

# Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2017

Once again, it is sad to say, that at the AGM re-election of the same Committee members as the previous several years was the only option. We have unfortunately also lost the services of 2 very long standing Committee men in Bob Aus and John Hammall, both of whom were very heavily involved in organising the Annual Dinner. It would be extremely gratifying if others would put up their hands to assist. My thanks to Clive Cooper, David Trimble and Peter Browne and Robert Wilkinson for their continued attendances at meetings during the past year.

My thanks also to the Historical Subcommittee consisting of Bill Storer, Peter Scaife and Dick Sanders who have continued working on getting things of historical importance catalogued for future reference at the Museum. Much work has also been done by our webmaster, Greg Kentish, on getting information onto our site. Any member who has items which may be of historical significance, including photos and magazines, are invited to contact Dick Sanders at [dicksanders@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dicksanders@optusnet.com.au) with a view to either providing them to the OBA or at least having their whereabouts noted.

Our Active Membership is remaining fairly static and standing at around 1060 at the end of 2016. Unfortunately we are members of a group whose numbers will diminish over time but the number of our youngest members is low. In order to try and inspire new members, or to retain existing ones, we are hoping that someone from each year will act as a 'champion' to encourage attendance at the dinners and/or to obtain memorabilia.

I want to mention that the Committee decided not to have commemorative wine glasses this year. Our previous supplier, of over 20 years, disappeared without trace a week prior to our last dinner with \$600 (the deposit) of the Association's money! We tried many avenues to find him but without success and I believe he is deceased. It would cost at least an additional 50% per glass to source them from alternative suppliers and a number of members have stated that they don't really want them in any case.

I also want to warn members that this may be our last Annual Dinner at the Newcastle Town Hall. The Council was seeking increase in the room hire fee by over \$400 and the new caterers prices are \$19 per head higher than last year. We were able to negotiate this down for this year but not for next. We have looked at Wests' Newcastle (the old Worker's Club) for next year, as it is close to here, and it appears to be a suitable alternative. We will review again closer to the 2018 dinner.

It was again mine and David Gubbay's pleasure to attend Presentation Days at the following Schools, during the latter part of 2016, and present the prizes below for academic achievements:

### *Newcastle High School -*

Roy Davis Prize for School Community Achievement \$200	Nathan Eveleigh
Lewis Keys Bursary \$1000	Zackery Aislabie
Keys Family Prize for Best Science Student Year 10 \$200	Camron Alley
Dr Alan Knott Scholarship \$1000	Sharni Stephen
Margaret Howard Bursary \$1000	Mikaela McMahon
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200	Calliope Gallardo
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200	Georgia Firth
OBA President's Prize for Legal Studies \$200	Sharni Stephen
Colin Keys Dux of the School \$1000	Lydia Corcoran Eagleton

### *Waratah Campus of Callaghan College -*

F.H. Beard Prize for School Community Achievement \$200	Shared between Eleanor Rodger & Zahra Mozafari
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student \$200	Shared between Patrice Janes & Lucas Collins
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200	Shared between Amy Osborne & Ella Moroney
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200	Shared between Grace Osborne & Lara Heslop
Keys Family Prize for Best Mathematics Student \$200	Shared between Gemma Palmer & Bailey Myers
Dr David Stewart Scholarship \$500	Shared between Simon He & Memory Bukuru

Students at Newcastle East Public School were also 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? If this paragraph seem familiar, it should as it has been here for a few years and we are ever hopeful!

I think all who attended last year's dinner would agree that the after-dinner speaker, Paul Jeans, Vice Chancellor of the Uni of Newcastle, was entertaining and informative and has a genuine interest in the future of our great City. He certainly has had an interesting life.

This year our guest speaker will be Greg Melick, a Barrister and the new Tasmanian Chief Integrity Commissioner. He has also served for 40 years in the Defense Forces and been involved with Cricket Australia!

The Committee extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Old Boys 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 at the 2018 Annual Dinner.

Norm Rodgers (President)

4 May, 2017

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

[www.nbhsoba.net](http://www.nbhsoba.net)

(PO Box 33, ADAMSTOWN, 2289)

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

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

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017, 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 2016.

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 2016 Annual General Meeting.**
- 6 Business arising from the Minutes.**
- 7 President's Report.**
- 8 Treasurer's Report.**
- 9 Election of Committee 2016 – 2017.**

<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>	
- 10 Appointment of Honorary Solicitor**
- 11 Expressions of interest in Sub-Committee Membership.**

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Historical</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Functions</b>
-------------------	-------------------	------------------	------------------
- 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, 21 June 2018 prior to the normal Committee Meeting.

Norm Rodgers,  
President