

Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2021

Well, 2020 was I think very different to most years that many of us have experienced. Thankfully we now appear to be over the worst of it and are able to get on with our lives as normally as possible. The Committee hope that none of our members were too adversely affected by the pandemic or the fires and floods.

As foreshadowed in last year's President's Report, this year we will be celebrating two 50th year anniversaries and have 2 guest speakers to liven things up a bit!

In the interests of continuing to save money the Committee has decided that paper copies of the dinner invitation and reports will not be sent by mail to any non-financial members after this year. These documents will be available on our website or by email only. We therefore request that you ensure that we have your current email address and that it is kept up to date whether you are financial or not.

The response level to the survey we conducted last year was a bit disappointing with only just over 60 replies received. They provided mixed bag of results but the largest number were in favour of leaving the event as is. This will be reviewed again some time in the future as our numbers decline.

Please note the change of room for this year's event. Due to an overbooking caused by the Covid crisis we have had to move to the Banquet Room on the ground floor at the Town Hall for this year. This will be a little tighter and there won't be access to the upstairs bar area. Drinks will be served in that room. We will revert to the Concert Hall again next year.

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. Work by Committee Members is progressing on the cataloguing of memorabilia held at Newcastle Library but this is slow and painstaking. Any members willing to assist should contact the Association.

A reminder too that we add 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 984 as at the end of 2020. 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.

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions we were unable to attend the various school presentations last year. We did however provide our usual scholarship monies to worthy students. The prize recipients were:

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

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OBA President's Prize for Legal Studies \$200

Colin Keys Dux of the School \$1000 (2019)

Lachlan Brown

Anwyn Scullion

Luca Maxwell

Gina Blackhall

Wynter Sharrock

Eva Raggartt

Gina Blackhall

Aleesha Snowden

Patrick Johansen

Waratah Campus of Callaghan College -

F.H. Beard Prize for School Community Achievement \$200
& Khadija Ahmadi

Shared between Arman Zolfaghari

Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 7 \$10

Obedi Karungurungu

Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 8 \$100	Patrice Dambandaba
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 9 \$100	Brooke Boon
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200 & Rifa Shaeera	Shared between Zen-Sauni Ritchie
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200 & Liam Phung	Shared between Shaqayeq Bahrami
Keys Family Prize for Best Mathematics Student Yr 10 \$100	Arman Zolfaghari
Dr David Stewart Scholarship \$500	Shared between Ariyan Artin & Miranda Thomas

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

Please attend the AGM if possible and note the change of venue. We would more than welcome some new blood and some ideas on how to increase our income so that our scholarship don't peter out before the Association does.

I wish all of our members good health and a remainder of 2021 incident free.

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Norm Rodgers (President)

10 May, 2021

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be Held in the Fredman Room, The Synagogue, Tyrell Street Newcastle.

Thursday, 24th June 2021, 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 10 June 2021.

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

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

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| 1 Present | 2 Welcome from the President. | 3 School Song | 4 Apologies. |
| 5 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting. | | | |
| 6 Business arising from the Minutes. | | | |
| 7 President's Report. | | | |
| 8 Treasurer's Report. | | | |
| 9 Election of Committee 2021 – 2022. | | | |
| 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 |
| 12 Next Annual General Meeting. | | | |

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in a venue to be advised at 5:00 pm on Thursday, 23rd June 2022 prior to the normal Committee Meeting.

Norm Rodgers, President