



Bruce Harris NBHS 1955 1B

NBHS Bruce Harris summary- 1960-2009

Bruce kindly donated his school blazer to the Caesar Smith collection.

These are his notes, from 2009, which accompanied the blazer.

In 1960 I enrolled into Newcastle Uni. part time to achieve an Electrical Engineering degree and commenced a cadetship at Shortland County Council.

Chemistry was my downfall at Uni. and I left in 1963

I started at BHP as a trainee computer programmer, but when the 2 years deadline for promotion arrived, a flood of graduates from Newcastle Uni. were parachuted into all types of professions within BHP.

In 1966 I commenced a training course with T&G Life Ins , and learnt the skills of managing existing policyholders' Superannuation and Life Insurance businesses.

In 1974 I began operating as a Multi Agent, providing advice in General Insurance, Life and Superannuation.

2006 brought retirement on the sale of the business.

I certainly don't miss dealing with Ins. Cos., but I miss the contact I made with dozens of clients with whom I became good friends.

Social Golf and regular walking has kept me active the last 30 years or so.

I have been a member of the Lions Club of Valentine since 1976, and have totally enjoyed the experience of getting some community service done with lots of fun in the process, working with some great people.

I have a daughter and two sons from my first marriage.

My wife Anna & I are celebrating our 14th wedding anniversary this year - Third time lucky for both of us.

Anna also has a daughter and two sons - all six having attended Valentine Public School and played soccer and sailed VJs together.

We share 12 grandchildren from 14 yrs old to 1 year old- with never a dull moment.

Anna and I have lived in Valentine for over 35 years.

I was fortunate to travel with business to Asia, USA, Japan and the Pacific Islands.

Anna & I have traveled to Germany (where she was born), UK, South Africa, Cook Is., Fiji, NZ, China and many kms around Australia by road and air.

Our happiest holidays are beach fishing up & down our great coastline.

Future plans are for more of the same, as long as we can.