

## Historical Sub-committee report – June 2018 AGM

Over the past year, the most important progress has been remodelling the website ([www.nbhsoba.net](http://www.nbhsoba.net)) to increase functionality, and to separate the original NHS from NBHS and NGHS. The webmaster, Greg Kentish has relocated from Queensland to Tea Gardens, and details of the new structure were discussed at a meeting with Dick Sanders, Greg Wilson, Peter Scaife and Greg K. The complete registers for NGHS are in the process of being added to the website (about 50% completed – nothing will show on the site until completion), and the NGHS Ex Students Union have been asked to provide additional input for their section of the site.

Additional information (*eg* obituaries, eulogies, news of members) and photos continue to be added, and makes the website an interesting resource. An NBHS Oldboys Facebook site is also maintained by Greg Kentish, and this is becoming quite a useful communication medium for the Oldboys (we'll let the Oldgirls do their own if they so wish!).

The collection of class and other photos for the three schools is continuing, and Dick Sanders has stockpiled significant additional photos for the website, with other photos indexed and awaiting processing (adding titles and names in standard format). For anyone supplying photos by email, please digitise to at least 500kb to ensure a quality image (or just send the photos to Dick by mail, and they will be returned after digitisation). Dick's job is made easier if names are given in row order, with any unnamed students clearly shown (please see the photos on the nbhsoba.net web site for examples). Some of the year reunions have supplied a comprehensive set of excellent photos with names – we would like to see more of this.

In last year's report, it was advised that a person from the Newcastle Museum would prepare summaries of the 10 oral histories already completed (with a payment from our Association), to enable them to be added officially to the Museum's collection. Unfortunately the person was not able to carry out the task, and other arrangements will need to be made. Work on the additional 10 Oral Histories mentioned in previous reports has not commenced; were planned to start after the above work was completed. These will be for students at NBHS and NGHS after 1950.

We continue to collect memorabilia (a recent acquisition was a Speech Night program from 1933, the first year at the Waratah site, with the venue being the City Hall), and will need to update the cataloguing for the Caesar Smith collection from time to time (the rate of accumulation is now low). We are hoping to include some details of the collection on the website after discussion with the Museum.

The efforts of Greg Kentish in maintaining and enhancing the website and Facebook page are again gratefully acknowledged..

Peter Scaife/ Bill Storer/ Dick Sanders

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