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Asquith Old Boys Club Newsletter



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EDITORIAL

Planning for the **ABHS Community Fun Day** on Sunday 13th September is well advanced. This event has grown over the past five years, providing something for everyone. For a gold coin entry, one has access to diverse entertainment and enjoyment. The popular features including the football tournaments, musical performances, art show, food stalls, Concourse of Classic Cars and bookstall have been retained and new attractions have been added for 2015: a chess exhibition and competition, a licensed bar, a skateboard zone for competitions and workshops and a Scout run climbing wall, to name a few.

Your **ABHS Old Boys Club stall** will be selling School souvenirs and supervising the School Archive photo display. If you are planning a visit or able to volunteer, more information is inside this newsletter. Hope to see you at the 2015 Community Day.

Planning a reunion? One group of former students has been in contact for assistance with accessing photos from School archives and other memorabilia for their celebration. If your peer group is having a reunion, Old Boys Club may be able to help with contacts. Please let me know if assistance or information is required.

The **ABHS Council** has provision for two former student members. Appointments are made annually prior to the formation of each new Council, in March. The appointment involves attending up to eight meetings, from 6.00pm (with refreshments) – 7.30pm, on Tuesday evenings in the ABHS Library. If you have an interest in contributing to this group please contact your Old Boys Newsletter Editor, by return email or phoning the School on 9477 3508. See inside this Newsletter for further details.

Are you involved with a local commercial or government group that is able to support the resourcing of educational programs at ABHS? Sponsors find supporting school events and programs increasingly attractive. If so, please contact your Newsletter Editor or School Principal, Terry Griffiths.

The **ABHS Old Boys newsletter** can be emailed directly to you if you would prefer this to reading it on the school website. If so, please contact the Editor.

Ray Elkin, a former teacher, completed his last role at Asquith Boys in December 2014 after a period that spanned the best part of 50 years. Despite Ray having retired from his teaching appointment at ABHS more than a decade ago, he continued to undertake relief teaching. Ray is widely known in the local community as he managed the hire of the School Hall for most of his time at ABHS. This role included maintenance and development of this School facility. He gathered a student Hall Crew Team, annually, to assist with this work.

Ray joined the staff in 1966 as a Science teacher. His special love was the teaching of Geology. He made Asquith Boys his singular teaching appointment. Ray's contribution to the School ranged far and wide. Ray was heavily involved with the organisation of School Zone sport for the NW Metropolitan area of Sydney, including Swimming and Athletics. Throughout his career Ray offered leadership to staff in times of social and technological change. Ray grasped digital technology that benefited teaching with both hands. He led the School's transition away from the corporal punishment, following government legislation on the management of student welfare, in the mid-1980s.

Farewell Ray! Wishing you many further years of health and fulfilment.

Chris Kent

COVER

Photos from School Archives. 1978 Duke of Edinburgh expedition, by Ray Kench, 1961 Student Assembly, by another original teacher, Tom Ellwood. Both former teachers are in contact with your ABHS Old Boys Club. Any photos or memorabilia you are able to donate to ABHS Archives they will be appreciated and of benefit to current students and the School.

DR STEPHEN PICKERING (ABHS SCHOOL CAPTAIN 1979)

Address to High Achievers School Assembly on Feb 5, 2015 (edited)

Thank you for inviting me to be part of the school assembly and prize giving ceremony today. It's great to be back at the school I attended many years ago.

Congratulations to all of you who have won prizes for academic achievement. It doesn't matter how smart you are – it takes hard work to achieve excellence in anything. To those of you who didn't win prizes but have improved your standards recently: I also compliment you. There are benefits to putting in the hard yards while at school – benefits that can last a very long time.

I grew up in a house 220m east of where I'm standing. Whilst my home was 220m away, over the train sheds, it was a 1.4 km walk to school here – which is a bit symbolic of how my life worked out after I left school. I didn't become a doctor by the shortest route. For some years after school I worked in unskilled and semi-skilled jobs: mowing lawns, gardening, painting, odd-jobbing, and eventually working in hospitals. I was also able to travel and work overseas for a couple of years. After some years I studied at the ANU in Canberra completing an Arts Degree in history and political science. It was during this time, I realised I wanted to be a doctor. It was an Asquith Old Boy, and one of my good friends from my year who convinced me to try out for medical school.

I spent a few years trying to get into medical school, eventually succeeding at Newcastle University. While I was a medical student I was able to go to Nepal twice, and that Asquith Old Boy who encouraged me to try out for medical school was my supervisor. He lived in Nepal for 7 years as the surgeon in a leprosy hospital there.

I became a doctor in 1996 and worked for the next 10 years in hospitals in NSW and the Northern Territory, during which time I specialised in anaesthesia. In the past 8 years I have spent more time working in Nepal than Australia. In Nepal I work in a country hospital training nurses and health workers to give anaesthetics. In big hospitals, there will be an anaesthetic doctor for operations but in smaller places, at the moment, this is not possible. My wife is a GP doctor, and works in the hospital also.

My experience of school was enjoyable. I am still good friends with a few of the guys from my year. In some ways your experience is similar to mine. Classes, sports, homework, lunch breaks, touch football, the library, clubs, teachers, students, and indestructible rumours every few years that ABHS would become a co-ed school 'in a couple of years'. Of course in other ways it was quite different: There were about 1000 boys in the school when I was a student in the 1970s. The school hall was tightly packed to fit us all in. Another difference I recall was that there was only one computer in the school, which arrived when I was in about Year 9 – and that most of us had no idea what a computer was or what it was for or what it could do. It just seemed to use strips of paper with holes in it. I assumed it was a novelty like Frisbees and yo-yos and Dungeons and Dragons, and that it would disappear soon enough. I was wrong.

Nepal is a small country between India and the Tibet part of China. Its population is similar to Australia's although in size, it's between Tasmania and Victoria. The tallest mountain in the world is in Nepal; Mt Everest at 8848m is about 4 times taller than our tallest, Mount Kosciusko. Of the tallest 10 mountains in the world, 8 are in Nepal. Nepal is home to Sherpas – the people who live in the high country and work taking tourists and mountaineers up those tall mountains. Nepal is very ethnically diverse, with many different people groups living there, with their own culture, language and customs. Sherpas make up less than 1% of the population.



Nepal is a very poor country. It's ranked in the poorest 15% in the world- it's the poorest country in Asia. There was a civil war there in recent years – many people died. It suffers from poor resources and corruption in the government and public service systems.

The life of a Nepali teenage boy is very different to the life of an Asquith Boy. There are no trains in Nepal. Most kids walk to school. I know Nepali kids who walk for 3 hours to get to school. That's 6 hours of walking to attend school and return home, each day. Some days they do that walk only to find the teacher is sick, or the school is closed for some other reason. Education is valued, but there is little money from the government or private enterprise to put into schools. Until recently the only requirement for being a primary school teacher was that you had finished high school. Kids work at home on the family farm. During harvest time or when a family member is sick, students stay home to help.

University study requires money. There is no loan system like HECS. One must pay up front for post school education. That is an opportunity only for rich families in Nepal.

I am not describing these things to make you feel pity for the people of Nepal. They are strong resourceful people who make the best of the resources and opportunities they have. Secondly, I am not describing these things to make you feel guilty. You have a different life here in Sydney Australia. Guilt is a useful emotion when you have done something wrong – and being able to go to school in Australia in the 21st century is not doing something wrong. I am describing these things though, in the hope you will realise that you have much to be grateful for. Remember to make the best of your opportunities. Academic study, hobbies and clubs, sports – both organised sport and ad hoc – music, drama...there are a lot of opportunities to get involved, learn and enjoy yourself while you are at school. This is a good school, with dedicated teachers and plenty of effort and expertise to give you a good high school education and life experience. I am very grateful to have been to this school, and am a proud Asquith Old Boy.

It's not just schools and education that are radically different in Nepal and other poor countries. The health system is different too. Hospitals are staffed and equipped in very different ways to the way they are here. Occasionally in the media here you'll hear people describing an Australian hospital as having "third world conditions" – I suggest next time you hear a statement like that you raise one eyebrow and ask the person saying it, how many third world hospitals they have seen? How many days have they been a patient or a worker in one?

Congratulations again to the award winners. I hope things go well for you in future. I hope those of you still at school will continue to work hard, enjoy yourselves, make good use of the opportunities you have here and like me end up grateful to have been an Asquith Boy.

Stephen Pickering

Postscript

Shortly after giving this address, Stephen returned to his work in Nepal where his life became even busier from April and May, following the series of earthquakes.



Stephen Pickering with 2014 Dux, Chris Bissett and his parents

VALE GWEN HOGAN - ABHS' FIRST SCIENCE LAB ASSISTANT

Gwen Hogan was the first Science Lab Assistant appointed to a Secondary School in NSW. Her appointment to the staff of Asquith Boys High followed State wide industrial action. Gwen passed away recently.

Gwen served her career at Asquith Boys High School from the 1960s until the early 1990s. In addition to her work supporting Science Teachers, Gwen organized and ran the Clinic, to service the health and accidents of students. Gwen was a registered nurse (R.N). Many former students and teachers have fond reminiscences of Gwen. A former Deputy Principal owed his life to Gwen who often worked late. At the end of one day in the early 1970s, Gwen went to the School Office to sign off. The cleaning staff had already left. Gwen found the DP on the floor of his office, in cardiac arrest. Gwen applied resuscitation, organised an ambulance and saved his life.

Gwen Hogan was much-loved and highly regarded by staff and students.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.....

Joel Winch and the Arts Unit

As part of the Senior Drama Ensemble that Joel attends each week, he successfully auditioned for the role of compere at the music concerts co-ordinated by the Arts Unit. In August Joel compered the Instrumental Music Festival at the Concert Hall of the Opera House (along with a female student from Concord High). With an audience of 2,000 people and 1,000 performers on stage it was a full house. Joel did a fantastic job and was highly praised by the Arts Unit Co-ordinator. He will be the compere at two more events in the next two months: Primary Proms at the Town Hall and Choral Music at the Opera House. It is an amazing opportunity for Joel and one which he thoroughly embraces Great job Joel and thanks for representing ABHS so well in the arts space.



Rural Bushfire Fighters

James Playford, Brock Virtue and Harry Ballinger

These three young men passed their Bush Fire fighter course this month.

James and Harry started as Cadets with the Berowra Waters Bush Fire Brigade as a part of the Duke of Edinburgh Challenge. Brock Virtue and Tyesn Watson joined them soon after. Tyesn was not able to complete all parts of the exam today due to a leg injury, but is expected to complete the training as his leg heals.

Thanks boys for serving your community and we wish you well with the summer bushfire season approaching.



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ABHS

'Celebrating our Diversity'

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Sports, Market, Food, Music

ABHS
GROUNDS

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2015

10.00 AM TILL 4.00 PM

Skate park, DJ,

dunk tank, Classic cars,

Market Stalls, Food,

SOCCER AND OZTAG GAMES,

Chess Event, Art Comp,

Live Music, ABHS Old Boys,

Wild Life Expo, CLIMBING

WALL...



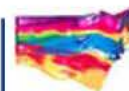
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2014 ABHS COMMUNITY FUN DAY

The weather prior to Community Fun Day last year provided little room for hope. It was likely the wet weather plan would be implemented. Against the odds, Sunday 14th September dawned with full sunshine, providing another great day for this annual event. Prearranged teams of prefects, parents, staff, old boys and visiting stall holders set to the task of raising gazebos and marquees, erecting signs and setting up furniture borrowed from nearby classrooms. The School Oval, although a little soft in some areas due to the lead up rainfall was in good condition for the many game of football, including the Blackwood Shield and Moscos Cup games for former students.

Some of the free entertainment enjoyed on the day included School Bands from Hornsby North, Mt. Ku-ring-gai, Mt. Colah and Hornsby Heights Primary Schools. Asquith Boys and Girls High School's Bands and ensembles filled out the program of high quality performance. The Concourse of Classic Cars was another eye-catching event on the School Quad. Jaguar cars were well represented as the Jaguar Car Club used the ABHS event to hold their annual trophy award day. Thanks to ABHS old boy, Peter Hogarth for assisting with the judging of the ABHS Concourse of Classic Cars. The 2014 winner was Liam Moxon with his Porsche.

The Dunk Tank was a new attraction in 2014, run by School Prefects. School Principal Terry Griffiths and Deputy Andrew Skehan were among those who volunteered to ride the seat over the barrel of icy water and take the plunge. This proved a popular event for participants and spectators and is ensured a place on the 2015 Open Day program.

Thanks to Luke Smith, Matt Smith, Daniel Rojas, Shaun Johnston, Mitchell Ansems, Michael Solling and Ali Beck who represented old boys in the Moscos Cup in the football and to Tony Chad, Ross Beattie, John Machon, Max Fisher, Peter Lamrock and Peter and Hazel Hogarth for your assistance with staffing the Old Boys Stall and photography.

The combined efforts of the Asquith Boys Community raised \$5,500.



Going, going gone!
School Principal, Terry Griffiths
goes for The Dunk.

Photos Hazel Hogarth.



Liam Moxon : Winner 2014 Concourse of Classic Cars
with the Repco Trophy and his winning Porsche.

Photos Caroline Cooke.



2015 COMMUNITY FUN DAY

An expanded range of events and commercial market stalls will feature in this year's event on Sunday September 13th this year.

A Chess Competition and exhibition is new this year as is a Climbing Wall, being run by a local Scout Group. A licensed bar will be available at the newly constructed Hospitality Outdoor Learning area. Skateboarders will find their interest catered for this year with a unique venue, competition and workshops. The popular Dunk Tank organised by Prefects and Year 12 will again be an attraction in 2015.

As community support for the Annual ABHS Community Day has grown a new plan is being tried this year. More of the School site will be utilized with the entry via the Pacific Highway pedestrian gate being the only entry point this year. The popular hot food venues, free Football tournaments, music, art display and Concourse of Classic Cars have been retained from the successful 2014 event.

ABHS old Boys will hold a stall selling School Souvenirs and providing a Photo Display sourced from School archives. If you are available to volunteer an hour or two for the Old Boys Stall please contact your Newsletter Editor, via email, or through the School Office on 9477 3508. Please use this table as a guide when considering your availability:

Time available	Set up (8.30 – 10am)	10am – 12noon	12 noon – 2.00pm	2.00 – 4.pm	Pack up: 4pm



Community Fun Day



Chess Competition Invitation to all Chess Players

You're invited to compete against some of the best players in Sydney. This is your chance to have some fun competing in a simultaneous chess game against one of Australia's most experienced and accomplished club chess players.

North's Chess Club, Australia's largest chess club, is putting on a chess exhibition at the Asquith Boys High School Community Day, 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM on Sunday, September 13 2015.

You are invited to register to play in our "simul" where it will be you (and a gang of others at the same time) playing against the champ.

Seats at the competition table are limited so book now!

Register to go on our roster of challengers by email to abhscommunityfunday@gmail.com or phone Alan on 0243771469

Looking forward to seeing you on the day!

UNSW GREAT ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

This annual event is an opportunity to introduce students to the hands-on challenges that the engineering profession encounters. Practising engineers present videos detailing the types of projects that engineers typically deal with on a day to day basis. It is organised by the faculty of Engineering at the University of NSW, supported by corporate sponsors and run on the day by first year engineering students.

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Challenge for the students included:

1: Build an earthquake proof tower using paddle pop sticks, straws, a styrofoam cup, blue tack, sticky tape and 2 sheets of paper. Marks were awarded on the basis of a maximum possible height, the ratio of the weight of the testing load to the tower height, aesthetics and the amount of time it survived on the testing rig.

2: Design a basic code, transmit and decipher a pre-drawn terrain display using red, green and blue coloured lights. Each group had 2 minutes and 30 seconds to send and decode the information.

3: Design and build a catapult to shoot 2 ping pong balls at a given target positioned 2 metres away. Scores were awarded on the basis of the accuracy, stability and weight of the structure.

Asquith Boys was represented by two teams along with forty seven other schools from the Sydney metropolitan area. The best overall results for our students were a fifth and tenth place in different challenges.

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This year's set tasks were a model bridge, a glider and a lunar vehicle. For each challenge teams of four compete to satisfy engineering elements such as the use of minimal materials, overall size, carrying the greatest load, flying the furthest and driving as far as can be done over rough terrain.

Materials consist of paper plates, cardboard, straws, paper, sticky tape and the like. Some materials are there to throw ideas off track so competitors need to communicate and collate their ideas into a working model that is awarded points based on satisfying particular criteria.

This year, teams from both Asquith Boys (Brock Virtue, Zac Parsons, Tristan Evans-Craig, Jordan Ritchie) and Asquith Girls (Rebecca D'Souza, Paniz Parsfar, Aish Kunwar, Rachel Paige Taylor) attended. The boys are currently studying the Preliminary Engineering Course and three had done engineering in Year 9 and 10. The Yr 10 girls are not currently studying engineering but expressed an interest in studying engineering in senior school. They reflect the large percentage of female UNSW engineering students present on the day and the diversity that engineering provides.



Mr McCubbin, Engineering Studies Teacher

Hot Of the Press: Results just came in and out of the 43 schools that participated:

ABHS came 3rd AGHS came 8th

Well done to both teams! Looking forward to what next year will bring for both schools.

LOCAL INDUSTRY MAKES LEARNING REAL

On Tuesday March 10 **Mr Colin Laing**, from local Asquith business; **Propellor Technologies**, visited our school to share his engineering experience with students in years 10 and 12.

Colin gave the students an insight into the complexities of designing and manufacturing propellers for a range of boats. The Year 10 students undertaking the Industrial Technology Engineering course are currently designing and creating model solar boats as part of their study of energy and power. The knowledge they gained from Colin's presentation has already influenced their propeller designs that are being manufactured using 3D printing technology.

As Year 12 Engineering Studies are beginning the study of aeronautics we also drew on Colin's experience as a pilot. He was able to provide the students with an engaging and informative introduction to the mechanisms and processes involved in flight.

We would like to thank Colin for visiting our school and sharing his expertise with our future engineers and pilots.



Wayne Mavin & Co Bespoke Joinery, also a local Asquith business, generously opened their workshop this week to nine Asquith students for their Year 12 Timber Industry Study. The students were exposed to all aspects of the business from marketing to manufacturing in a small industrial setting.

The students appreciated Wayne's openness in answering their questions and were impressed by the high quality of the craftsmanship displayed in his work.



NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA OPENS

School staff took great pleasure in holding their weekly morning tea on the new outdoor deck at the lower end of the School site, adjacent the TAS block (former Industrial Arts block). This new outdoor learning space is the vision of teacher; Mr. Josephs. Through the hard work of another TAS teacher, Mr. McCubbin, working and his student Toolbox Team, the deck area is now complete. The generous support of the P&C has paid the construction costs. Mr. Josephs is making good use of this open air classroom, by teaching his hospitality classes al fresco.

Photos show Mr. McCubbin and students fitting the access stairs and the finished deck.



FIRST GRADE RUGBY – A SENSATIONAL EARLY SEASON WIN

Asquith Boys first grade rugby team sent an early season message to the rest of the competition with a 31-0 annihilation over their rivals Homebush Boys. This was a great exhibition of true forwards rugby in the muddy conditions with Asquith's big men dominating around the rucks and destroying Homebush's defensive line to cross for 5 tries.

The game was an entertaining spectacle with massive hits, hard ball running and plenty of player support. Wesley Faulula proved deadly with ball in hand making a 50 metre run to cross over in the first half. Charles Shepherd made light work of the Homebush defence, barging over for 2 tries. The squad's new young gun Ben Collins put on big hits and intimidated the larger opposition with his dominance around the rucks and managed to bag 2 well-earned tries. A special mention to Jimmy Hawkins who stepped up to replace injured half back, Will van Egmond-Jones, as Captain, and along with 5/8 Nick Cimino, directed the boys around on the park.

Well done boys!

Mr M Miles



LONG STANDING RECORDS FALL AT 2015 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Foxglove Oval again played host to the Asquith Boys Athletics Carnival. As has been the case over previous years, attendance was high and even more pleasing, participation rates were excellent.

There were many brilliant individual performances on the day. The following students finished as Age Champions:

Firstly in the 12 years with 7 wins, 1 second and 1 third, earning 74 points was Sam Parry. Sam also etched himself in school history on the day by breaking the 12 years Discus record previously held by current Yr 11 student Chris Allan. Sam threw 22.62m metres to break the previous mark of 21.60m. Congratulations Sam.

The 13 years saw a tie with 2 students achieving 62 points – Lawrence Frederick and Kaeo Weekes. Lawrence attained this with 4 wins, 3 seconds and a third. He also broke a long standing record in the High Jump. The previous height was set in 1978 by C Barrett. Lawrence snuck over the previous mark by 1cm, but his 1.53m was still enough to earn the record. Well done Lawrence.

Kaeo, not to be out done smashed two previous milestones. Firstly in the 90m Hurdles Kaeo set a blistering 13.81s, decimating the previous mark of 15.40s set in 2008 by Josh Mawhinney. Not content with that he flew past Tim Gillies' Long Jump record only set last year. His 5.44m eclipsed the record by a whopping 43cm. Congratulations Kaeo.

In the 14 years with 2 firsts and 3 thirds, earning 42 points was Tim Gillies. Despite losing his record to Kaeo in the 13 years, he set his own new record in the 14 years Long Jump. He bettered his jump from last year to nudge out P Shilling's 1980 record by 2 cm. Lets see how long his new record of 5.52m will stand. Well done, Tim.

In the 15 years with 4 wins, 1 second and 2 fourths, claiming 48 points was Jackson Tuynman. To round out a staggering day for record breaking, Jackson set a new mark in the 100m Hurdles. His 15.75s beat Mitchell Ansems 2007 record of 16.53. Congratulations Jackson.

In the 16 years with 3 firsts, 2 seconds, 2 thirds and 2 fourths, tallying 46 points was Jordon Mirabile-Kumar.

In the 17 years with 3 wins, 2 seconds and 1 third, accumulating 40 points was Christopher Allan.

In a hotly contested Carnival 1st and 3rd House position was separated by a mere 20 points. Remember participation counts and with Carnivals being decided by such small margins, every event entered is significant and can have huge bearings on who lifts the winning House Trophy.

4th Wandoo - 504 points

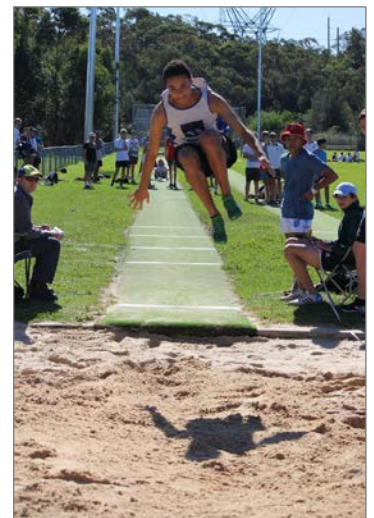
3rd Myall - 604 points

2nd Kurrajong - 619 points

1st Cooba - 624 points

Congratulations to Cooba and all those that wore the red proudly on the day and contributed to their success.

The PDHPE staff



25 YEARS WITH DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to ABHS Science teacher; Mr. Chris Yates. Chris has recently been recognized for his dedication to volunteering for over 25 years as a Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Leader.

Mr. Yates recently received a certificate from the NSW State Government recognizing his contribution to the community as well as a lapel pin to signify his service.

State MP for Hornsby, Mr. Matt Kean, spoke about Mr. Yates' service and his contributions in Parliament.

Thank you Mr Yates!

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The World Environment Day theme this year is "Seven Billion Dreams - One Planet - Consume with Care."

On the 5th June, the Student Environment Councils from Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High Schools met in the ABHS library to discuss how living sustainably is about doing more and better with less.

David Bolton from Hornsby Shire Council talked about "Clean4Shore". Graham "Jono" Johnston of Macmasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club started the program 4 years ago, with the purpose of removing rubbish from the foreshores of the Lower Hawkesbury River and Brisbane Waters. This is a local response to the Australian Marine Debris Initiative. Last year more than 100,000 items of rubbish were removed, including tractor tyres, fridges, desks and chairs, during 77 field trips with the help of Central Coast schools. Kayakers and boating enthusiasts volunteered to remove debris from the more remote water front sites.

The goal is to now introduce the program into schools within Hornsby Shire. ABHS and AGHS are the first participants in this local government area.

Mr C Yates, Science Faculty



ABHS JAZZ FESTIVAL & SWING CITY CABARET CONCERT

The informal and warm atmosphere of a Jazz Club inspired a night of musical performance in the recently refurbished ABHS School Hall auditorium. It was an opportunity for students of ABHS, and Berowra Public School to perform with the acclaimed Swing City Band. Funds raised from this event were directed towards the new ABHS Concert Training Band.

The *Berowra Public School Concert Band* opened the proceedings with a lovely performance of classical & familiar pop tunes led by director Erik Thorvoldson.

Next was the newly-formed *ABHS Year 11 Jazz Ensemble*, consisting of Michael Sheldon, James Seidl and Jacob Sheldon. Directed by Mike Williamson, the trio entertained with funky grooves and solid rhythms.

The massive sound of the *ABHS Stage Band* followed the ensemble. The level of maturity and polished sounds they produce goes ahead in leaps and bounds. Their playing reflected the many hours of work, practice and rehearsals accompanied by countless performances and hours on the road with tours and band festivals, led by the energy, professionalism and high demands of band director Iain Howick. This Band has performance experience at the annual Manly International Jazz Festival

After a brief intermission John Morrison's Swing City exploded on to the stage. Their material ranged from timeless classics and jazz standards to modern contemporary arrangements. These included 'Summertime' (Gershwin), 'Fever' and 'Can't Buy Me Love' (Lennon/McCartney) which featured the exquisite vocals of Jackie Cooper, John's partner. The level and depth of musicianship in this ensemble make it one of the best swinging bands in Australia.

Mr Mike Williamson and Ms Cath Holder, CAPA



ABHS STAGE BAND PERFORMS AT MANLY INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

On Saturday 6 October 2014, the ABHS Stage Band performed for the second year in a row on the 'Rising Stars' stage at the Manly Jazz Festival. The boys were accorded the honour of being the last band on stage to conclude the days' event. The Jazz Festival is run over three days & always falls on the long weekend in October. This is quite an achievement and our boys shone very brightly in front of a large crowd of parents, fellow musicians & jazz buffs.

The Manly festival is one of the highlights on the Sydney music scene in which many top bands & musicians give free performances, on a variety of stages. It is a popular event in Sydney. Opportunities such as these provide students with the chance to play at a high level & be measured along with the best local talent.

Mr. M. Williamson, Music teacher.



ABHS Annual ART & TAS Exhibition

*opens
Thursday
27 August
7.30pm*



Asquith Boys High School

Invites you to attend an exhibition of works by our students

The exhibition will showcase works by HSC Visual Arts and Industrial Technology as well as Years 7-11 Visual Arts, Photography and Ceramics

Official opening by artist Amanda Penrose-Hart on Thursday 27 August at 7.30pm followed by presentation of Annual Creative Arts Awards

Exhibition Continues: Friday 28, Saturday 29 & Monday 31 August

Gallery Hours: Thursday 7 - 9pm, Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm, Monday 9 - 3pm

*Asquith Boys High School Auditorium
Peats Ferry Rd, Asquith 2077
02 9477 3508*

Joshua Allen

Jake Bartley

Michael Cowell

Bill Everingham

Sam Powell

James Vaughan

Keegan Waters

*All
welcome*




2014 ARTEXPRESS OPENING @ HAZELHURST GALLERY, GYMEA

Another Artexpress Official Opening, another 'ROAD TRIP'! Ms Holder and Ms Cooke navigated their way across Sydney – no easy feat on a Friday afternoon. From the far north we travelled, on and on, to the southern shire. We were dazzled by the water views on this beautiful Friday afternoon. On arrival at the gallery, we scanned the room and instantly found our lovely sales representative, Toni, from art suppliers, S&S Wholesalers. Further scanning the cabaret style exhibition area and we found a table filled with the Bissett family and Chris' mates. Year 12 ABHS student; Chris Bissett success with his HSC Artwork provided the reason for this celebration

Artexpress is a showcase of artmaking excellence in the HSC. Only about 425 works achieved the cut off mark in the band 6 (top) range. Of those only 220 works were selected for Artexpress. Chris Bissett achieved selection due to his intellect, ability to sustain the artmaking process, listen and implement advice from his teachers, ability to 'unpack' artist practice, willingness to experiment and enthusiasm for learning. Consideration for Artexpress is impressive and a huge honour. His work was hung on a singular wall providing an uninterrupted view of his triptych. Chris was influenced by contemporary Australian painters, in particular Jan Senbergs. His artwork 'The Fountain' is an expressionistic representation of the Hornsby Fountain after the apocalypse. Ms Cooke and Ms Holder weren't the only proud ladies there. Miss Walker, our student teacher (who now works at James Ruse HS) was also there. She taught Chris in Year 11.

*Ms Caroline Cooke
Visual Arts Teacher*





ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL URBAN ART COMP

Graffiti, Vector Art, Character Design



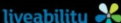
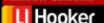

Linking theme:
'Celebrating our cultural Diversity'

Entries close **Monday 7 September 2015 3.00 pm**

To enter email
abhscommunityfunday@gmail.com

Terms and conditions
upon entry

**All Works exhibited
Prizes for winning
works**



P&C TRIVIA NIGHT – A FUNFILLED NIGHT



The P&C held its second Trivia Night on Saturday 23rd May. The entrance to the hall for the night was a red carpet walk adorned with black and gold helium balloons. To open the night Mr George Moscos (aka Frank Sinatra) sang the song “New York”. It was great to see the Principal Mr Terry Griffiths along with lots of teachers enjoying the night. Thanks to the parents and friends and ABHS old boys who came to enjoy the enjoyable fundraising night.

Entertainment included: ‘Who am I’ trivia questions, games to play, jukebox, a raffle, auctions for signed Jerseys as well. I scored a bottle of Black Label whisky for sliding a gold coin closest to the target, across the Hall’s polished floor. Guests were able to view the recently refurbished School Hall kitchen. The event raised just under \$5000.

Start thinking about booking a table for next year. Advice on the 2016 date for this event will be sent to old boys early in the New Year.

Dianne Stoddart for ABHS P&C & Chris Kent.



MERVYN BROWN SENIOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded each year to a student in Year 11 for 2 years. The recipient will have funding support to cover all school fees and to extend his learning in the subject for which the scholarship has been awarded. This scholarship does not replace the existing scholarships currently in place in the creative and performing arts.

Donations are still sought for this scholarship to ensure its success over the years. You can make a donation by phoning the school on 9482 7370 (credit card), mailing donations to Asquith Boys High School, PO Box 242 Hornsby 1630 or Fax 9482 2546. For further details contact Chris Kent at: christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au

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 \$_____

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FORMER STUDENTS AND TEACHERS INVITED TO JOIN THE SCHOOL COUNCIL.

The ABHS School Council constitution provides for 2 former students or former teachers, to join the council.

The role involves being available for a total of 8 evening meetings annually, held in the School Library on Tuesday evenings, from 6.00pm (with refreshments), till 7.30pm. Refreshments are provided at meetings. (once a month during School Term time) The next new School Council will form in March 2016. Appointments are for one year. Council members may extend their participation if they are available for a further year.

Please contact your Old Boys Newsletter Editor if you are in a position to volunteer for this role, or would like more details. Alternatively, School Principal Terry Griffiths may assist. Phone 9477 3508 during School hours or contact Terry at Terry.Griffiths@det.nsw.edu.au

The Asquith Boys High School Council includes the School Principal, Mr Terry Griffiths, P & C President, and two representatives of each of the Staff, Students and Community. This governing group decides the annual school budget; decides major policy changes and makes representation to external agencies. It has provided leadership for the School since its establishment in the late 1980's. Thanks to former students, Ian Imrie, Stig Falster and Iain Gorry who have contributed to recent councils.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE ASQUITH OLD BOYS CLUB?

(If you receive the Asquith Old Boys Club Newsletters you are already registered as a Member)

This Club was commenced in 2006 with the purpose of:

- Assisting former students of The School maintain links with their peer group and their former teachers and School.
- Communicating information about ABHS and former student achievements and events.

To facilitate these goals, an Old Boys Newsletter is published once a year. It is e-mailed or posted to members free of charge

ASQUITH OLD BOYS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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