APPENDIX 7
NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL- EX-STUDENTS’ DETAILS

The ultimate object of this section is to seek to provide a few lines of information on every ex-student and it will continue to be gathered after publication with updates placed in the alumni section of the School website. The information below comes from many different sources and there are variations in the details supplied. It has not been possible at this stage to write about all ex-students and apologies go to anyone omitted from the Register. A registration form can be obtained at the School. The details included here indicate an enormous contribution to the City, State and Nation by the Northcote High School alumni.


**Albrecht, Alfred Claude** – Service with RAAF during World War II. Air Traffic Controller at Moratai and Papua New Guinea. Qualified as a Mechanical Engineer after War under CRTS Scheme and established a mechanical engineering consultancy firm. Personal interests – joined the Army Reserve and obtained a Private Pilot’s Licence, 1970. Attended NHS 1939.

**Alexandrakis, Bill** – B.Building (Melb.) Won Jennings Scholarship of the Faculty of Architecture and Building and works for Jennings Construction Company. Attended NHS 1985-90.


**Allen, Edward George** – Became a draftsman for Shire of Cranbourne and worked for the Shire for thirty-three years. Had service with the RAAF and then the Army as
a Commando during World War II taking part in operations in New Guinea, Borneo and Balikpapan. After the war became assistant Shire engineer. Member and, later, Secretary of Cranbourne Primary School Advisory Council. Member and President for two years of Cranbourne Recreational Reserve Committee. The Council later named this reserve the E.G. Allen Oval. Personal interests- cricket for Cranbourne Premiership Cricket Club, Cranbourne Rotary Club, Cranbourne RSL (Life Member), family. School activities – Completed Leaving Certificate. House Captain, Prefect and Captain First XVIII. House-Darebin. Attended NHS 1933-1935.

**Allen, Graham John**, Dr. - B.Comm., M.Ed., Ph.D. (Melb), Doctor of University (Victoria), TPTC. Primary Teaching Victorian Education Department 1953-7, Teachers’ College Lecturer 1957-66, Doctoral Studies Uni of Melb under Education Department Fellowship and then Head Department Psychology, Secondary Teachers’ College 1967-70, Head Department of General Studies, Caulfield Institute of Technology 1971-3, Principal Melbourne State College 1974-7, Vice President State College of Victoria 1978, Chair and Full time Commissioner Victorian Post-Secondary Education Commission 1979-86, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Education 1986-8, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Victoria University 1990-1. Helped set up Victoria University. Foundation Professor and Honorary Doctor of that University. Attended NHS1941-44.

**Allen, Stanley** – left School early in 1929 to help support his family during the Depression by chopping fire-wood at the Alphington Railway Siding. He continued his education riding his bicycle to the Working Men’s’ College (RMIT) for evening classes. He became a trade teacher in technical schools and was the highly respected Principal of Macleod Technical School, the first trade teacher promoted as Principal of a Technical School. Attended NHS 1927-1929.

**Ames, Stephen Allen Henry**, The Reverend Dr - B.Sc. (Hons), Ph.D.( Melb.-Trinity College), BD, Also Episcopal Theological School, Boston, USA. Chaplain Austin Hospital., Vicar of Deepdene, Various senior appointments in the Diocese of Melbourne. Lecturer in History and Philosophy of Science, University of Melbourne. Attended NHS 1950s to early 60s


Archer, Gordon – TPTC. Primary Teacher Victorian Education Department. Principal Meadow Glen Primary School. Attended NHS 1950s.


Bacskay, George, Dr. – B.Sc. (Melb), Ph.D. (Cantab). Reader, School of Chemistry, University of Sydney. Research areas Quantum Chemistry, Potential energy surfaces, Hydrogen bonding, Solvation, computer aided teaching, etc. Working in research. Achieved four first class honours, a General Exhibition and a Commonwealth Scholarship in Matriculation. Attended NHS 1957-62.


Barlis, Peter, Associate Professor - M.B.,B.S. (Melb.), M. Pub. Health (Monash). Is close to completion of Ph.D. Did his internship at Austin Hospital. Has research papers published for AMA. Completed training as Cardiologist. Undertook further study in UK and Netherlands in Interventional Cardiology. Working at Northern Hospital and in private practice-Warringal and St. Vincent’s Hospitals. Achieved six A passes at VCE and won School Council Prizes for Change and Approximation (Maths) and Physics end Year 12, receiving these from Professor Sir Gustav Nossal in person at Year 12 Graduation of 1991. Attended NHS 1986-91.

Barter, Neil - TPTC (First Hons). Teacher Victorian Education Dept. 1959-95. Personal interests-cricket and football. Has written two books-History of Ovens and King League and of Yarrunga PS. Statistician and historian for Ovens and King League and Ovens and Murray League. School activities-member senior cricket team, U/17 Football Team coached by Alec Weston and Mr. A. Smith, Prefect. Only NHS member of combined High School Cricket Team to play Combined Public Schools in 1950’s. Took 3/21, including the young Ian Redpath. House –Merri but after creation of extra houses was moved to Batman. Attended NHS 1953-8.


Bastin, John, Dr – Emeritus Reader in Modern History of South East Asia, University of London. Foundation Professor of History and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Malaya. Foundation Fellow of the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies. General Editor of Oxford in Asia Historical Reprints. Author of numerous books on South East Asia. Prefect 1943. Deputy House Captain Merri and member of First Eleven. Attended NHS 1939 – 1943.


Serious collector of aspects of musical theatre. Became interested in singing at NHS. Attended NHS in 1960s.


**Betts, Phillip** - left School to take up an apprenticeship in joinery. Worked in various positions over the years - carpentry, rotary hoeing/grass-cutting, ambulance service, ambulance service at Tullamarine Airport and at Horsham for Country Roads Board. Personal interests - Masonic Lodges (Secretary of 2 lodges). School activities - Alec Weston’s Gymnastics’ Display Team. House - Plenty. Years at NHS 1951-4.


**Bott, Lloyd** - DSC, CBE, B.Comm. Public servant from 1933, Post Office. War service RAN Volunteer Reserve (yachtsman scheme attached to Royal Navy) 1st Lieutenant 15th Motor Gun Boat Flotilla. He was a yachtsman with Royal Melbourne Yacht Club before joining up. He operated out of Great Yarmouth, escorting torpedo boats around the Dutch coast at night. From Jan 1944, this work involved links to Secret Service with M15 and operatives in France. He played a vital role leading up to D-Day making 12 trips to France. One of his passengers was Francois Mitterand, later President of France. He was awarded the DSC in March 1945 for this gallantry. After the War, worked for Department of Supply, rising to Deputy Secretary in 1967. He was involved in important projects - Woomera Rocket facility, Mirage jet purchase, space projects. Guest of NASA for launch of Apollo XI mission. 1969 Secretary Department of National Development, Commissioner for Atomic Energy, Chairman of Snowy Mountains Council, Deputy President of Murray River Commission, Chair,
Commonwealth State Officials Committee. He was, in this role, responsible for Australia’s mineral resources and off-shore resources. 1973 Secretary Department of Tourism and Recreation, responsible for establishing Institute of Sport. Then Secretary Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. After retirement in 1977, served on company boards and wrote history of Royal Navy’s 15th Motor Gun Boat Flotilla. He was awarded the CBE. Attended NHS 1930-34


Brealey, Gilbert J. - Key figure in rebirth of Australian Film Industry. Produced or directed more than 100 films including Sunday Too Far Away. Established South Australian and Tasmanian Film Corporations. A first film was made when at Melb Uni, a spy spoof ‘which sparked Barry Humphries’ screen debut. It was shot in Barry’s parents’ house in Camberwell. Magazine and Puppet Committees. Attended NHS to Year 12, 1949.


**Bryan, David** – Began his working life as a claims’ clerk with Union Insurance Society of Canton, Melbourne office. In 1965 he was called up under the National Service program. After training, he joined the Infantry. He was posted to Vietnam in 1966. In the same Battalion was ex-student, Les Farren who was killed in action. This was the first Australian Army Unit consisting of National servicemen to enter the conflict. Returned home in 1967. Has a son attending the School in 2012. Wrote a short story of his experiences in the Vietnam War and received an Honourable Mention, the Victorian Veterans’ Community Story Writing Competition. Attended NHS 1957 – 1962.

**Bryan, Edward Ridley (Rid)**, Associate Professor – OBE., BA., Dip. Ed. (Melb.) Professor of Language and Literature at Royal Military College, Duntroon until his retirement in 1976. Service during WWII as Captain with the Australian Army Education Corps. Acting Dean of the Faculty of Military Studies in 1967. Taught English, French and German at various times. Was Chairman of the Commonwealth Literary Censorship Board1964 to 68, the National Literature Board of Review from 1968 and President of the Alliance Francaise, Canberra. Active with RMC Duntroon Journal. Played cricket at Duntroon from time to time. School activities – active in football and hockey teams. Attended NHS 1926 -29.

**Buckner, Garth Samuel Harold** - LL.B(Hons), Queen’s Counsel Vic from 1977. Chairman of Directors, Barristers Chambers Ltd. School Magazine Committee. Attended NHS in 1940s-early 50s.

**Burnham, John Clarence** - joined National Bank after leaving School and then war service with RAAF in the UK. Married in UK and returned to Australia after the War to set up real estate business (following his father’s footsteps). Became an highly regarded property valuer. School activities-he was a very good athlete and was Head Prefect of 1939. Very active member of Old Boys’ Association and of the NHSOB Harriers’ Club. Attended NHS 1934 to 39.


Caputo, Alessandro – B.Sc. (Hons) (Melb). Presently completing a DPhil at Saint Cross College, Oxford. While completing his first degree, worked at Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, Melbourne, becoming interested in structural biology aiming to understand the physical structure of proteins, DNA, etc. Began at Oxford in 2011 where he is researching how the hepatitis C virus manipulates ions so as to replicate itself. He hopes his work will help with a cure. Attended NHS1999 - 2004.

**Chadwick, Rex** – Primary Teaching. Became Principal of Apollo Parkways Primary School leading it to become a Navigator School in the 1990s. School activities – Second XVIII and Swimming Team. Attended NHS 1954 - 1958


**Chard, Dennis** - Left school in 1940’s and joined an insurance company. Later joined the Royal Australian Navy going to Japan as part of the Occupying Force. Had experience in South Seas saving Chinese refugees. Then worked for Postmaster General’s Dept. in tele-communications. Technical Officer and Senior Technical Officer with Telecom. Was Liaison to apprentices in training. Travelled about Victoria in this role to ensure training standards were met. Received Bionic Ear Transplant and became an Ambassador for same, addressing community groups and providing information. Personal interests- Probus Club, Commodore Preston Yacht Club, President Northern Suburbs Organ Players Club. School activities- loyal supporter NHS Ex-Students’ Assosc. until his death. Attended NHS 1940s.

**Cheng, Sunny** - B.Eng. (Melb), Grad. Dip.in Marketing. University Blue in Soccer and Half Blue in Table-tennis. Industrial Engineer Ford, ACI (Manager Australia and SE Asia), Managed rubber company and then own renovation business. Attended NHS 1953-55.

**Chiodo, Fedele** – Employed by Victoria Police on the personal staff of the Chief Commissioner’s Office. Has served under five Chief Commissioners. Personal interests – family, music and soccer. Attended NHS 1972-76.


Member of the Physics Committee and examiner in Physics. Member of Hamilton Astronomical Society. Member and Past President Astronomical Society of Victoria. Interests- high precision instruments and their making, fruit and vegetable growing, film and CD imaging of moon, planets and stars. Attended NHS 1949-55.


Cox, David - B.Arch. (Hons.) (Melb.). Practising architect since 1968, including two years practice in London. School activities- Art Prize Year 12 1962, School Tennis Team, School pianist, School Orchestra, Sang in School Productions, Member School Choir, School Drama and Art Clubs. Attended NHS 1957-62.


Cumming, William H. – BA., BEd. (Melb.) Teacher, Victorian Education Department. Assistant Director of Primary Education. Attended NHS 1926


Cusumano, Sam - LLB (Melb), LLM (Deakin). Articles with Home Wilkinson & Lowry, 1974. Worked as suburban solicitor from 1975-89. Volunteer work with Preston Legal Aid. 1990 Lecturer in Law, Victoria College Burwood which became Deakin University. Specialized in Sport & Law and also Contract Law, Civil


Daws, Frederick James - AASA. War Service with RAAF. As a qualified Accountant worked with Legal firms and accounting firms. La Trobe University
Administration 1968-82. Personal Interests-member local football and cricket teams
School Interests-School Baseball Team. Active in Athletics (Mile Walk). Many
associations with NHS (son Clyde also attended and wife’s brother-in-law-Edwin

Deacon, Norman – Worked for Department of Lands and Survey. Later worked for
RACV (1952) in touring services as a publisher. Personal interests – family history.
Moved to Inverloch in 1975. School activities – member of NHS Old Boys’

Deacon, Stanley Alfred - After completing School studies entered Melb.Uni. to study
Mechanical & Electrical Engineering. Studies interrupted by War Service with the
RAAF as trainee radio operator. Promoted to rank of Flying Officer - Radar Officer.
8/3/1943 reported missing as result of air operations off New Britain. Presumed dead.
It is believed a flare ignited inside aircraft and caused plane to burn and crash.
Headmaster F.W. Johnson wrote of him, “I cannot speak too highly of this lad. He has
been a very good influence in the School”. School activities- Prefect 1938, House
Captain, Member 1st XVIII football, Soccer Tennis and Athletics Teams. Attended
NHS 1934-8.

Dennis, John - Australian Trade Commissioner to USA. Attended NHS to 1954

Devine, Frank Leonard - Served in the Army during WW2 rising to the rank of
Captain. Service with 14/32 Infantry Battalion in New Guinea. After the War trained
as an accountant. He managed the Mt Beauty Co-operative store. In 1952 joined
Wynn’s Wines. Invested in the Riverina district in early days of grape growing using
irrigated water on formerly barren salty soil. Bought land near Griffiths where
Wynn’s had established a winery. His land became a thriving, prosperous vineyard.
He had 32 year career with Wynn’s leading that successful company. He oversaw
development of wine cask tap to make the wine cask functional. Developed Wynn’s
property at Coonawarra. He started with them as an accountant in 1952, rising to
Managing Director and Chairman of Wynn’s Wines. He was then a major figure in
the Australian Wine Industry, retiring in 1988. Very involved with Lord Somers
camp. Honorary Life member of that organization. Enjoyed travel. Attended NHS
1934-5.

Dimmack, Malcolm Claude (Max) - Noted Australian artist. Works hang in
National War Memorial, Canberra. Many paintings depict events of Australia at war.

Dinopoulos, Con - B.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Melb.) Secondary Teacher, Victorian Education
Department, 1985-97. Catholic Education Office since 1997.(Santa Maria, Northcote
and then Xavier College). Holds Senior Position at Xavier as Head of Boarding. His
period with Education Department spent at NHS. Taught Mathematics and Science,
including senior Biology. Year Level & Transition Co-ordinator. Science Co-
ordinator. VCE Co-ordinator (all at NHS). Fun Run organization. Soccer coaching-
including State School Champion side of 1994(NHS).Member of NHS Council since

Downie, Brian – left School and worked for Paterson, Laing and Bruce in warehousing (accounts). Completed accountancy qualifications at Hemingway-Robertson Business College. Worked for McAlpine & Co. Bakery as assistant accountant, then as traveller and Sales’ Manager. Later worked for White Wings as Sales’ Manager before starting and steadily expanding his own Grocery store in Cheltenham. Finished working life owning a wholesale wine business. At a young age umpired for the Victorian Football League, including umpiring at three Grand Finals (Reserves 1948 and Seniors 1949-50). He was the youngest umpire on the field at an MCG Grand Final at 19 years of age. Earlier played at Collingwood in the Under 18’s. School activities – Hockey. Personal interests-sport, arts, Captain of Victorian Under 18 Basketball team, 1946. Member MCC and volunteer tour guide there. Selected to meet HM the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh at opening of Commonwealth Games 2006, being first to welcome them to MCG on that occasion. Darebin House. Attended NHS 1942 -1943.

Drake, Michael - A.M., M.B., B.S., FRCPA, FRCPath, FRACP, FIAC. Distinguished Pathologist. Dir Cytopath Labs 1987-97. Held distinguished posts in London, at John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, USA, Prince Henry’s Hospital, Melbourne and in relation to administration in Medicine, Laboratory standards, Nursing Education and Royal College education, etc. Attended NHS in 1930s.

Drew, Leslie Raymond Hill - A.M., M.B., B.S., B.Sc., DPM, FRANZP , Senior Specialist in Psychiatry, ACT since 1994. Director Mental Health Services, SE Region, NSW, Acting First assistant Secretary, Medical Services, Commonwealth Health Department 1983-4. Has held numerous distinguished posts in Psychiatry particularly in Drugs and Alcoholism advice and education. Attended NHS 1940s

Dudley, Walter John - Excellled in cricket and football at School and after. Played cricket for Northcote Cricket Club. Played as Centre Forward for Fitzroy Seconds (around 1940). Around same time played in Victorian Cricket Team (Lindsay Hassett, Captain and the team included Keith Miller and Ian Johnson) He was also responsible for “seeing off “the great Don Bradman for a duck. School activities- Captain of Darebin House. Played cricket, football, swimming and athletics for School. Prefect. Attended NHS 1933, 34 (leaving date unsure)


Duxbury, Allan - Dr. M.B., B.S. (Melb), MCPA, MCPath. Left School to undertake clerical duties including with Herald and Weekly Times. Gave service with RAAF during the War in New Guinea. Returned to Australia and completed Medical qualifications with the help of Commonwealth Retraining Scheme. Worked in medical research with Commonwealth Serum Labs. until untimely death at young age. Worked in immunology and wrote or co-authored many learned articles. Interest in epidemic infections, influenza research, respiratory viruses, poliomyelitis, etc. CSL


**Endersbee, Ronald Edwin Rupert** – Entered the Royal Australian Navy during World War 2 as a Leading Able Seaman and served on HMAS Mildura and HMAS Moreton. Was included in the *Who’s Who of the Millennium* for his services to his nation. Attended NHS 1929-31.
Farmer, Murray William - B.Sc. (Melb.) After leaving School was directed by Manpower to Munitions Lab. 1947 joined PMG as engineer in research lab. in field of open wire trunk systems. 1958 transferred to Construction Section installing Automatic Country Exchanges. Promoted to HQ of PMG was responsible for design and provisioning long distance trunk equipment and, later, Network Design section designing first mobile phone system. Retired 1984. Personal interests – Church activities, caravanning, overseas travel and family. School activities – equal Dux Year 9, Junior Government Scholarship. Attended NHS 1937 – 41.

Farren, Leslie T. - after Matriculating from NHS worked in a Bank. Drafted to active service in the Vietnam War, he was killed in a mortar barrage while serving as a rifleman with the 5th Royal Australia Regiment near Nui Dat on June 10th 1966. He had been fond of fishing, camping and photography. Attended NHS late 1950s to early 60s.


Ferrier, Noel - AM. Stage and Film actor and Australian television personality, raconteur and theatrical producer. Member of Union Theatre Repertory Company. Created role of Roo in original *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll*. Was the first interviewer of Barry Humphries as Dame Edna (1956) Hosted *In Melbourne Tonight* (GTV9) from 1963-5. This won Logie for most popular show in Melbourne, 1964. Then morning radio with Mary Hardy from 1965 (3UZ). Appeared in TV shows *Riptide, Skippy, Homicide, Division 4* and *Matlock Police*. 1971 won award for Best Australian Comedy for *Noel Ferrier’s Australia A-Z*. Movie credits *Alvin Purple, Eliza Fraser* (nominated AFI Best Actor), *Turkey Shoot* and *The Year of Living Dangerously*. Wrote an autobiography in 1985 *There goes Whatsisname* Which talks at one point about his days at NHS. Attended NHS 1942.

Fisher, Richard - worked as artist for Australia Post for 39 years, including 25 years as Art Director. Personal Interests-surf lifesaving, 37 years as active patroller. Life Member Portsea SLSC. Darebin House. Attended NHS1954-7.


Gallichio, Paul – B.Bus., MBA (Swinburne Uni). Began a career in Banking and Finance. Was Program Director of NABConnect with launch of the NAB online platform for business and corporate clients. Then worked for GE Capital Finance in integrating the GE & Custom Fleet Car Leasing arms and in setting up operations centre to support local credit card offering in Guangzhou, China for GE. Personal interests – travel and house design. Attended NHS 1971-76.

Garner, Neville Leonard – TPTC. Primary teacher with the Victorian Education Department teaching at southern suburban schools. After further tertiary education and obtaining a degree from Swinburne University, he taught at the Police Academy (1970-1975). He spent time in the 1980s as a School Support Officer for the Department’s Inner City School Support Centre before five years in the Curriculum and Research Unit designing projects in literacy and drama, mentoring teachers and coordinating state-wide professional development for teachers. In 1983 he became Deputy Principal of Collingwood Education Centre. He was a member of the State Council of the Victorian Teachers’ Union 1985-1988. He ran as Labor candidate for Sandringham in the late 1970s. In 1986 he became Principal of Spensley Street Primary School and the same year saw him win a Brown Scholarship to study schooling in the USA.

In 1989 he was appointed Manager of Special Projects for the Ministry of Education, retiring in 1991. He then became a real estate agent in Brunswick and was actively involved in Chorki Ski Lodge, Falls Creek from the 1970s. In retirement he lived at Bright for several years where he was President of the Bright Art Gallery. He then moved to Blairgowrie and took up golf. He attended NHS in the 1950s.


Glazebrook, Colin – BSc (Hons) Melb Practising Geologist with Managing Director, Oil and Mineral Gas Group, Vice President, Texas Gas Corporation, CEO Nagambie Mining Ltd. Personal interests – Music and History. School activities - member Soccer First XI. House - Darebin. Attended NHS 1956 -59.

Goldstein, Rev. Dr. Robert – BA (Abilene, Texas), M.Div. (Yale), STM.(Yale), Ph.D. (Princeton Theological); Lutheran Pastor (ret.), USA. Served 6 congregations in USA; successfully supported ordination of women and inclusion of sexual minority persons in Lutheran Church. Served and chaired many community boards and state-wide Church agencies. Tutor in Philosophy, Yale and Princeton Theological Seminaries. Personal interests – travel and meeting people, workers for justice and


**Greening, John** – joined the School from Burnie, Tasmania after being placed there by the Collingwood Football Club. Outstanding footballer with that Club playing 107 games, achieving 70 goals and noted for his strong running skills and balance. He was severely injured in a game in 1972 but survived life threatening injuries and returned in 1974. He played for Collingwood in 1975 and ’76 before moving to Port Melbourne in the VFA. He came 7th in the Brownlow Medal count of 1972 and won the J. J. Joyce Trophy in 1970 and 1972. More recently (2007) he has been honoured by his old Club in various ways and awarded Life Membership of Collingwood Football Club. Attended NHS in 1967.

Restorative Society, being the only Australian to do so. Personal interests – pennant tennis with Fitzroy tennis Club, accredited tennis coach, keen lawn bowls player. School activities – Captain of tennis. Member athletics, swimming and baseball teams (Swimming Champion), Prefect. Attended NHS 1939-41.


Harris, John – TPTC (First Hons). Teacher Victorian Education Department. Chairman Victorian Teachers’ Union and Member of Teachers’ Tribunal. Attended NHS 1939-43.


Hart, Dr. Stewart A. – M.B., B.S. (Melb), FRACS. Surgical oncologist specializing in breast diseases. Head of Breast Surgical Service at Monash Medical Centre, Southern Health. Director of the Breast Screen Program. Consultant Surgeon to Peter


**Haylock, Graham** - Became a Junior Clerk after leaving School with a Preston shopfitting and glass company. Later responsibility for labour costing, purchasing and payroll. Became Office Manager. Later joined Commonwealth Public Service. Other
interests- Church (lay preacher and many other roles) School activities-played tennis, Magazine Committee, violin School Orchestra. Attended NHS 1953-6


**Hood, Ray** - Ph.C., MPS- Managed several pharmacies. Interests-family and travel. Attended NHS 1952-5

**Horman, William (Bill) J.** – AM, APM, LL.B (Hons) Monash, Dip Criminology. Distinguished service in law enforcement and emergency management. Deputy Commissioner (Operations) Victoria Police, Commissioner of Police Vanuatu (secondment), Deputy Director Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence (secondment), Commissioner Tasmanian Police. Major roles in assisting Vanuatu during emergency there. Also assisted Fiji Police, projects in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Cyprus. Held numerous important emergency services roles in Tasmania. Has worked closely with community groups in road safety, community safety. Was President of Neighbourhood Watch. Was Co chair of the Ministerial


**Hughes, Mervyn** – outstanding sportsman in cricket, soccer and swimming captaining junior and senior teams in these sports. Outstanding student leader. Head Prefect 1945. Played cricket and football for Ivanhoe. Passed away in his twenties but his name lives on in his nephew Merv Hughes, Australian Test cricketer. Attended NHS 1941-1945


Interests—gardening, Member Rotary Club of Northcote for many years. President 1985. Attended NHS 1944-47.


Johnson, Trevor – OAM. Known as “The Phantom,” joined Melbourne Football Club in 1953 and undertook National Service in that year. Made his debut with Melbourne Seniors in 1955. His outstanding football career included playing in premiership sides 1955 to 1957 and 1960. The entire side was entered in the Sport Australia Hall of Fame for its 1956 Olympic Year Premiership. Life Member MFC, 1962. Played 118 games, kicked 9 goals. After retirement coached in the Metropolitan Association and Western District before moving to Western Australia establishing Crown Mushrooms there, a large and successful enterprise. His OAM of 2006 was for his services to the community of Wanneroo, especially sporting and service organizations. Patron Western Demons. Personal interests—poetry composition and writing. School activities—Captain 1st XVIII, Athletics Team (High Jump, Hurdles), Sergeant Major of NHS Cadet Unit, Rifle Team, Prefect and Vice-Captain Diamond House. Attended NHS 1948 to 1951.

Johnstone, Keith – After School employed in sales (frozen foods) and manufacturing in poultry industry. Professional musician. Briefly performed in Melbourne University Symphony Orchestra then Swallows Juniors Orchestra and with Tommy Tycho’s Orchestra. In this latter role played for visiting artists – Sammy Davis, Jnr, Shirley Bassey, Liza Minelli, etc. Was President of Musicians’ Union and Honorary Life Member. School activities—Member School Big Band during time of teachers Stuart Wilkie and Merv O’Callaghan. Played saxophone and clarinet. Played Hockey and member School swimming team. House – Darebin. Attended NHS 1952-55.


Kaufman, Keith - Wing Commander RAAF- DFC & Bar. Entered Flying Training School, RAAF, Point Cook in 1934. 1937 assigned to RAF in England, 214 Night Bomber Squadron, flying Handley Page Harrows and then Wellingtons. When WW2 broke out took part in early bombing missions over German industrial sites and first attack on Berlin. Undertook 26 raids in a few short months and these included raids on Cologne and Essen and also Kiel to try to sink the Battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisssenau. These latter earned him the DFC. Then spent time back in England training young pilots. Promoted Squadron Leader. Sept 1940 became Commanding Officer 460 Squadron RAAF based in England. Nov 1940 awarded Bar to DFC for great courage in flying under attack and completing the mission. Recognised as one of Australia’s most outstanding RAAF Commanding Officers completing 37 missions over enemy territory. He was promoted Wing Commander, returned to Australia after the War and flew as a pilot with Australian National Airways. Attended NHS 1928-30.

Kaufman, Sydney Alan - Joined AIF after School achieving rank of Warrant Officer. Then moved to RAAF as a pilot in UK. Returned to Australia after the War becoming a Primary Teacher with the Victorian Education Department. Attended NHS 1935-40.


Keenan, Hayden - Film Producer. Produced Going Down which was released in WA and Europe. Sold his award winning 1973 film 27A to BBC. Making a documentary in Venezuela. Other major films Pandemonium and Medivac. Youngest person to receive Australian Film Institute Award “Best Film” for 27A in 1975. This was very
influential in the rebirth of the Australian Film Industry. Interviewed by Margaret Throsby on ABC radio June, 2011 about a new four part documentary *Persons of Interest* which examines the activities of ASIO in Australia in the 1960s and 70s revealing the secret ASIO files on four Australians. To be shown on SBS television. Produced short documentary films when a boy at the School. Attended NHS in 1965-67.

**Kenney, E. Barrie**, Professor – BDSc (Melb), DDS (Toronto), MS (Michigan), FRACDS. Director and Professor UCLA Periodontics and Implant Surgery facility following private practice. He has published many articles, especially in the Journal of Periodontics and other prestigious dental journals. 2010 Educator Award of the Californian Society of Periodontics for outstanding teaching and mentoring. Numerous awards for teaching and mentoring and certificates of appreciation. Attended NHS to 1955.


**Kirwan, Max** (Dr) – MB, BS (Melb), FFARCS (Eng), FFARACS General Practice Western Australia. Graduated in Medicine 1955. Attended NHS late 1942-1944.

**La Blache, Ben** – Has been employed with various construction tickets, cabling with Telestra and working on gas mains. Excavation work. Highlight was working on train digital signalling upgrade (fibre optics and ca-axial) in Melbourne City Loop. Personal interests - music (bass). Attended NHS 1999-2001.


**Lay, Maxwell Gordon**, Professor - A.M., B.C.E., M.Eng.Sc. (Melb), Ph.D. (Lehigh Uni, Pa., USA), D.Eng. (RMIT), FTSE As an engineer Dr. Lay worked for the State Electricity Commission and BHP before becoming Executive Director of the Australian Road Research Board. He became a Director of VicRoads in 1989 and, later, was Reviewer of the Melbourne City Link Project and a Principal of Sinclair Knight Mertz. Max is a Professorial Fellow of Melbourne University, Past President
of the RACV, the Australian Automobile Association and the Royal Society of Victoria. Has a Library of works connected with road and transport works named after him- the MG Lay Library at ARRB, Melbourne. He is a Fellow of many important Institutes and organizations. Moisseiff Medal, American Society of Civil Engineers, 1965. His award of the AM is for services to Engineering, particularly in quality road design and as educator and historian. Has written several learned engineering works. Personal interests-History of roads, RACV, Genealogy, reading. Semi-finalist, Sun Youth Travel, 1951. He is a keen supporter of his old School and assisted it to examine the road outside the School to make suggestions for improvements to VicRoads after the tragic death of a student on the School crossing. 1953 Dux of NHS & Pizzey Prize Winner. Matriculated with 3 First Honours and a Second, a General Exhibition and a Senior Scholarship 1954.


Liddicut, Norman – Physiotherapist. Served in Royal Australian Navy during WWII as sick berth attendant. Attended NHS around 1935 -36


Lopata, Alex, Associate Professor - M.B., B.S., Ph.D. (Melb). Worked at Austin, Children’s Hospitals. Lectured Sydney and Melbourne Universities Fulbright Scholarship, Lalor Foundation Fellowship to study at UCLA. Senior Lecturer Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Monash Uni/Queen Victoria Hospital and Melbourne Uni Very active involvement in IVF research leading to Australia’s first “test tube” baby, Royal Women’s Hospital. Trained medical groups from around the world in this reproductive technology. Sat on World Health Organization Advisory Committee on Human Reproduction. Consultant to Infertility Treatment Authority. Addressed
numerous conferences around the world. Published 120 papers in the field. Hon. Life Member Fertility Society of Australia. Director of 2 Biotech companies. Attended NHS in the 1950s. Matriculated 1955.


Lovitt, Colin Leslie - B.A., LL.B.(Melb), Q.C. Distinguished criminal barrister. Chairman Criminal Bar Association 1989-90, President and Life member Carlton Cricket and Football Club, Board Member Save the Children Fund. Attended NHS late 1950s, early 60s.

Lowe, Norma Olive - moved around after leaving NHS with her parents who were involved in operating small businesses. Worked as receptionist in photography studio and then as model for photographer. She taught elocution, played the piano and was a trained singer. Sang with Church Choirs, the Melbourne and Maroondah Singers. The latter Choirs combined to perform at Carols by Candlelight for many years. Her husband (Herbert Keith Hargreaves) and she were members of the Melbourne Banjo Club. Later she kept books for husband’s furniture and cabinet making business. Learnt to water ski at 40 years of age. Raised two children. Attended NHS 1926-7.

McComas, Geoffrey Charles - commenced work in a stockbroker’s office and then Harbour Trust junior clerk. While recovering from tuberculosis listened to much radio. Studied radio under specialist teacher. Joined 3BA Ballarat then 3DB (Melb) progressing from junior announcer to Studio Manager and ultimately Manager-retired in 1983. Became, through this career, a very well known figure in Australian radio and, later, television. His excellent speaking voice and professional manner made him an highly sought after commentator and news reader. Operated a training company in later years with radio colleague, teaching people how to speak appropriately and publicly, training people how to handle media (Speech Dynamics P/L). Undertook numerous overseas trips, some to radio seminars and to meet professionals specializing in presentation skills training. Was father of well known actor and comic artist, Campbell McComas. Personal interests-golf (Peninsula Golf Club), classical music, reading, gym and regular dinner parties. School activities- Acted as commentator for 1976 and 1986 School Reunion celebrations. Captain Diamond House Swimming Team, 1939. House – Diamond. Attended NHS 1935-9.


McDonell, Angus C. Squadron Leader, RAAF – Bravery Medal, Commander of the Order of St. John, Bravery Medal of the Royal Humane Society, MB. BS.(Hons),B. Sc (Hons.), B. App. Sc., M.Sc., M. H. Sc., Grad. Dip Human Nutrition, Grad. Dip. Emergency Health. Graduated from James Cook University in Medicine with First Class Honours and the University Medal in 2005 after several years as a Nursing Officer with the RAAF. He was previously senior flight nurse with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. He has worked with the helicopter Rescue Service in North Queensland, Birdsville Hospital Service and had mission service in Central Australia. Within the RAAF he has been deployed in the Bougainville zone (1999), East Timor, UN Military Hospital, Dili (2001). In 2005 he embarked on HMAS Kanimbla during operation Sumatra Assist 1 Banda Aceh. He is a specialist in intensive care/aeromedical evacuation. He is currently with the Expeditionary Health Facility in the Middle East, Australian Defence Forces. Personal Interests – Swimming and Surf Life Saving, St. John Ambulance, Australia. School activities – First Aid Attendant, School Swimming Team, Captain School Volleyball Team. Plenty House. Attended NHS 1967-1973.


McMillan, Kenneth - distinguished saxophonist, Conductor Australian Pops Orchestra many years, Manager Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.


McPhee, Ian - B.Sc. (U of WA). Primary teacher, Victorian Education Department after leaving School. Worked as a Field Assistant at Iron Knob and completed studies as a Geologist. Worked for Victorian Mines Dept. and then in Calgary, Canada. Surveyed Rocky Mountains by horseback. Then Geologist in Arctic Circle, followed


Main, Percy Cromwell. – Pharmacist in England. Involved in writing a text book for Pharmacy. As one of the School’s oldest students remembers with affection Art master Rupert Crocker, English master John G. Foster, L. Miller for Drawing, Mr Connor for Geometry and Mr Aubrey for Algebra. He was in Diamond House where Alan Kidd was House Captain. (Alan became a teacher at the School, served on HMAS Sydney during WWII as a Warrant Officer and died of an illness in the Mediterranean area). Enjoyed sport at School. Attended NHS 1927-1929.

Majewski, Ralph – Valuer, City of Preston and later for City of Doncaster. Then worked as a bank property valuer. Served in Royal Australian Navy, WWII as sick berth attendant. Attended NHS around 1935-36


Marshall, Robert, Dr. – M.S., M.D. (Melb),., FRCS, FRACS. Consultant surgeon. Was awarded his Doctorate of Medicine degree at age 80, graduating in 2006. Has written text on anatomy (Living Anatomy – Structure as the Mirror of Function) which was the basis of his MD award and he has lectured at University of Melbourne in post-graduate anatomy. Personal interests - skiing, mountaineering. Taught himself Italian to translate the mountaineering books of Walter Bonatti such as The Mountains of My Life. Author of K2. Lies and Treachery. School activities – Prefect, Dux 1941, member School athletics and swimming teams, Junior School swimming champion. Addressed recent assembly at NHS. Attended NHS 1937-41

**Medan, Jelena** – B. Med. Sci. La Trobe. Currently undertaking research studies for Ph. D. at La Trobe and with the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research. Personal interests – Science. Attended NHS 1999 - 2002

**Miers, Leslie** - Distinguished concert pianist and conductor. Taught many well known singers and instrumentalists. Known for his skill as an accompanist. He accompanied, among others, Dame Kiri Te Kawana, Liberace and Henry Mancini. Played a major role in organizing the Dandenong Eisteddfod. Attended NHS in 1940s and was very active in School Music, performance groups. School Pianist.

**Miller, Frederick Douglas** - War Service with the RAAF. Teacher Education Department of Western Australia for 42 years, including teaching in remote areas of the West. He travelled by Government vehicle equipped with lockers of books to very remote outposts, visiting children studying by correspondence in remote homesteads. His last appointment was as a School librarian. School activities-ran classes in Music appreciation at lunchtime using School’s large record library during War (the young Music master went off to join the Forces). Merri House. Head Prefect 1942. Attended NHS 1937-42.


**Montague, Phoebe** – B. Fine Arts (RMIT). In 2004 won a British Council of Australia Scholarship “Realize your dream to study in the UK” to pursue fashion design studies in the UK. Here she assisted designer Jean-Pierre Braganza with London fashion week preparations. Worked in production room of Lara Bohinc, cutting edge jewellery designer with customers including Madonna. Then worked on her own label and website, the latter entitled “Lady Melbourne” which was picked up on by Metro News. 2009 won Best Fashion Blog Award at the Nuff Nang Asia Pacific Blog Awards, Singapore. Designed her own jewellery. Now studying a Graduate Diploma in Journalism at RMIT with view to writing on fashion in UK. School activities-School debating teams, starring roles in School plays- *Arabian Nights* 1996, *The Iliad* 1997 and *Viva Cinderalla* 1998. Attended NHS 1993 to 98.


Mott, John H. - after School undertook 2 years of journalistic training in Canadian Daily Press. 40 Years service with Leader Associated Newspapers rising to be Chairman of the Company. Formerly State Chairman, Suburban Newspaper Association. Personal Interests-Rotarian for 40 years, Probus Club member, woodworking and period furniture repairs. House-Diamond. Attended NHS 1939-43.


Muir, Gavin – beyond School became a successful businessman and founder of TEAC organization. Was involved in other major projects, such as the refurbishment of the Royal Mint in Melbourne, the redevelopment of Queenscliff Harbour ($20 million project) and the construction of luxury apartments at Port Melbourne. This latter project got into financial difficulties which led to the collapse of his business enterprises just prior to his passing. Attended NHS 1956-59.

Nalpantidis, Kyriakos (Jack) - Bachelor of Behavioural Science, BSW, MBA. Attended NHS 1970-74

Nasser, Jacques(Jac) - AO, B.Bus (RMIT), Hon. D.T. Held various leadership positions with the Ford Corporation-Europe, Australia, Asia, South America and USA. Served as a member of the Board of Directors and as World President and Chief Executive Officer of Ford Motor Company 1998-2001. Director of BHP Billiton Ltd.


**Nicholls, Ian** Dr – MSc (Melb), Ph.D. (Cantab). Researcher and academic in Geology and Associate Dean (Research) Faculty of Science, Monash University. Has published several research papers. Personal interests – volcanoes, Friend of local creek and Reserve football. School activities – First XVIII, Prefect Attended NHS 1954-59

**Nikolov, George**. Dr. - BDSc (Melb). Practising Dentist, Thomastown, Melbourne since 1998. Completed year 12 with outstanding results, including Premier’s Award for Science (top student in this subject in Victoria). Achieved results in top 3 per cent of candidates in National Board Examinations, USA. Completed oral surgery postgraduate rotation in European Hospitals. Personal interests-intellectual property pertaining to medical and dental instruments, restoration of vintage and sports cars. School activities- Part of Geography class team given Small Change Foundation Scholarship to explore ways to reuse Northcote tip site in new ways. Special School Council Prize for Outstanding Year 12 results, Feb 1994. Attended NHS 1988-93.


**Oggenovski, Angela (Stojanovski)** – Left School to work in a legal firm as clerk. Then worked for medical eye specialist, later becoming a Medical Secretary to a team of eleven doctors and worked in other medical practices. Most recently for a Paediatric Surgeon. Attended NHS 1997-98.


**Peake, Ashley**, Dr. - MB, BS. (Melb). Currently in General Practice, Glen Innes, NSW. Attended NHS 1960s.


**Perry, George Thomas** - left School to work as labourer for Herbert Adams. Served in Army during World War 2. Then ran a wood and ice yard at McKinnon before being owner truck driver. Has detailed memories of life at NHS during early Depression years and games played. Plenty House. Attended NHS 1930-32.


**Plustwik, Peter**—MA, LLM. Joined the Army for a brief time and now works in management for Insurance Australia Group. School activities—member School Swimming Team (Won Northern Zone U/15 breaststroke 1994). Attended NHS in 1990s.

**Plustwik, Stephen**—BA (LaTrobe). Completed a Personal Care Attendant course and works in this field for Alpha Nursing. Attended NHS 1990s.

**Portbury, Arthur (Arch) Ernest**—Ph.C., MPS. Obtained Gold Medal and three Silver Medals in final year at Pharmacy College. Medals presented by Dr. Edward (Weary) Dunlop who had attended the Pharmacy College before obtaining Medical qualifications. His final scores and those of (Weary) Dunlop were the equal best in the College’s history to that time (1946). Became proprietor of large Pharmacy in Bell Street Coburg for 40 years. School activities—Assistant editor of School student publication, member First XVIII, athletics team. Attended NHS 1939 – 41.

**Poulson, Daryl**—worked as an advertising clerk after leaving School. Was drafted to active service in the Vietnam War as riflemen with 8th Royal Australia Regiment. Killed in enemy contact April 3rd 1970 in Phuoc Tuy. Attended NHS 1960’s.


**Prentice, Euan**—B.Sc., LL.B. (Monash). Founder and Managing Director—Oz Networks employing 50 staff in Melb & Sydney. Personal interests—golf, skiing and nature walks. Mother Shirley was President of School Council for several years. Won a valuable Daffyd Lewis Trust Scholarship for his University studies. School activities—Year 12 Distinction-Westpac Maths Comp, Year 12 School Council Prize in Geography. Member Senior Debating Team. Attended NHS 1986-91.

**Prentice, Lachlan**—left School after Year 12 to become a Bank Officer and continues in that employment. Personal interests—gardening and 4x4 driving. Mother Shirley was President of School Council for several years. Finalist Dante Alighieri Italian Poetry Statewide Competition, 1985. Attended NHS 1983-8.

**Price (Plustwik), Bernadette**—B. Speech Pathology (La Trobe), Completing a Dip. in Bio Ethics JP2 Institute. Working as a speech pathologist in public health, training volunteers to help people with post-stroke communications difficulties and presenting this as a paper at the 2012 Speech Pathology Australia conference. Establishing a


Ritchie, John, Emeritus Professor - A.O., B.A. (Hons), Dip. Ed. (Melb), Ph.D.(ANU), FRHistS., FAHA, FASSA., HonFRAHS .Residential student of Trinity College, Melb. Uni. In 1964 he became a teaching Fellow at Monash University in Australian and British History. Professor Manning Clark appointed him as lecturer at the Australian National University in 1969 where he developed an immense reputation as a teacher, researcher and writer. His books include; Australia As We Once Were; Lachlan Macquarie: A Biography; A Charge of Mutiny and TheWentworths, Father and Son. Professor Ritchie was an important contributor to the Australian Dictionary of Biography. He played a major role in assembling and editing material for Volumes 11 to 16. His achievements resulted in the award of an Officership in the Order of Australia, a Centenary Medal and election to four learned academies. He served as Deputy and Acting Warden of Burton Hall at ANU and, in the late 1980’s, was Dean of the Faculty of Arts. He was in his youth quite an athlete, competing against Herb Elliott in middle distance running. He is described as a conservative man, loyal to his Church. He was a lover of good food and wine and also of Opera, Ballet and literature. He remained throughout his life, a supporter of Carlton Football Club. Attended NHS 1950s.


Roberts, Ivor J. Group Captain – CBE, Mentioned in Despatches twice for outstanding leadership of his Squadron. Served with distinction in South-West Pacific Region during Second World War. After war served as Director of RAAF Personnel and was RAAF Controller of Electronic Data Processing Centre in Canberra. Was a member of the original group of Power House at Lord Somers Camp. Received his CBE from Governor-General, the Viscount D’Lisle, VC in 1961. Attended NHS 1928-29.


Rowe, Kenneth (Desmond) – Played football for VFL. Richmond 175 games 1946 – 1957. Played for Coburg in VFA. His father Percy played for Collingwood, Desmond was a tenacious half back and was noted for his pace and kicking ability. Captain of Richmond 1952 to 1957. Won Best and Fairest for 1951 and 1957. He played for Victoria seven times and captained the State. He coached Richmond from 1961 to 1963. Attended NHS 1938- 1941.

Rowe, Normie - AM. Attended Lou Toppano Music School-Best Performance 1959 Sang with Church Choir and formed an amateur band playing guitar while at NHS. Joined Postmaster General’s Dept after School and became Telstra trainee technician. Did Musical performances after School, gigs, meeting key people, like 3KRofe. Took part in shows like Go Show and Teen Scene. First single released in 1965. Went to UK to perform but had to return to register for National Service. Was Australia’s first big male pop star (1965-7), achieving five Gold Records. Toured nationally to sell out concerts effectively using his natural tenor voice. 1967 called up to serve in Vietnam, later discovering that his birth date was not in that call up. He was selected as a leading youth figure by a Government desperate to gain support for the War. This action greatly disadvantaged Normie’s pop career. Served with distinction becoming a Corporal and Crew Commander of his Armoured Personnel Carrier. Left Army 1970. Has been a major voice for Vietnam Veterans since, achieving an Order of Australia for this. In 1980’s studied Musical theatre/acting at Sydney Ensemble Theatre. Began performing roles on Stage and Television from 1987- Sons and Daughters, Les Miserables, Cyrano de Bergerac, Annie, Chess, Evita and was honoured to join the


Rust, Barry - AM, Major, Australian Army. Army Deputy Commanding Officer, Broadmeadows. After leaving the Army became Chief Executive Officer, Association of Post Primary Institutes of Victoria. Attended NHS 1950s.

Sach, Colin Ian, Dr. – B.E.E., Ph.D. (Melb), Associate Member IEE. Achieved good results in Melbourne University degree studies obtaining 12 first class honours as well as the John Monash Exhibition for First Year Electrical Engineering, the Herbert Brookes Exhibition for Second Year, the Dixon Scholarships for Engineering Design and Mechanical Engineering II and McDonald Prize for Third Year and the Dixon Prize for Final Year. In 1964 won a Commonwealth Public Service Board Scholarship to undertake doctoral research studies. Worked in Department of Supply at the Defence Standards Laboratory (DSL) from 1957. (The Department of Defence subsequently took over all research in its DSTO - Defence Science and Technology Organization). Overseas research and training in 1958-9 in the British Ministry of Supply at SRDE (Signals Research and Development Establishment). Worked on telemetry systems for the British Blue Streak Missile development program. Returned to DSL in 1960. Worked on various projects including physiology telemetry systems, gun ballistic measurement systems, Operation Blowdown which was a co-operative program with UK, USA and Canada on the effects of tactical nuclear weapons in jungle environments, and artillery and bomb fuze development. In this latter work, was the Australian representative of the fuze panel, one of many panels working under TTCP (The Technical Co-operation Program). Worked on basic research on rail gun development (electrically powered guns). Finally, became Research Leader in the Maritime Systems Division, working on methods and tactics for the defence of ships and submarines against torpedo attack. Over the years wrote many papers and reports (most classified). Retired 1994. Extra mural, work-related activities; Served as an external member on the Electrical Engineering Course Advisory Committee at the then FUT (Footscray University of Technology). Also a member of FUT's Graduate Research Committee. Part-time evening lecturer in Communications and Electronics Department at RMIT. Personal interests and activities; National service in army. Sport of most kinds over the years including cricket (when at high school briefly played for Fitzroy Cricket Club), soccer, rugby whilst in England, squash, badminton, baseball, lawn bowls and social golf and tennis. President and Life Member of Nunawading Cricket Club. School Council member at Burwood High School. Assistant Cub leader and

Salisbury, James Ralph - BVSc (Sydney), MVSc (Melb). Worked for Victorian Department of Agriculture from graduation to 1991. Based in Hamilton until 1974 when became Principal Veterinary Officer in Melbourne. Assisted UK with Foot and Mouth disease 1962. 1968-9 Wool Board Scholarship to research parasitic diseases in sheep led to Masters degree. Also seconded to Indonesia re foot and mouth disease. Responsible for field programs and training and counter disaster planning. Major input to nation’s first animal health emergency plan (AUSVETPLAN). 1991 became independent consultant and team leader providing veterinary assistance in Indonesia. Vet officer in UK 2001 working to control foot and mouth outbreak. Private animal health consultant at present. Interests associated with profession, travel, working with Indonesia, family. Attended NHS 1949-55.


Sime, John Martin - B.Sc (Hons), M.Sc.,(Melb), Ph.D,(London), FRSC, CChem., FRSA, FID, CSci. Melb Uni Travelling Scholarship. Beit Fellowship, Imperial College, London. Worked as research biochemist with Beecham Research Laboratories UK for five years, then four year in Japan with Beecham and further five years in Indonesia building company there. Managing Director Beecham Aust/NZ for 9 years. Deputy Chair Aust. Pharmaceutical Manufacturers’ Assoc. First Managing Director of SmithKline Beecham Aust & NZ. Later London Senior Vice-President And Director Strategic Marketing for this firm. 1995 Chief Executive UK BioIndustry Assoc.. Member Management Committee UK Dept Trade and Industry. Led Trade Missions to many countries. Co-founder EuropaBio, pan European trade assoc. for biotech. Representative for these organizations to US Biotechnical Industry Organization to harmonize regulations, governance, etc. Mid 2000 rejoined Imperial College London as Director of Research Support, Development. Retired from this posting late 2003 and returned to Australia but still with links to Imperial College. 2004 appointed Senior Adviser to AusBiotech and Adjunct Professor at Swinburne University. Ran masterclasses for them. Joined Committee of Melbourne Taskforce for Emerging Industries. Chair Advisory Committee St. Vincent’s Institute. Editorial Board Member Journal of Commercial Biotechnology. Member of Board of Mayne Group and Chairman of Environment, Health and Safety Cmte. Member of Board Prima Bio Med linked to Austin Research Institute. Personal interests-Theatre, Opera, Ballet, sport, travel, eating out. Plenty House. Form Captain- Year 12. Won Commonwealth Scholarship Year 12. Attended NHS 1953-8.


**Sims, Robert Stanley** – B.Sc., B.A. (Melb.) FCPA (Aust.), FICA (Aust.), MIE (Aust.) Served with RAAF during World War II (Nav W on Beaufighters) reaching rank of Flying Officer. Gained University degrees under CRTS. Career with PMG as trainee mechanic and junior clerk following a cadetship with PMG. Engineer with PMG and later Telstra (13 years). Later joined large British Management Consultants and, after 10 years, became a partner in a Chartered Accountancy firm. Lectured in Statistics at La Trobe University. Attended NHS 1936-40.


**Smith, Edward Keith** – Built a career in radio and television. He was known as the “Pied Piper” for his ability to elicit responses from children. His children’s show moved successfully from radio to television. His next show was *Small Talk*. Wrote a
sitcom and some thirty books, some for children and one a series of interviews about the Depression entitled *Australian Battlers Remember*. He was forced out of school himself by the effects of the Depression and forced to work in a foundry. This was followed by an apprenticeship as a signwriter. Served in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands during World War II. Moved into acting and radio work after the War. Attended NHS 1929-1930.

**Smith, Graeme** - B.Eco. (Hons), MBA (Monash) Attended NHS 1970-73.


**Smith, Kelvin** – Served with RAAF during World War II. Brother of Ronald Smith who also attended NHS and who perished with *HMAS Sydney*. Worked with State Savings Bank of Victoria after the War becoming Manager of Branches at Coburg and East Preston. Personal interests – was an outstanding jazz clarinet player during 1940s and 50s. Nominated as top clarinet player in Victoria and played with Ade Monsborough, Graeme Bell and others. School activities – Represented School in high jump in inter-school sports 1941, member First XVIII, Prefect. House-Plenty. Attended NHS 1937-41.


Spencer (Sapountzis), Aristotle – HDST (Secondary Teachers’ College), Grad. Dip. Ed., M.Ed. (Deakin). Teacher, Victorian Education Department and in private schools. Teaching also involved metropolitan and country appointments. Taught mainly History and held leadership positions as Level and Faculty Coordinator. Was inspired to teach history by his NHS History teacher, Mr. Itiel Bereson. Was an external examiner in Politics. Personal interests gemstone collecting, bushwalking, gardening, computers and family. School activities - In 1962, while a Year 9 pupil and in company with a class mate, Daniel Russo, was responsible for completing the murals of ancient Roman life depicted in the School’s Room 13 under the supervision of Latin teacher, Dr. Kovacs. School prize for Debating (1965), Cross Country and Athletics Teams, Deputy Head Prefect and Prefects’ Minute taker 1965. Organised School socials. Attended NHS 1960 -65.


Stevenson, Rex - AO, B.A (Hons), M.A. (Monash), Member United Services Institute (Australia). His MA thesis involved extensive field research in Malaysia and was published by Oxford University. Retired in 1998 after career as intelligence
officer. Was Director-General of ASIS. Extensive background in foreign intelligence work. AO for service to international relations. After public service became a joint Founding Director of Signet Group International P/L (Canberra based intelligence/risk management consultancy). Head Prefect of 1960. Attended NHS 1955-60.


**Stringer, John Norris** - Curator of the Australian Capital Equity Art Collection for Kerry Stokes. This collection is an outstanding one containing works by Monet, Picasso, Matisse, Bunny, McCubbin, Drysdale, Nolan and many others, including indigenous artists. Joined staff of National Gallery Vic in 1957 after training as a print maker. Long career in Gallery’s Education Department. Joint Curator of First exhibition in new building, 1968. 1970’s Assistant Director International Program, Museum of Modern Art, New York. Representative of the Australia Council’s Visual Arts Board. Independent Curator. Spent nine years at the Americas Society. Curator of Contemporary Art Gallery of Western Australia under Betty Churcher with many masterpieces being acquired.(1980’s) Inspired an army of young artists and was a very leading figure in Australian Art, especially contemporary Art.. Attended NHS 1949-53.


Taylor, William Henry, Dr. – MB, BS (Hons) (Melb.), Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, FRACS; FANZCA; RDF. Served with the RAAF as a Kittyhawk pilot during World War II (76 Squadron, New Guinea, Southeast Asia). Completed Medical qualifications under CRTS after War and also further study to become specialist. Became Medical Officer with RAAF with rank of Squadron Leader in 1957 and later with RAAF Reserve as medical specialist. Awarded RDF for service to RAAF. From 1966 to 2000 practised as specialist anaesthetist with appointments at Royal Melbourne, PANCH and St. Vincent’s Hospitals. School activities – Obtained permission from Headmaster Johnson to ice-skate during sport time. This later resulted in 7 National and 11 state titles in figure skating. Attended 1960 Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley as Sectional Manager of Figure Skating Team and as team physician. Personal interests – keen lawn bowler. Attended NHS 1937-40.

Telford, Dick, Professor – AM, PhD. Was outstanding junior footballer with North Reservoir and then Collinwood and Fitzroy. His career was brief due to injury but later played for Preston in VFA winning J. J. Liston Trophy for outstanding VFA
player. Was a member of the Physical Education Department at Preston Institute of Sport. Coached Preston Cricket Club and the Victorian Sheffield Shield Cricket Team. One of the first Australians to obtain a Ph.D. in physical education. Joined the Australian Institute of Sport in 1970s becoming, later, Head of Physiology and Applied Nutrition and Professor in Sports Medicine. Worked in sports medicine in areas including immunology and haematology. Athletics coach of Olympic and Commonwealth Games competitors, including Lisa Martin (Silver Medal, 1988) and Andrew Lloyd. Published author of associated works. Leading research on health and well being of Australian primary school children-fifty year study. School activities-Junior House Captain for Batman. Athletics Team. Attended NHS 1957 to 1962.

Thomson, Alan Lloyd ("Froggy") - Primary Teacher, Victorian Education Department, Northern suburban Region. Nick named “Froggy” at NHS because of his croaky adolescent voice. Joined Fitzroy Cricket Club from Regent Presbyterian Club in 1960-61. Entered Victorian Cricket Team in 1969 against NSW. He was noted for his “Windmill” bowling action. Also a football umpire with VFL. The Sporting Globe commented in 1969 that he achieved 17 wickets in two games for Victoria in 1969. In the 1969-70 State side he became a favourite of crowds who chanted “We love you Froggy”. His Test debut was in Australia vs. England in Brisbane 1970-71 and he played in four Test teams around this time. 22runs HS 12 Average 22.00. Wickets 12 3/79 Average 54.50. Attended NHS 1957 to early 60s.


Todd, Ronald Walford – Worked for the Victorian Railways and served in the RAAF during the Second World War. Played VFL football for Collingwood 1935 to 1939 (76 games, 327 goals). He is remembered as one of the all-time great forwards. In 1936 Grand Final he kicked four goals to assist Collingwood’s win. Blessed with great pace he was also a professional runner, successful at country competitions. In 1938 he kicked 120 goals and led the League list of goal kickers. He kicked 23 goals in finals during his career. For money reasons he left the VFL to play for Williamstown and wealthy Collingwood backer, John Wren, offered an open cheque to get him back but Collingwood Club would not accept the offer. He had great success at Williamstown ultimately becoming captain-coach. His total goal tally for his whole career ended up at 999. He attended NHS 1929 completing Intermediate Certificate.

Topor, Mr. Harry – B. A., Dip. Ed. (Melb.) Teacher Victorian Education Department. Taught History at Northcote HS in 1950s and actually passed away in 1955 in the staffroom of his old School. He was only thirty years of age and married for six weeks at the time and his untimely passing was a great shock for the School. Teaching Scholarship holder in Form V and Junior Government Scholarship winner. Was teacher in charge of Tennis and Dramatics. Attended NHS 1937-41.

Toso, Angelo - Dip.Retail Management, Cert. in Financial Services, Dip. Front Line Man. Advance Dip. Disability Services. Golden Cross Keys Member (Le Clef D’Or-


**Tsitas, Steven** - B.Soc.Sci.(La Trobe), Grad. Cert. in Human Resource Management (Swinburne). Has served 3 terms as Councillor City of Darebin. Career serving interests of local community as a Councillor. States that he was inspired by the famous politicians who attended NHS. He is passionate about working for change and reform to better things for local people. Personal interests-family; sport-Liverpool FC, Collingwood FC, cricket and tennis; politics, community and current affairs. School activities-sport, SRC membership, Deputy School Captain 1985. National Capital Seminar Winner 1984. Attended NHS 1980-85.

**Veal, John** - Ph.C., J.P.- Pharmacy business at Kaniva and Diamond Creek

**Veal, Peter** - Interior Design, Sign Writer, Artist

**Vellis, Aleksi** - B.A. (Melb). Studied English Literature, Classics and Drama at Melbourne University before completing a three year film directing degree at Victorian College of the Arts. Was Assistant Editor or a television mini-series, “A Thousand Skies”. First film success was “Nirvana Street Murder” which won awards and then, later, “Wogboy” was a conspicuous financial success. Another of his films was “The Secret Life of Harry Dare”. He operates a specialized film acting studio called “Film Space”. Directs music videos, documentaries, TV series and commercials. His work is distinguished by his ability to work with dramatic and comic material, achieving high level acting performances. Attended NHS 1972-4.

**Verdugo, Rafael (Ralph)** - B. Building (Victoria), COT Structural Design Drafting (Collingwood TS), Dip. & Advanced Dip. Building Surveying (VUT), B. Building


Weeks, Ian, Dr. – M.A., Ph.D. (Melb) Studied Religious Studies, Political Philosophy and Philosophy at University of Melbourne, Yale University, McMaster University (Canada) and Deakin University. His research interests are Jewish and Islamic mysticism. He has published widely on these subjects and presented lectures on Radio National. He is a judge for the Blake Prize in Religious Art. School activities- Won 1954 Magazine Prize and 1953 Teaching Bursary for Year V. House official for Plenty House. Attended NHS 1950-54.


Ex-Student Association. Member First XVIII, First XI, Junior Soccer Attended NHS 1950-55.

**Wildsmith, John** – Worked in father’s grocery store after leaving School. 1957 selected to the Victorian Sheffield Shield XI. Was Captain/Coach of Sunshine Cricket Club for 10 years. Inducted into the Sub-District Hall of Fame. Returned to Northcote Cricket Club and captained the 1974/5 side to District Premiership and then retired from cricket. Started his own insurance broking firm in 1966 and successfully operated it for 20 years. Currently works as a consultant and is semi-retired. Personal interests – travel, golf, family, social tennis. School activities – member First Eleven when in middle school. Excellent spin bowler. Very effective in staff vs. student matches against Maths. Teacher “Skeeter” Coghlan, himself a District Cricketer. In last year at School played for Northcote First XI, Bill Lawry Captain. House – Diamond. Attended NHS 1952 to 1955.


**Willett, Ray** – TPTC. Primary School teacher Victorian Education Department. Outstanding footballer with Collingwood Club playing in the 1960s. Played in Preliminary final with two goals. 1960 Grand Final as full-forward. Moved in his teaching to Strathallan in 1962 and played for Rochester winning the Micheleesen Medal in the Bendigo League. Returned to Collingwood 1964 kicking six goals


**Wilson, Garry J** - Played Football in VFL for Fitzroy Club, debuting in 1971. He was known as “The Flea” being a wispy rover. Universally acknowledged as one of the most courageous players of the game he was also regarded as an outstandingly determined and skilful player. Won Best and Fairest for Fitzroy in 1972, 76, 78, 79 and 1980. Third for the Brownlow Medal in 1978 and second the following year, missing out by only one vote. He became Captain of Fitzroy in 1982 and completed 268 games to retire in 1984. Led the Lions into the finals in his first year of captaincy. He represented Victoria twelve times, being awarded All Australian blazers in 1979 and 1980. He was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 1999. He attended NHS from 1967.


**Withers, Arthur** - Leader Hawthorn Brass Band. School cornet player who provided recitals at school assemblies. Attended NHS until 1948


Australian Senate, historian Old Parliament House 2006+. His OAM was for service to community through research into and recording of Australian immigration history, especially Maltese. Personal interests: black American music, history, politics, Marxism, pro-wrestling. Won School Council Art Prize, Year 12, 1968. Attended NHS 1962-8.

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