

THE ANCHOR



**Williamstown High School
Ex-Students & Staff Association
Inc A0041347A**

MARCH 2021

President's Report

Welcome to the March 2021 edition of the ANCHOR.

The COVID-19 lockdowns have continued to hinder the Association's activities over the last three months.

We have finally succumbed to the inevitable decision to **cancel our AGM for 2019** and the reunion we had planned for early December 2019. We had hoped that we could postpone them and hold them in early 2021. This is not practical so we have decided to cancel them altogether.

Our new target is to hold the 2021 AGM in our traditional timeslot in late July 2021. We also intend to hold a reunion for the Class of 1970 and the class of 1971 at a combined reunion in early December 2021.

Hopefully the COVID-19 vaccine rollout will be sufficiently well advanced by these dates

to allow us to have these events in as near to normal conditions as possible.

At WHS the school is now embarking on the second stage of the Centenary Theatre Project. This involves adding some extra rooms to the theatre. These were in the original design but omitted due to cost when the theatre was first built. Construction has commenced and we look forward to seeing the final product perhaps by the end of the year.

We are once again on the lookout for old class photos. This year we would like to focus on the photos from the Classes of 1970 and 1971. These are from form 1 in 1965 & 66 to form 6 in 1970 & 1971.

If you have any photos in this range, or maybe your children do, please get in touch. In this period there were no photos kept by the school so if we can't find student copies we won't find any copies.

On behalf of the committee I hope that you are all safe and well and avoiding the COVID-19 risks. As a community Australia is doing extremely well and we hope that all of our exies are doing well too!

Hold Fast
Fred Cumming
President, WHSESSA inc.

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From the WHS Newsletter...

2020 VCE and VCAL Results

Our 2020 results were very pleasing with 29 students achieving ATARs over 90 with four over 99 and 116 forty plus study scores. We also had five students who achieved a perfect study score of 50 in the subjects of English, Mathematics and Media. Our Dux, Grace Budich, achieved an ATAR of 99.60. With 99% of the cohort successfully obtaining their senior certificate, this year's Year 12 students also achieved our highest mean ATAR, placing us amongst the elite of government schools in terms of VCE outcomes.

Our Year 12 VCAL students were also very successful, with all achieving senior certificates and employment placements. Such certificates allow our VCAL students to pursue immediate employment opportunities as well as further study options such as advanced VET certificates. We are pleased to hear our Year 12 students talking so fondly about their time at Williamstown High School and to see the success that has come their way. We wish the Class of 2020 the best of luck with their future endeavours and we look forward to hearing of their achievements.

Centenary Theatre and Purpose Built Year 12 Study Centre

Building has commenced and progress has been quite rapid. We hope to have a time lapse video on our website



once a little more progress is made.

This is a very exciting addition to our facilities and is the result of centenary legacy planning dating back to 2011/2.

The performing arts facilities will complement our theatre and fully cater

for our music program which will include a recording studio, band room, iMac music classroom and instrumental

music room. Our plans for the Study

Centre will also offer increased learning and outdoor spaces for the Year 12 students. I look forward to providing further updates as the project progresses.

Exies Reunion 2021

In order to get organised for our reunion later this year we would like to get in touch with ex-students from the Classes of 1970 and 71. The following lists have been extracted from High Tide. If you are on the list please get in touch so that we can get in touch with as many of your cohort as possible.

Class of 1970

Angelo **Xydias**, Rod **Dearing**, Mick **Gibson**, Dave **Hatty**, Jim **Hayes**, Nick **Mekisic**, Adrienne **MacBain**, Pam **Granger**, Janet **Wilhelms**, Robyn **Shelton**, Debbie **Wilkinson**, Jim **Conway**, Alison **Sibley**, Lynette **Moses**, John **Virgona**, Colin **Ravenscroft**, Warren **Thompson**, John **Rapley**, Geoff **Wilhelms**, Bill **Hatzis**, Paul **Norman**, Russell **Shultz**, Jim **Shearer**, Regina **Goetz**, Bill **Vagenhofer**, Lynne **Stephens**, John **Halley**, Leslie **Higgins**, Maria **Gantidis**, Marie **Neil**, Janice **Fraser**, Marjoke **Dogger**, Dianne **Sandells**, George **Tzambazis**, Ian **Grenfell**, Indo **Saarelaht**, Alan **Williams**

Class of 1971

Bruce **Davis**, Alexander **Black**, Dale **Brabham**, Kevin **Dann**, John **Davison**, Geoffrey **Eichler**, Eric **Fitzgerald**, Bill **Gadd**, Ulrich **Geotz**, Keith **Harkin**, Michael **Higgins**, Ian **Howard**, Graham **Hurst**, Dianne **Dillon**, Leonie **Burgies**, DeArne **Bury**, Alison **Congdon**, Christine **Connell**, Judith **Curnan**, Roselyn **Duffy**, Heatherbell **Evans**, Lynda **Ferguson**, Linda **Gillespie**, Regina **Goetz**, Glenda **Haden**, Robin **Hansen**, Phyllis **Healey**, Suzanne **Holmes**, Evelyn **Holzer**, Steven **Ironside**, Edward **Ishac**, Peter **Dellis**, Ian **Kerr**, Frank **Krupinski**, Terry **Lees**, Neil **Leister**, Tony **Mallett**, Allan **Manser**, Peter **Newman**, Bill **Papastergiou**, David **Porter**, John **Price**, Cleopas **Sahhar**, Alan **Sheers**, Bill **Vagenhofer**, Peter **Zaparas**, Sula **Kazara**, Dawn **Lambden**, Kim **McCarthy**, Rae **McTaggart**, Janet **Moorhouse**, Vicki **Nelson**, Jan **Owen**, Susan **Page**, Dorothy **Pilavokis**, Benita **Reade**, Helbe **Saarelaht**, Janette **Sahhar**, Robyn **Shilton**, Denise **Wells**, Carolyn **Wood**, Patricia **Lonnie**

JOHN "BARNEY" BARNETT By, Geoff van Wyngaarden

Williamstown has had many extraordinary people that have grown up locally. John "Barney" Barnett a former student of Williamstown High School has a unique and diverse sporting and life skills resume.

This includes;

- Playing Open Age senior football for Williamstown United at the age of 16 and later playing senior VFA football with the Williamstown Football Club.
- Many junior athletics records at the Williamstown Little Athletics Club.
- A Bronze Medallion in Life Saving.
- A Queen's Scout Award in scouting with the 4th Williamstown Sea Scouts.
- A Black Belt in Jujitsu.

At Williamstown High School, in the 1970s, young John had a dominant sporting resume. He regularly played many sports and in Athletics events over many years in both sprinting and field events won dozens of first placings and performed to a very high standard in inter-school competition.

"I came from loving long term Williamstown parents, Winsome and Ernie. My parents were both keen sports people, my mother an athlete and my father a tennis player of minor success. As a boy, I was encouraged into every activity that the town had to offer, athletics, sea scouts, swimming, life-saving, lacrosse, football and sailing.

Athletics probably had the greatest impact on my football career; I could sprint, 11 seconds for the 100 metres, 23.4 seconds for the 200 metres and 53 seconds for the 400 metres. Being able to

sprint gave me a great advantage over many of my opponents in football. Other advantages were that by 13 years, I was 5 foot 10 inches and solid without being fat. I enjoyed my sport and activities and could not get enough of them."



"I started playing football at 10 years of age in the Under 11's at the Holy Trinity Football Club now known as the Williamstown Juniors Football Club. I could run and I was tall, but my skills left something to be desired, my handball was improving, but my kicking was completely unpredictable and right side only, like most kids. I was thrown in as a ruckman and spent most of my junior days in that position. As a junior I played with Ian Fairley and Mark Arceri who both went to North Melbourne and Greg Swann who is now CEO of Brisbane."

"As many teams were short of players I often played two games a week with one being in a higher age group. My fitness and ability to run all day began here. I finally got my skills to an acceptable level, but I could not kick with the left foot at this stage. At the end of my Under 14 career, I had won a Willy Juniors club and also a WRFL Best and Fairest Award. My fitness was maintained by playing juniors on Saturday mornings and seniors for Willy United down the Fearon Reserve in the afternoon."

"South Melbourne talent scouts had been following my career and in 1978 at the age of 15, I was asked to try out with their Under 19 squad with the likes of Warwick Capper and many other good players. I played in the South Melbourne Under 19 team for 3 years and also got the odd game in the Reserves. I learned to play in many positions on the ground to a satisfactory standard. I won a

few man of the match awards in the Reserves with South Melbourne, playing against some great players.”

“At the end of that season, South Melbourne Football Club moved to Sydney as the Sydney Swans. I was given an open clearance to any club. Due to sentimental reasons I chose to go to Williamstown in the VFA. I was given former WFC Coach Rod Osborne’s number 8 jumper and the new coach was Merv Hobbs. The VFA was a different game in those days because it was 16 players with no wings which created big wide open spaces and turnovers were very damaging. I played with some great players at Williamstown including Kim Kershaw, Mark Fotheringham and Rollo Goetz.” John finished up playing 15 senior 1sts games in the VFA for Williamstown kicking one goal between the 1983-85 period.

“I later played at Parkside in the Footscray District Football League for 4 years and then took up Jujitsu at Western Combat Academy under local coach John Beckman and spent the next ten years achieving my black belt in Jujitsu. I later coached my sons at Williamstown Juniors in various age groups.”

1946 Form 2A Donated Photograph



Alice Patricia Waddell, Williamstown High School, left hand side, 3rd row from back.

Alice Waddell was born at Yarraville in 1933. She lived in Sussex St and attended Yarraville State School No. 1501 located in Francis Street.

Alice started at W.H.S in 1945 and entered Form 1B. She gained her Merit Certificate in 1946 (Form 2A) and her Proficiency Certificate in 1947 (Form 3A). Alice then transferred to Methodist Ladies College.

WHSESSA Financial Statement 2019-2020

We have had to cancel our Annual General Meeting in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure some transparency in our activities we present the following financial statement for the 2019-20 financial year. Normally this would have been presented at the AGM.

Fred Cumming
President WHSESSA inc.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020.

Opening balance @ 1 July 2019:			\$5,859.42
PLUS:			
Receipts as below:			<u>\$4,044.09</u>
Sub-total:			\$9,903.51
LESS:			
Expenses as below:			<u>\$3,791.77</u>
Balance @ 30 June 2020:			\$6,111.74

Balance as per bank statement @ 30 June 2020:	per bank statement @	30-Jun- 20	\$6,218.24
LESS:			
Unpresented cheque # 440:			<u>\$106.59</u>
Balance as per bank statement @ 30 June 2020:			\$6,111.74

RECEIPTS:

Membership subscriptions:	\$2,280.00
Donations received:	<u>\$1,764.09</u>
Total as above:	\$4,044.09

EXPENSES:

Catering:	\$911.78
Printing & postage:	\$980.20
Donation to Williamstown High School (scholarships):	\$1,500.00
Refund of overpayment:	\$100.00
Annual Return fee:	\$59.20
Post office box fee:	\$134.00
Stationary:	<u>\$106.59</u>
Total as above:	\$3,791.77

G W King, Treasurer.

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