

Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2023

I hope that the latter part of 2022 and 2023 to date have been better times for you all and that we are now over the worst of the issues that the previous 2 years threw up. The Committee sincerely hopes that none of our members are suffering any long term consequences of those events.

My thanks to all the Committee members for their tremendous work during the last year.

As mentioned in my last report no paper copies of the dinner invitation and reports are being sent by mail to any non-financial members. Where an email address is available, we will continue to send the annual documentation to them by this method but we cannot put any effort into locating them if the emails bounce. The documents will always be available on our website. 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.

This year we are returning to our normal format of having only the one guest speaker and he has assured me that he will not exceed the 15 minute time limit for his talk.

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. The cataloguing of memorabilia at Newcastle Library is continuing and a significant amount has been completed. We are still looking for members with a bit of time, and who are willing, to assist in this work. Our webmaster, Greg Kentish, is also constantly updating our website and all of the Novocastrian Magazines that were produced are available there as are a large number of class photos. In fact, this is a very good site for anybody interested in events and stories etc related to the School.

A reminder too that we add obituaries of deceased Old Boys to our website as there is some interest in them. If you know of anyone who would not have minded having theirs added please forward them to our webmaster at gkentish@gmail.com.

Our financial Membership has increased slightly due to the memberships gained from the Year of '72 for last year's Dinner and is 972 as at the end of 2022. Hopefully the year of 73 will add to this number and those that joined last year will remain as members. However, there is still a significant 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. If there are it would be appreciated if they could make themselves known to me during the night of the Dinner.

As Covid 19 restrictions were over we were again able to attend the various school presentations last year. My thanks to John Beach and David Gubbay who attended in my absence. The prize recipients were:

Newcastle High School -

Roy Davis Prize for School Community Achievement \$200
Lewis Keys Bursary \$1000
Keys Family Prize for Best Science Student Year 10 \$200
Dr Alan Knott Scholarship \$1000
Margaret Howard Bursary \$1000
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Junior) \$200
Caesar Smith Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200
OBA President's Prize for Legal Studies \$200
Colin Keys Dux of the School(2022) \$1000

Piper Scott
Lachlan Burns
Albi Newell
Lara White
Nathan Constable
Alexandra Sulzberger
Kai Martens
Georgia Simons
Evelyn Mee

Waratah Campus of Callaghan College -

F.H. Beard Prize for School Community Achievement \$200
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 7 \$100
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 8 \$100
Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 9 \$100

Barirah Khalil
Jackson Sweeney
Nashariah Reese
Daniel Nikic

Brian Donegan Prize for Most Improved Mathematics Student Yr 10 \$100
Charles Goffet Prize for Creative Writing (Senior) \$200
Keys Family Prize for Best Mathematics Student Yr 10 \$100
Dr David Stewart Scholarship \$500

Benjamin Squire
Chelsea Young
William Reese
Patrice Dambandara

The Committee extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Old Boys who have passed away since our last Dinner. For those who are unaware, sadly we lost another of our centenarians, Geoff Boreham, during this time.

Please attend the AGM if possible and note it will be held in the Fredman Hall below the Newcastle Synagogue, 122 Tyrrell St, Newcastle. We would more than welcome some new blood.

I wish all of our members good health for the remainder of 2023 and on.

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Norm Rodgers (President)

10 May, 2023

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held in the Fredman Hall, below the Newcastle Synagogue, 122 Tyrrell Street, Newcastle.

Thursday, 22nd June 2023, 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 and your attendance would be most welcome.

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 15 June 2023.

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 2022 Annual General Meeting.**
- 6 Business arising from the Minutes.**
- 7 President's Report.**
- 8 Treasurer's Report.**
- 9 Election of Committee 2023 – 2024.**

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, 27th June 2024 prior to the normal Committee Meeting.

Norm Rodgers,
President