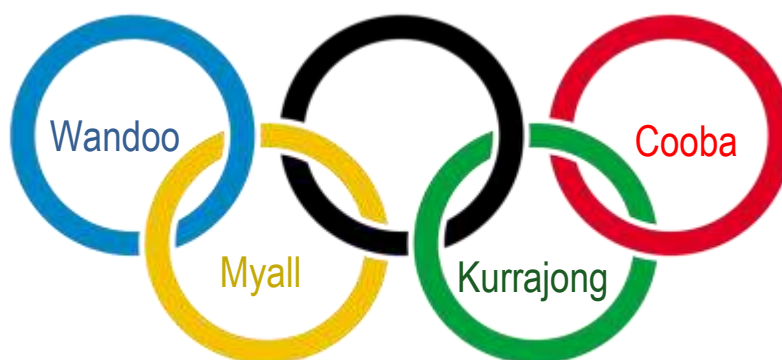
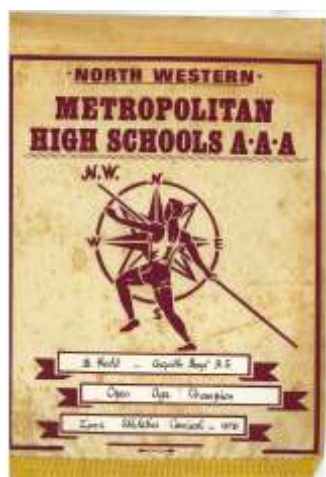


RECORDS TUMBLE AT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



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EDITORIAL

Periodically ABHS Old Boys receive requests to the supply of old ABHS class photos. Sometimes it is former students who make this request. At other times it is relatives of that former student. Rarely can assistance be provided as School Archives have very few class photos stored. It is known that most former ABHS students retain a couple of their old School photos. Two former students developed a website to provide access to old class photos for their enrolment group. Many former students of that group have commenced the task of identifying and naming their classmates, who had previously been unidentified in those old black and white photos from the 1960s and 1970s. See First School Captain David Wilson, reflects...page 14.

ABHS Old Boys recently conducted a review of the School's Student Athletics Records. The review points to some interesting facts. Many long-standing records have remained for more than 25 years. In the past two years students in the 13Yr and 14 Yr events have broken several long-standing records. This suggests that more long-standing records in the older age divisions are vulnerable over the next few years. Details of this can be followed in the article on Long Standing ABHS Records on page 10.

51 years ago ABHS students inaugurated a 50-mile walk. 50 years ago former School Captain, Alan Rix was first to cross the line at ABHS after commencing the walk at Kurrajong, the previous afternoon. Read how Alan's life has unfolded in the intervening years. See 'One Student's Journey: Alan Rix (ABHS Graduate 1967)' on page 7.

Thank you to ABHS for sponsoring the ongoing production of the newsletter. Thanks also to all who have contributed to the articles and to Kirsten Dudley for consultation, design and layout.



FUTURE ARTICLES FOR ABHS OLD BOYS NEWSLETTERS.

It is planned to Review the ABHS Student Swimming Record. It is known that several former students have represented Australia in Swimming and Water Polo. If you know details of any of those achievements, or know of another who does, please let them know this information is being sought for a future article in ABHS O. B. Newsletter.

Many house sites adjacent to ABHS have been redeveloped in recent years. High rise apartments are now replacing those homes. Aerial photos of the School made in the 1990s are available. They will make interesting viewing if compared to an aerial photo taken today. Are you in a position to assist with some aerial photos made with the use of a drone camera? If so, please contact your Editor.



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RECOLLECTIONS OF ABHS – JOHN REYNOLDS

It was wonderful to have ex-student Dr John Reynolds come and speak at the High Achievers assembly this year. John spoke about his passion for science and appreciation of his time at ABHS. (For John's full speech please see the ABHS website)

John has a long association with ABHS. He graduated in 1974, his father, Ellis, was a maths teacher, then master then Deputy and now his son, Angus, is currently in Yr 12.

'My teachers were outstanding, with very few exceptions. And I made some great lifelong friends through school. By the time John was 15 he had a pretty clear idea that he wanted a career in Physics or Maths and was motivated to get a science degree, much of which was thanks to his teachers. It was at Sydney University that he discovered a love of radio astronomy and was able to combine his interest in maths, physics, astronomy and electronics. Here John was introduced to digital computers using equipment that 'had been miniaturised to the size of a large wardrobe.'

Throughout his professional career John has had the opportunity 'to work at some great radio telescopes with some really clever and inspiring people'. The first was Mills Cross telescope near Bungendore then on to the Canberra Deep Space Tracking Station, known as Tidbinbilla. The recent stunning images of Pluto and Mars are received here.

Working at CSIRO then was a 'marvellous' time for John, as Officer-in-Charge of the Parkes radio telescope. He told of how they 'tracked the faint signal of the tiny space probe "Huygens" as it dropped by parachute onto the surface of Titan, the largest moon in the solar system, giving us measurements of the wind speed on this remote icy world. It really is a thrill to pick up a signal about as powerful as a desk lamp, but so far away it takes an hour for the signal to arrive. One of our astronomers, like a latter day Galileo, found an entire new spiral arm of our own Milky Way galaxy. And we discovered something called a double pulsar, which has provided the best confirmation yet of Einstein's theory of Gravity. You couldn't ask for a more exciting workplace'.

John is currently working on the Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP). This is a revolutionary radio telescope in remote Western Australia; located there to avoid radio interference from new technologies such as streaming live sport to mobile phones.

'So science is an investment, and the investment starts at school. That's why it's so important to have a properly funded, universal public education system of a high standard, accessible to everyone.'

'Investing in science and scientific research is necessary, not a luxury,' said John. He explained how it contributes to one quarter of all Australian economic activity and for the last 20-30 years it has underpinned the economic growth of this country. One example is Wi-Fi which has been produced through work done by CSIRO scientists.

John felt 'lucky' to attend ABHS and is passionate about public education. He is not a fan of the selective high school system, appreciating the range of social backgrounds at ABHS and that he was not 'hot-housed in a school of like-minded nerds.'

'The ABHS seniors of my era demonstrated strong and mature leadership, setting high standards of behaviour, but also independence of thought, which was passed from one year to the next' recalled John who is confident 'these fine traditions have been maintained.'

John made great friendships at ABHS and married an Asquith girl who he met at a semi-formal dance in the school hall. He went on to say how much he appreciated the teachers he had at ABHS. Not realising at the time, he later came to recognise the skill and dedication they displayed. An opportunity to thank a past teacher arose when an old science teacher, Euan Simpson, introduced himself when on a tour at the Parkes telescope in 2007.

'Google is no substitute for good teachers.'

In finishing his talk, John talked about opportunities at school. "But Google is no substitute for good teachers. For one thing, you don't know what you don't know - and this may be a lot more than you think! The great thing about school is you get to do stuff you may never do again. Poetry, Shakespeare, reading music, using a lathe or an anvil - I was ignorant of all these pleasures until good Asquith teachers made them interesting and fun. It's so important to seize these opportunities at school - you might never get around to it later.

If you look about the world today it's obvious we live in a land of great opportunity, and moreover in a Golden Age of opportunity - opportunity and challenge. Make the most of it boys. Or in the words of Woody Allen;

'It is clear the future holds great opportunities. It also holds pitfalls. The trick will be to avoid the pitfalls, seize the opportunities, and get back home by six o'clock.'"



Angus and John Reynolds



Sun Lounge, New Guinea Rosewood
Aidan Heap



Steam-bent Chair
Various reclaimed Australian timbers
Jacob Sheldon

SHOULD, COULD, WOOD - DID!

Each year in August, HSC markers visit Asquith Boys High School to assess the Major Projects produced by students undertaking the Industrial Technology: Timber & Furniture Products course. Students have spent more than three terms designing, researching and creating projects of their own choosing, to showcase their skills. This process was documented by each student in a folio of up to 80 pages that was also submitted for marking.

The annual School Visual Arts/TAS Exhibition provided an opportunity for these students to showcase their work to the Asquith BHS community. The 'living room' of projects set up on the School Hall Stage is a proven success with visitors to the Exhibition, queuing to get a closer look at the quality of workmanship and conceptual thought the unique items demonstrate.

The students are justifiably proud of the high standard they achieved in this component of their HSC coursework.

Ms. N. Jackson, Technology and Applied Studies Faculty



Chess Set
Reclaimed red cedar and huon pine
Max Darwin



Clock, plywood and reclaimed LVL
Jordan Garland



Entertainment cabinet
Tasmanian oak with iron bark top
Hayden Dudfield



Dovetail Desk Reclaimed
oregon with cedar trim
Bill Everingham

Electric Guitar
Reclaimed Kauri pine and red
cedar with veneer inlay
James North



ONE STUDENT'S JOURNEY: ALAN RIX (ABHS GRADUATE 1967)

I recently reflected that it is now 50 years since ABHS held what we then knew as the "50 Mile Walk" in June 1966. This was an event that covered 80.4 km from Kurrajong in the Blue Mountains down to Penrith, along the great Western Highway through Blacktown, then via Parramatta and up to Hornsby and back to school.

The Walk was initiated and organised by the prefects, with staff support. The event started in the evening with a lot of boys joining in. Several revival stations were located along the way and support vehicles moved up and down the route, monitoring progress and assisting walkers. I recall there were no major incidents. I was not aware of any risk assessments or safety plans, other than informing the police.

I was lucky enough to win the 1966 Walk, mainly because of my fitness from running and rugby. Many walkers finished what was a very difficult event – running and/or walking through the cold June night, arriving at School the following morning. I can still recall the eerie orange glow of the road lighting in the mist along the lonely stretch of the highway into Blacktown.

Such exciting activities were part of the spirit of the new school that ABHS was in those years. We had a lot to prove, cricket and football prowess to build against the likes of the well-established and formidable Normanhurst, Epping and Homebush High Schools, and an academic reputation to establish.

The school community came from primary schools from the North Shore, across to Galston, Dural and Glenorie and up the railway line through Berowra to Brooklyn. The demand for high school places was very strong (the post-war baby boom babies were now in high school) and Asquith attracted excellent students. I seem to recall that those of us from primary schools from Waitara down to Pymble had to go to Normanhurst or Asquith depending on which side of the railway line we lived (east side to Asquith, west side to Normanhurst).

Building the academic base of the School was not too difficult, as the inaugural Headmaster, Mr Mervyn Brown, was very focused on building excellence in learning. In sport, however, it was a different matter, as our three major competitor high schools were power-houses of junior rugby and cricket. Playing rugby at the T.G. Millner Field at Eastwood was a great experience, but usually a humbling one against Epping BHS.

My school cohort in fact spent two years as the senior year. The last Leaving Certificate took place in 1965, we became the senior year in 1966 and graduated under the first Higher School Certificate in late 1967. The extra year of responsibility as senior students certainly helped in preparing us for life after school.

Following the HSC, I worked as a builder's labourer before moving to Canberra in early 1968 to study at the Australian National University (ANU) under an Oriental Studies Scholarship. I had studied French and Latin at school, but went to ANU to study Politics and Japanese. ANU seemed an unusual choice at the time because it was in a different city, but the lure of a scholarship was hard to resist, as it paid for the costs of living in college.



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Why Japanese? I had to choose an Asian language to study as part of my scholarship and, at the time, Japanese seemed interesting and different. ANU had a strong reputation in this area and, as it turned out, choosing Japanese helped shape my life thereafter in very significant ways: it led me to a lifelong connection with Japan, and a career in the university sector.

I graduated with a BA honours in 1972, then spent a few years studying in Japan at Tokyo University on a Japanese Ministry of Education scholarship, before completing my PhD at ANU in 1977. Studying in Japan at a time when there were few foreign students, and even fewer foreigners who spoke the language, was a great challenge, but I grew quickly to love living and working in Tokyo, discovering the intricacies of its subway system, and how to get from one part of that huge city to another in the shortest possible time. Japan was a friendly and welcoming country, which valued Australia and Australians. Japan is also a country and culture with deep traditions, which take time to understand but which resonate strongly with many non-Japanese residents and visitors.

Following my studies, I first worked at ANU as a research fellow in the Japan area, then in the Department of Foreign Affairs for three years, before moving to Griffith University in Brisbane in early 1982, to lecture in Asian studies and international relations.

After a few years at Griffith I moved to the University of Queensland as Professor of Japanese Studies in 1985, and have worked there ever since in various capacities – lecturer and researcher, head of department, head of external affairs, dean of the Faculty of Arts, pro-vice chancellor (academic), and currently pro-vice-chancellor responsible for, amongst other things, our agriculture and veterinary science campus at Gatton and other sites, the University's academic staffing and other responsibilities.

These duties are a far cry from my original discipline, as I now get to oversee the operations of a large farm (including a dairy and a piggery), the university art museum and enterprise bargaining. Such is the fate of a senior executive in a very large and diverse university.

As someone who grew up in the northern suburbs with a cat and a dog, who later worked in highly urbanised Japan for some of my career, and, whose closest encounter as a child with farm animals was the Royal Easter Show, it is exciting and challenging to have to deal with such questions as the quality and price of our milk, the best balance of pasture and feed for our dairy cows, the most cost-effective tractor to buy, the optimum market weight for pigs, the number of horses required for our students, the appropriate cropping regimes for our paddocks, the impact of new biosecurity regulations, or managing health and safety on a large campus with students, animals and lots of machinery.

My experience shows that careers can take on a life of their own, but that the most interesting opportunities can be ones you least expect.

After school I also continued my sporting activities, and went to ANU with a keen intention to play rugby and cricket. In my first rugby game with the University (second or third XV from memory), playing in the second row against the Royal Military College at Duntroon, I can still see the large fist as it came through the scrum and flattened my nose. After some emergency surgery I had a reconstructed nose, but I gave up rugby. So cricket was next. I also resumed running as my main form of exercise, and even did some in Japan where the sight of a tall foreigner pounding along city streets was rather unusual.

I have never again been as physically fit as I was when I was a student at ABHS. I have the school to thank for a very high level of fitness that carried me through with good health throughout my career. The School also instilled in me an approach to work and study that emphasised the great benefits of keeping fit and active. There can be no better legacy from the well-rounded education I received at ABHS.

Alan Rix, Brisbane, June 2016

Thank you to Yosip of Hornsby Heights who alerted Chris Kent from the ABHS Old Boys Club to this news so that we could share this letter with the ABHS community.



ASQUITH BOYS FOOTBALL TOUR MALAYSIA 2016

We had visited Malaysia twice before and we had ranked it in the top 3 both times but still this tour surprised us and it was, without doubt, the best tour we have been on. The quality of all aspects shone through from start to finish. Accommodation was fantastic and travel arrangements smooth. Any issues were resolved quickly by our brilliant organiser Baz who once again showed what a magician he is.

Our main focus of the tour is the games. The boys played 10 games with no problems and all games were evenly matched and competitive. Grounds and officials were good and though the climate was tough, the boys met the challenges set and both sides performed very well.

In KL sightseeing was interesting including a stay at the Sunway Lagoon Hotel which was in front of a theme park that welcomed the boys for a day of activities. The Bayview Hotel in Penang provided a beachside experience where we played a further set of games and the boys explored the night markets. In Penang we enjoyed a visit from Brent Griffiths, a former Mariners and Perth Glory player who is over there playing in the Malaysian League.

We won some games and lost some but the boys always played well in tough conditions and behaved impeccably on the pitch. We were competitive, fair and hard to beat.

It is hard to pick out any individual from the tourists but Zac Duretto, the Tour Captain had a memorable tour. Focused on the pitch, he struck a good balance between both squads, ensuring everyone enjoyed the tour and in particular the juniors had a successful and enjoyable tour.

Thanks to all the boys Mr Jones, Mr Moscos and Baz, our travel agent from Singapore, for making it so enjoyable. Looking forward to next year already.

Mr M Blackwood



JUNIOR SQUAD.



SENIOR SQUAD

ATHLETICS RECORDS

Do You, or One Known to You, Own Any of These Long Standing School Athletics Records?

Athletics at ABHS is experiencing resurgence. The School's current Athletics Co-ordinator reports 15 Records have been toppled in the past two years. Some have stood for more than 25 years. Chris Broome, a former ABHS Student and now PDHPE teacher, takes a keen interest in current student achievement on the track and in the field.

At this year's School Athletics Carnival in May two records that have stood for 2.5 decades fell. Steven Oxenburgh's 1981 record for the 14 Yr High Jump was topped by M. Harriss with a jump of 1.71m. Steven Nicholson's 1982 16 Yr record for 100m was bettered by .02 of a sec by H. Frederick. At the 2015 Carnival L. Frederick broke a 1978 Record, previously set by Craig Barratt for 13 Yr High Jump, by 1cm, with a jump of 1.53m.

This news prompted a review of records to find those still in place after more than 25 years.

Four from the 1960s were identified. The oldest belongs to Robb Hirst who's 15 Yr Long Jump from 1964 stands at 6.02m. Robb's brother Mark holds the 17 Yr 200m Sprint with a time of 23.2 set in 1968. John Argent's 1966 record for the 16 Yr Long Jump holds at 5.85m. B. Newton's 16 Yr 400m record Sprint of 55.1, set in 1969, remains an ABHS Athletics Record.

The 1970s were a fertile period for athletics achievement. 14 former students hold 27 Records from that era. Six records are retained from 1972 and four from 1974. A few individuals warrant special mention:

David Lyle retains three long distance track events from the mid '70s. Stanley Kohlhardt still owns a Long Jump record and two in the Triple Jump event. David Rodd for his 17 Yr 400m Run and 800m Run in 1978 and M. Davis set both the 12 Yr 400m Sprint and the 14 Yr 200m Sprint in 1972.

ABHS Old Boys received the regrettable advice that Jeff Buckler, holder of the 16 Yr 1500m Run record, since 1976, had a fatal accident at work with NSW Rail 20 years ago.

Robert Kiddle continues to hold 8 records. Robert's records indicate his ascendancy over 100m and 200m track events between 1974 and 1978. Robert also holds the 14 Yr Triple Jump record. Steve Pickering, 1979 School Captain, tracked Robert down to help him access this news. Robert regards his best Athletics result was winning the CHS 200m in 1975. His 70m Zone Hurdles Record from that year will be retained by Robert in perpetuity as two years later the 70m Hurdles event was changed to a 90m, for 12 and 13 Yrs.

If you have contact with any of those long standing record holders, please pass that news to them. If you have knowledge of other former ABHS athletes to share please contact your Editor.

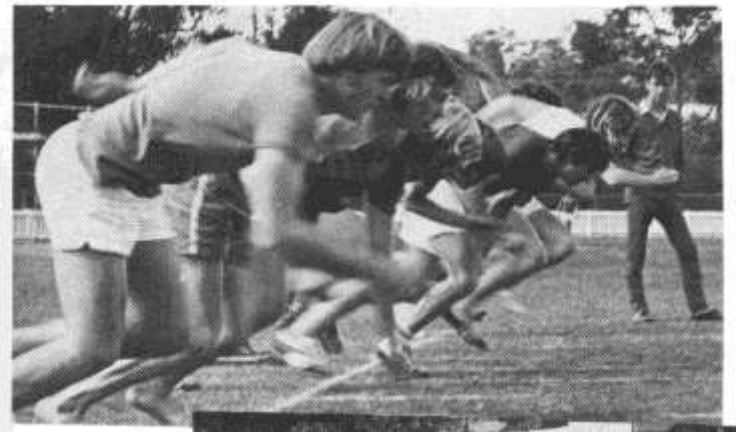
Thanks to former students: Sean Smith, Steve Kohlhardt, Marc Calwell, Ross Lamb, Robb Hirst and Steve Pickering, who endeavoured to contact long standing Record holders, or who provided additional athletics information or reflections. Thanks to Robert Kiddle for supplying athletics memorabilia from the 1970s and to Chris Broome, of the ABHS PDHPE Faculty, for assistance in providing the School Athletics Record.

There is an intention to review the ABHS Swimming Record early next year, following the 2017 School Swimming Carnival. It is known that several former ABHS students have achieved Australian Olympic representation and other honours in Swimming events and Waterpolo. If you have knowledge of former student's achievement in Swimming, please advise the Editor.

Chris Kent



The School Zone Athletics Team



*1967
Zone
Athletics
Team*



ABHS ATHLETICS RECORDS

Event	Age	Name	Year	Record	Event	Age	Name	Year	Record
100m Final	12Yr	R. Kiddle	1974	13.1	1500m Run	15Yr	D. Lyle	1972	04:24.5
1500m Run	12Yr	G. Berkley	1981	05:10.9	200m Sprint	15Yr	R. Kiddle	1977	23.3
200m Sprint	12Yr	R. Kiddle	1974	28.2	4 X 100m Relay	15Yr	Kurrajong	1975	50.4
4 X 100m Relay	12Yr	Cooba	1981	59.65	400m Sprint	15Yr	M. Rees	1980	56.2
400m Sprint	12Yr	M. Davis	1972	59.1	800m Run	15Yr	D. Lyle	1972	02:08.0
800m Run	12Yr	A. Rath	1976	02:15.9	Discus	15Yr	D. Wilson	1981	38.1
80m Hurdles	12Yr	K. Clark	2016	14.97	High Jump	15Yr	M. Lawler	1980	1.75
Discus	12Yr	S. Parry	2015	22.62	Javelin	15Yr	R. Clift	1984	47.15
High Jump	12Yr	K. Clark	2016	1.44	Long Jump	15Yr	R. Hirst	1964	6.02
Javelin	12Yr	Ansems, J	2007	21.27	Shot Put	15Yr	T. Graham Robinson	2007	15.27
Long Jump	12Yr	S. Kohlhardt	? 1977	4.87	Triple Jump	15Yr	S. Kohlhardt	1975	12.4
Shot Put	12Yr	H. Frederick	2012	11.71	100m Final	16Yr	H. Frederick	2016	11.44
100m Final	13Yr	R. Kiddle	1975	12.1	110m Hurdles	16Yr	H. Frederick	2016	15.56
1500m Run	13Yr	G. Berkley	1982	04:57.9	1500 Walk	16Yr	P. Lewis	1976	07:11.8
200m Sprint	13Yr	R. Kiddle	1975	24.6	1500m Run	16Yr	J. Buckler	1976	04:43.7
4 X 100m Relay	13Yr	Kurrajong	2016	58.12	200m Sprint	16Yr	R. Kiddle	1978	23.7
400m Sprint	13Yr	P. Cotterill	1982	01:03.8	4 X 100m Relay	16Yr	Myall	1986	49
800m Run	13Yr	P. Cotterill	1982	02:18.0	400m Sprint	16Yr	B. Newton	1969	55.1
90m Hurdles	13Yr	K Weekes	2015	13.81	800m Run	16Yr	D. Lyle	1973	02:06.1
Discus	13Yr	J. Gibbons	2016	30.43	Discus	16Yr	M. Garde	2005	41.77
High Jump	13Yr	L. Frederick	2015	1.53	High Jump	16Yr	A. Whittington	1982	1.82
Javelin	13Yr	B. Seccombe	1986	30.46	Javelin	16Yr	R. Clift	1985	52.5
Long Jump	13Yr	K. Weekes	2015	5.44	Long Jump	16Yr	J. Argent	1966	5.85
Shot Put	13Yr	G. Atkins	1972	13.49	Shot Put	16Yr	T. Graham Robinson	2008	15.45
100m Final	14Yr	K. Weekes	2016	11.75	Triple Jump	16Yr	S. Kohlhardt	1976	11.94
100m Hurdles	14Yr	H. Frederick	2014	14.59	100m Final	17Yr	R. Lamb	1977	11.5
1500m Run	14Yr	O. Enasio	2016	05:09.7	110m Hurdles	17Yr	D. Arnamnart	2007	15.38
200m Sprint	14Yr	M. Davis	1972	24.2	1500 Walk	17Yr	P. Friedrich	1975	08:04.1
4 X 100m Relay	14Yr	Wandoo	1967	53.3	1500m Run	17Yr	G. Berkley	1986	04:30.0
400m Sprint	14Yr	S. Jacka	1988	01:02.0	200m Sprint	17Yr	M. Hirst	1968	23.2
800m Run	14Yr	K. Wallis	1972	02:09.7	4 X 100m Relay	17Yr	Wandoo	1970	47.8
Discus	14Yr	G. Evens	1981	36.8	400m Sprint	17Yr	D. Rodd	1977	54.6
High Jump	14Yr	M. Harriss	2016	1.71	800m Run	17Yr	D. Rodd	1977	02:05.8
Javelin	14Yr	R. Clift	1983	36.55	Discus	17Yr	L. Marr	2005	39.22
Long Jump	14Yr	K. Weekes	2016	6.01	High Jump	17Yr	V. Paice	1990	1.75
Shot Put	14Yr	H. Frederick	2014	15.66	Javelin	17Yr	R. Clift	1986	52.55
Triple Jump	14Yr	R. Kiddle	1978	11.18	Long Jump	17Yr	M. Smith	1972	6.32
100m Final	15Yr	R. Kiddle	1977	11.3	Shot Put	17Yr	M. Garde	2007	15.05
100m Hurdles	15Yr	J. Tuynman	2015	15.75	Triple Jump	17Yr	J. Mawhinney	2012	12.59
1500 Walk	15Yr	G. Clarke	1980	07:48.0					





FIRST SCHOOL CAPTAIN, DAVID WILSON, REFLECTS.

Can you imagine going through every year of high school without any senior students in the years ahead of you? No mentors, no role models, no-one to look up to, and no traditions. Well, this was the experience for the original students of ABHS who in 1960 arrived on the first day of school, to find that it hadn't been built yet.

So the challenges were many, but so were the opportunities. Many of us have had extraordinarily successful lives, and continue to grow in wisdom.

We call ourselves the "pioneers". It was we who blazed the way – we had no choice. Now, with most of cohort reaching 70, and some, sadly, no longer with us, we'd like to think that some of the better "instant traditions" that we inadvertently set are still evident in the school's culture today.

We've set up a special collaborative website – only available to the pioneers for privacy reasons – which contains class photos, staff lists, sports and clubs, reunion photos, tributes to those who have died, memorabilia, tall tales and biographies. Google "ABHS pioneers" for the link.

Some of the comments posted at the site: "This is really an important resource that clearly documents the years from 1960 through to 1964 – it has brought back many wonderful memories for me." "For the life of me I can't remember most of the names of these ratbags, but I do recognise many of the faces (who could forget them?) – I wonder what they are all doing now?"

We are happy to share the successful format of this website with other year cohorts of ABHS old boys, who might want to set up something similar. Please contact [David Wilson](#) or [Greg Baxter](#).

PIONEER'S WEBSITE

Comment:

Thanks to David, in Adelaide and Greg, in Tasmania, for telling us of their collaboration when developing the 'ABHS pioneers' website. It is serving this ABHS former student enrolment group by giving individuals access to their class photos they have lost, or never owned. At the same time, individuals from that enrolment group are helping with the identification of those previously unnamed individuals in those class photos, when they log on. Thanks also to Stig Falster who has provided foundational support in this endeavour. Stig's effort in maintaining a contact list for this group and organising many reunions over decades has served that community well in keeping the ABHS spirit burning.

Personally, I've enjoyed using this website individually, and as part of a small group, when meeting recently at the Asquith Bowling Club for a few drinks and meal. The discussion we enjoyed in identifying former teachers and other students, from those class photos was robust and generated many memories.

David's and Greg's offer to assist others who may be thinking of setting up your own ABHS enrolment group website is most generous and highly recommended.

Editor

Thanks to David Wilson for supplying photos, previously unshared, from his days at ABHS. The photo showing construction of the School Assembly Hall in 1960 was made from an upper floor window in A Block, looking over the Canteen roof. The candid photo of schoolboy games on the Quad was from the same year. E Block under construction was made in 1961.





VALE JIM SAUNDERS

ABHS Old Boys has been advised of the passing of Jim Saunders, a popular Music teacher at ABHS from the early 1960s till 1977. Jim is remembered by many former students and staff who attended the Schools 25th &/or 40th Anniversary celebrations. He entertained us with his trumpet playing at both functions, as only Jim could. See photos. Unfortunately, Jim was not well enough to join us at the School's 50th in 2010.

Numerous anecdotes have been recorded in acknowledgement of Jim in recent years, including some from his loving wife Laine, who has on occasion identified herself as Mrs. Jim. Laine was also a member of ABHS Staff during Jim's time at ABHS.

On being advised of Jim's passing earlier this year, the following reflections were recorded from some of his former students and teacher colleagues:

- I was in Jim Saunders classes between 61 and 63. I have very positive and fond memories of a very 'cool' guy who our class full of 14-year-old boys, really liked. Robert G.
- Sad to hear of his passing. He was my music teacher in year 7, 1964. He was also a keen flying winger at the teachers versus year 12-student annual lunchtime footy clash. Steve H.
- Many students would want to attend his music classes as he was prepared to allow some rock and roll music and students to have a bit of a joke. How people in the past have influenced our music tastes and character. John A.
- Jim was my music teacher in the early 60's. I spent a great deal of time at his home when he was living at Asquith. He encouraged me to become a motorcycle racer as well and to join Willoughby Motorcycle Club. Alan H.
- Many of my memories of my time at "Asquith Grammar - Finishing School for Young Gentlemen" - from '65 to '70 revolve around Jim. Ross.S
- Jim was our music teacher when I was in 1st Form 1971. I remember our first lesson - he stripped a piano down and put it back together again... I also accompanied him on the piano at a few school events. Chris.S
- Jim was a great teacher - gave this child of the 60's an appreciation of classical music that sticks with me 40 years on. I still have a vivid memory of watching him play with the Graham Bell All Stars at the Sydney Opera House opening. Peter M.
- We used to hold all night card games at Jim and Laine's house. Those were the days when we could cope. Boy could Jim blow that horn!!! Brian B. (former teacher colleague of Jim's)
- Just had a call from Jim's wife Elaine, that Jim died this morning. He died from his lung problems, not his cancer. Up to 3 weeks ago he was still delivering "Meals on wheels" and flying his beloved planes. Ray K. (former teacher and another of late Jim's colleagues)



SCIENCE NEWS

Technology Display Cabinet

The Physics Lab has a new technology display cabinet containing a collection of past technologies to spruik the interest of the boys and their understanding of how technology changes over time and how quickly items become obsolete.

Items currently on display include a large range of light globes, some old and not so old Nikon film cameras, an analogue power consumption box and old mobile phones.

We managed to get our hands on one of the original mobile phones in Australia, a telecom Traveller-D. In 1989 it cost \$3000 and was bought by a builder in Newcastle so he did not have to use phone boxes. It had voice capability only and weighed over 3Kg with the replaceable battery. The previous owner assures us that it was used sparingly as the calls were so expensive.

If anyone has some old tech gems they would like to donate to the display, we would love to give them a new home.

Mr S Robertson, HT Science



MERVYN BROWN SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT ADVICE

Enclosed ☐ **CHEQUE** (payable to **Asquith Boys High School, PO Box 242 Hornsby 1630**); ☐ **CASH for TOTAL**
\$_____

☐ If making a direct deposit, please advise Karen Ronald in the School Office of the purpose of your donation. Phone 9477 3508. **Bank details are: Asquith Boys High School BSB: 032-001 Account: 149698**

☐ I would like to pay by **CREDIT CARD** - **TOTAL sum of \$**_____

Name on card: _____

Card type: ☐ Visa ☐

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Expiry Date: _____ **Card number:**

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone Number: _____ (In case there is an issue with the credit card or direct deposit)



... Team photo at Lighthouse Beach

BAND BLASTS BOORAL, OLD BAR AND BACK!

After months of preparation Asquith Boys Stage Band were off to play their set of twelve pieces on the main stage at the **Big Band Blast** festival in Port Macquarie. The festival is in its fourth year and the Asquith Stage band has participated in every festival. To add to the tour experience this year, an extra day was added with performances at rural primary schools Booral Public and Old Bar Public on the way to Port Macquarie. Eighteen students, Mr Howick, Miss Salisbury and Mrs Jackson headed out the Asquith gates with the highly capable Mrs Ronald at the wheel.

The bright eyes and big smiles of the 73 students that make up Booral Public School provided a wonderful start to the tour. The Asquith Boys were made very welcome and morning tea hosted by the primary school's own young musicians was greatly appreciated. Next stop, Old Bar Public. Almost as large as Asquith Boys, this diverse country school boasted that it had the best school canteen in the universe. So, after a lively concert to a large crowd we were treated to afternoon tea that did not disappoint.

Food is obviously a key factor in keeping the band happy so we were all very excited to be greeted by Mrs Roscarel on arrival at our accommodation in Port Macquarie. She had once again organised a vast array of delicious meals to keep us going for the entire weekend.

Big Band Blast festival gave us the opportunity to experience a wide range of jazz bands ranging from other school bands through to Judy Bailey's very professional Jazz Connection, and even a recording session by ACT band Traxion. Our own performance was very well received and included solos by students from all sections of the band. The weekend concluded with a concert featuring Lionel Cole on the Saturday night and a noisy street parade on Sunday morning before we collapsed onto the bus to head home.

Natasha Jackson (Stage & Concert Band Supervising Teacher)



Performing in Port Macquarie



Photography by Matt Fairs

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Gold Expedition - Great Ocean Walk - Cape Otway to The Gables Lookout (VIC)

After doing this walk last year it was easy to plan a new challenge in late Autumn with a larger group consisting of Matt Fairs from ABHS, Wilson Murphy, Cameron Neville and Daniel Jones from St. Leos. It was an early start, getting up at 3.30am on Monday morning and up to Berowra station for the 4.37am train to the domestic airport. After flying down to Avalon, we caught the shuttle to Geelong and bus out to Apollo Bay, followed by a manic 20-minute session in the local supermarket where we bought as much fresh food as possible and methylated spirits for our Trangia stove. The shuttle bus driven by Abby dropped us at Cape Otway at 2.30pm. 11 hours to get to the start of the walk!



A 10 km walk across heathland followed with awesome ocean views. Dinner with minimal light and the wildlife came out; a huge koala in a manna gum above the boy's tent and a fox in the tent stealing cheese and bacon rolls before it was chased away. At the camp site one tank was delivering salt water, the other fresh!



Day 2 was the walk from Aire River to Johanna Beach, approximately 15km with the last 3km across a beach. A punishing desert like end brought a sense of achievement for the day. Foraging began as we discovered cherry tomatoes growing wild below the water tank. Day 3 was the hardest day with 15km through heathland, dairy farm, forestry roads and up and around ridges. Lunch at Milanesia Beach passed quickly as we watched perfect 4-5 foot barrels roll across a reef.

More foraging above Milanesia as we encountered blackberries for the next 4km. Packs were dropped at the top of the steep climb out of Milanesia for 30 minutes of blackberry gathering. On to Ryan's Den overnight and a quick 10 km walk on the Thursday morning to the Gables Lookout.

Abby picked us up and on our return took us along the spectacular 12 Apostles to complete our outward journey. The GOW (Great Ocean Walk) is one way; east to west.

A weary bus ride back to Apollo Bay and we were tucking into our much deserved chicken parmigiana. Leaving Apollo Bay we arrived back at Berowra station at 11.40pm.

This practice walk is generating interest and next year a number of current Year 10 students will begin their Gold Award and complete it during their senior years. - Mr Matt Murphy, Duke of Ed Co-ordinator



ABHS OLD BOY WINS CONCOURSE OF CLASSIC CARS

Former student, Paul Cameron won the 2015 Concourse of Classic Cars, one of the highlights of the Annual ABHS Community Day. Paul graduated from Asquith Boys with his HSC in 1991, is a parent of a current student. He is the proprietor of Berowra Car Care. When not at work, Paul will be found supporting his children's sports participation.

See Paul racing his HG Monaro at: HG Monaro drag Indy Orange –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOgV3dd4-ro>

or as an entrant of the 2013 Bathurst Speed Festival racing his Torana XU1.-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plhMOoktWUI>

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH COMMUNITY FUN DAY SEPT 11TH 2016



Come and join in the fun day, Music, Food, Sport Games, Cars, Art. The social event to be at!



COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Each year the Community Fun Day has grown. In 2015 events, activities and stalls covered most of the ABHS site. New attractions included the pop-up Skate Park with Electronic DJ. Here one learnt new skating moves and watched demonstrations. Normanhurst Scouts provided a Climbing Wall where young and old were invited to participate in safety. Tried and tested attractions were retained, including the Football Tournament, Free music performances, a fantastic assortment of hot foods and refreshments, and the ever popular Dunk Tank. The ABHS Student Art Exhibition attracted a steady stream of visitors throughout the Day.

Thanks to ABHS old boys: Graeme Bolton, Peter Hogarth, Andrew Faith, Bob Cohen & Max Fisher for volunteering their time to staff the Old Boys Stall in 2015. This stall featured a display of historic photos and articles drawn from ABHS archives. School souvenirs were sold at the Old Boys Stall and new members signed on.

Chris Kent, Editor





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KITCHENS AT ABHS?

The Kitchen Battles Grand Final for 2015 was held at Turramurra High School. The dish was quite difficult with 6 parts to the dish, including poaching Salmon in 42°C olive oil. Keegan Watterson and William Garrett competed well and can hold their heads up high; finishing 4th and 5th with only 6 marks difference between first and last. Both boys represented Asquith Boys High School with enthusiasm and discipline, with the other schools commenting on the exemplary behaviour and skill in an unknown kitchen.

The Year 10 Food Technology Class visited the Wrigley factory at Asquith, as part of their work in the 'Food Product Development' unit of work.

Students made their way on foot to the Wrigley factory located nearby in Asquith. We all suited up in PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and toured the factory floor. The students were keen and interested, displaying excellent behaviour. At the conclusion each of us received a sample bag full to the brim of Wrigley products.

Mr Josephs, TAS Teacher

Year 12 Hospitality

As they prepare for their HSC our Year 12 students embarked on one last service by raising money for the Cancer Council. They catered for the "World's Biggest Morning Tea" held for the ABHS Staff on Thursday 16 June, raising over \$350. A very solid effort.



BARISTA BOYS CAFÉ

New Machine for Barista Boys Club

Some Barista Boys are proudly displaying their brand new Expobar 2 group espresso machine. Students are trained in preparing and making espresso coffees and practise their skills in the Barista Boys Café which is open to staff members every Tuesday at lunchtime.

Many thanks to the P&C, Learning Support Faculty, Welfare Committee and valued staff members who contributed towards the purchase of this machine.

This School to Work program has enabled many students to gain important social and employment skills

Jan Fry, Careers Adviser



GOOD BYE AND FAREWELL - LA ROCCO EXPRESSO



For Sale

This Vintage Industrial La Rocco Expresso coffee machine has served ABHS well and is in need of a good home for a donation to ABHS.

The machine has '3 groups' and '2 steams wands' - 1 steam wand is not working.

Happy for an inspection. To make an offer please contact Louise Tapner on 94773508 (after the holidays) or per email on louise.tapner1@det.nsw.edu.au

Proceeds will go directly back to ABHS



Asquith Boys High School

Would like to invite you to attend our 2016 annual exhibition of works featuring:
HSC Visual Arts and Design & Technology
Year 7-11 Visual Arts, Photography and Ceramics
Year 7-8 Mandatory Technology
Year 2 and Year 4 Hornsby North Public School

Official opening on Thursday 25th August at 7.30pm
to be followed by the presentation of the annual Creative Arts Awards.

Asquith Boys High School would like to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support:



Exhibition Location:
ABHS Auditorium
Asquith Boys High School
Jersey Street North
Asquith, NSW, 2077
Enquiries: 02 9477 3508

Exhibition Dates:
August 25 - August 29

Exhibition Opening Times:
Thursday 7pm - 10pm
Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday CLOSED
Monday 9am - 1pm

WHITE RIBBON DAY - INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT



"It's a national disgrace. It is horrific that domestic violence against women is continuing to increase in Australia" - Malcolm Turnbull, Australian Prime Minister.

White Ribbon is Australia's only national, male led Campaign to end men's violence against women.

The campaign works through primary prevention initiatives involving awareness raising and education, and programs with youth, schools, workplaces and across the broader community. Over 12 months, on average in Australia, one woman is killed every week as a result of intimate partner violence. A woman is most likely to be killed by her male partner in her home. Domestic and family violence is the principle cause of homelessness for women and their children.

Asquith Boys High School supports White Ribbon Australia. The School pledged the White Ribbon Australia Oath at the formal assembly held in November 2015. Further support is being given by promoting and advertising this cause through announcements and posters. ABHS is fundraising for White Ribbon Australia by selling ribbons and accepting donations.

In November last year four Asquith Senior students: Jack Baldock, Zac Duretto, David Mays and Artem Nosostev, represented the school at a evening seminar held in Normanhurst to promote White Ribbon Day. Participants found this event compelling. It allowed for socialisation between schools and guest speakers, providing insight into the need for community action and holistic support when developing solutions for domestic violence. Asquith Boys High School is proud supporter of White Ribbon Australia.

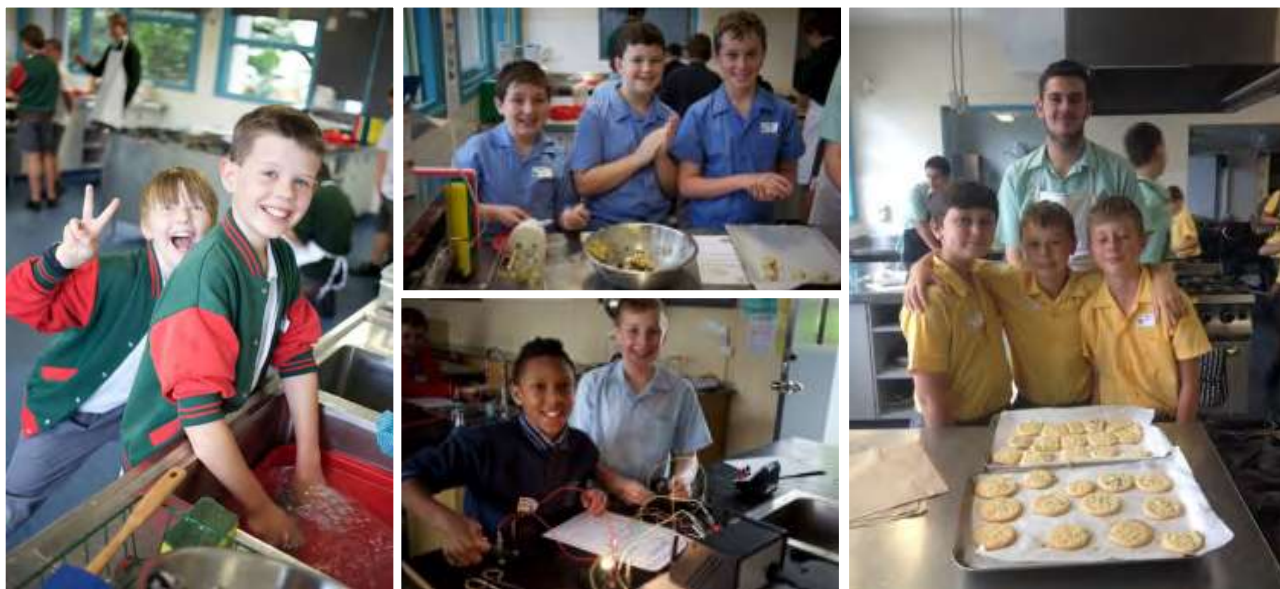
In December last year ABHS Prefects joined others from local public high schools together with a plethora of community members took part in the second annual "Walk the Talk STOP Violence against Women" to raise local awareness about domestic abuse against women. The Walk is an initiative of Soroptimist International Hornsby Club in conjunction with the White Ribbon Australia and was supported by Hornsby Police. The walk began at 7:30am and followed a route through Hornsby and Waitara. School students and local community participants were provided with colourful banners and signs to educate onlookers about the alarming statistics related to rates of domestic abuse within Australian households. The slogan "Zero Tolerance. Zero Violence", was the underlying message that remained engrained within the minds of everyone taking part.

Local member Mr. Matt Kean spoke about the pivotal nature of events such as 'Walk the Talk' in the act of raising awareness. White Ribbon ambassador Peterson Opio spoke of the importance of educating Australians at a young age. The 2015 "Walk the Talk STOP violence against Women"

brought together diverse participants for this community event. The walk and speeches afterward helped us ABHS Prefects understand that this issue is of epidemic proportions in Australia and that the only way to reduce the impact of domestic violence on families is to encourage appropriate knowledge, and appropriate attitudes and behaviour in young men like ourselves. Following the Walk we enjoyed a sausage sizzle.

Students experiencing domestic violence are able to access assistance from the School Counsellor, Year Advisers and teachers. Anyone in the community can get help by phoning 1800 737 732

Griffin Sleigh, ABHS School Captain



HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

High School Experience Day at Asquith Boys High School was clearly a resounding success again this year.

Nearly 150 Year 5 boys attended this day which is specifically 'designed' for them. Although the weather was somewhat unkind, the boys responded with enthusiasm to the class programmes set out for them.

The visitors were allocated to one of eight groups, led by two Prefects and experienced 4 classes from a variety of subjects such as TAS, English, Maths, Science, History, Languages, Creative Arts and PDHPE with each group enjoying a cooking class as well. Lunch was the obligatory Sausage Sizzle provided by the Yr11 Hospitality class.

At the conclusion of High School Day, visitors were asked: "What was the best part of the day?"

"Science – when we used the Bunsen burner", "Making lightning in Science.", Science – seeing our Leaders hair stand up.", "PE - the best part of the day was playing Patika with Mr Broome.", "Everything!", "Cooking We made cookies !!!", "...eating the cookies..."

What if anything would you change about today?

"Making us stay longer!", "Nothing – it was perfect.", "...that we could stay for another day!"

Both Mr Griffiths and I were impressed by the enthusiasm and interest shown by parents as we toured the school. Most encouraging to us were the positive observations and questions asked about the quality of the lessons presented by the teachers at Asquith. Parents appreciated the effort that was put in to run such a day – as well as the day to day education taking place at ABHS.

Some of the parent comments from their evaluation questionnaire:

"My son was nervous and anxious about the thought of high school. After spending the day at your Experience Day he is excited and looking forward to going to Asquith Boys."

"The Experience Day was fabulous! It was well organised. The student guides were friendly, knowledgeable and helpful."

"My son's word to describe his day: 'AWESOME'..."

Thank you to Miss Evans, Mrs Beckerleg, Ms Booth and Ms Bird for all their work and our quality school student leaders who each year never cease to amaze and who were outstanding role models as team leaders and group co-ordinators.

Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Mr G Moscos



USEFUL INFORMATION FROM AN OLD BOY

Checks to help you maintain your identity security

Your identity is one the most valuable things you have. Being able to prove who you are is important for most aspects of your life, such as starting a new job, getting a driver's licence, renting or buying a home, travelling overseas and accessing medical treatment.

Identity crime is common in Australia. The use of fraudulent identities is a key enabler of serious organised crime and even terrorism.

How do criminals get your personal details?

- Stealing personal items such as handbags, wallets, mail or mobile phones
- Sifting through household rubbish, copying details you post on online social-networking sites
- Using a fake website, web link or email and asking for information as part of a fake job-recruitment
- Posing as a government official or bank employee (most commonly by phone)

Tips to protect yourself:

- Carry only essential documents, and keep the ones you are not using under lock and key.
- Destroy personal documents before disposing of them.
- Use security software and strong passwords to secure your computer, mobile phone and other IT devices. Avoid using public computers for sensitive activities.
- Check the settings on your social-media accounts and limit the amount of personal information you post.
- Avoid giving out personal information over the phone, on the Internet or in person, in case it is a scam. Check the credentials of anyone who asks for those details.
- Visit www.scamwatch.gov.au to learn about common types of scams and how to avoid them.
- Secure your mailbox and collect mail regularly. Investigate any missing mail or the arrival of unexpected items such as new credit cards, unusual bills or products you didn't order.
- Use only trusted payment systems and websites when paying bills or for items purchased online.
- Check your bank account and credit card statements for unusual or unexpected transactions.
- Order a free copy of your credit report from a credit-reporting agency on a regular basis.

An Australian corporate **LAWYER** sent the following advice to employees following his experience:

1. Next time you order cheques, have only your initials (instead of your First name) and surname put on them. If someone takes your chequebook they will not know if you sign your cheques with just your initials or your first name. Your bank will know how you sign your cheques.
2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
3. When you are writing cheques to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your cheque as it passes through. All the cheque processing channels won't have access to it.
4. Place your work phone number on your cheques instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your Centrelink Number printed on your cheques. You can add it if necessary, but if you have it printed anyone can get it.
5. Run the contents of your wallet through a photocopy machine. Do both Sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place (not your wallet). I also carry a photocopy of my passport when travelling either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately I, an attorney, have first-hand knowledge because my wallet was stolen recently. Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly mobile phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Dell computer, obtained a pin number in order to change my driving record information on-line, and more.

Critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you:

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. The key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if one is needed).
3. But here's what is perhaps most important of all: Call the three national credit reporting organisations immediately, to place a fraud alert on your Tax File Number your Passport number and Driver's license number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by my bank when they called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorise new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done. The thieves threw my wallet away. It was subsequently found and handed in to authorities. It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Here are some phone numbers* you might need to contact if your wallet or identity has been stolen. You should check the number of your relevant institutions

1. Visa Card Australia. In Australia the toll free number for assistance is 1800 450 346
2. Visa Card International. Check VISA website for toll-free phone number for that country.
3. Lost Travelers' Cheques. Advise the company who issued yours ASAP
4. MasterCard Australia (02) 9466 3700
5. MasterCard Assistance Centre. Call collect from anywhere globally: +1-636-722-7111
6. Medicare 132 011
7. Centrelink Fraud 137 230
8. NSW Seniors' Card 13 77 88
9. Passport 131 232 (from anywhere in Australia)
10. Lost or stolen NSW Drivers Licence 13 77 88
11. NSW Opal Card 13 67 25
12. Place a fraud alert on your Tax File Number. Australian Tax Office: 8.00am – 6.00pm M-F 1800 467 033

**Phone numbers correct at the time of publication*

LEGACY WEEK



Caring for the families who served their country

Throughout the year, there are many significant events that show Australians support of the men and women who fought in wars and defended Australia's borders during different campaigns. One of these events is Legacy Week which is held in the first week of September. The annual campaign began in 1942 to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased Veterans. The funds raised help Legacy to continue to assist approximately 90,000 widows and 1900 children and people with disabilities with essential services such as counselling, social support and special housing.

Each year students from Asquith Boys support Legacy during this week to raise funds and awareness in the local community between Thornleigh and Berowra. Last year it was undertaken by students in Years 9 and 11 who raised over \$11,000. Legacy Week's next BADGE DAY will be held from Sunday 28th August till Saturday 3rd September 2016.

They are to be congratulated for their efforts in assisting Legacy.

Ms A Evans, Year 9 Year Adviser



ASQUITH OLD BOYS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Full Name: *(please print)* _____

☐ Address: _____ Post Code: _____

☐ E-mail: _____ Phone () _____

Calendar Year Graduated: _____ Academic Year/form: _____

What recollections do you have of your school days? Do you have any photos? _____

What benefit did you derive from your time at Asquith Boys? _____

Are you interested in receiving information about events being planned by members of your ABHS enrolment peer group? _____

Mail to: Asquith Boys High School Old Boys Club: PO Box 242 Hornsby 1630 or

E-mail: Chris Kent (former student & Head Teacher): christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au

Thanks to current members for passing this Application to prospective members