

Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2022

So 2021 and the early months of 2022 were I think even more harrowing than 2020! Between record floods, more Covid strains and restrictions and massive coastal erosion from huge tides I'm not sure much more could have happened. The Committee sincerely hopes that none of our members were too adversely affected by these events.

The consequence of the continued Covid restrictions now means that we will be having 3 guest speakers this year to celebrate three 50th anniversaries. Hopefully this will make the evening even more entertaining. The Year of '72 in particular I believe, will have a very large contingent at the Dinner.

As foreshadowed in my last report, in the interests of continuing to save money, no paper copies of the dinner invitation and reports are being sent by mail to any non-financial members. The documents will be continue to 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.

A reminder call again for any members who have 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. A significant amount of the cataloguing of memorabilia held at Newcastle Library has taken place over the past 2 years and some new photographic equipment purchased by the Council has been invaluable in this work. We are still looking for members with a bit of time, and who are willing, to assist.

A reminder too that we add obituaries of deceased Old Boys to our website as there appears to be some interest in them. There were 3 or 4 added in the last 2 years. 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 964 as at the end of 2021. 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 as has happened with the Year of '72.

Covid 19 restrictions again meant 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	Libby Fensom
Lewis Keys Bursary \$500	Lara White
Keys Family Prize for Best Science Student Year 10 \$200	Ella Wiseman
Dr Alan Knott Scholarship \$1000	Evelyn Mee
Margaret Howard Bursary \$500	Cora Strang
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200	Jade Archer
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200	Lilli Sullivan
OBA President's Prize for Legal Studies \$200	Leilah Tsubouchi
Colin Keys Dux of the School \$1000 (2020)	Gina Blackall

Waratah Campus of Callaghan College -

F.H. Beard Prize for School Community Achievement \$200	Grace Edwards	Shared between Ariana Shiner &
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 7 \$10	Connor Turner	
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 8 \$100	Hyunwoo Lim	
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 9 \$100	Winnie Wilson Edeifo	
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200	Not Awarded	
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200	Grace Edwards	
Keys Family Prize for Best Mathematics Student Yr 10 \$100	Jonathon Iveson	
Dr David Stewart Scholarship \$500	Rudy Rafter	

The Committee extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Old Boys who have passed away since our last Dinner.

Please attend the AGM if possible and note it will be held in the Fredman Room below the Synagogue in Tyrell St Newcastle. We would more than welcome some new blood and some ideas on how to increase our income so that our scholarships don't peter out before the Association does.

I wish all of our members good health and a remainder of 2022 free from any of the pestilences that have beset us over the previous 2 years or more.

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Norm Rodgers (President)

10 May, 2022

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

Thursday, 23rd June 2022, 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 June 2022.

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 2021 Annual General Meeting.**
- 6 Business arising from the Minutes.**
- 7 President's Report.**
- 8 Treasurer's Report.**
- 9 Election of Committee 2022 – 2023.**

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 a venue to be advised at 5:00 pm on Thursday, 29th June 2023 prior to the normal Committee Meeting.

Norm Rodgers, President