies has been making people laugh all his life. As the star of 1980s hit comedy show The Gillies Report, he became famous for his outrageous political satire.

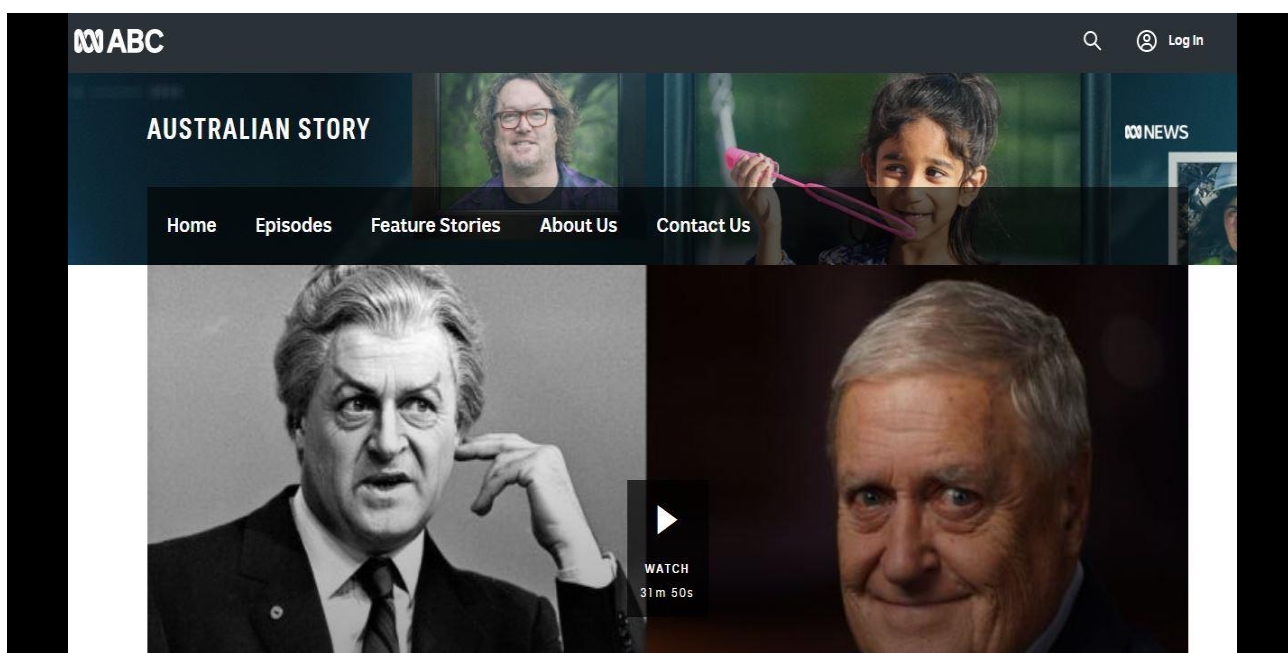
Politicians across the spectrum were the butt of his jokes and his impersonation of Bob Hawke was legendary.

Now as he nears 80, Max Gillies reveals the family secrets that helped shape his comic brilliance, talking candidly about his mother's mental illness and the mystery of his absent father.

And how some surprising answers came to light when he got a phone call out of the blue from trucking magnate Lindsay Fox.

Source - <https://www.abc.net.au/austory/unmasking-max-max-gillies/13588486>

Click the image below to watch the full episode.



Notable Old Boys (con't)

Robert Rosen - MHS 1967 – 1970
Photographer

GLITTERATI: 1 photographer | 1,100 subjects | 974 images on display
Powerhouse Museum, Sydney – 11 October 2021 to 19 June 2022

Robert Rosen is one of Australia's foremost social photographers. Over four decades he's attended parties, concerts, fashion events and nightclubs across London, Europe and Australia, capturing the rich, famous and fabulous for the social pages of a slew of local and international newspapers and magazines.

Defying the image of the pushy, intrusive paparazzi, Rosen was polite and discreet, earning the trust of his subjects to make them forget he was actually working as he drank champagne, networked and juggled the three cameras slung around his neck.

A participant observer, he favoured the spontaneity of the unobtrusive auto-focus camera which enabled him to capture intimate portraits that convey the mood and energy of the times.



Robert "Two Gun" Rosen
by Lewis Morley 1994, National Portrait Gallery

Visitors to the retrospective of social photographer Robert Rosen's 40-year career at the Powerhouse will be greeted by a "kissing wall" made up of hundreds of photographs of people brushing lips and cheeks, among them international celebrities, fashion stars and stalwarts of London and Sydney's social scenes.

Sources
National Portrait Gallery
Powerhouse Museum Sydney
Lee Tulloch, The Sydney Morning Herald 15 October 2021

Notable Old Boys (con't)

George Megalogenis - MHS 1978 – 1981 Journalist and Author

George Megalogenis is an author and journalist with more than three decades' experience in the media.

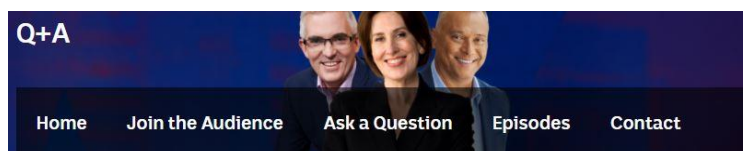
He is the author of five books, including *The Australian Moment* which won the 2013 Prime Minister's Literary Award for Non-fiction and the 2012 Walkley Award for Non-fiction, and formed the basis for his three-part ABC documentary series *Making Australia Great*.



George's other books are *Faultlines*, *The Longest Decade*, *Australia's Second Chance*, *The Football Solution* and *Balancing Act*, which contains his two previous *Quarterly Essays*, No. 40: *Trivial Pursuit – Leadership and the End of the Reform Era* and No. 61: *Balancing Act – Australia Between Recession and Renewal*. His latest work is *Quarterly Essay, No. 82: Exit Strategy – Politics after the Pandemic*.

He recently appeared in an episode of ABC TV's "Q&A" entitled "The Great Resignation: Are Australian workers preparing to leave traditional jobs behind as they embrace a post-pandemic work life?"

To view the episode, click the image to the right.



Source: www.abc.net.au

Archives Report

In this second year of the pandemic, we seem to be settling into a new normal. The archives have had a busy year, still mostly focused on remote work. Visits have been possible, mostly relating to people coming to donate material.

A further two portraits held by the school were found to have been hung in the Archibald, the portrait of Joseph Hocking and Judge Moore. The archives appreciate the support provided by the School, the Old Boys' Association, the G.M.&B. Patrons Club, and Peter Stathopoulos' and Judy Robbins interest and help. Dr Alan Gregory, the School's Historian, has provided advice and support as always.

Archive

1490 items have been catalogued this year. Notable donations include:

- Rex Barrand, former student and teacher donation a number of Unicorns and other material, he is now living in France (these were received in 2020)
- Liz Rushen (see article page 36)
- Two cigarette cards of Alec McKenzie when he played for Geelong, later Teacher, Sports Master and Vice Principal of the School
- Jack Anson's War Medals, student and Manual Arts Teacher
- Anne Hyde donated a collection of material relating the New Building Appeal from her father Albert Kopman MHS 1934-1935
- Dr Anne Lierse donated a significant collection relating to music at MHS.
- Rosemary Chapple donated material relating to her father Stephen Mason MHS 1938-1939, including several notebooks and many photos.
- Gwen Holmes donated on behalf of her cousin Robert Craig 1941-1944, including note books, and a map he drew of the Pacific area, showing the Japanese conquests.
- A Prospectus from 1914
- Jonathan Drohan donated material relating to his father (Bartley) and uncle (Neville).

Earthquake

One of the more dramatic events of the year, thankfully no damage occurred, though a number of cracks have since shown up in the Heritage Room.

Archives Report (con't)

Outreach

The Archivist attended several meetings, briefing the GM&B Patrons Club on the activities of the Archives.

- Numerous articles and obituaries have been written for the Old Boys' newsletter.
- Honours. The Australia Day and Queens' Birthday Honours Lists were cross checked against the student database, identify a significant number of Old Boys' who received Honours this year.

New Principal

Dr Mordini, the new principal, has shown interest in the school's history and the archives. Early in the year he was given a formal tour of the Heritage Room as well as the Storeroom under Room 9 (T29), before meeting the Historian and Archivist to discuss future directions.

Research

- The researching of former students has progressed well, with all students who entered upto 1950 (plus the 1960's) having been researched through publicly available online resources, such as the National Archives and Trove. The release of the Teachers' Rolls (1860's to 1960's) on the PROV's upgraded website has made available a wealth of material.

Scanning

Most school publications have now been scanned, allowing much easier access, and for text searching. Next will be scanning photos and other items.

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Dr Liz Rushen Visits the Archives

The 21st of November 2021 was a special day for the School and the Archives when Dr Liz Rushen made a visit, which was facilitated by Lambis Englezos AM, MHS 1971.

Several of Liz's relatives have attended the school:

- Great Uncle, Charles Arblaster MHS 1909-1911
- Great Aunt Gladys Arblaster MHS 1914-1915
- Cousin Martin Delamere Arblaster MHS 1945
- Aunt Dorothy Clack MHS 1927



Dr Liz Rushen with MHS Roll of Honour

Liz is a professional historian and administrator, former Executive Officer of the R.H.S.V. and author of a number of history books relating to Australia. See her website for more information <https://www.rushen.com.au/>



Charles Arblaster was in the second class at Duntroon and joined the A.I.F. directly. He served at Gallipoli with the Light Horse where he was wounded and promoted to Captain. He was then transferred to the 53rd Infantry Battalion when it went to France.

At the battle Of Fromelles, he was the senior surviving officer of the Battalion, which he took charge of.

Seriously wounded, he could not be evacuated when the attack failed, and he died of his wounds. Charles' actions were deserving of a medal, possibly even a Victoria Cross, but the death of all senior officers precluded any recommendation being written. Liz donated Charles' **Duntroon Badge (pictured above)**, a very special item. Further information on Charles is available at: <https://fromelles.info/soldiers/captain-charles-arblaster/>. Liz has also donated two photos of Charles' sister Gladys.

Dr Liz Rushen Visits the Archives (con't)

Dorothy Clack attended Spring Street for a year before the school split, staying at Melbourne Girls' High School before she attended Williamstown High School. She then completed a business course and undertook office work before enlisting during WWII in the Navy. A Telegraphist, she served at Cerberus and Harman. After the war, she established the Parramatta Secretarial Services before in 1960 joining the Australian Baptist Union as a journalist in Sydney.

She returned to Melbourne after her father's death, again working for the Baptist Board, in an Editor/Author of a number of books on religion. She was the first President of the Victorian Baptist Business and Professional Women's Association, editor of the ICBA Herald for 5 years, and State President of the Australian Church Women (Victorian Unit).

Dorothy was also a telephone counsellor with Lifeline, secretary of the Collins Street Baptist Church and Baxter Village.

Pictured right, Liz donated her Aunt's war medal (the first received by the school of an Old Girl) still in its box, a photo of Dorothy in Uniform, her books of daily devotions and several other items.

One is a photo of a Japanese street scene, presumably from the Occupation period. Dorothy is believed to have been engaged to a soldier, though she never married. The photo may have been sent to her whilst he was serving in the B.C.O.F.



Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist

Tributes



Tributes



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MHS 1946 - 1947
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Tributes (con't)



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MHS 1942 - 1945
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A comprehensive list of [Obituaries can be viewed on our website here.](#)



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