

Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2018

I believe this is the 5th year that I have had to say that at the AGM re-election of the same Committee members as the previous several years was the only option. It would be extremely gratifying if others would put up their hands to assist as some of us have wouldn't mind stepping down and allowing 'new blood' to come in. My thanks to Clive Cooper, David Trimble and Peter Browne and Robert Wilkinson for their continued attendances at meetings during the past year. A big welcome to Stan Wawrzyniak and Alan Kamprad.

The Historical Subcommittee consisting of Bill Storer, Peter Scaife and Dick Sanders have now uploaded most of the registers from NGHS onto our website and continue working on the oral histories of our more renown 'old boys'. These will be progressively uploaded as they are translated from oral interviews to a written format. Our furniture from Callaghan College has also been taken to the Newcastle Museum as the school can no longer house them following refurbishment of the entrance foyer there. A reminder call again for any member who has items which may be of historical significance, including photos and magazines, please contact Dick Sanders at dicksanders@optusnet.com.au with a view to either providing them to the OBA or at least having their whereabouts noted.

Our financial Membership is remaining fairly static but currently 1051 at the end of 2017. However, there are approximately 300 non-financial members we would appreciate renewing their commitment to the Association. We are still hoping that some "champions" will come forward for each year to encourage attendance at the dinners and/or to obtain memorabilia.

I mentioned last year that Newcastle City Council has significantly increased its' fees and meal costs. The Council has increased the room hire fee by over \$400 and the new caterer's prices were to be \$19 per head higher than last year. However, some judicious negotiating has enabled us to keep the costs down again this year but we do not know if this generosity by the Council Event staff will continue. Hopefully for a few years to come but don't be too surprised if we do have to move venues in future.

It was again my pleasure to attend Presentation Days at the following Schools, on your behalf, and present the prizes below for academic achievements:

Newcastle High School -

Roy Davis Prize for School Community Achievement \$200
Lewis Keys Bursary \$500
Keys Family Prize for Best Science Student Year 10 \$200
Dr Alan Knott Scholarship \$1000
Margaret Howard Bursary \$500
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200
OBA President's Prize for Legal Studies \$200
Colin Keys Dux of the School \$1000 (2016)

Madeline Bailey
Marius Kennedy
Patrick Johansen
Patrick Langlois
Camron Alley
Patrick Johansen
Lyndsey Terry
Shelbi Hunt
Sharni Stephen

Waratah Campus of Callaghan College -

F.H. Beard Prize for School Community Achievement \$200 Shared between Gessica Haddow & Kaytlyn Pickles
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student \$200 Shared between Joseph Heritier & Trevor Pinkney
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200 Shared between Ella Moroney & Sharnee Mayes
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200 Shared between Lara Heslop & Niamh Currey
Keys Family Prize for Best Mathematics Student \$200 Shared between Bailey Meyers & Thu Nguyen
Dr David Stewart Scholarship \$500 Shared between Natasha Burt & Nasya-Rai-Lee Clarke

Students at Newcastle East Public School were also awarded books courtesy of your Association.

I think all who attended last year's dinner would agree that the after-dinner speaker, Greg Melick, a Barrister and the new Tasmanian Chief Integrity Commissioner, was entertaining and informative albeit a little brief. He has certainly had an interesting life, particularly in his Army service.

This year our guest speaker will be Professor Peter Moore. Professor Moore began his medical career in Newcastle at the Royal before heading to the United States to further his career at the University of California. He now enjoys his

encore years working initially as a volunteer and more recently as a staff anesthesiologist with Orbis International Flying Eye Hospital providing clinical care, training and education in developing countries around the globe.

The Committee extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Old Boys who have passed away in the past twelve months.

We would really appreciate some new blood on the Committee so if you can make it, please attend the AGM. As an organisation we probably only have around 30 years left, and that is if our youngest members step up to take over. It would be disappointing if the scholarships we provide petered out before their time.

I wish all of our members good health and look forward to greeting you at the Annual General Meeting as well as at the 2018 Annual Dinner.

Norm Rodgers (President)

4 May, 2018

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be Held in the Staff Room of the Newcastle East Public School.

Thursday, 21st June 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys Association at the time, date and place shown above.

All Committee positions will be declared vacant on the night. The positions to be filled are:

President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary
Public Officer	Publicity Officer	Web Master	Committee (7 positions)

Should you wish to nominate for a position please complete your name, contact details and the position you are nominating for in the space below and return this form to the Post Office box above by 17 June 2018.

Name: _____ Years of Attendance at NBHS _____
Address: _____
Contact Details: Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____
Email address _____
Position nominated for: _____

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

- 1 Present**
- 2 Welcome from the President.**
- 3 School Song**
- 4 Apologies.**
- 5 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.**
- 6 Business arising from the Minutes.**
- 7 President's Report.**
- 8 Treasurer's Report.**
- 9 Election of Committee 2017 – 2018.**

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer and Public Officer
Publicity Officer	Web Master	Seven Committeemen	
- 10 Appointment of Honorary Solicitor**
- 11 Expressions of interest in Sub-Committee Membership.**

Membership	Historical	Education	Functions
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- 12 Next Annual General Meeting.**

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in the Staff room of the Newcastle East Public School at 5:00 pm on Thursday, 27 June 2019 (TBC) prior to the normal Committee Meeting.

Norm Rodgers,
President