



**NEWSLETTER**  
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# From the President

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Hello Gentlemen

I'm pleased to bring you a bumper edition of our newsletter which covers the second half of the year.

The year has been busy and productive. We are delighted to have delivered **Reunions** to mark anniversaries in 2022 and combined events for cohorts who missed significant gatherings in 2020 and 2021.

Held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, our **Annual Dinner** was a most memorable occasion. For an event review along with gallery of images, go to Page 14.

**Principal Dr. Anthony Mordini** shares his Term 4 Report including the opening of the Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) and the joy of holding school events including Speech Night.

Our **Scholarship Program 2022** attracted many applications from MHS students and Old Boys completing tertiary studies. For details of the Program (which continues to grow) and this year's award recipients, see Page 28.

**Speech Night** returned to the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, South Wharf. Attended by staff, students, family and friends, this year's guest speaker was Emeritus Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC OBE (MHS 1970). To view a transcript of his inspiring presentation, see Page 33.

Supported by a small army of volunteers, the **MHS Foundation** held **Giving Day** in December. Extraordinarily, the team exceeded their target of \$300,000 and raised \$402,000! Funds raised will go to the much-needed refurbishment of MHS classrooms. Congratulations to all involved.

We bring you **updates** from the GM&B Patrons' Club; the MHSOB Football Club; and the Men For All Seasons. This year's **Careers Evening** at MHS featured invaluable sessions with members of the Old Boy community – see Page 43 for more. Similarly, our **VCE Master Class** exam preparation series was well subscribed by MHS students.



## From the President (con't)

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Acclaimed National Geographic photographer Jason Edwards (MHS 1986) shares his recently released photographic masterpiece “From Icebergs to Iguanas” on Page 57.

Commonwealth and Olympic marathon walker Rhydian Cowley (MHS 2008) shares insights into this year’s Birmingham Commonwealth Games. And we hear from Edmund Bao (MHS 2010) who is *An Old Boy Abroad* and gives us “The Path Less Travelled”.

Thanks to School Historian Dr. Alan Gregory AM and Honorary School Archivist Luke Savage for contributing a variety of interesting articles including *Queen’s Birthday Honours*; *The Queen*; *Remembrance Day*; *Old Boys in the News*; and *Tributes*. We appreciate their invaluable input and assistance to MHSOBA and our community.

We warmly thank Dr. Anthony Mordini, the MHS leadership team, teachers and staff for their support of our work throughout the year.

We acknowledge the dedication of our crew in The Unicorn Club (notably Grace Goldstein and Daniel Thompson) and thank the MHSOBA team for their contribution.

Sincere thanks to the MHSOBA Committee for their commitment to ensuring our work and programs are meaningful and of benefit to the greater MHS family.

To our members, friends and associates, we appreciate your continued support. From us, best wishes you and your loved ones for the festive season. We look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Honour The Work



Colin Axup (MHS 1984)  
President, MHSOBA Inc.



# Principal's Report – Dr. Anthony Mordini



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

## Emerging from a lockdown...

The Melbourne High School Community is not short of talent. However, the lockdowns of the past two years have made it difficult to develop and celebrate this talent. Fortunately, in the second half of this year we have been able to return to many of the signature activities that showcase what makes the Melbourne High School experience so special.

This includes Welcome Day; inter-school debating and chess; interstate sporting competitions such as the Five Highs cricket carnival; the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner; and most importantly Speech Night (pictured below). The latter being the culminating event that sees our whole school community come together to acknowledge our high achievers, sporting capacity and community service as well as showcasing some of our amazing performing and visual arts activities and individual achievements.



## Facilities Upgrades

This year a concerted effort has been made to begin several facilities upgrades. The generosity of old boys – time, expertise and financial have helped to advance these projects. As we know government funding can only go so far to maintain heritage buildings and develop contemporary teaching and learning spaces. The Rose Garden project will not only beautify the front of the school, it will also provide an extension of the Arts and Culture Precinct creating an area for students to perform and engage with the arts in an open air space.



# Principal's Report (con't)

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## Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES)

CHES opens in 2023 and will provide MHS students and other similarly capable students in Government schools with the ability to further extend themselves by undertaking a first-year university subject.

This is a groundbreaking development and would not have been achieved without your support.

*Right – the light-filled atrium inside CHES*



## Strategic Staffing and Resource Management

As we move forward some changes will be embedded in the leadership structure and in the way in which resources are directed to best meet student needs, improve academic achievement, and increase the human leadership, entrepreneurial and ethical decision-making skills required to navigate the challenges that lay ahead for the next generation of workers. Again, I will be reaching out to tap into your expertise to help shape and fashion these ideas.

New appointments for 2023 will include Ms Pip Capon who will be Director of Student Voice, Agency and Leadership; and Mr James Guthrie and Mr Robert Sette have been appointed Directors of Student Engagement and Wellbeing. James will lead the Senior School and Robert the Junior School. Each will play a key role in ensuring that students are well supported emotionally and socially, engaged in the school and extra-curricular activities and staff teaching in these sub schools are well equipped and supported.





# Principal's Report (con't)

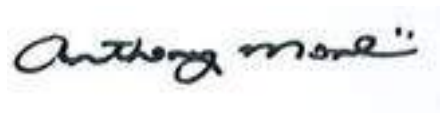
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## Towards 2027

In 2027 we will celebrate 100 years at Forrest Hill. I will be setting up several projects next year and hope to see many of you involved.

In closing, I extend my best wishes to you and your families for the festive season.

Have a great break,



**Dr. Tony Mordini**  
**Principal**



Above left: Hello Perth! Meeting Old Boys John Taylor (L) and Albert Miller (R) both from the Class of 1955

Left – with John Ly (L) and Chao Fan Ni (R), both from the Class of 2002

Above L to R – with Honorary School Archivist Luke Savage (MHS 1996), Grace and Ted Goldstein (MHS 1966 & Treasurer, MHSOBA)

# Annual General Meeting



The MHSOBA Annual General Meeting 2021 was held in The Unicorn Club on Monday 2 May. The following Committee members were nominated and appointed to serve for the upcoming year:

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| • President            | Colin Axup, MHS 1984                        |
| • Vice President       | Warren Fall, MHS 1975                       |
| • Treasurer            | Ted Goldstein, MHS 1966                     |
| • Secretary            | Peter Douros, MHS 1984 (interim nomination) |
| • Scholarships         | Peter Douros, MHS 1984                      |
| • Community Engagement | Peter Stathopoulos, MHS 1982                |
| • Student Engagement   | Bowan Hafey, MHS 2017                       |
| • MHSOBA Committee     | Robin Sutcliffe, MHS 2013                   |

A very warm welcome to Bowan Hafey (MHS 2017) and Robin Sutcliffe (MHS 2013) who will focus on Student Engagement, our VCE Exam Master Class Series and related programs.

Sincere thanks to outgoing Committee members Marco Dogliotti (MHS 2011) for his years of service as Secretary, and to Simon Anderson (MHS 2003) who more recently assisted with social media and engagement. We appreciate their time and commitment and wish them well with their endeavours.

[Click here to download the Annual Report.](#)

## INVITATION TO NOMINATE: MHSOBA Inc. COMMITTEE SECRETARY

**We seek an enthusiastic Old Boy to join our Committee and take up the vital role of Secretary from February 2023.** As a member of the Executive, you will contribute to MHSOBA governance and strategy. You will also manage our AGM and monthly meetings, usually held on a Monday night at MHSOBA.

This voluntary position calls for solid organisational and computer skills; an eye for detail; firm commitment and enthusiasm for the work of MHSOBA. Is this you? If “yes” please [email us here](#).





# Events Update



## Reunions 2022

It has been a delight to welcome Old Boys back to The Unicorn Club – and in one instance, the Memorial Hall - for Reunions this year.

With the past two years in mind, we presented a mix of 2022 Reunions; “Reunions Revisited” from events cancelled in 2021; and combined cohort dinners for flagship 40- and 50-Year Reunions. All were preceded by a tour of MHS (optional) hosted by Principal Dr. Tony Mordini.

### **The 10-Year Reunion for the Class of 2012 was attended by 80 enthusiastic Old Boys on Friday 3 June.**

Hosted by MHSOBA President Colin Axup with a presentation from MHS Principal Dr. Tony Mordini, all Old Boys were in fine voice and The Unicorn Club was buzzing!



### **We welcomed 60 Old Boys to the 20-Year Reunion for the Class of 2002 on Wednesday 8 June.**

Hosted by MHSOBA Vice President and former MHS Assistant Principal, Warren Fall, former MHS music teacher Bruce Macrae (pictured right) led an energetic rendition of Honour The Work.



## Events Update (con't)

**The Class of 1992 30-Year Reunion was something of an intimate affair on Friday 17 June.**

Particular thanks to Adam Howard (pictured front right) who rallied the troops to encourage attendance and travelled from Sydney to be part of the night.



**The Class of 2001 20-Year “Reunion Revisited” was held on Wednesday 7 September.**

Hosted by MHSOBA Vice President Warren Fall and joined by Dr. Tony Mordini, [click here](#) to share these gentlemen’s rousing rendition of Honour The Work.



**The Class of 2010 10-Year “Reunion Revisited” was held on Friday 9 September in The Unicorn Club.**

Hosted once again by MHSOBA Vice President Warren Fall and joined by Dr. Tony Mordini, a great night was had by all.





## Events Update (con't)

**It was a pleasure to welcome 60 Old Boys from the Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 to this year's 50-Year Reunion Dinner.**

Held in The Unicorn Club on Wednesday 14 September, the evening included a 3-course meal and reflections of MHS from Peter Gillieron (MHS 1971). Former Principal Jeremy Ludowyke (MHS 1972) was also in attendance.



**Our Golden Years Luncheon is open to all Old Boys (and partners) who graduated from MHS over 50 years ago.**

On Friday 28 October (cold and wet as it was) we hosted 60 gentlemen for a 3-course lunch. It was our pleasure to welcome elder statesmen from the Classes of 1946 and 1948. Cohorts such as 1950, 1955 and 1958 were well represented.





## Events Update (con't)

Requiring significant planning and resources, the 40-Year Reunion Dinner for Classes of 1980, 1981 & 1982 was presented in the Memorial Hall on Friday 21 October.

Mr Curtis Bayliss (MHS 1980) led 120 Old Boys in renditions of [Honour The Work](#) and [Forty Years On](#) that raised the roof! Thanks to Matthew Roberts and MHS students for their assistance as members of the service crew. **Special thanks** to **Michael Ludski** of [Teska Carson](#) and **John Vrazas** of [MIVIR](#) for generously sponsoring this event.



Due to low guest registrations, unfortunately our 1- and 5-Year Reunions did not proceed this year. We'll seek feedback from relevant cohorts and review our approach accordingly.

Our Event Calendar for 2023 will be released in the New Year. Keep an eye on our website, social media channels and your dedicated Facebook page for details and dates to save.

We will continue to provide opportunities for Old Boys to rekindle friendships, network and stay connected with our wider community. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Honour The Work

# Events Update (con't)

## Annual Dinner 2022

This year's Annual Dinner was well-attended and held at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Wednesday 31 August. See Page 14 for full details.



### The Unicorn Club is open!

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

[Contact us for a brochure.](#)



## MHSOBA Memberships

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

To students who have not collected their Membership Packs from the MHS Library, please arrange collection from the MHSOBA office when we reopen in 2023.



## MHSOBA Office – Summer Holiday Office Closure

During the festive season and MHS holidays, the MHSOBA office will close Tuesday 20 December and reopen Monday 30 January 2023.

If you plan to visit in the New Year, please contact us in advance as our team works part-time on varying days – please email [administrator@mhsoba.asn.au](mailto:administrator@mhsoba.asn.au)

A reminder our new telephone number is **+61 3 9823 7174**

# Annual Dinner 2022



**After a two-year break, the Annual Founder's dinner returned in fine form this year, held at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.**

It was the first dinner for the Principal, Dr. Anthony Mordini, who gave the Toast to the School and the Old Boys after a short speech, and also for the new President, Colin Axup who was also MC. The evening was organised flawlessly by Jo Malley, transport was excellent, the meal outstanding and the drinks free flowing. A student quartet provided pre-dinner entertainment.





## Annual Dinner 2022 (con't)

Tables were organised by group (such as the GM&B, Men For All Seasons), by organiser or decade. David Tregear (MHS 1950-1952) – pictured below, top left - was our oldest Old Boy present, still looking spritely.



MHSOBA stalwarts included Colin Green, Steve Pilmore, Peter Stathopoulos (and his son Christos), Laurie and Olga Pole, Gordon Broderick and Fazal Cader.



Laurie & Olga Pole



Fazal Cader



Dechlan Ellis

## Annual Dinner 2022 (con't)

The GM&B's current patron-in-chief Daryl Brooks headed their table, and former Patron Dechlan Ellis was in attendance. There were current and former School Vice-Principals Paul Drew, Warren Fall and David Smythe. And former School Council Presidents Mark Bainbridge (and son William), and Bruce Hartnett. There were a number of younger 'old' boys and several partners.



GM&B Patrons' Club



Men For All Seasons (MFAS)

## Annual Dinner 2022 (con't)

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The Guest this year was Ian Macfarlane AC (MHS 1960-1963), former Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia. Rather than a set speech, Colin Axup asked questions.



Colin Axup

Ian Macfarlane AC

Ian talked about growing up on the edge of Melbourne in East Bentleigh, and knowing of MHS from travelling past on the train (and his older brother Don who attended the school 1953-1956).

Of his notable teachers, Graeme Worrall who taught history was his most significant, and Neville Drohan teaching Economics moved him away from Science. Ian noted that the great aim of Matric was a Commonwealth Scholarship, as not only paying the expensive University fees, it also had a means tested living allowance.

The Macfarlane family situation meant he received the full allowance and was better off than when at High School. He attended the new Monash University, as it was considered to have the best undergraduate Economics course.



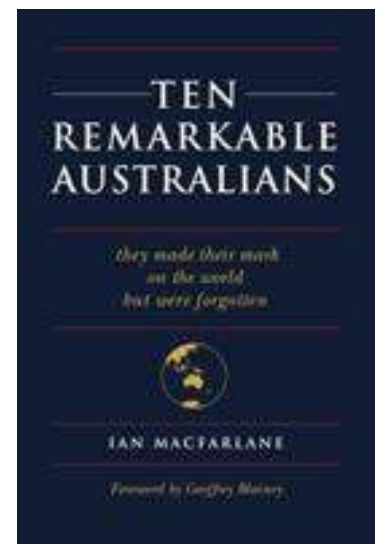
## Annual Dinner 2022 (con't)

After graduating he applied to join the Reserve Bank and was rejected. He spent a year in Oxford, 6 years in Paris with the O.E.C.D. before returning to Australia, by which time the Reserve Bank had changed it's mind, joining in 1979.

Ian was asked what his major achievements were as Governor (1996-2006), to which he commented that his major achievements were before he became Governor, that was why he got the job.

He noted the major reforms of the 1980's and having an independent Central Bank with control over the overnight cash rate, which was a major part of the subsequent 29 years of growth in Australia. When asked about interest rates and their movement, he diplomatically noted that the recent period of very low interest rates and bond buybacks was a unique situation.

Ian talked about his latest book, [Ten Remarkable Australians](#). He wrote this as when reading books over the years, he would come across Australians who were famous in their lifetimes, but are now mostly forgotten.



## Annual Dinner 2022 (con't)

The John Elden Award was presented to three notable old boys, for their outstanding service to the Association and the school.



Dr. Alan Gregory AM

Warren Fall

Luke Savage

Former Assistant Principal Warren Fall whose many contributions ranged from the MHSOB Football Club in various roles as well as years of devoted service to the Association, Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist who had transformed the school archives and spent hours researching old boys, scanning photos and writing articles, and Dr. Alan Gregory AM, whose seminal history of the School has done so much to bring our history alive, as well as his biography of Principal's Langley and Woodfull. There was a slideshow of significant Old Boys and Staff who died since the last dinner.

After a two-year hiatus, the return of the Old Boys' Association flagship event was an outstanding event, and we look forward to next years' Founder's Dinner.

*Dr Alan Gregory AM, School Historian and Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist*

## Annual Dinner 2022 - Gallery





## Annual Dinner 2022 - Gallery



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## Annual Dinner 2022 - Gallery



# Annual Dinner 2022 - Acknowledgements

A number of Old Boys and our associates generously donated items in support of this year's Ballot Bid, Live Auction and Raffle. We thank them for their support and encourage you to patronise their enterprises.





## Annual Dinner 2022 - Acknowledgements



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Special thanks and gratitude to [Tom Hayne of Marshall White](#) Stonnington (above) who hosted a first-rate live auction under pressing circumstances. Thanks to the Marshall White Marketing team too.



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# MHSOBA Scholarship Program



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

**The 2022 Scholarship Program opened to current MHS students and Old Boys completing tertiary studies on Monday 10 October and closed on Monday 14 November.**

In recognition of outstanding performance or contribution to sport, we warmly welcome Leslie Innes (MHS 1970) and The Leslie Innes Scholarship to this year's Program.

As ever, we thank Old Boys and their families for their ongoing and generous support:

The Bluey Truscott Scholarship	Mr. Steve Pilmore	MHS 1966
The Leslie Innes Scholarship	Mr. Leslie Innes	MHS 1970
The Peter Ivany AO Scholarship	Mr. Peter Ivany AO	MHS 1971
The John Ly (Nguyen) Trust Scholarship	Mr. John Ly	MHS 2002
The Mahoney Family Scholarship	Mr. Ben Mahoney	MHS 1991
The Webber Family Scholarship	Mr. Greg Webber	MHS 1993
The "Men For All Seasons" Scholarship	Mr. Peter Day	MHS 1983
	Mr. Anthony Watkins	MHS 1983
The Verma Family Scholarship	Dr. Abhishek Verma	MHS 2001
	Dr. Amit Verma	MHS 2003
	Dr. Ajai Verma	MHS 2006
The Speros Beasley Scholarship	MHSOBA Inc.	
The Lambis Englezos Scholarship	Mr. Lambis Englezos	MHS 1971

**We are excited to announce the addition of three new Scholarships to our 2023 Program and extend a very warm welcome to:**

The Paris & Paula Kritharides Scholarship

The Ronald Dodge Scholarship

The Alan Schwartz & David Teitelbaum Scholarship in Memory of Mr. Barrie Meagher



# Scholarship Recipients 2022

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I'm pleased to report we received many high-quality applications across the board this year. We are gratified so many students invested time to make their submissions, and that the Scholarships available are valued by young men in our community.

We congratulate these students and Old Boys on being awarded an MHSOBA Scholarship in 2022:



Anthony Emelianov, MHS Year 10

**The Bluey Truscott Scholarship** honours recipients, recognising their versatility and proficiency in the foundational areas of Melbourne High School. This financial award contributes to the costs of education across the VCE years.

To have received the Bluey Truscott Scholarship, is a tremendous honour, which we promise to serve to the best of our ability. The commemorative medallion is awarded as a perpetual reminder of the honour we will uphold beyond our time at Melbourne High School and of Bluey's timeless legacy.



Karar Al-Zubaidy, MHS Year 10

**Keith "Bluey" Truscott** defines what it means to be a true Melbourne High School student. Courage, leadership, and excellence. Beyond all his amazing achievements, the quality I believe truly sets him apart from other successful MHS Old Boys, and figures in general, is his dedication to his community.

This active service to his community resonated with me and is what inspired me to apply to for this scholarship. I would like to thank the Old Boys Association for providing this scholarship and helping further my education, and I look forward to working with the Old Boys Association in the future.

# Scholarship Recipients 2022

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Viran Kanathigoda, MHS Year 11

**The Leslie Innes Scholarship** recognises the importance of contributing to something bigger than yourself. To be recognised as someone who lives through this idea is an honour that I hold close to my heart.

I am grateful for the motivation that this award will give me to continue my sporting endeavours through my final year at Melbourne High, with all the tribulations that may come with it. I am also appreciative for the assistance this scholarship will give me in furthering my sporting campaigns.

Finally, I am grateful for the generosity of Mr Leslie Innes for sponsoring this scholarship.



Billy Chen, MHS Year 11

I am incredibly honoured to be **The Peter Ivany AO Scholarship** recipient. I will always be grateful as I strongly believe that no student should be disadvantaged due to their financial background.

This scholarship will assist me to purchase textbooks and resources for Year 12 and participate in more MHS opportunities. I hope this scholarship will be a stepping-stone for me in the years to come and that one day, I will be someone who can positively impact society and give back as an MHSOBA member.

Thank you to the MHSOBA and Mr Peter Ivany AO for their generosity.



# Scholarship Recipients 2022

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Oliver Bao, MHS Year 11

**The John Ly (Nguyen) Trust Scholarship** - I wish to express my gratitude in receiving this honour, for its recognition of what I have achieved so far, and what I aspire to in the future, means much to me.

I hope, and will strive my best, to live up to the expectations of the character and career that you wish to find in this scholarship's recipients one day. Theoretical Physics is what I aspire to – understanding the fundamental laws and theorems that govern nature, define who we are, where we come from, and where we are to go. I acknowledge the dedication this path takes, and I thank you for your support. Thank you, Oliver



Michael Hilton, MHS 2018

**The Mahoney Family Scholarship** is a fantastic opportunity for me as it will enable me to make the most of university and enter the field of teaching with a better and more diverse life experience as it will allow me to travel, to engage in more club activities and do more volunteering.

Moreover, the fact that the scholarship exists is a testament to the strength and vivacity of the Melbourne High School community. As a community, we seek uninhibited excellence, the pursuit of knowledge, and the empowerment of individuals, regardless of their race, religion, social background or any other influential factors.

# Scholarship Recipients 2022

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Ray Lin, MHS 2018

I am deeply grateful to be selected as the recipient of **The Webber Family Scholarship** for 2022.

This achievement recognises the excellence and commitment of an MHS Old Boy pursuing a degree in Engineering & Computer Science or a STEM-related degree. I am greatly appreciative of the financial aid it brings as well as the support it provides in the development of students like myself, to pursue a rewarding and successful career in technology.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to MHSOBA and Mr. Greg Webber for sponsoring this scholarship.



Kunal Gupta, MHS Year 11

Receiving **The Men For All Seasons Scholarship** is a great honour which I will carry with me for a long time. More than the financial aspect, I view it as an achievement which demonstrates qualities of commitment and perseverance.

It recognises students who may need to travel long distances for their schooling on a daily basis, yet still show their appreciation to the school community by remaining engaged in various co-curriculars and giving back in any way possible. I would like to thank The Men For All Seasons for sponsoring this scholarship and providing such a valuable opportunity for students like myself.

# Scholarship Recipients 2022



Rafael Cheung, MHS 2019

**The Verma Family Scholarship** - It's been an absolute privilege being a Melbourne High School student.

Though my graduation was three years ago, the support I have received from the school is something that I will never forget. The generosity from the Verma Family exemplifies the supportive environment between Melbourne High School students even beyond graduation from high school.

To me, the Verma Family's support is like a parent's hand on my shoulder. It is one that is unconditional, and it is one that does not ask for anything in return. Their support inspires me to be that guiding figure for future MHS graduates.

## 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 2023, please contact [peter.douros@mhsoba.asn.au](mailto:peter.douros@mhsoba.asn.au)** You can also [make a single or recurring tax-deductible donation](#) to the MHSOBA Scholarship Fund.

Honour The Work



Dr. Peter Douros  
Chair, Scholarships Sub-Committee  
MHS 1984





# Speech Night 2022



It was a joy for students, staff, family and friends to gather for Speech Night at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, South Wharf on Wednesday 23 November.

This year's special guest was **Emeritus Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC OBE**, (MHS 1970), Senior Neurosurgeon in the Department of Neurosurgery at The Alfred and Professor of Surgery, Monash University.

**Compelling and extraordinary, Professor Rosenfeld shares his presentation with us here.**

Principal, Dr Tony Mordini; Chair of the MHS Council, Mr Henry McLaughlin; Distinguished guests; Old Boys; Parents, families and friends; And to you, students of MHS particularly those valedicting this year,

In 1966, I heard about MHS from some students at the school. I was often driven past the imposing 'Castle on the Hill' in my parent's car, dreaming one day that I might one day be a student at MHS. In the year before I started at MHS, I sat in the Memorial Hall and saw the Beggar's Opera. Who would have thought a high school would stage this satirical English opera of 1728, and I said to myself I really want to be a student at this school. I could see the opportunities and the excitement being generated within its walls. In 1967, I was so excited to be accepted as a student at MHS.



**Emeritus Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC OBE**  
**MHS 1970**

I was fortunate to have experienced many great teachers including the iconic biology teacher, Norton Hobson, and the legendary trio, Bruce Worland, David Niven and Brian Corless who staged Gilbert and Sullivan and Offenbach operettas and much more besides. I was a shy student, but gained confidence and eventually became a Prefect, elected by my fellow students in my in my final year, which meant I could represent them and advocate for them. This was something I enjoyed, and I was encouraged to continue to take leadership roles throughout my career. I also enjoyed the many musical opportunities offered at MHS.



## Speech Night 2022 (con't)

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When I first entered MHS, I knew this was a place where I would be welcomed and respected for who I was, and a place where my talents could be fostered. Learning, competition and excellence were all encouraged, and I would say are embedded in the DNA of the school. These traits became embedded in my DNA or perhaps they were always there. I also became immersed in the history and tradition of the school.

I went from MHS to Melbourne University to do Medicine in 1971. Medicine was the best way for me to help other people. I had wanted to be a doctor since I was about five years of age and this ambition never wavered. I went on to train in general surgery and neurosurgery in Melbourne, Oxford, and Cleveland, Ohio then returned to Melbourne to develop my neurosurgery career. On my return, I was very fortunate to marry Debbie and have three wonderful children. You will be surprised that I was told at various times that I couldn't train in surgery or neurosurgery, but I had a strong belief in my ability to achieve the end goal and persisted until I did achieve it. The lesson is that sometimes you have to go against advice to achieve your goals.

I always felt strongly that I should give something back to this wonderful country, Australia, that had given me so much. I volunteered over many years to provide neurosurgery in Papua New Guinea, and I joined the RAAMC as a medical officer and later served as a military doctor, surgeon and later Major General and Surgeon-General. I became an international expert in military neurosurgery and the management of bomb blast injury from my wartime experience in Iraq. Ironically, I didn't join the Cadets at MHS because I was too busy playing in the orchestra.

Santiago Ramón y Cajal, the great neuroscientist who was first to describe the individual cellular structure of the brain said, "Every man, if he is so determined, can become the sculptor of his own brain." In other words, your destiny is in your hands, or rather, your brain. You have to make best use of your intrinsic abilities. Continuing to learn and adapt to circumstances also underpin success.

What impact will you all have?

A rare individual will make fundamental discoveries like MHS student Sir John Eccles who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology in 1963.



## Speech Night 2022 (con't)

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Many of you who enter the science, computing, engineering, mathematics and the medical professions will make incremental advances in your chosen field but these innovations or discoveries may have a global impact. I described a new way of entering the deepest recesses of the human brain to remove hypothalamic hamartomas, small lumps of nerve cells which caused severe epileptic seizures in children. I also worked with engineers to develop a new type of brain implant to help blind people see again. I have worked all my career to improve the outcome of the victims of severe brain injury. I continue to make an impact.

Some of you may have the opportunity to change national policy or the law, like former MHS student and later Deputy Prime Minister, Simon Crean, or to impact international affairs like MHS student Gareth Evans, a former Australian Foreign Minister. Some of you will become lawyers or politicians. Perhaps, there is a future Prime Minister here tonight.

Some, like Old Boy Brigadier David Saul will make a major contribution to our national defence.

Some of you will enter the teaching professions like your Principal, Dr Mordini, and go on to guide, teach and inspire a new generation.

Some of you will choose the arts including languages, philosophy and history. You will have an incredibly wide range of career options and opportunities to make an impact. Not the least of which is through the power of the written word.

Maybe some of you will become professional musicians and give enjoyment to millions through your performances and recordings. The Seekers, Athol Guy, Bruce Woodley and Keith Potger, all MHS students are fine examples.

Some, like old boy Lindsay Fox will enter the business and finance world and have a major impact on society, not least through their philanthropy. Lindsay, who started his business 'Linfox' with one truck, recently celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday. He always says, when asked his occupation, that he is a "truck-driver". Lindsay and his wife Paula have recently funded a new major melanoma and cancer hospital which is being built next to the Alfred hospital and also a major extension of the National Art Gallery in Southbank. They have both given back.

Aside from all of this, the best epithet you can receive from others is not how brilliant you might be or what a great leader you might be, but it is what a kind, respectful and compassionate person you are. That is my most important message to you all tonight. Looking after or caring for others is much more important than looking after yourself.





## Speech Night 2022 (con't)

You will all find your place in the world, but you should all aim to leave it a better place than when you started. I wish all of you every success. Do yourself, your parents and MHS proud as you go forth into the world at large, but always remember your roots: the support you have received from your parents, brothers, sisters and grandparents but also the support and benefits you have received from being a student at MHS.

Honour The Work



# MHS Foundation - Giving Day

## Thanks to our Old Boy community who helped make Giving Day a huge success

After a 3-year hiatus due to COVID-19 disruptions, the MHS Foundation hosted another successful Giving Day on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of December.

Through the generosity of our MHS community, we smashed the Giving Day target of \$300,000, raising an incredible \$402,000

We achieved this result with the support of parents, old boys, teachers, grandparents and students. Altogether 1,220 people donated to achieve this outcome.

We also ran a House event on the day, and Forrest was crowned the House with the greatest community spirit. They had a total of 269 donors on the day.

A special thank you to our 120 volunteers who worked tirelessly on the phones. I would also like to recognise MHS Old Boy Nicholas Psychogios (MHS 1982) and his team for feeding the troops with his delicious Greek BBQ.

Over the coming year, the Foundation will keep you up-to-date on how the Giving Day donations are used to upgrade the School's facilities.

In gratitude,

John Wertheimer  
President, MHS Foundation



*Above right – Enthusiastic volunteers*

*Right – Principal Dr. Tony Mordini celebrates*

# GM&B Update



Daryl Brooks, Patron-in-Chief

It has been heartening in recent times to participate again in the welcomed resumption of in-person forums and celebrations. Thank you to the MHSOBA for organising such an entertaining and captivating **Annual Dinner** at the end of August, and on an even more personal note thank you for the exceptional hospitality extended to our 50 -year **Reunion** Group last month in the Unicorn Club. It was indeed a rousing and memorable occasion for all. The reunions are pivotal to the continued connectivity with the school that our alumni cherishes. Thank you also for the recent **Appreciation Evening** that was well attended by a number of notable valued GM&B contributors.

The most recent **GM&B Members' Forum** was held in the Unicorn Club in **October** where our considerations and discussions focused on our 2023 pilot **Mentoring and Transition Program**. Program leader Wayne Chow and his organising team presented the full framework of the program from purpose, people and key elements to logistics and rollout. Even in its early days we can already see that, as with the Junior Leadership Program, the enthusiastic support and expert contribution of the Palladians adds momentum to our endeavours and enriches the program in its perspectives and impact. Two key distinctions of note are that the mentoring experience will provide timely value to students as they transition to tertiary studies and then later transition into their initial professional appointments and beyond, and also that the participants will be organised into enduring small groups of mentors/mentees, rather than each being matched into a single 1:1 pairing.

The **JLP 2023** itself is already underway with new program leader Alan Stein and his eager committee having presented a highly engaging Symposium for the 2022 Year 9 MHS and MGHS students in the Memorial Hall last week and having designed and scheduled the Year 10 extra-curricular sessions for Term 1 2023.

As signalled at its 2022 AGM the role of **Executive Officer** for **2023** has been accepted by Secretary of the GM&B, Simon Bowen. **Colin Green** remains on the Executive as manager of GM&B Membership. Colin's outstanding contribution as EO will be formally recognised and acclaimed at our AGM in 2023.

Good health and good wishes to all

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



**GM&B**  
PATRONS CLUB





# MHSOB Football Club News



During 2022 the Melbourne High School Old Boys Football Club was represented by four teams in the Victorian Amateur Football Association. Our Senior and Reserve sides played in Division 2; while we also fielded a Third XVIII in Section 5 and an Under 19 team in Section 4.

The football season was launched in fine style back in April with a memorable Coterie Dinner. It was a very enjoyable night attended by more than 60 members of the MHSOBFC community who gathered to celebrate the outstanding contribution of Matthew Nicholas as a former player and senior coach of MHSOBFC.

This year Bernie Pretty continued as Senior Coach with Lachlan McKinnon, Beau Jellis and Luke Campbell providing support in their respective Assistant Coach roles. Matt Brancatisano and Nick Brown shared the coaching duties in our Reserves throughout 2022 with the Thirds looked after by Albert Kuang and Pat Bulford. Our young players were well looked after with Adam Tardiff continuing as Under 19 coach and he was ably assisted in that role by Matt Glover.

The Seniors and Reserves started off their seasons in fine style until a string of serious injuries really tested the depth of both squads and sadly we were unable to qualify for the finals. Our Thirds found the competition quite tough in their section but secured a number of good wins and continue to provide an opportunity for more players to represent the Unicorns each weekend. The JuniorCorns played some very competitive football with a young list and we look forward to their development throughout next year.

In other news from the Club we have acknowledged and celebrated some significant player milestones in 2022 with 200 games by Sam Hayes, and 100 games by Brendan Cook, Charles Pearson and Robert Rae. Assistance provided by a host of Club volunteers has again been outstanding this year and we would like to formally acknowledge their tireless commitment.

Our Presentation Night was held recently in the Quill Room at Marvel Stadium. It was attended by around 120 members of the MHSOBFC community, and we congratulate Julian Eimutis on winning the 2022 Senior B&F Award along with the Reg Fairchild Players' Player Award. It was a fine achievement by the highly talented former MHS 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII Football Captain.

As a Club we have again been well served by some quality personnel this year; in particular I would like to thank Senior Coach Bernie Pretty, Football Operations Manager Lachlan McKinnon, Secretary Kylie da Fonte, Treasurer Will Hart and all of our hard-working committee.



## MHSOB Football Club News (con't)

Once again, we are extremely grateful to our Major Sponsor – NED. The company provides a range of premium quality beverages, and we appreciate the ongoing support from Life Member and former Club captain Drew Fairchild. In addition, we also acknowledge the financial assistance provided by Xynergy Realty, a new key partner of the Club along with our other valued sponsors: Union House, Community Bank - Windsor, Hello Sam, Beasley & Co, Peter Smith Plumbing, Urban Water Solutions, Affinity Accountants and Evolutio Physiotherapy.

Warren Fall  
President, MHSOBFC



**Left – Julian Eimutis, 2022 Best & Fairest**



**Right – Sam Hayes, 200 Games**

# Men for All Seasons – Review



## Autumn MFAS Spring Luncheon

This year's Spring luncheon was held at Coopers Inn which welcomed our group of regular attendees with great service and surrounds and created a great setting for lively banter and warm camaraderie.

Our group welcomed two new members - Richard Agar (MHS 1980) and Albert Kwok (MHS 1996) who briefly spoke about their time at MHS and their life's journey since. As always, these introductions serve to remind us of our rich and diverse MHS community which we should be very proud of.



Notably we welcomed back Peter Day (Daisy), one of the original founders of the MFAS group, who was in fine form buoyed by the fine form of his beloved Cats. On a serious note, Peter and others spoke about the importance of looking after one's mental and physical wellbeing, this becoming more pertinent as we approach Forty Years On.

Paul Panagiotopoulos revived memories of 1983 and 1984 Speech Nights at the Melbourne Town Hall with recordings of mass singing courtesy of You Tube which was a perfect segue for our singing of the school song and Forty Years On.

The afternoon ended with lots of warm handshakes and hugs and the promise of enjoying each other's company again at the 40-year Reunion in October.

*Peter Douros, MHS 1984*





# Men for All Seasons – Review

## MFAS Summer Christmas Luncheon

The newly named [Toorak Hotel](#) was the venue for the 22<sup>nd</sup> MFAS Summer Christmas Lunch. The cuisine was excellent, quite a step up on last year.

Support from the MFAS cohort was terrific and we had several first-time attendees including James Morris and Ted Goldstein from 1966 exit and Steve Zarbos '84 and Ivor Quigley '82.

Special mention to Peter Douros, we couldn't have done it without his generous support and raffle prizes, there were plenty of tickets sold to assist MFAS Charity Fundraising - we had many generous MFAS.

### MFAS Support to MHS and MHSOBA:

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| * Economics, Psychology & German prizes 2021 | * Men For All Seasons Scholarship 2022 |
| * Speros Beasley Scholarship 2022            | * Special hardship support             |
| * Economics, Psychology & German prizes 2022 | * MHS Water Polo Support 2022          |
| * Men For All Seasons Scholarship 2023       | * Speros Beasley Scholarship 2023      |



Steve Zarbos (L), John Adamopoulos, Stephen Byrne (R)



Peter Douros (L) & Victor Andreou



Mark Ryder (L) & Ivor Quigley



Andrew Sivijs (L) & Ash Browne



Nigel Van Cuylenberg (L)  
Paul Panagiotopoulos, Peter Day (R)

# MHS Careers Evening



**The Annual MHS Careers Evening was held on Thursday 4 August. A collaboration between MHS Careers and MHSOBA, it was uplifting to return to the school for this important event.**

Commencing late afternoon in the Memorial Hall, over 400 students and parents were in attendance. This year's opening keynote was delivered by Mr John Ly, MHS 2002 (below).

In a heartfelt and inspiring address, John shared his journey as the son of hardworking parents who had almost no English to sitting the examination at – and graduating from - MHS. Active in the student community at Monash University, John encouraged current students to take every opportunity they could and make a positive contribution. It was great to see John's family – including a very proud father – in the audience.



A **Tertiary Expo** followed, featuring course and career advice from a range of providers including

- Australian Catholic University
- The University of Melbourne
- Federation University
- Torrens University
- RMIT University
- Inner Eastern Local Learning & Employment Network (IELLEN)
- Deakin University
- Monash University
- La Trobe University
- Swinburne University
- Green Room Futures



## MHS Careers Evening (con't)

The Expo was followed by **Professional Career Sessions** presented by past students of MHS, now expert in their field. Providing an informal and insightful opportunity to learn about a broad range of professions and pathways, **we are indebted to these Old Boys for their time and contribution:**

### **MEDICINE DR. RAY BOYAPATI, MHS 2001**

Dr Ray Boyapati is a gastroenterologist specialising in inflammatory bowel disease and performs gastroscopy, colonoscopy and intestinal ultrasound.

Ray completed his medical degree at Monash University and specialty training at Monash Health and the Austin Hospital. He undertook further clinical training in IBD at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh and also completed a Doctor of Medicine post graduate degree at the University of Edinburgh.



### **MEDICINE DR. AMIT VERMA, MHS 2003**

Dermatologist and MOHS Surgeon

Dr Amit Verma is a Fellow of the Australasian College of Dermatologists. Amit completed his dermatology training in major Victorian hospitals including St Vincent's Hospital and The Alfred Hospital.

He attained a highly sought-after scholarship allowing him to complete a Clinical Fellowship at the prestigious St John's Institute of Dermatology (London), where he worked with world leading experts in skin cancer, surgery, genetic skin disorders, eczema, psoriasis and acne.





# MHS Careers Evening (con't)

## **SCIENCE JOHN LY (NGYUEN), MHS 2002**

John Ly (Nguyen) attended Melbourne High School from 1999 to 2002 and graduated on the Honours Roll Board achieving an ATAR of 99.50. He was then awarded a scholarship to study Bachelor of Pharmacy and Commerce at Monash University.

He was the first to finish school in his family and obtain a tertiary degree, coming from a refugee family. In 2006, John was awarded the Monash University Gold Medallion for Outstanding Community Spirit Award for his commitment and contribution to improving the life of pharmacy students on campus and overseas. He was also selected as a Student Ambassador for Monash University during his time as a university student.



## **ENGINEERING SIMON ANDERSON, MHS 2003**

Simon is a Chartered Engineer with a Masters in Energy and Resource Law.

He leads the reliability and asset management of AGL's renewable portfolio of over 1 GW of generation including nine wind farms and two gas turbine assets across Australia.



## **COMMERCE & FINANCE NICHOLAS BENBOW, MHS 1996**

Nicholas is an Audit & Assurance Director, specialising in accounting for complex business transactions including venture capital and start-ups, acquisitions, divestments and restructures.

Nicholas is passionate about finding tailored financial reporting solutions for clients with onerous disclosure requirements, so that their results reflect their business reality and are not 'boiler-plate.' Nicholas is an expert specialist in Start-up Technology, Biotechnology, Manufacturing, and Mining.



# MHS Careers Evening (con't)

## **COMMERCE & FINANCE DANNY DOUROS, MHS 2013**

Danny completed a double degree at Monash University attaining a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Biomedical Science and started his career as an analyst at GlaxoSmithKline pharmaceuticals. In 2017, he took a position at Australia's largest privately-owned provider of integrated financial advisory and accounting services, Findex.

He progressed from analytics to a corporate role in partnership management at Findex. He also operates a small business making custom menswear and suiting MadeByOtto.



## **LAW TOM EGAN, MHS 2011**

Tom graduated from Melbourne High in 2011 and then studied Arts/Law at Monash University. His first professional role was as an associate to a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria. He then worked as a solicitor in commercial litigation and insolvency at a major Australian law firm.

In October 2020, he joined the Department of Premier and Cabinet as a legal adviser in the Office of the General Counsel, where he focuses on public law. Outside of work he enjoys cycling casually, bicycle repair, travelling and (when orders made under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act allow) hiking.



## **LAW CHRISTOS STATHOPOULOS, MHS 2011**

Christos graduated from Melbourne High School in 2011 and then studied International Studies/Law at Deakin University. His first role was as an intern at a generalist firm. He then worked in an administrative role in a firm specialising in wills and estates.

In October 2020, he joined Christopher James Lawyers as a junior solicitor, focusing on areas including criminal, commercial, taxation and family law. Outside of work, he enjoys fishing, camping and the outdoors.



# MHS Careers Evening (con't)

## MULTIMEDIA, ANIMATION, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

### DANIEL FLOOD, MHS 1992

Founder and Managing Director of “Floodslicer”, Daniel is an animation / rendering specialist in the design and visualisation of the built form. Daniel’s immersion in the technology of image production is driven by intense standards. His work is defined by visual complexity and dramatic expressions of the photo-real. Skilled in 3D Visualization, Computer Animation, V-Ray, 3D Rendering, and Branding & Identity, Daniel holds a BPD BArch focused in Architecture (Hons 1st class) from The University of Melbourne.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### COMMANDING OFFICER BRENDAN NOTTLE, MHS 1982

As Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army, Major Brendan Nottle has dedicated over 2 decades of his life to working with the most vulnerable members of society. Leading the Salvos' Melbourne Project 614, he works with a team of 1,000 volunteers to help people who are homeless, or suffering from mental health issues, addiction or social poverty.

Brendan is a member of the Premier's Ice Action Taskforce and the Victorian Housing Minister's Rough Sleeper's Roundtable and frequently advocates for issues facing those at risk of homelessness. In 2013, he was named Melburnian of the Year in recognition of his tireless efforts to support disadvantaged people.



## HEALTH SCIENCE - PHYSIOTHERAPY BENJAMIN LOH, MHS 2012

Ben graduated with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) from Monash University.

He has a strong interest in sports activities and management of sporting related injuries. He has spent many years working with athletes in Victorian state teams such as Hockey Victoria and Basketball Victoria at national championships. He is currently the team Physiotherapist for Powerhouse/St Kilda Hockey Club in the Victorian Premier League and recently got appointed as a tournament physiotherapist for Tennis Australia.





# MHS Careers Evening (con't)

## AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL DECHLAN ELLIS (retired), MHS 1985

Dechlan joined the Army and was part of the first intake at the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1986. He graduated first in his class from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1989 and was awarded both the Sword of Honour and the Queen's Medal. He completed 20 years fulltime service in the Royal Australian Engineers before transferring to the Standby Reserve and a second career in the private sector.

During his Army career Lieutenant Colonel Ellis held a range of appointments including command of the 21st Construction Squadron and operational service with the United Nations as a peacekeeper in Lebanon. He was also Australia's first Chief Engineer on Operation Slipper in Afghanistan and the Gulf States in the war on terror.



## TEACHING & EDUCATION COLIN AXUP, MHS 1984

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.

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. He commenced in the position President of the Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals (VASSP) in March 2021.



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# Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to members of our community who received [Queen's Birthday Honours](#).



**Member of the Order of Australia**  
**Dr. Anne Lierse Dip.Mus., B.Mus.Ed., D.Ed., AM**  
MHS Staff 1997 – 2010 and 2012 – 2021

*For significant service to music education.*



**Member of the Order of Australia**  
**Joseph George Lewit, B.Arch, AM**  
MHS 1960 – 1963

*For significant service to architecture, and to public administration.*



**Member of the Order of Australia**  
**Kevin John Wood AM**  
MHS 1947

*For significant service to recreational sailing.*



**Medal of the Order of Australia**  
**Geoffrey Ronald Wilson OAM**  
MHS 1941

*For service to the visual arts.*



**Public Service Medal**  
**David Julian Stockman, M.Com., M.Pub.Admin., PSM**  
MHS 1994 – 1997

*For outstanding public service in the delivery of communications in Victoria, particularly for the COVID-19 response.*



# The Queen



**With the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II in September, we asked School Historian Dr. Alan Gregory AM and Honorary School Archivist Luke Savage to provide an article about British royalty from an MHS perspective.**

When the Melbourne High School split in 1927 along gender lines, the boys adopted a new crest, consisting of a Unicorn surmounting a Crown (below left). The crown represents that we are a State School, and for the last 70 years the bearer of that crown has been Queen Elizabeth II (a majority of our existence).



For most students and staff, the most visible connection has been the portraits of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in the foyer. Prince Philip's portrait was removed following his death last year, and the Queen's will be removed one month after her death. By the late 1930's the Schools Art Collection contained portraits of the King and Queen. The current portraits are post 1977 and they have swapped sides at times.





## The Queen (con't)

The School was only a few years old when it's first Monarch died Edward VII on the 6th May 1910. Four days later the School held a service in the lecture room. The Principal, Joseph Hocking, spoke about the King's life and works, the service finishing with the Hymn *Abide with Me*. The next issue of the School Magazine, *Ours*, devoted the editorial to this as well as a one-and-a-half-page obituary. All cadet functions were cancelled for the month of May, instead, they formed part of the Guard of Honour at Parliament House for the Memorial Service held on 20 May. The ex-students association also cancelled it's functions in May. The coronation of George V in June 1911 received little coverage in *Ours*, unlike his death 25 years later.

### EDITORIAL.

**The most notable event in our empire's history since our last issue has been the passing of our sovereign, King George V. The whole world seemed to pause to pay tribute to the monarch. We his subjects mourn his loss so deeply because he was more than a king: he was the head of a great family. By means of science we had heard his fatherly voice even in the Antipodes. Yet this ruler of a vast empire was a humble man and, investing majesty with a truly democratic genius, he dedicated his life to serving his people. Now, while monarchies elsewhere are tottering, there ascends our throne one who has already planted himself firmly in the hearts of his subjects. Long may he reign!**

*The Unicorn, July 1936 page 6*

The July 1937 editorial was entirely taken up with a review of the coronation, plus a series of articles. The highlight was an article by teacher Ronald Henshaw who was on leave in the U.K. He obtained a seat in the stands between Green Park and Buckingham Palace and was able to listen to the service as it was broadcast along the route. He commented on the passing of the procession with the Australian Troops, the Prime Minister, Joe Lyons, Queen Mary and then the King and Queen in the Gold State Coach.

Fifteen years later on the day after he died (7 February 1952), Dr. Alan Gregory recalls being a young student at assembly, and how the Principal George Langley spoke about the King, ending his speech in tears. The School then sang God Save the Queen for the first time, the last Queen, Victoria had died four years before the school started. Alan recalls how his grandmother was pleased to once again be singing God Save the Queen.



## The Queen (con't)

At assembly the following year Cannon Hollis who bore part of the Regalia during the Coronation, spoke about the event. *The Unicorn* carried a long letter from old boy Midshipman Donald Coulson MHS 1949-1951 who was serving aboard the aircraft carrier *HMS Illustrious*. He was granted leave to observe the coronation in London and was part of the Fleet Review at Spithead where another old boy John Gellibrand MHS 1948-1951 was serving aboard *HMS Swiftsure*.

The Royal Tour of 1954 was the major event of the year, the School provided a Display Group for the Children's Day at the M.C.G. (pictured right).

A film was made, and the first showing was at MHS, attended by the Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, who had missed the live performance. The Cadets provided a guard to line the Royal route on several occasions.

Alan recalls the school lining up on Toorak Road complete with band, and when the car carrying the Queen and Prince approached, it slowed down whilst passing.



Like most concerts and films, it was usual for School concerts to end with God Save the King, until 1973 it was the National Anthem. From 1973, Speech Night had both Advance Australia Fair and God Save the Queen. It was finally retired in 1982.

The death of the Queen has had less of an effect then that of her predecessors, as the role of Monarch changes in Australian society. The event was noted in Ours, and the flags were flown at half mast, including the Union Jack at the top of the tower, last used when Prince Philip died, and won't be used again, due to its poor condition.

*Dr. Alan Gregory AM, School Historian and Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist*

# Commonwealth Games 2022



Birmingham represented the culmination of an intense period of racing following on from the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, OR, USA - It was my third race in the space of 23 days. Earlier, I had set a national record to finish 18<sup>th</sup> in the 35km walk at the World Championships.

On arrival to the UK, I tested positive for covid (my first time), giving me just 10 days to recover from a combination of race fatigue, jet lag, and illness. Fortunately, team protocols meant that myself and a few other athletes who had caught covid after the World Championships did not pass it further through the Australian team.

While I was able to clear symptoms and get the ok to race, the experience had taken a bit out of me as I was well outside my best. It was enough for me just to get to the finish, in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

That said, it was great to celebrate the successes of my teammate, Declan, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. The atmosphere in the Australian part of the village was great (once I was allowed in from isolation), and it was a privilege to experience racing in stadium in front of a packed crowd - usually us walkers are on the road.

By Rhydian Cowley  
MHS 2008





# An Old Boy Abroad



## A Path Less Travelled, by Edmund “Ruo” Bao (MHS 2010)

When I think back to how I came to live and work 16,662 kms away from home, two things come to mind.

The first relates to what Principal Ludowyke said during orientation back in 2007. Mr. Ludowyke challenged us to “take the path less travelled.” At the time, ever the quick learner, I swiftly took the path less travelled and, in only two years, managed to find myself being given a two-day disciplinary suspension. My suspension was due to my part in an ill-advised (yet successful) attempt to access the school’s IT system, to find and circulate what was then considered the holy grail: the confidential student academic rankings. I wasn’t sure what I was more surprised by, the fact that I was caught, or that I found myself far lower on the list than anticipated. Nonetheless, I learned my lesson: Mr. Ludowyke did not mean for us to take *any* path less travelled, but the right one.

The second thing relates to a passion for storytelling that I developed at MHS. Ms. De Vos taught us the fundamentals of language, a pre-requisite for good storytelling. I loved being able to weave a narrative that persuades and compels. We studied *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens (not knowing how relevant that would become). Conversely, I was never that good at the sciences. Despite being best friends with one of the smartest students, it never rubbed off on me. Brandon’s name is on the honour roll (deservingly), and mine is not (also deservingly).

After MHS, my inclination to take the road less travelled led me to pursue law 650kms away at the Australian National University. There, I continued to hone my storytelling skills. I realised the world is complex, and so is the law. So I learned how to think critically, while embracing simplicity (but resisting oversimplification). In 2015, I graduated from ANU law school with first class honours and was asked to deliver the graduation speech. It was another opportunity to tell more stories – only this time, to a broader audience.

Studying law has also given me the opportunity to experience the stories of people around the world. I started my career in Sydney and specialised in international law. Since then, I have lived and worked in The Hague, Palo Alto, Washington D.C., Singapore, London and even Kyiv (before the war and Russia’s aggression).



## An Old Boy Abroad (con't)

In 2015, I had the opportunity to work at the World Bank's Special Litigation Unit in Washington D.C. There, I investigated corrupt and fraudulent companies and individuals. For example, I helped sanction manufacturers that took bribes and skimmed on installing grounding circuits on incubators destined for developing countries, potentially exposing newborns to deadly currents.

In 2019, I took on a Fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. Working with international judges at the Peace Palace, I saw how billions of dollars passed through judgments hundreds of pages long, and countries suing each other in the name of "justice". Not long afterwards, I was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue a Master of Laws at Stanford University. The pandemic made it a unique experience. It also gave me the opportunity to tell yet more stories earlier this year, when I returned to deliver the Commencement Address.



Edmund with (then) Defence Minister Christopher Pyne at the Fulbright Presentation Ceremony at Parliament House

I now work across New York and London as an attorney. At the firm, I represent clients on technology (e.g., Google) and life sciences disputes. I still tell stories; I just now tell them to arbitrators and judges. And through the storytelling process, I sometimes (but not always) persuade them of the merits of my client's case. I also listen to stories from clients too. And sometimes, listening is the hardest part because often I need to hear what is left unsaid. I'm tasked with separating the "wishes", "the inclinations" and "the passions" that can easily colour the truth.

## An Old Boy Abroad (con't)

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Afterwards, I advise clients on how the next chapter might (or might not) unfold. Other times, I succeed in changing a small part of someone's perspective or challenging some aspect of a someone's predisposition. If I am very lucky, it becomes the inflection point which leads to winning the case.

These days, I'm continuing to take the path less travelled. Sometimes it can be bittersweet, with long absences from family and loved ones, missed celebratory dinners and holidays postponed. Other times it is hard, and there are moments of disappointment when you lose a case you've worked very hard on. But life is never dull. And I'd like to think that's what makes it ultimately worth it, in the words of Mr. Ludowyke, to "take the path less travelled."

Honour the Work

**Edmund Bao**  
**MHS Class of 2010**

To view Edmund's stories told at the Australian National University, [click here](#).  
To view Edmund's stories told at Stanford University, [click here](#)





# Book – From Icebergs to Iguanas



## About 'Icebergs to Iguanas'

by acclaimed National Geographic Photographer, Jason Edwards (MHS 1986)

For me, photography is more than capturing beautiful pictures. It's about taking people on a journey.

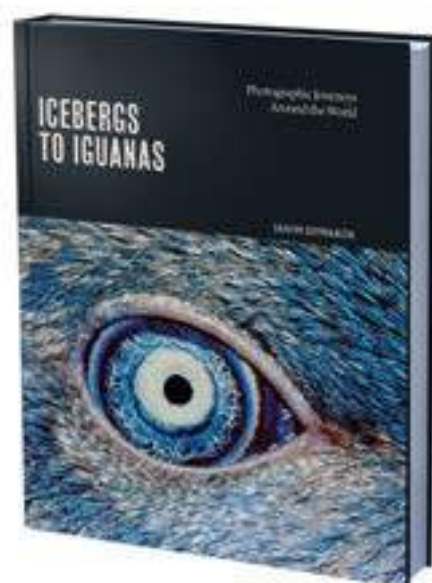
For more than three decades, I've roamed the world with camera in hand, bearing witness to the raw beauty of nature and the complexities of humanity. In every imaginable way it's been an adventure, overflowing with wonder, hardship and laughter.

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Members and friends of MHSOBA can purchase a signed copy by scanning or clicking the QR code below.



## Keeping It In The Family

Mid-year, we had the pleasure of meeting Jan Stanley at a School Sports Victoria / Junior AFL event held in The Unicorn Club.

Jan presented a trophy in memory of late husband, avid footballer and Old Boy, Don Stanley (MHS 1963). In conversation, it transpired that since leaving MHS, Don had safely kept his House Captain blazer, School badge and tie, 1963 Football Cup and Cadet hat badge.

All in remarkable condition, Jan asked if we might be interested in these for the School archive. The resounding answer was “yes!”



At a meeting soon after, Jan (pictured above) kindly entrusted these historic items to us along with Don's biography. [For details of Don's journey, click here.](#)

**But the story doesn't end there...**

## Keeping It In The Family (con't)

Jan contacted us some weeks later to say her brother-in-law – also an Old Boy – still had **his** School blazer, again in excellent condition.

**Moreover, at 92 years of age David Oswald Gordon (MHS 1948) still fits into his blazer!**

Pictured right, David sent his blazer from Queensland to Melbourne and Jan passed it on to the MHS archive team.

Our grateful thanks to Jan and David for their time and generous contribution to the School archives and our community.



### **About David Oswald Gordon – MHS 1944 to 1948**

Born 18 August 1930, David's first year at MHS was spent at the Tooronga Campus as the Royal Australian Navy had use of the main school building at that time.

A Prefect in 1948, in his final year David attained House Colours; Tennis House Colours; and Hockey Full Colours. He was also Swimming Captain in 1947 and 1948 with Full Colours.

After graduating from MHS, he went to The University of Melbourne and successfully completed a degree in medicine. He moved to Brisbane where he worked as a General Practitioner for the duration of his career. David married Margaret, had two children and is now enjoying retirement on the Sunshine Coast.



# ADF Leadership Appointments



28 June 2022: The Australian Government has today announced Australian Defence Force (ADF) senior leadership appointments.

The terms of the Chief of the Defence Force (CDF), General Angus Campbell, and the Vice Chief of the Defence Force (VCDF), Vice Admiral David Johnston, will be extended by two years.

**Additionally, the Government has asked the Chief of the Defence Force to extend the term of the Chief of Joint Operations, Lieutenant General Greg Bilton (MHS 1982), for two years.**

The Acting Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Richard Marles, also announced new Chiefs of Navy, Army and Air Force...

...Mr Marles said the additional service of the current CDF and VCDF would enable continuity of “strategic advice and the timely and effective delivery of key procurements including through the AUKUS framework”.

“General Campbell and Admiral Johnston are a team which offer stability in command and continuity in the delivery of advice and defence capability for the Government,” he said.

**He said General Bilton’s continued leadership in the planning and conduct of our military campaigns and exercises would “provide ongoing stability and certainty”.**

[Click here](http://www.defence.gov.au) to read the full article from [www.defence.gov.au](http://www.defence.gov.au)



Major General Simon Stuart, left, Rear Admiral Mark Hammond, Chief of the Defence Force General Angus Campbell, Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles, Air Vice-Marshal Robert Chipman, and right, Lieutenant General Greg Bilton (MHS 1982) Photo: Kym Smith



# Remembrance Day



In keeping with tradition, the school observed one minute's silence at 11:00am. This was part of a wreath laying ceremony at the cenotaph.

A particular note of thanks to Mr Stephen Colebrook, Bandmaster; Mr Mathew Roberts, assembly keynote speaker; Aidin Liu (11F), Commanding Officer; and Gareth De Korte, conductor of the National Anthem.



This is an important day in the Australian and School Calendar. On this day we commemorate those who have lost their lives in world wars and armed conflicts. This includes a number of former Melbourne High School students. Such deaths are tragic and although we wish for peaceful resolutions, sometimes armed combat has had to be used to protect individuals' freedom and basic human rights.

Lest We Forget



# Remembrance Day (con't)

This article by Honorary School Archivist, Luke Savage, was broadcast by MHSOBA to members and friends on Remembrance Day. We received some extraordinary responses from our community which follow the article.

## The Story of MHS Teacher, Charles Louvigny

For most Australians, Remembrance Day is about a war fought in other countries based on our ties to Britain. But for one MHS teacher in the 1950's, it marked the end of a war where he fought to defend his homeland.

Charles Lucien Julien Louvigny arrived in Australia in September 1953 with his wife, Elizabeth Henriette nee Vincent. He first taught at Camberwell High School in 1954 before coming to Melbourne High School in 1955 to teach French.

Charles had been born in Conches-en-Ouche in 1898, midway between Paris and Caen. It was to Caen that his family moved, from where he joined the army in April 1917, shortly after his 19th birthday. Joining the 9th Battalion in October, he was evacuated sick in December 1917 and did not see any further active service.

After the war he became a teacher, and married Elizabeth. After the fall of France in 1940 he continued to teach and joined the Resistance. Initially recruited by a fellow Freemason into the Army of Volunteers from March 1941, he then joined the Civil and Military Organisation (OCM). He undertook intelligence and recruitment work and was given the nickname "The Cat".





## Remembrance Day (con't)

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Charles was sacked from his teaching job in October 1942 for being a Freemason. He was instrumental in the negotiations between the various Resistance groups to form the Departmental Committee for Clandestine Liberation, at which he was OCM's representative.

Tom Wodak recalls "Occasionally, he would speak about the French underground resistance, in which he played a role. His hatred for the Germans was patent. I can recall a conversation, which I am pretty sure occurred out of class, in which he talked about sabotaging German supply trains, and disposing of some German soldiers." Tom also recalls that he wore a Republic of French Lapel Badge.

Charles was an outstanding French teacher, running the French Club and the French Library. He resigned in May 1959 and returned to France. After 16 months he returned to Melbourne and spent 1961 again teaching French at MHS. He then resigned again, a departure much regretted by the School, and returned to France, where he died in Caen in 1979. His wife Elizabeth returned to Australia to teach in 1966 and died in 1983 in Glenhuntly.

*With thanks to Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist*

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**The following recollections have been sent in by Old Boys following the article on Charles Louvigny. Spelling has been corrected, and some reduction for brevity.**

Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist

**From Professor Kwong Lee Dow AO, MHS 1955**

*I am absolutely delighted to read this.*

*Charles Louvigny taught me French at Camberwell High in 1954 and we both came to MHS in 1955. I remember him vividly and knew tiny snippets of this story. But putting it together and in context is wonderful for me.*

*Many thanks indeed to Luke Savage and bravo for the Archives!*

*Much appreciated*

*Kwong Lee Dow*

*Student 1955, Teacher 1961*



# Remembrance Day (con't)

From Greg Levine LL.B., OAM MHS 1959-1962

*Many thanks for this lovely piece about Charles Louvigny. I was fortunate to be in his French class. Of course, I knew him as "Monsieur", not Charles. I recall that he was supervising an exam while looking out the classroom window. He suddenly turned and made an allegation of cheating which he had seen in the reflection of the window. Waving his finger, he said "I wasn't in the French underground for nothing". Brilliant!*

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From Dr. Cameron Hazelhurst FRSL FRHistS MHS 1957-1959

*I have a vivid recollection of M. Louvigny expressing his irritation at the jangling electric bell that rang outside the classroom at the end of periods. He said he could silence it if he wished and nobody would ever know who did it. We knew that he was referring to his clandestine operations with the Resistance.*

*In his vocabulary lessons we were taught (but I have long since forgotten) many obscure words such as the word for the dorsal fin of a shark.*

*When he was leaving in mid-1959 he made a point of saying that the accent of his successor, Mr Moss (who had earned French in Vietnam), was very good.*

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From Father Alan Cole MHS 1954-1958

*My thanks for your Remembrance recollection by Tom Wodak (whom also I remember) of Monsieur Louvigny. Charles L., during my years (the 50's) was unmissable, a man of mystique, seldom smiling, a direct and formal class teacher, inspiring a degree of awe. Straight-backed and serious, he was notable for wearing the spider-web lapel badge of a French underground network. Rumour among the lads was that he had been involved in clandestine operations against the German occupation of Paris.*

*Charles Louvigny represented to Australia that culture of European emigres, despised by many common Aussies, but who stood for the finest values in the emerging free world. I remember him with deep respect among others shown in your monochrome vignette.*

*Fr Alan M Cole, SSC.*



# Remembrance Day (con't)

From Frederick Ford 1957-1960

*Great story of an extraordinary man. I remember him well as my French teacher between 1957 and 1959. He told one story of being pursued down streets by the German SS and watching their reflections in shop windows.*

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From Brian Wigg MHS 1954-1956

*It was a privilege to have been taught French by Monsieur Louvigny – we learned quite a lot about his time in the French Underground as well ...*

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From Louis Roller PhD FPS MHS 1955-1958

*I was very moved to read the story of Charles Louvigny. I have very fond memories of M. Louvigny.*

*I entered MHS as a 3rd former in 1955 and was delighted to meet a French speaker. Like Tom Wodak, I had conversations with him as I was a French refugee from the Holocaust. Like M. Louvigny, I did not have a great love for Germans in my early years. I remember him telling us the story about his activities in the French resistance at a Monday morning assembly.*

*My own story is that I was born in 1940 in Paris and we lived under occupation for two and a half years until the French police under the auspices of the Nazis called out all the Parisian Jews and took them (us- my mother and two brothers and I) to the velodrome) where over a period of days, thousands of Jews were transported onto trains to the death camps. A French policeman recognised my mother and at the risk of death took us out of the velodrome back to our deserted apartment. My mother then arranged for my brothers and I to be hidden in various parts of France. We shall never forget that ordinary people did extraordinary things to save the lives of children.*

*During this time, my father distinguished himself in the French army and then the resistance. My mother was very active in the underground movement and a little later, my eldest brother Bernard also distinguished himself. Luckily, we all survived, but all four of our grandparents were murdered by the Nazis in Poland.*





## Remembrance Day (con't)

*We were reunited in early 1946 and late 1946 we came to Australia via a French refugee/troop carrier ship and arrived in Sydney on the 11th February 1947.*

*My parents set up a clothing shop in Bridge Rd in Richmond where I attended the local primary school (Yarra Park Primary School). I was the first non-English person the teachers had seen at that time.*

*I loved and flourished after rapidly mastering English.*

*I ended up at Melbourne High School, the Victorian College of Pharmacy and Melbourne University. I was the only Roller up to that early time to have had an education beyond primary school.*

*I worked as a pharmacy academic at Monash University as a pharmacy academic for 50 plus years and basically have had an absolutely wonderful life.*

*I have been involved with the GM& B Forum for some years and I am part of the Courage to Care group that goes to schools all over Victoria to workshop the concepts of being an upstander to fight against racism. I had the honour of presenting my story as a holocaust survivor to a MHS group last December and that will occur again this coming December.*

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**From Tom Smith MPhil FRACI CChem MHS 1955-1958**

*Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list. Although I'm not in the old boy's association, it's nice to at least have some contact with my old school. I remember Monsieur Louvigny well. He was an excellent teacher and awakened an interest in languages in me.*

*Like Tom Wodak, I recall him recounting at least one of his adventures in the French Resistance. It involved a partisan feigning drunkenness to drop a suitcase bomb as he crossed a levee, to the amusement of the German sentries guarding it. He said they were still laughing when the levee blew up. He also had deadly aim and could throw the pencil of an inattentive student out of a narrow window crack from across the room. It was a shame I had to give up French at the end of Intermediate, but there was no room for it in the maths-science stream.*



## Remembrance Day (con't)

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*My interest in languages returned in 1971, when I was part of a team sent to train in Germany prior to starting up the Nabalco alumina refinery in Gove in the NT. Nabalco turned on a Berlitz language teacher to help us communicate with plant workers and enable us to live more comfortably in the year we were there. I became friends with our teacher, and by year's end was his remaining student.*

*I can understand M. Louvigny's hatred of the Germans having seen his country devastated by Germany twice in his lifetime, but I developed a more nuanced appreciation. I got to know ex-soldiers among the plant operators, many of whom were easterners who got stranded in western Germany when the front collapsed at the end of the war.*

*Later, I returned to Germany to train before taking charge of the plant laboratory. One of my laboratory colleagues was a man who had escaped the communist regime in the east. He told me a story about his elder brother who was finally repatriated by the Russians, only to die at home from the effects of long-term starvation.*

*Some years later, I accept the opportunity to work for the parent company Alusuisse in Switzerland and led a group at its R&D labs in Neuhausen. The years in Switzerland added to my confidence in speaking German, although that did not extend to speaking the dialect, which both of my daughters spoke fluently.*

*Now in my retirement, I teach beginner's German conversation through our local Southern Highlands branch of the University of the Third Age. I am still learning German and think of myself as much a student as a teacher of the language.*

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# Old Boys in The News

## RAAF WWII Bomber Wreckage Off Kimberley Coast Revealed in New Footage

In June the ABC ran an article about the discovery of a WWII plane wreck off the Kimberley coast. The B24 bomber A72-80 had taken off from RAAF Truscott on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1945 for a sortie over the Dutch East Indies but crashed into Vansittart Bay shortly afterwards. A black column of smoke rose from the water.

Of the twelve crew, all died, with only 3 bodies recovered. One of those onboard was Herbert Gordon Parker, he attended Melbourne High School from 1933 to 1935, and joined the P.M.G. after leaving school. During the war he flew with 6 and 21 Squadrons, and finally 24 Squadron, rising to the rank of Warrant Officer. He had married Naomi Cox the year before his death.

**The airfield they had taken off from was named after another Old Boy, Keith Truscott, who had died at Exmouth two years earlier. Herbert and Bluey overlapped for two years at the School. A photo of the crew and their plane (below) is in the Australian War Memorial. Herbert is crouching in the front row on the left wearing a peaked cap.**



[Click here to view the ABC report.](#)



## Old Boys in The News (con't)

### **80th anniversary of sinking of Montevideo Maru, Australia's worst maritime disaster, commemorated at Australian War Memorial**

The ABC covered another WWII story, the sinking of the *MV Montevideo Maru*, it being the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Five Old Boys died onboard:

- Neville Edward Hercules Curtis MHS 1931-1932
- Cyril Henry Deakin MHS 1935
- Howard Donelly Fuller MHS 1931
- Neil Stanford Smith MHS 1925-1926
- Clive Oswald Turner MHS 1920

They were all members of the 2/22 Battalion which was part of Lark Force, sent to hold Rabaul in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea. The small force was overwhelmed by the Japanese, with most being captured. They were then being transferred to Hainan off southern China in the motor vessel Montevideo Maru when it was sunk by an American submarine in the Philippine Sea.

One of the people at the ceremony was Loloma Puls, whose parents, Methodist missionaries, lived at Raluana near Rabaul in the 1930's.

**Her mother, Essie Mildred Anderson attended MHS 1916-1918 where she was a notable sportswoman, in swimming, hockey and the Flag race, in the photo (right) she is second from the left in the back row.**

She married William Lawrence Irving Linggood in 1930. Essie and her children were evacuated after the outbreak of the war, William remained, and was captured. He died on the Montevideo Maru. [Loloma has written about her parents, the war, and their life after.](#)



## Old Boys in The News (con't)

**Neville Curtis (right)** was a notable athlete, in the School Swimming and Athletics Teams when in third form and the following year was in the 1<sup>st</sup> XVII at the age of 15, School Swimming Team again and an S.R.C. Rep. [Click here to view the ABC report.](#)



### **Choir of Hard Knocks founder Dr. Jonathon Welch in battle with prostate cancer**

Jonathan Welch MHS 1973-1977 was an outstanding musician whilst a student, Forrest House Conductor whilst in fourth form, School Pianist, and in the Singers and the Opera. Jonathan was diagnosed with prostate cancer in August, the Old Boys wish him a speedy recovery. [Click here for the ABC report.](#)

### **Monkeypox outbreak 'turned around' in Victoria with no new cases for weeks**

Victorian Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton MHS 1984-1986 is in the news again, but for once not in relation to COVID-19. [Click here for the ABC report.](#)

### **Lindsay Fox 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cruise**

To celebrate his birthday (which was back in April), Lindsay invited some friends along for a 12-day cruise from New York to Montreal aboard the *Seabourn Quest*. [Reported in several papers as well.](#)

**George Drefus MHS 1943-1945** his niece discuss the family and their connection to Germany. [Click here for the ABC report.](#)

**Maisie Fawcett (below), MHS 1925-1927** was a notable swimmer, receiving her Bronze Medal and Senior Swimming Certificate [Click here for the ABC report.](#)







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