

Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2019

Once again your Committee has been re-elected unopposed. We have however lost a couple of valuable assistants in Stan Wawrzyniak and Robert Wilkinson. It would be extremely gratifying if others would put up their hands to assist as many of the Committee members have filled various positions since the inception of the OBA. We could certainly use some members from the 1970 to 1978 years as I am sure they would have technical expertise that would be beneficial to the organisation.

Many of you will note that we are trying to keep our costs down by using electronic contact methods this year, rather than mail. If we don't have an email address for you (or our records need updating) please let us know.

Along those lines, and in order to continue providing the scholarships we do, we are trying to find ways of increasing our income such as looking at shares and bonds. As you would know the interest being paid by financial institutions is hardly great! However, we are encountering obstacles wherever we turn. Our status as an incorporated body doesn't help our cause much but we will continue to look into it.

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. This year we were very fortunate that the family of Thomas Gilbert Henry Jones, Dux of Newcastle High School in its fifth year, 1911, very kindly presented his valued Dux Medallion to our Association. The award was presented to him by Charles "Caesar" Smith, our first Headmaster, and now resides in our large collection of memorabilia, held in trust by Newcastle Museum.

We have also been adding obituaries of deceased Old Boys to our website as there appears to be some interest in them. If you know of anyone who would not have minded having theirs added please forward them to our webmaster Greg Kentish at gkentish@gmail.com.

Our financial Membership has dropped and is currently 1009 as at the end of 2018. However, there are a number of non-financial members and we would appreciate them 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 again but the caterer's prices are similar to last year so we have kept our Dinner fees the same as last year. Hopefully we can continue using this venue for a few years to come but don't be too surprised if we do have to move 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	Cameron Milford
Lewis Keys Bursary \$500	Leeca Mills
Keys Family Prize for Best Science Student Year 10 \$200	Breanna Beibor
Dr Alan Knott Scholarship \$1000	Matilda Brame
Margaret Howard Bursary \$500	Patrick Johansen
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200	Gina Blackall
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200	Lucy Neilson-Spitzer
OBA President's Prize for Legal Studies \$200	James Carter
Colin Keys Dux of the School \$1000 (2016)	Mikaela McMahon

Waratah Campus of Callaghan College -

F.H. Beard Prize for School Community Achievement \$200	Shared between Liam Badier & Joshua Boyle
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student \$200	Shared between Harrison Drummond & Montanna Dawson
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200	Shared between Matthew Majellano & Chloe Mann
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200	Shared between Nelson Gardner & Amy Osborne
Keys Family Prize for Best Mathematics Student \$200	Shared between Niamh Currey & Baelee Clifford-Ward
Dr David Stewart Scholarship \$500	Shared between Nick Fallou-Killick & Chloe Hughes

Students at Newcastle East Public School were also awarded books, worth in excess of \$1400, as prizes courtesy of your Association.

I think all who attended last year's dinner would agree that the after-dinner speaker, Professor Peter Moore, a well respected anaesthesiologist, was both very entertaining and informative. This year our guest speaker will be Jeff Hogg. Jeff completed his Higher School Certificate in 1969, when he served as School Captain, a position he also held at The Junction Demonstration School. He moved to Sydney University to study law, and he continues in law today as a Magistrate. His career has embraced service in various courts, and he maintains a strong interest in social justice issues.

I would also like to make a special mention to our pianist, Keith Muree-Allen and our lead singer Lachlan McIntosh who, unbegrudgingly and enthusiastically, have both given many years of service to their respective roles.

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

Please attend the AGM if possible. As an organisation we probably only have around 30 years left, and 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 2019 Annual Dinner.

Norm Rodgers (President)

3 May, 2019

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

Thursday, 27th June 2019, 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 16 June 2019.

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, 25 June 2020 prior to the normal Committee Meeting.

Norm Rodgers, President