

In memory of Dr. Brian Corless OAM
9 March 1935 - 7 March 2022

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MHS Staff 1960 - 1989



NEWSLETTER
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From the President



Hello Gentlemen

We are delighted to emerge from the challenges of the past two years and look forward with confidence.

In the first instance, please note our newsletter – hitherto a quarterly publication – will now be produced three times a year and released in May, August and December.

In this edition, we share details of our **Reunion Calendar** and herald our **Annual Dinner** to be held on Wednesday 31 August. Reunions will be a mix of “Reunions Revisited” from 2020 and 2021, along with events for this year.

If your Reunion is not on this year’s calendar, we encourage you to purchase a table at our Annual Dinner – a great way to stay connected with fellow Old Boys.

Principal Dr Anthony Mordini shares his Term 1 Report, proudly marking Melbourne High School’s place as the top school in Victoria.

We review the **VIP book launch of “MHS Ray: A Life”**, a biography celebrating former Principal Ray Willis. Attended by over 100 guests, this joyous occasion was hosted by MHS and MHSOBA in the Memorial Hall.

Some MHS staff members are simply legendary. **Dr. Brian Corless OAM** was one such teacher, much loved by students and colleagues alike. With his passing in March, we reflect and remember his extraordinary contribution to our community.

We bring you details of our **Annual Scholarship Program** and updates from the **GM&B** including their **Junior Leadership Program**.

We hear from the **MHS Hockey Club**, the **Men for All Seasons (MFAS)**, the **MHS Foundation** and a **group of former Cadets** who gathered in The Unicorn Club in March.



From the President (con't)

This edition marks **Notable Old Boys Nick McKenzie, Lindsay Fox, and the Kilby brothers.**

History Notes from Honorary School Archivist **Luke Savage** include fascinating articles “**Centurion Old Boys**”, “**The Graves of Tate & Hocking**” and an “**MHS WWI Casualty Recognised**”.

Luke also reviews the **Annual Graveside Service** for Brigadier Harold “Pompey” Elliott.

A very warm welcome to all **new members** of MHSOBA. Please note Student Membership Packs can now be collected from the MHS library. If not currently a member, we encourage you to [join us](#) and support the Old Boy community.

In closing, this is the last MHSOBA newsletter to be published under my direction as MHSOBA President.

I sincerely thank all MHSOBA Committee members who have served enthusiastically throughout my tenure since 2013. It has been an immense honour and pleasure to be allowed the opportunity to make a contribution to the Greater Melbourne High School Family. I must single out Colin Green for his initial invitation for me to join the MHSOBA Committee.

Particular thanks must go to the following people who continually assisted me to deliver the expected high standard of interaction and connectivity whilst I was in office. They are:

Jo Malley, Jodie Gunton, Jeremy Ludowyke, Dr Anthony Mordini, Lindsay Fox, Warren Fall, David and Kerry Smyth, Dr Janet Prideaux, Pelissa Tsilimidos, Andrew Sloan, Marcus Sharp, Paul Drew, Saki Ganella, Dr Alan Gregory, Luke Savage, Tom Wodak, Colin Axup, John Tasioulas, Sam Theodore, John Vrazas, Nick Diamantopoulos, Perry Mougos, John Wertheimer, Ted Goldstein, Marco Dogliotti, Peter Douros, Brad Barr, Luca Gonano, Brad Gofman, Guy Velik, Mark Wood, Gary Allen, Stefan Janus, Paul Keyte, Steven Pilmore, Lambis Englezos, Bill Latham, Laurie and Olga Pole, David Saul, Keith Elsner, John McIntosh, Daryl Brooks, Scott Green, Simon Bowen, Ron Beazley, Max Grundman, Mark McConnell, Mark Ryder, Peter Day, Anthony Watkins, Neil Moody, Nicholas Psychogios, Ian Edmondson, Stan Papayianneris, Richard Blackett, Bill Meaklim, George Megalogenis, John Miller, David Parkin, Frank Penhalluriack and Andrew Scott.

Every single one of these people has put wind in my sails and given me the encouragement to keep going. I will never underestimate the people who I have listed not only for their support but more importantly for the belief that they instilled in me.



From the President (con't)

Thanks, on another plateau must also go to my family Demi, Nicolette and Christos for continually understanding that my commitment to the cause of Melbourne High School is a matter that I will always hold close to my heart.

I very much look forward to the next chapter that presents itself and the ever-growing opportunities to strengthen the Greater Melbourne High School Family.

I will never forget the words of the **Leslie Coward** song, “**Wandering the King's Highway**” which we performed at my final Speech Night in 1982. Forty years on they really capture the way that I feel as I bid you all adieu!

*Nights are cold, maybe I'm growing old
Yet I thrive, and the pals I meet make it good to be alive,
Comrades farewell, what if we never meet again?
The memory will stay:
As I go, rain or snow
Wandering the King's Highway.*

*Parting is filled with sorrow.
But, as I roam the land.
I shall meet again tomorrow
Friends who will clasp my hand
So with the dawn to greet me,
As the darkness is turn'd to day,
I and my friendly mem'ries
Start out upon our way.*

*So long to you! Got to be on the road again;
So long to you! Got to hitch up my load again;
It's been great to meet you here,
Right good company and right good cheer.
Now then my lads! Anyone like to come with me?
A wand'rer's life is free.
I can say, night and day
Nothing ever worries me.*



From the President (con't)

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the MHS leadership team and staff, stakeholders, affiliate clubs and Old Boys and I'm grateful for their overwhelming support over the past nine years.

In my new capacity of Chair – Community Engagement Subcommittee - I look forward to continuing to support the work of the MHSOBA and our incoming President, Mr Colin Axup (MHS 1984).

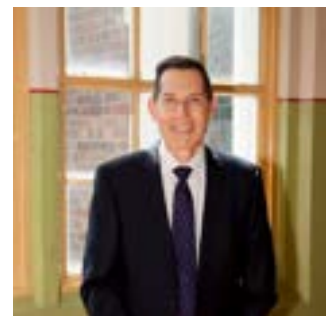
Honour The Work



Peter Stathopoulos (MHS 1982)
President, MHSOBA Inc.



Principal's Report – Dr. Anthony Mordini



Term 1, 2022

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

Honour the work, let our motto remind us...

On 17 March 2022, The Herald Sun published a feature on the top schools for 2021 by NAPLAN results.

Melbourne High School did outstandingly well and demonstrated that our students are certainly taking every academic task they complete very seriously. They have honoured the work and made all of us very proud!



Victoria's top 100 schools by NAPLAN results

HS Herald Sun · 1h

NAPLAN'S TOP 100 SCHOOLS

Average of NAPLAN numeracy and reading scores 2021

SCHOOL	NAPLAN SCORE
1. Melbourne High School	708
2. Mac. Robertson Girls' High School	702
3. Nossal High School	694
4. Suzanne Cory High School	686
5. Presbyterian Ladies' College	677
6. Huntingtower School	668
7. Yesodei Hatorah College, Elwood	667
8. Fintona Girls' School	665
9. Haileybury College	664
10. Korowa Anglican Girls' School	661
11. Ballarat Clarendon College	661
12. Camberwell Grammar School	659
13. Trinity Grammar School Kew	658
14. Scotch College (Hawthorn)	651
15. St Andrews Christian College	651
16. Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School	644



Principal's Report (con't)

Our VCE results were also outstanding. On the morning of 16 December 2021 when the results came out, I was with the Minister, The Hon. James Merlino at Parliament House. A couple of our students came along. They were joined with a small group of other high-achieving Victorian State School students. I feel very proud of our achievements and the fact that at Ministerial level our efforts are recognised and applauded.



Year 12 destination data has been commendable and has shown the incredible breadth of our graduates. Our Dux, Ramodh Jayasinghe achieved an ATAR of 99.95, five boys were on his heels with a score of 99.9 and a total of 11.98% of the graduating class achieved an ATAR of 99 or above.

72.14% achieved an ATAR or over 90 and there were no scores below 50. I must sincerely thank the MHSOBA, its coteries and the Foundation for their support. We have been blessed with many scholarships, academic mentoring and funds for wellbeing activities which have helped the boys and ensured that no one was disadvantaged or lacked the emotional or educational support needed to achieve their academic goals.

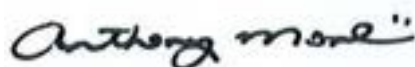
Principal's Report (con't)

This year has begun buoyantly on the back of these results; however, we are not going to be resting on our laurels. We have recently embarked upon a school review, and this will help to guide strategies aimed at improving academic achievement, wellbeing and student engagement.

Thank you for your ongoing support, particularly with the recent call out to support our performing arts activities. Your assistance is sincerely appreciated.

As Covid restrictions decrease, I am looking forward to attending the scheduled Reunions. These will help me personally thank members and share some of the current achievements and plans for future development.

All the best



Dr. Tony Mordini
Principal



Events Update



Reunions 2022

After two years of no events, we are delighted to share our Reunion calendar for this year. There will be a mix of “Reunions Revisited” for milestone events cancelled in 2020 and 2021, and Reunions for 2022.

Preceded by a tour of MHS and held in The Unicorn Club, mark your diaries for:

Class of 2017	5-Year Reunion	Wednesday 1 June
Class of 2012	10-Year Reunion	Friday 3 June
Class of 2002	20-Year Reunion	Wednesday 8 June
Class of 1992	30-Year Reunion	Friday 17 June
Class of 2001	20-Year Reunion Revisited	Wednesday 7 September
Class of 2010	10-Year Reunion Revisited	Friday 9 September
Classes of 1970, 1971 & 1972	50-Year Reunion Dinner	Wednesday 14 September
Classes of 1980, 1981 & 1982	40-Year Reunion Dinner	Friday 21 October
Golden Years Luncheon		Friday 28 October
Class of 2021	1-Year Reunion	October / November TBC

In consultation with Old Boys, we have combined cohorts for 40 and 50-Year Reunions this year.

We will provide Reunion details via personal EDM (Electronic Direct Mail), our website and social media channels. Keep an eye on your cohort’s dedicated MHSOBA Facebook page too.

If your Reunion was cancelled in 2020 or 2021 and is not on this year’s calendar, we invite you purchase a table at our Annual Dinner with a group of mates. This is a great way to celebrate and stay connected.

Committed to keeping tickets affordable, please note prices may vary this year given increased catering and staffing costs.

We look forward to welcoming you back to MHS and to The Unicorn Club.



Events Update (con't)

Annual Dinner 2022

This year's Annual Dinner is planned for **Wednesday 31 August**. We're excited to finally bring Old Boys together once again for this black-tie gala. To receive Annual Dinner updates, [click here](#).

If your Reunion was cancelled in 2020 or 2021 and is not on this year's calendar, we invite you purchase a table at the Annual Dinner with a group of mates. This is a great way to celebrate and stay connected.



The Unicorn Club is open!

A perfect for venue for business meetings, seminars, training workshops and private soirées, the space can hired for half or full days including evenings.

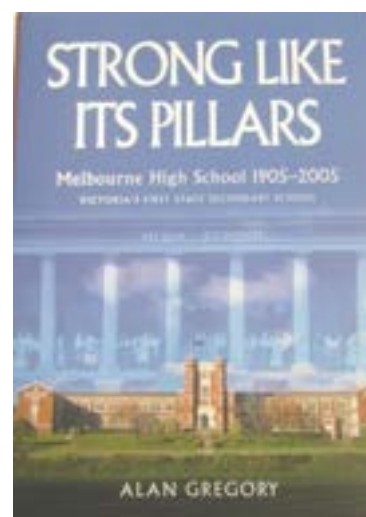
[Contact us for a brochure](#).



MHSOBA Memberships – Welcome Packs

A very warm welcome to all our new Members including current students. To those of you who have renewed your Membership, we thank you for your continued support.

Student Welcome Packs can now be collected from reception at the MHS Library. Note your Membership must be paid in full prior to collecting your Pack.



MHSOBA Office – NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

The MHSOBA office has reopened. If you plan to visit, please contact us in advance as our team works part-time on varying days – please email administrator@mhsoba.asn.au

Our new telephone number is +61 3 9823 7174

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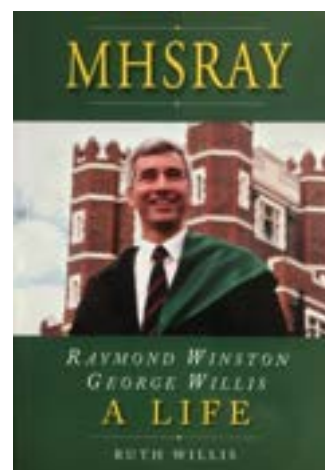
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VIP Book Launch - MHS Ray: A Life

A gala night was held in the School's Memorial Hall on 23 March 2022 to launch Ruth Willis' memoirs of her husband, Raymond Winston George Willis, student and Principal of the School from 1992 until his premature death in 2004. After two years of the pandemic, and 12 months into the stewardship of a new Principal, this was the first event for the MHS community for some time.



Four students provided musical entertainment in the foyer, where copies of the book were available for purchase. The Hall itself was attractively setup, with generous hospitality to encourage chats and reunions. Among the hundred or so attendees included former Principal Jeremy Ludowyke, MHSOBA President Peter Stathopoulos, many staff from Ray's era and students. It was an opportunity for reunions and also to meet the 14th Principal Dr Anthony Mordini (below). Former Vice-Principal and long-standing teacher, David Smyth was M.C. for the evening with the Principal Dr. Mordini welcoming everyone.



David Smyth, Master of Ceremonies



Dr. Anthony Mordini, MHS Principal



Warren Fall, MHSOBA Vice-President (left) and
Peter Stathopoulos, MHSOBA President (right)

VIP Book Launch – MHS Ray: A Life (con't)

Ruth spoke about the challenges of writing the book, a journey that took 16 years. Her daughter Lyndall and grandsons Will and Alex were present. Tom Wodak who was on School Council before Ray's appointment, spoke of meeting Ray for the first time and noted that Ruth has a story and has written it in the right form, the book being a fitting tribute to the life of Raymond Winston George Willis.



Above: Tom Wodak, Honorary Life Patron

Left: Lyndall Willis, Will and Alex Metzke and Ruth Willis



L – R: Will Metzke, Ruth Willis, Alex Metzke, Lyndall Willis and Dwight Harrison

VIP Book Launch – MHS Ray: A Life (con't)

The School Historian, Dr Alan Gregory gave a historical context to Ray's time. Then Ross Pritchard spoke of his time as a student at Kyabram High School, meeting the new Principal, Ray Willis. Ross was co-School Captain, and recounted being handed the master keys of the school for Year 12 last day, a gesture of confidence that nothing would go wrong, which was true. Ross joined Ray again when he became a teacher at Melbourne High School in 1997, leaving in 2019 for Auburn High School as Vice-Principal.



Dr. Alan Gregory AM



Ross Pritchard

Ruth's book details Ray's birth in Lahore in 1947 during the dying days of the British Raj, the move to England for a decade, before the family migrated to Australia in 1957. Ray's passion for Hockey and education shine through strongly, as after meeting at University, Ruth and Ray begin teaching in Maffra High School.

Returning to the city, Ray taught at Chandler High School, then Altona, commuting long distances from the family home in Bayswater. Then followed a return to the country, to Daylesford, interrupted by a teaching fellowship in the U.S.A., time in the Regional office, before four years at Kyabram High School, and then the Seymour Support Centre, prior to his appointment to Melbourne High School. Throughout, Ray's enthusiasm and engagement with life is clear, with the book beautifully illustrated with full colour photos.

[Copies of MHS Ray: A Life can be purchased online here](#)

Dr. Alan Gregory and Luke Savage

VIP Book Launch – MHS Ray: A Life (con't)

From: Ruth Willis, wife of Ray Willis and author "MHS Ray: A Life"
To: Peter Stathopoulos, President MHSOBA Inc.

Dear Peter

I am writing to thank you and Jo Malley, and your MHSOBA members, for supporting the launch and sale of my book MHSRAY: A Life about my late husband Ray, his life and his time at Melbourne High School.

The launch at Melbourne High School last night was wonderful! It was the kind of Melbourne High occasion that I remember so well - filled with friendship, care, emotion and shared memories.

Peter, your commitment to ensuring such a great event occurred, and Jo's superb organisation, are so much appreciated by me and the night will remain one of my most treasured memories.

Thank you so much.

Best wishes,

Ruth



Pictured left to right:

Dr. Anthony Mordini (Principal)
Luke Savage (Honorary School Archivist)
Ruth Willis (Author MHS Ray: A Life)
Dr. Alan Gregory AM (School Historian)
Tom Wodak (Honorary Life Patron)

A Tribute to Brian Corless



Dr. Brian Arthur Corless OAM, LLD, BA, Dip. Ed

9 March 1935 – 7 March 2022

MHS – 1948 to 1952

MHS Staff – 1960 to 1989

A Tribute from Dennis Corless

BRIAN ARTHUR CORLESS was born on the 9th day of March 1935 to Arthur and Daisy Corless. In the early years he resided at 7 Payne Street, Glen Iris, he had a very happy life in a loving family environment.

Brian started at Gardner Central School at 4 years of age in what was called the “babies” grade. He excelled at school over the years always at the top of the class. After completing 2nd form he was awarded Dux of the School and named on the Honour Board.

While I was kicking footballs in the street, Brian was always indoors, reading books, writing, drawing and studying.

In 1948 we moved to a brand-new home at 1178 Malvern Road the same year Brian progressed to Melbourne High School and completed 6th form which was known as matriculation, with 1st class honours in British History and English. He then moved on to Melbourne University and gained a teaching diploma. His first role as a teacher was at Mirboo North with a handful of students. He made his return to Melbourne High School in 1960, where he remained as an esteemed teacher for 30 years.

In 1988 he was awarded a prestigious International Teaching Fellowship and he taught at the University of Pennsylvania for 12 months. In 1989 he retired from Melbourne High School and as I recall he was employed setting and marking examination papers.

He later joined Monash University and shortly after was appointed Esquire Bedell in charge of graduations.

Brian met his partner, Chris in 2000 and they resided happily at East Malvern for 22 years and Chris was no doubt the most important person in Brian’s life.



A Tribute to Brian Corless (con't)

Brian's love of books remained all his life and one room at his home contains some 3,000 books. A number of these are cooking books, as he loved to cook. One event for many years was the close family Christmas luncheon that Brian prepared and so loved doing, it was a magnificent 3 course meal for 8 complete with the pudding set aflame.

Brian was hospitalised for some time before Christmas last year and he told me that he desperately wanted to be discharged so that he could prepare his Christmas lunch as usual. Unfortunately, that was not to be.

In 2011 Brian was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for service to education and the Anglican Church. When he retired from Monash University, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws.

Brian was a man of excellent character and repute, with a brilliant mind and a wealth of knowledge. He was creative and artistic with exceptional skills in organising an event. He also had a great sense of humour and was generous to a fault.

Above all of this, Brian was devoted to his partner Chris and to this church.

I am very proud and privileged to be his brother.

Looking at the overflowing attendance here today it is a testament to the respect that Brian gained throughout his whole life.

HE WILL BE VERY SADLY MISSED.

Thank you all for being here today to celebrate Brian's life!



Remembering Brian Corless

REMEMBERING BRIAN CORLESS FROM LONG AGO

By Stuart Blackler, MHS 1952
St Patrick's Day 2022

It was the first Tuesday in February 1949 when Brian and I began our unforgettably enriching and fulfilling four years at Melbourne High School. Yes, 73 years ago! It was a special day for us to enter the castle on the hill and a significant day in the school's history being the first day with a new Principal, Brigadier George Langley whose gentlemanly standards reinforced and shaped the ethos of the school, qualities which both the Principal and his deputy, William Maldon Woodfull exemplified. Brian was of their ilk.

Over the years Brian showed much of his interests and skills in his creativity, the cadet corps school drama and, of course, his handwriting. I think it was in what today is called Year 10 that he started developing his identifiable italic script, much to the envy of those of us who still find it difficult at times to read our own writing.

It was during our Forrest Hill Days that each of us discovered of the other our involvement in our church life. Different days, I suppose, although in our year was a future Anglican bishop (another Brian) and a Rabbi of the Great Synagogue in Sydney. Discovering that I had never been there, Brian was particularly keen that I visit his St George's Malvern, I did and was given a comprehensive and detailed tour. I need say no more except to relate one of his stories which concerned his going to the vicarage to see the vicar, Fr Jo.

When he entered the study the vicar asked him if he had cleaned his feet. Brian assured him that he had. The vicar denied the assertion, so off Brian went and tortured the doormat only to be told on return that he might have cleaned his shoes but not his feet. It takes a particular sense of humour to tell that story with real affection for the cleric he admired so much.

After school days and for four years at the University of Melbourne (no alternative in those days) much of what he brought with him and continued when on the staff of our alma mater, and in one particular way was evident on the stage of the Union Theatre.



Remembering Brian Corless (con't)

One notable event was in the Marlowe Society's 1955 production of John Webster's seventeenth century 'The Duchess of Malfi'. Brian was the designer of the gruesome play. In one scene the mentally disturbed Ferdinand holds out his hand to his sister who discovered that the hand was not that of her brother but had been detached from a previous owner. As production designer Brian had obtained a pair of domestic rubber gloves, reddish without and greenish within. He turned a glove inside out, stuffed it with plasticine, shaped it carefully and Bingo, there was a very convincing anatomical part which evoked quite a powerful audience reaction.

In that play Brian also took on the part of the immoral, violent and despicable cardinal, first appearing on stage in a costume he had designed: cardinal red cap, soutane, gloves and cappa magna (large cloak). Whether it was the arresting nature of the character or the opportunity to display the appropriately designed striking costume which was more appealing to our friend I am not sure.

Yes, a memorable character, a good and always companionable friend. Many though will recall his ceremonial role in procession swinging a censer, carrying a cross or a mace. He did so with an expression of almost frightening sombreness. Like the cardinal, it was an act. Those in such processions are taught to have an expression which says. 'I know you are looking at me but I'm blown if I am going to look at you'. No, the Brian of these three score years and thirteen is one with a quick and delightful sense of humour, generous and always fun to be with.

I salute him, I will ever value his friendship, admire his outstanding skills, and his devotion and commitment to his church and in his domestic life. In deep sadness but in confidence I know that he will find that peace so denied him during these last months.



Brian in the MHS Library



MHS Staff Revue



With students on stage – Memorial Hall

To read the MHSOBA obituary for Brian Corless by Dr. Alan Gregory AM, [click here](#)

MHSOBA Scholarship Program



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

Our [Scholarship Program](#) 2022 will open on Monday 18 July and close on Monday 29 August.

As ever, we thank those Old Boys and their families who generously support this important program. With \$19,500 in funds now available to current MHS students and Old Boys completing tertiary studies, this initiative continues to grow.

Become a Scholarship Sponsor

Funding an MHSOBA Scholarship is a practical and meaningful way give back to MHS and our community. As a sponsor, you determine the selection criteria and value of your Scholarship which is fully tax-deductible.

Interested? 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 welcome.

Honour The Work

Dr Peter Douros
Chair, Scholarships Sub-Committee
MHS 1984





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This tax-time help build a
world-class learning experience
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2022 MHS ANNUAL APPEAL

Help us to revitalise MHS facilities and programs, to prepare a new generation of leaders for an increasingly complex and ever-changing world.

Our new Principal, Dr Tony Mordini, has an ambitious plan to future-proof the School's education model and he needs your support. Your donation will assist MHS students to build the creativity, resilience and knowledge to succeed well beyond the school gate.

**Make a tax-deductible donation today to build strong
MHS educational programs for the future.**

<https://www.mhsfoundation.org.au/donate/>

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MHS Foundation News (con't)

MHS Musical 2022

This year's School Musical "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" opened on Wednesday 11 May.

Productions – particularly period dramas - have a special way of devouring budgets. Hire of props, painted backdrops, wigs and costumes are a huge expense. With opening night approaching, consumables such as makeup and microphone batteries (lots of batteries) consumed all available funds.

These elements, combined with recently inflated costs for staging and equipment, led to a shortfall of \$5,000

With time of the essence, the Foundation reached out to the MHS community to help bridge the funding gap.

In response to the call, within 24 hours the MHS community raised not \$5,000 but a remarkable \$24,275! To all who contributed, sincere thanks for your generous support.

A Theatre Production Funding Reserve now exists to protect the school against current inflationary costs of event equipment. The opportunity to purchase staging equipment is now also a real possibility and these extra funds will provide a financial buffer for unexpected costs moving forward.

With government funding not stretching far enough to cover the costs of extra-curricular activities, community support like this is vital.

To join our growing community of MHS friends committed to better resourcing the MHS Arts and Cultural Program now and into the future, [donate here](#).



GM&B Update



Daryl Brooks, Patron-in-Chief

The GM&B Patrons' Club has commenced its year with much impetus thanks to a number of exciting events that have taken place in recent times.

What a great delight it was to return to our immaculately presented Unicorn Club in March for our first Members' Forum for 2022, where we were treated to an inspirational address by MHS Principal Dr. Tony Mordini who provided an outline of school needs, plans and priorities for the school going forward following the last two years of interruption and uncertainty in all manner of school life. Dr. Mordini highlighted the immense value that alumni contributions and support will be able to provide in a range of areas to be addressed.

Dr. Mordini's address provided members with much to consider as we shared dinner with high optimism and the usual fine conviviality. Members were also appreciative of the informative presentation from Sara from Volunteering Victoria who provided sobering perspectives on the nature and importance of volunteering at many levels, which resonated well with our GM&B aspirations. Special thanks also to our Executive Officer, Colin Green who provided insights into the convenience to all of the streamlined GM&B member's administration and communications portal that is now accessible to them through Hello Club software.

Term 1 has seen the Junior Leadership Program conducted across both schools, MHS and MGHS, with the support of kind and generous Old Boys and Palladians. Our thanks and congratulations to Wayne Chow and his committee for another successful program. Please refer to the JLP Report in this newsletter to learn more of its fine work.

Wayne and the GM&B Executive are also in the process of designing an expanded framework for the Mentoring Program that we plan to introduce in the second semester. The last two years were not conducive to the Mentoring model that has been so successful for many years, and with school resumption we can now reconvene our program with new parameters. Stay tuned for developments.

Heritage is also high on our agenda in 2022 for a number of reasons including its importance to the upcoming school celebrations in 2027 that will mark the centenary of the school on its Forrest Hill site. The great work of honorary MHS Heritage Archivist Luke Savage is also to be supported further this year, and the GM&B will announce other initiatives later this year in appreciation of his contribution.



GM&B Update (con't)

We are looking forward to our AGM and Annual Dinner on Wednesday 18th May in the Unicorn Club where some 11 new members of the GM&B Patrons' Club will be inducted.

The AGM commences at 7.25pm and precedes dinner. Principal Dr. Tony Mordini will deliver his Annual Address and Mr Grant Johansen will be delivering the Occasional Address following main course of dinner. We are hoping that many members will make a special effort to attend this celebratory event.

Further details are available at <https://gmbpatrons.com.au/event-directory/>

Good health and good wishes to all

Daryl Brooks (MHS 1970)
Patron-in-Chief



GM&B
PATRONS CLUB



GM&B - JLP Update



Dr. Wayne Chow, MHS 1994

Green, Maroon & Black Patrons' Club Junior Leadership Program 2022

The Junior Leadership Program (JLP) is an extracurricular program designed for MHS and MGHS students who are interested in Leadership. The program has been a growing success over the past 9 years, with the support from the communities of both schools. JLP is driven by a trialled and tested framework of materials and activities, but more importantly the program empowers our group leaders to come up with their own style, technique and methods to foster student discussion as long as they meet our success criteria. The program and the framework cover six sessions across various leadership topics. We revise the material regularly and currently trialling new group activities in 2022.

This year we continued the program in the face of COVID uncertainty with a combination of virtual meetings and face-to-face sessions. As we anticipated disruptions might affect students and group leaders' attendance, the committee has decided to limit the numbers of students to 80, with the support of 18 alumni from both schools. The small group sessions were conducted at both MHS and MGHS campuses.

JLP 2022 kicked off last year with our Leadership Symposium 2021 via the virtual platform at the requests of both schools. The three symposium speakers were selected from very different professional backgrounds, and we were fortunate to hear their experience and different leadership journeys:

Ms Caroline Tucek-Szabo

A senior and passionate immunologist from Moderna Therapeutics Australia, spoke to the students about her leadership experience during a crisis and how her dynamic style of leadership has led her team to assess, pivot and execute with care. Her presentation provided a behind-the-scene perspective during the peak of the COVID omicron epidemic.

Mr Lewis Shobbrook

Senior manager from The National Australia Bank who has returned to JLP for the third time. Lewis gave us his perspective on ethics and leadership, and why integrity in leadership matters. I was particularly impressed with the four examples of bad behaviours in business.



GM&B - JLP Update (con't)

Miss Aditi Venkatesh

Our final speak was a tertiary student who now works at Atlassian in Sydney. Aditi gave us an insight on the importance of resilience in Leadership and drew from her experience in learning from lessons and failures.

To deliver the JLP across both school campuses and to support our students, the program is fortunate and is well-supported by a core group of capable and dedicated committee members from GM&B and The Palladians. Over the past 2 years, some of the highlights of our work include:

1. Using technology during COVID lockdown, the committee has remained flexible and committed to continue the delivery of JLP to MGHS and MHS. We have embraced virtual workspaces and online communication platforms to disseminate materials, discussion and feedback.
2. One of the positives as a result of the disruption is moving to 'paper-less' delivery of the program as we have saved hundreds of dollars in printing and trees. No longer do we need to print session notes and learning journals for our students and group leaders.

To increase our GM&B, MHSOBA and alumni presence on various platforms, Mangala Praselia has designed and launched a new initiative on social media. He has created the One-Minute Leadership posts that regularly showcase our leaders and their inspiring quotes.

If any alumni are interested, please reach out to Daryl or me.



GM&B - JLP Update (con't)

3. In addition to MHSOBA email databases, we are also learning how to use social media to better disseminate news and notices. More importantly, the speed with which we communicate has resulted in a higher level of collaboration and quicker decision making. This, I believe this is the new way to work and will continue into the future.

At the time of writing, The Junior Leadership Program will be looking at the Mentoring and Entrepreneur programs, including possible future events, which may align to both school's offerings in extra-curricular program and student learning. Watch this space.

I would like to thank Dr. Sally Ng, President of The Palladians, for her continual support and combined efforts to grow The JLP to where it is today. And lastly, a shout out to our talented bunch of committee members from GM&B and The Palladians:

Daryl Brooks	Trainer and Consultant
Deniz Atakan	Symposium Host, Planner and Facilitator
Alan Stein	Planner, Program framework revision and Coordination
Joanna Zhong	Group Leader Training and Session Coordinator
Mangala Prasetya	Communications
Evania Lok	Group Leader Training and Coordination

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Men for All Seasons – Review



Autumn MFAS Luncheon, 4 March 2022

As is often the case, MFAS marked the beginning of Autumn with a luncheon at the Kelvin Club. This year we were hosted by new management which was keen to meet our group and continue the tradition of welcoming MFAS.

After congregating at the bar for a mandatory palate cleanser and quick catch up, the relatively small but eclectic crew of fifteen made their way upstairs for a seated luncheon. The steak and accompaniments provided were equally appreciated as was the wine.

Of course, the occasion was embellished with lively conversation and debate interrupted briefly for the enthusiastic singing of the school song, with two verses being rolled out in fine tune.

We were treated by an impromptu and enlightening discussion on nuclear fusion by Richard Blackett, exit year 1984, who normally resides in York, reaffirming that MFAS has something for everyone and really can sort out the world's problems over a long lunch.

In the early afternoon, following the completion of our luncheon we made our way to the bar for a digestif before heading home happy to have had the chance to see each other again after quite a long COVID-imposed hiatus.

It was yet another successful and pleasant MFAS Luncheon.



Front Row – L to R
Richard Woodmason, Colin Drake,
Phil Knight

Back Row – L to R
Jamie Dixon, Ray Knight, Peter Day,
Michael Mitchell, Greg Wilson

Portrait – Lord Kelvin



The Cadets Return



Inaugural MHS Cadet's Reunion 2022

By Pete Green (MHS 1986) with special input from Ben Doyle-Cox (MHS 1985)

Some time ago an idea was hatched between former cadets (mainly Ben Doyle-Cox) via social media to hold an informal gathering of past members from the Melbourne High School Cadet Unit, the Air Training Corps Flight and the Military Band.

Not restricting ourselves to any particular era, the intent was to reconnect and rekindle old friendships amongst similar vintage cohorts, and forge new bonds between members of different generations before and after. It was also hoped that we could devise new ways of connecting with and supporting the present student cadets attending the school.

Facilitated very ably by current officers of cadets of the MHSCU, Matt Roberts and Steve Huysing, we gathered on the front steps of the school on Friday the 18th of March and attempted to recreate a Langley Company photo from 1985.

You can judge for yourselves the relative success (or otherwise). Some of us had not seen each other for over 30 years. It was great that even after all this time the common bond of those years spent at Forrest Hill inspired almost 50 blokes to travel from all over Victoria, Canberra, Sydney, Newcastle and the Gold Coast.



The Cadets Return (con't)

After a lightning-fast tour of the school and each of its floors (including the tower), we adjourned to The Unicorn Club at the Old Boys Pavilion for an evening of reminiscing and refreshments (special thanks to Ben and Troy for their generosity). I lost count of how many stories I heard that started with “No kidding, there we were, minding our own business, when all of a sudden...”



We even managed a very spirited rendition of the school song, including the third verse! This was particularly special given the large number of attendees that had gone on to serve in the Australian Defence Force, and our memories of others we'd had the privilege to both study and serve with who were no longer with us.



L to R - Dechlan Ellis (MHS 1985), Jim Petrellis (MHS 1986), Damian Powell (MHS 1985) and David Kennedy (MHS 1985)

Based on the enthusiasm of attendees there is a strong probability that this event might be repeated every two years. All former cadets will be welcomed for future get-togethers, whether you did one year or six, or wore green, blue or red. It matters not whether you went on to serve in the ADF, became a plumber, doctor, lawyer, company director or whatever path you have taken, we want you to have the opportunity to catch up.

Perhaps we can develop better opportunities to do some good, whether it be to mentor current cadets, or each other, or just to be there for our mates. There are fewer of us now, but our spirit is strong.

The Cadets Return (con't)

I'd given some thought to Ben's request to consider ways that we could contribute to the current units. In my personal case, living interstate means that giving my time is problematic. My only recourse was to offer something material that could hold both historic and practical value. To my knowledge I'm the only person who has served as a MHSCU cadet Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) at school, and, having enlisted as a soldier after year 12, also reached the same position decades later in the Australian Regular Army.



Ben Doyle-Cox (MHS 1985)

My recollection from 36 years ago was that the Pace Stick being carried by the cadet RSM at MHSCU had seen better days. Upon my recent retirement from the Army, I had managed to retain the Pace Stick I was presented in 2005 when I assumed my first senior appointment as the RSM of the Incident Response Regiment within Special Operations Command.

I carried that same stick with me as a symbol of office while seconded to the USA teaching at the US Army Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss Texas, then as RSM of the 8th Combat Engineer Regiment in Newcastle, as RSM of the multinational Combined Task Force 635 on deployment in the Solomon Islands, as RSM of the 16th Aviation Brigade in Brisbane, and finally as RSM of the deployed Australian Aviation Task Group embedded within the US Army Combat Aviation Brigade based in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

I had carried that stick almost daily, through many challenging situations, including more repatriation ramp ceremonies than I care to remember. I could think of no better home for my old Pace Stick than carried safely under the arm of the incumbent cadet RSM at MHSCU.

The Cadets Return (con't)



Left: Matthew Roberts (MHS 1988) and MHS Year 9 Coordinator
Centre: Pete Green (MHS 1986)
Right: Stephen Huysing, Commanding Officer, MHS Cadet Unit

I felt enormous joy in passing the flame to Matt and Steve as representatives of the unit in front of such an esteemed group. I trust that it will be carried faithfully by successive MHSCU RSMs for many years to come. Colin Axup (himself a former cadet RSM) informed me later that the previous Unit Pace Stick had been donated to the unit by RFA 'Tosh' Smith, MM some 50 years previously.

Honour The Work

Notable Old Boys

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

Nick McKenzie Does It Again!

Nicholas McKenzie, MHS 1998

On 25 February 2022 at the annual Walkley Awards in Sydney, Old Boy Nick McKenzie received two Walkley Awards, adding to his growing list of journalistic achievements.

The awards include:



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Congratulations Nick!



Notable Old Boys (con't)

Lindsay and Paula Fox donate \$100 million to NGV for new gallery in Melbourne

By [Karl Quinn](#)

Updated April 19, 2022 — 1.19pm first published at 10.49am

The Fox family has donated \$100 million to the National Gallery of Victoria, to help fund the construction of its new contemporary wing.

The philanthropic gift is the largest single donation in the history of the gallery, eclipsing the \$20 million donated by the Ian Potter Foundation towards the same project in 2020.

Tony Ellwood, director of the NGV, said trucking magnate Lindsay and his wife Paula were motivated by a belief that “the arts should be available and accessible to all”.

Victorian creative industries minister Danny Pearson hailed the “extraordinary commitment” shown by the Fox family in donating the sum, announced on the day Lindsay turned 85.

“It may be Lindsay’s birthday but what an incredible gift to the people of Victoria,” said Pearson.

The gift is enough to guarantee naming rights to the new building, which will be known as The Fox: NGV Contemporary.



Lindsay Fox, MHS 1953



Render by DARCSTUDIO – NGV Contemporary

Source: **The Age**

To read the article [click here](#)

Notable Old Boys (con't)

The Kilby Brothers

It is rare and wonderful to find two Old Boys – brothers – who are nonagenarians (in their nineties) and still actively interested in our community.

John Francis Kilby attended MHS from 1994 to 1947 and Robert “Bob” William Kilby from 1947 to 1948.

John played football, cricket and athletics for Forrest (receiving Colours for each), as well as the 1st XVIII for the School.

Robert transferred from Camberwell High School for Intermediate, playing football for Waterloo and the School's 2nd team. In 1948 he was Vice-Captain of Waterloo, as well as Captain of their football team and in the athletics team. He was in the 1st XVIII and the 3rd XI. A Matriculation Honour in Accounting indicated his future career. Robert received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2018 for service to youth with a disability through education initiatives.

In the July 1949 Unicorns Old Boys' Notes, it records that:

JOHN and BOB KILBY, now fully-fledged Old Boys, are doing a grand job with the Juniors and their pace is always a great source of worry to the opposition.

John has built up into another six-footer, and with the extra weight he has put on, does not seem to mind who or what he runs into.



Bob Kilby



John Kilby

Notable Old Boys (con't)

Robert “Bob” Kilby OAM – Recollections of MHS and Beyond

In 1945 School Zoning came in and I had to go to Camberwell High. I was able to arrange a transfer to MHS for 5th & 6th Forms (Years 11 & 12). It was interesting that although I had passed at CHS quite comfortably, I was about six months behind my classmates at MHS. Bill Woodfull was Acting Principal for most of my two years at MHS and he was most impressive and a true Gentleman.

John was CSM in the Cadets and, as I didn't want him ordering me around I did not join the Cadets. My concentration was on Sports. I got 1st class honours in Football & Athletics and 2nd Class honours in Accounting.

I began work in 1949 with a firm of Chartered Accountants and eventually became qualified. Being an Auditor was like always sitting in the Grandstand watching the game so after 17 years I moved into the Commercial area and stayed that way until I retired from part time work at the age of 80.

I played for MHSOB Football under 19s for three years then went into the Seniors in 1951. I played two Senior games and was dropped after each one (nobody gets dropped for playing well!!) and I finished the last half of that Season playing in a local competition. The next year I went to Camberwell VFA and after 4 games in the Seconds was promoted to the Firsts where I played the rest of the Season. I continued at Camberwell until 1956 when My career was cut short by injury. I later coached MHSOB Seconds for one year in 1959.

I ran for the Old Boy's Athletic Club as a Junior but changed to MHSOBCC in 1949 and played cricket with them until 1975 (apart from a couple of years in the middle). I became President of the Club and later served three very unspectacular years as President of MHSOBA.

Some time after retiring from playing, I began Umpiring with the Victorian Sub- District Cricket Association. I umpired just over 200 First XI games and was President of the Umpires Association for about four years. I married Margot in November 1956 and we have two Children (son Alan went to MHS), seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

When we were living in East Burwood I became involved with Burwood East Special Developmental School (about 65 students with moderate to severe disabilities). I was asked to join the School Council in 1984 and despite the fact that we moved to Frankston 30 years ago, I have been able to remain on the School Council. I was Council President for 29 years. I recently stood down as Council President but remain as a member of Council. As a result of this I was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2018.

Although I was only at MHS for two years, for some reason you never leave - the place seems to affect everything you do.



Annual Graveside Service: Pompey Elliott

Report on the Annual Graveside service for Brigadier Harold 'Pompey' Elliott

Each year, the 15th Brigade Association conducts a service in memory of Harold Edward Elliott at his grave in Burwood Cemetery on the anniversary of his death, 23 March.

Better known as Pompey, he attended Ballarat College and then studied law at Melbourne University/Ormond College, though he delayed his studies to fight in the Boer War. He resumed his studies with a Distinguished Conduct Medal, a Commission and commendation from Lord Kitchener.

Called to the Bar, he combined law work with the Militia, rising to Lieutenant-Colonel of the 7th Battalion. On the outbreak of the Great War, he was appointed to command the 7th Battalion, which landed at Gallipoli in the first wave. In the 7th Battalion that day was Clair Reed, a foundation student of MHS (1905-1906) who went missing in Action and his body was never found, also Frank Rogers MHS 1910-1911 was also wounded and never saw active service again in the war, his wounds were so severe.

Pompey's first stay at Gallipoli however was short, he was shot through the foot on the first day, and being medically evacuated, did not return until June. His Battalion was posted to Lone Pine on 8th August, just before the Turkish attack. In the following battle, 4 Victoria Crosses were won by his men. Other old boys to serve under Pompey at this time include Louis Trewin MHS 1909-1910, Thomas Carmichael MHS 1907-1912, James Cormack MHS 1908-1909.

After the evacuation, Pompey was promoted to Brigadier and given the 15th Brigade (57th, 58th, 59th and 60th Battalions) to command. Their first frontline service was at Fromelles, a quiet section of the line until the British General Hacking decided to use it as a feint to distract the German's from the Somme and thus tie up troops. Pompey was vehemently against the action, no man's land was too wide, the German defences too strong, artillery support insufficient and planning lacking. All his objections were over-ruled, and what followed was the worst 24 hours in Australian military history.

Many battles followed, but his most famous is as one half of the pincer movement to re-capture Villers-Bretonneux in April 1918 following the Germany advance. 34 Old boys are known to have served on Pompey in the 15th Brigade, with 12 dying from their war service.



Annual Graveside Service: Pompey Elliott

After the war, Pompey returned to the law, and was elected a Senator to the Australian parliament. Suffering PTSD, which a riding accident aggravated, Pompey took his own life on 23rd March 1931.

The 15th Brigade Association President is Lambis Englezos MHS 1967-1971, whose remarkable work lead to the recovery of 250 bodies from the pits beside Pheasant Wood in 2008. Lambis lead the service, the song of the 7th Battalion was played (Men of Harlech, well known to many old boys as a perennial song sung by the School) by a piper. Wreaths were laid by the R.S.L. which was represented by Angelos Kenos MHS Staff 1990 and the 7th Battalion Association. The School Archivist, Luke Savage, brought roses from the School, along with clippings from the descendent of the Lone Pine which grows in the school grounds. Following the last post and reveille, the service concluded.



Left: Lambis Englezos AM
Flag-bearer – David Laird, 7th Battalion Association



Bernard Hutchins' Grave

A visit was then made by the Archivist to the grave of Bernard George Hutchins MHS 1932-1934. Bernard was a Junior Clerk at Greater Union Theatres and a Clerk at the Country Roads Board before enlisting in the R.A.A.F. He was undertaking training as a pilot at the 6 Service Flying Training School, Mallala South Australia, when aboard Anson W2254 which was coming in to land it collided with another trainee aircraft. Both planes crashed and killed all four crew.

Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist

History Notes: Centurion Old Boys

Centurion Old Boys and Staff 2021

We have been able to identify three old boys and one staff member who turned 100 last year.

Donald Charles Bruce

29 April 1921 – 11 May 2021

MHS 1935-1937

A noted sportsman, in the Under 15 XVIII and the 1st XI, and for Waterloo, Cricket, Football Tennis and Baseball (for which he received colours for each). Donald joined the Commonwealth Public Service in the Department of Munitions and married Pauline Sheppard in 1950. He died 12 days after reaching 100.

Walter Edward Clarence Johnson MHS 1947

Born in LaTrobe, Tasmania, Walter attended University High School 1933-1937 and was involved in the Dramatic and Aero Clubs. He became a Junior Clerk at Frank Cudland Pty Ltd (Customs Agents) June 1937-1940 and then a Junior Engineer with Eclipse Radio in South Melbourne before enlisting in the R.A.A.F. in 1941.

He served in Port Moresby at the Wireless Station and 48 Operational Base Unit at Finschhafen, with the rank of Corporal. He had married Audrey Mona Moxon in 1944, who was an assistant Librarian. She died in 1997. Walter came to MHS as part of the Ex-Serviceman group, allowing him to complete Matriculation before going to University.



History Notes: Centurion Old Boys (con't)

Walter joined the Education Department as a teacher in 1949, teaching at Noble Park State School for a year before going to the Teachers' Training College. Postings to Rostrevor, Myrtleford, Eurobin, Myrtleford Consolidated School and Bacchus Marsh followed. Walter turned 100 in October 2021.



Scotchman's Creek BlueCross Community and Residential Services

Happy birthday to our resident Walter, who turned 100 on 19 October! Were honoured to help him celebrate his special day. We set up a lovely little room for him to celebrate with family, staff and other residents. It's a warm celebration with a beautiful and delicious cake.

He was born in Australia on 19 October 1921 as Walter Edward Clarence Johnson, but he likes to be called Wally. He grew up in Collingwood, married June and together had two children. He trained and worked as a primary school teacher and retired due to age. He enjoys reading, particularly books on war and biographies, watching news and football on television and interacting with our friendly and welcoming staff. He also enjoys chatting, socializing and having visits from family.

Happy 100! Birthday, Walter!

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History Notes: Centurion Old Boys (con't)

Russell William Cameron Zenner MHS 1936

Russell came from Benalla High School to complete his Leaving Certificate. He played alongside Donald Bruce in the Under 15 XVIII in 1936. He became a bank officer after leaving school and served during WWII in the R.A.A.F. from 1940.

The Temora Aviation Museum has the following information about his service: He trained as a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner. Posted to the Middle East he served with 216 (Transport) Squadron on Bristol Bombays, 458 Squadron, 267 Squadron and finally as a staff wireless operator with 7 OTU at Tocumwal on Liberators. Russell's story is about one night in November 1941 dropping SAS paratroopers for a raid on a German airfield in Libya.

https://m.facebook.com/watch/?v=1113794562440897&_rdr

Russell turned 100 in September 2021.

Peter Richard Thodey, B.A.(Hons.), Dip.Ed. MHS Staff 1957-1959



Thanks to the Scotch College Newsletter, where Peter was a student, we are informed that Peter turned 100 in June. Peter served in the Army during WWII, as a Sergeant at Army HQ.

Melbourne High School was Peter's first appointment when joining the Education Department. He was involved in Drama, adjudicating the House Play, and master in charge of the Marionette Club. He added the Recreation library (alongside Barrie Meagher).

He subsequently taught at Box Hill High School and became Lecturer at State College of Victoria Rusden.

Peter turned 100 years old in June 2021.

Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist

History Notes: The Graves of Tate & Hocking

The two key figures in the formation of Melbourne High School (and thus State Secondary Education) are Frank Tate, who created our school, and Joseph Hocking who took Tate's creation and molded it into a vibrant and diverse school.

After a lifetime of parallel careers and working together, today they lie buried close to each other at Box Hill Cemetery. They are in different sections, Hocking the Methodist, Tate the Church of England, reflecting how religious divisions of the living were carried over into the graves of the dead. Interestingly both their graves do not record that they lie there.



Frank Tate's Grave



Joseph Hocking's Grave

Joseph Hocking was born first, in 1861 in Cornwall, U.K., Frank Tate two years later in Castlemaine. Joseph joined the Education Department in 1876, Frank, the following year. They both taught at various State Schools, including time as a Head Teacher, Frank was promoted earlier, to Lecturer at the Teachers' Training College in 1888-1890 and Inspector in 1895.

Joseph wasn't made Inspector until 1900, a role both held for 5 years. Tate was appointed Principal of the Teachers' Training College in 1900 and Director of Education in 1902. When he opened the Melbourne Continuation School within three years of his elevation, he chose Joseph Hocking to be the first Principal (not as Headmaster, a point Joseph would fight the Department on tenaciously over the years).

To Frank we owe the vision and creation, to Joseph, the implementation. Frank being younger and staying as Director until he retired, cut off the pathway to promotion for Joseph, who retired early in 1922, still Principal (and our longest ever Principal). Frank would retired 5 years later.

History Notes: The Graves of Tate & Hocking

As to why their graves are not marked with their names, it would seem that for Frank Tate this was deliberate. There is no headstone, but the family name is at the base of the double plot. His wife (Ada Victoria Hodkiss died 1932) and two daughters, Agnes Bessie Tate died 1891 aged 2 and Marjorie Frances Tate died 1922 aged 17, who all pre-deceased him are buried there without their names recorded. When Frank died at the age of 76 in 1939, he was survived by three children.

The lack of details on Joseph's grave is probably accidental, it records his wife's death in 1931, and that she is the husband of Joseph, but when he died in 1947 age 86, he was survived by his one daughter who was married and 60 years old and his details were never added. Both Joseph and Frank died shortly after their birthdays (3 days and 10 days respectively). The author visited their graves on 2 December 2021.

Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist



History Notes: MHS WWI Casualty Recognised

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (DVA) have recently placed a plaque on the grave of Sergeant W.C. Spencer, who died in WWI. William Charles Woodward Spencer was a foundation student of Melbourne High School, attending in 1905 and 1906. He joined the Education Department on leaving, teaching at the Errol Street (North Melbourne) and Kew State Schools, before being sent to Buchan South as Head Teacher in 1910. Inspectors' reports noted that he was a very good teacher who displayed zeal and energy, though his discipline was such that the school was not bright or spontaneous.



William was suffering from Tuberculosis, which became sufficiently serious that he had to take sick leave. Receiving treatment, he recovered well and was deemed fit for military service. On the 14th April 1916 he enlisted in the A.I.F. for service within Australia, though he hoped to serve overseas if his health improved. He was placed in the Records Section and received a promotion to Lance-Sergeant. His condition though deteriorated and William was admitted to the 5th Australian General Hospital in Melbourne, where he underwent surgery. It was unsuccessful and he died at 4:50pm on the 10 November 1916. He was then buried in the family plot at Brighton cemetery.

Recently the Commonwealth War Graves Commission became aware of the lack of headstone, which has now been corrected. William is the only known Old Boy casualty from the Great War who died in Australia. The DVA have kindly provided photos for this article.

Luke Savage
Honorary School Archivist





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