

# Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2015

It is heartening that those often referred to as *The Usual Suspects* – those valued members who, every year once again, accept re-election to the Committee but their enthusiasm is waning despite the achievements of the year. It would be extremely gratifying if others would put up their hands to assist. So thanks to Clive Copper and David Trimble for their attendances at meeting during the past year.

My thanks also to David Gubbay for taking the Chairman's role at the last Annual Dinner whilst I attended my son's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in Melbourne on the same night! David also graciously stood in for me for the student presentations at Waratah High in my absence.

The Historical Subcommittee consisting of Bill Storer, Peter Scaife and Dick Sanders have worked tirelessly on the admission registers for both Newcastle Girls' and Newcastle Boys' High Schools. These are now available on the website. Some have asked about privacy issues with this but the registers are a matter of public record. However, we are willing to remove some detail on request if any of you feel that this is necessary.

As mentioned last year, Bill Storer identified all Old Boys who served in Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam as well as all those who served in World War II. A plaque has been erected in their honour at Waratah High with support from the Waratah Mayfield RSL Sub-branch.

We have continued the arrangement with the Newcastle Museum to remunerate a qualified person to catalogue the Caesar Smith Collection which continues to grow as more items of memorabilia are located.

Once again, in addition to thanking the gents named above, special thanks must go to Web Master Greg Kentish for the amount of work he has put into our website. Greg has moved to Queensland and is often overseas but still puts in a great deal of effort to ensure the site is accurate and up to date. The index page is at <http://www.nbhsoa.net/index.html>. Should you like to contribute class or sports/activities photos that are not on the website, please contact Dick Sanders at [dicksanders@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dicksanders@optusnet.com.au).

Our Active Membership has maintained a fairly steady level over recent years with membership standing at 1038 at the end of 2014.

During the latter part of 2014 prizes for academic achievement were presented to:

### *Newcastle High School -*

Roy Davis Prize for School Community Achievement \$200	Billy Breaden
Lewis Keys Bursary \$1000	Rhys Ramplin
Keys Family Prize for Best Science Student \$200	Maija Spencer Karinen
Dr Alan Knott Scholarship \$1000	Shared between Thomas Maker & Sarah Milliken
Margaret Howard Bursary \$1000	Ella Dullard
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200	Sharni Stephen
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200	Sarah Milliken
OBA President's Prize for Legal Studies \$200	Alana Nightingale
Colin Keys Dux of the School \$1000	Shared between Thomas Maker & Sarah Milliken

### *Waratah Campus of Callaghan College -*

F.H. Beard Prize for School Community Achievement \$200	Shared between Jacob Mills & Levi Peters
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student \$200	Shared between Thomas Berntsen & Caitlin Woodhouse
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200	Shared between Ben Currey & Lara Heslop
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200	Shared between Leah Cook & Vivian Farragher
Keys Family Prize for Best Mathematics Student \$200	Shared between Melissa Newman & Thomas O'Brien
Dr David Stewart Scholarship \$500	Shared between James Federico & Dorcas Paye

Many students at Newcastle East Public School were awarded books courtesy of your Association.

As always, we are anxious to welcome newcomers to the Committee. Not only does it alleviate the responsibility on those who have served for many years but it allows for new ideas to be introduced. May I ask that you seriously consider putting your name forward?

Unfortunately, as I mentioned, I missed last year's dinner but by all accounts Paul Bevan was an very good choice as the after dinner speaker with many mentioning how much they enjoyed his talk.

This year's after-dinner speaker is Trevor Sorensen who was known at school for launching rockets! He went on to become a noted scientist who worked in the American Space Program and to teach in Hawaii.

The Committee extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Old Boys, the 'infamous' cricketer Gary Gilmour among them, who have passed away in the past twelve months.

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

Norm Rodgers (President)

28 April, 2015

## **Newcastle Boys' High School, Old Boys' Association, Incorporated.**

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### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

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

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015, at 5:30 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 20 June 2013.

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 2012 Annual General Meeting.**
- 6 Business arising from the Minutes.**
- 7 President's Report.**
- 8 Treasurer's Report.**
- 9 Sub-Committee Reports.**
  - a) Membership**      **b) Historical**      **c) Education**      **d) Functions**
- 10 Election of Committee 2013 – 2014.**

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

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Historical</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Functions</b>
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- 13 Next Annual General Meeting.**

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in the Staff room of the Newcastle East Public School at 5:30 pm on Thursday, 23 June 2016 prior to the normal Committee Meeting.

Norm Rodgers, President