



Minutes – ONU AGM 2014

Type of meeting	119 th Annual General Meeting of the Old Newingtonians' Union	
Time and date	Tuesday 18 November, 2014	6:30PM
Location	Function Room, Taylor Sports Centre, Newington College	

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Present	Bruce Mellor, Karl Watson, Nigel Watson, Greg Mitchell, Robert Hill, Howard Goodall, Rod Bosman, James Jordan, Pastor Michael Bennett, David Jin, Aran Alexander, Adam Latham, Bob Meakin, Tony Bosman, John Treloar, Adam Vine-Hall, Peter Kuburlis, Bruce Carroll, Alexander Pagonis, Lucas Hejtmanek, Chris Collings, Zachary Miles, Robert Clifton-Bligh, Tony McDonald, Brad Gill, Michael Korn, Grant Leonard
Apologies	Dr David Mulford, His Hon, Magistrate Greg Grogin, George Long, Mario Isaias, Mark Gilbert, Mark Bland, John Carroll, Warren Green, David Kennedy, Nick Grogin, James Godfrey, Harry Jordan, Phil Holey, Richard Spira, Andrew McKirdy
Item 1	Pastor Michael Bennett (ON 1987) The ONU Annual General Meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Bennett.
Item 2	Mr Rod Bosman announced the passing of long serving former Master Rev Edward (Ted) Archer. A minute's silence was observed.
Item 3	Apologies and confirmation of Minutes from the 2013 ONU AGM. There was one correction to make to the Treasurer's report. Motion: That the minutes and apologies be accepted. Moved: Nigel Watson Seconded: Robert Hill Passed: Unanimously
Item 4	ONU President's Report – Mr Bruce Mellor (ON 1982) President's report was circulated with AGM papers, see attached. In brief, Bruce outlined the keys

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areas of ONU attention throughout 2014: successful schedule of over 20 ONU reunions and events; ONU Depression Fund and the Newington Golf Day; ONU Tongan Bursary, Jim Millner (ON 1937) and Chris Wild (ON 1991) Indigenous Bursary, ONU Mentor Program; The 70 Club; Tupou College; new suite of ONU Communications; GPS Gold Challenge; congratulations to Old Boys who received Australia Day and Queen’s Birthday honours; welcome to new ONU members; ONU contributions to the College; new admissions policy for sons of Old Boys. Bruce then thanked the ONU Executive Committee members, the Community and Development Office and the six ONU representatives on College Council for their continued dedication and success in guiding the College. Finally, Bruce thanked the Headmaster, College staff and the boys for making Newington College the resounding success that it is.

Item 5

Honorary Treasurer’s Report given by Honorary Assistant Treasurer Mr Brad Gill (ON 1992)

Treasurer’s report was circulated with AGM papers see attached. An audit will be carried out this week.

	As at 30/06/2014		As at 30/09/2014	
	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr
Cash At Bank	5,221.67		142.17	
ONU Trust Account	79,790.74		66,745.78	
Bank of Sydney	166,889.86		167,430.00	
Depression Programme Funds*	47,339.00		49,139.00	
Life Memberships Receivables			103,500.00	
ONU Expenses Paid / to be paid**				25,000.00
Motor Vehcile Purchase (estimated)				25,000.00
	<u>299,241.27</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>386,956.95</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
Less Corpus	-205,000.00		-205,000.00	
Less Quarantined Funds	-47,339.00		-49,139.00	
Excess Funds as at 30/06/14	<u>46,902.27</u>			
Excess Funds as at 30/09/14			<u>82,817.95</u>	

* Depression Funds are held by the College on behalf of the ONU

** Expenses include goal posts for Tupou College, defibrillators, running expenses for the Tongan bursaries including medical and other out of pocket expenses, Church pews, and a and other various expenses paid as determined by the ONU Executive and Council.

Item 6

Headmaster of Newington College – Dr David Mulford – Report presented by Mr Bob Meakin, Deputy Head of Stanmore (Students), Acting Head of Stanmore

Headmaster’s report was circulated with AGM papers see attached. In brief, Bob outlined the following College activities and highlights for 2014: Enrolments are at capacity; College Annual Report will be posted on Newington’s website; a report on the 2014 Strategic Plan will be posted on Newington’s website; the draft 1015 – 2018 Strategic Plan is on the Newington website; the Biennial STEM Festival was a great success in Term 4; Key Staffing Appointments for 2015; major facilities projects for 2015 are a new Year 7 Centre and Drama Centre. Bob thanked the ONU for the support of the College and Bruce Mellor and Rob Hill for their leadership and the Community and Development office for their operational support.

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Chairman of College Council - Mr Tony McDonald (ON 1976)

Tony thanked the ONU for their efforts and singled out the 70 Club for their leadership and instilling the College values in their framework. Their 2014 projects illustrate leading by example. He praised the ONU reps on College Council, thanking Bruce Carroll and Greg Grogan for their tireless efforts; Phil Holey for his excellent input into the College architecture; Scott Turner on the Finance committee; Rob Webster for his policies and procedures audit and Chris Collings who has nearly completed an absolute best practice new financial and investment plan for the College. One priority for the school in future years is to increase the social inclusiveness of the College to ensure there are more places for students from a disadvantaged background and will look at increasing the number of bursaries in coming years. He encouraged all to consider this if donating to the College. He complimented the work of the Headmaster and commented that it is the College Council's job to install the right Headmaster. He commented on the gentrification of the local area and how it has placed pressure on enrolments. He urged all to be champions of the school's core values. The ONU President presented the College Council Chairman with a cheque for \$70,000.

Item 8

Director of Community and Development – Mr Rod Bosman (ON 1978)

Report was circulated with AGM papers – see attached. In brief, Rod thanked his staff for their efforts and also thanked Ron Leckie and College Archivist David Roberts for their work for the 2015 ANZAC Day Service. Rod outlined the activities and highlights of the Community and Development Office for 2014: welcoming nine new members of the Founders Society; the ONU Centennial Trust awarded to Edmond Cheng (ON 2013); the Newington medallists to be announced on 9 December at the APG; Old Boys Lecture Theatre seats; Newington Chapel entirely fitted out with new Chapel pews by way of the generosity of Tony Bosman (ON 1972) and Ronald Lu (ON 1962); Bursary students; international reunions and the strengthening bonds between Newington and Tupou College ahead of their Sesquicentenary celebrations in 2016. Finally, Rod congratulated Bruce Mellor and the ONU Executive and Council for another good year in 2014.

Item 9

70 Club Chairman – Mr Robert Hill (ON 1955)

Report was circulated with AGM papers – see attached. In brief Robert discussed current and new membership and past and upcoming events including the 70 Club lunches held at the College and the regional reunions on the Central and mid-north coasts. He also commented that the 70 Club continues to support the College with the ANZAC Day Service preparations and the purchase of a Newington College Chapel pew. Robert concluded his remarks by thanking the Headmaster, the ONU President and the Community and Development Office.

Item 10

Report by ONU Representative on the GPS OBU Mr John Astley given by Mr Grant Leonard (ON 1981)

Report was circulated with AGM papers – see attached. In brief, Grant outlined the activities and highlights of the GPS OBU for 2014 including the President's reception in May, the TAS OBU sports and dinner, the Gold Challenge, a GPS ecumenical service, the GPS Bowral reunion.

Item 11

Election of Officers

The President handed over the meeting to Bob Meakin who acted as returning officer. All nominations for ONU Executive and Councillor positions were accepted unanimously.

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Motion – To accept all ONU AGM reports

Moved: Karl Watson

Seconded: Chris Collings

Passed: Unanimously

Motion – To accept Moser Bland as Auditors

Moved: James Jordan

Seconded: Brad Gill

Passed: Unanimously



Annual Report, ONU President

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Location	Function Room

ONU President, Bruce Mellor (ON 1982)

Old Newingtonians' Union (ONU)

Executive

President Mr Bruce Mellor (ON 1982)

Immediate Past President Mr James Jordan (ON 1981)

Honorary Secretary Mr Karl Watson (ON 1986) (Newington Staff)

Honorary Treasurer Mr Andrew McKirdy (ON 1996)

Honorary Assistant Secretary Mr Nigel Watson (ON 1993)

Honorary Assistant Treasurer Mr Brad Gill (ON 1992) (Newington Staff)

70 Club Chairman Mr Robert Hill (ON 1955)

There were many highlights during Newington's Sesquicentenary celebrations in 2013, however throughout 2014, there is an evident sense of pride in the College held by current students, their families, Old Boys and staff. During 2014, the ONU focussed on several key areas and I am pleased to report on the following ONU activities for 2014.

ONU Reunions and Events

There have been over twenty ONU events and reunions in 2014 involving over 700 ONU Alumni.

Opportunities to revisit and renew friendships and update contacts were enthusiastically greeted by Old Boys from London to Hong Kong, San Francisco and New York, at the Newington Golf Day, the GPS Gold Challenge (Classes of 1981 and 1982), the two 70 Club lunches in Centenary Hall and reunions for the Classes of 2009, 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1954.

Regional reunions included a GPS reunion in Bowral and The 70 Club Christmas lunches on the Mid-North and Central Coasts.

ONU Depression Fund and the Newington Golf Day

As well as being a memorable and challenging golfing day, the Newington Golf Day helps raise funds for Depression Program. The coveted Alumni trophy was awarded to the Year of 1993 team: Chris Johnston Royal, Andrew Sethumadavan and Nigel Watson. Winners of the tradition steeped Arthur H.S. Rofe Trophy were Johnston (ON 1993) and David Royal (ON 1993). Thanks to the generous combined efforts of ONU Golf \$15,000 was raised to provide support to Old Boys who are living with depression and to raise awareness of health issues. Thank you to Stan Comino for his continued help.

ONU Tongan Bursary, Jim Millner (ON 1937) Bursary and Chris Wild (ON 1991) Indigenous Bursary

This year the College welcomed new bursary students who are funded through the dedicated efforts and generosity of ONU Alumni and families. The ONU provides practical support for the Tongan boys with contributions to schooling and boarding costs. Vunipola (Vuni) Fifita and Tu'amelie (Melie) Laimani completed their HSC this year and three other Tongan students are currently enrolled: Siaoisi (George) 'Atiola; Sione (Teu) Teukikolisi 'Atiola and Isileli (isi) Hala'ufia. The first recipient of the Chris Wild (ON 1991) Indigenous Bursary, funded by Old Boys, current and past parents and friends and family of the Wild Family, is Gage Phillips (Year 7) and the first recipient of the Jim Millner (ON 1937) Bursary is Simione

ONU President, Bruce Mellor (ON 1982)

Afeaki (Year 8). I am also pleased to report that a number of other Old Boys, former Staff and the 2014 Year 12 parents have all commenced funding of Bursaries during the year. I encourage all Old Boys to consider doing likewise.

ONU Mentor Program

The ONU is genuinely committed to reaching out and fostering the well-being of Old Boys, especially our young University graduates. The ONU mentoring program is an avenue to guide and support younger Old Boys to break into an industry or to get that necessary edge over other candidates, a significant factor in times of uncertain employment outcomes for University graduates.

The 70 Club

The 70 Club exists as a social and support network for Old Boys who are over 70. Their program of activities includes well attended luncheons at the College and regional reunions on the Central and Mid-North coasts.

Tupou College

A gift of twenty laptops from the ONU to Tupou College in Tonga has considerably boosted their library's ICT capacity. The ONU is investigating a further significant contribution to Tupou College ahead of their 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2016.

ONU Communications

Younger Old Boys are mobile, with frequent moving for study and work making it difficult for the ONU to keep in touch with them, however they are a highly e-connected group. The ONU has updated our suite of communications to foster new and boost current links: the new ONU Facebook page for posting news, event information and messaging; the Newington Old Boys' Directory which is exclusive to Newington Old Boys so they can contact other Old Boys, search mentoring and job opportunities and check the ONU Calendar of events; and a new tablet friendly ONU Enews.

GPS Gold Challenge

Congratulations to those Old Boys from the Classes of 1981 and 1982 who competed in the GPS Gold Challenge over the October long weekend. It may have taken us a little longer to recover but the fantastic GPS spirit and camaraderie of the day were well worth it. A special congratulations to Glen (Junior) Butler (ON 1982) for his terrific effort in winning the Redkite challenge by raising \$8,000 of the total \$34,000 for Redkite.

Old Boys Honoured

Congratulations to our esteemed Old Boys who were awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours list: **Mr Howard Croker (ON 1958)** for service to the sport of rowing and **Mr Angelo Notaras (ON 1949)** for service to the Greek community, particularly through the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia. Newington proudly acknowledges the Old Boys who were also honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for their significant contributions to the community: **Peter Blundell OAM (ON 1958)** for contribution to the community generally and active involvement in Rotary Club and in particular with the indigenous community; **Peter Moffitt OAM (ON 1965)** for contribution to the wider community of Weddin and the people of Grenfell in particular and **Lt Col John Moore RFD AM (Retd) (ON 1953)** for significant service to the commemoration of the Australian military and sporting events as a radio broadcaster and television presenter. For many years, Lt Col John Moore has been the Master of Ceremonies at the Annual Dawn Service in Martin Place for ANZAC Day and will officiate at the 2015 Centenary of ANZAC Dawn Service. He also provides the excellent commentary at the College's Annual ANZAC Day Parade.

Welcome to our New members

At the Valedictory Day Celebrations, the 210 Year 12 students were farewelled by the College and took their leave into the next phase of their post-school life. They were presented with their Old Boys' Tie by the ONU. Wearing this tie in future years symbolises a proud connection with an enviable and extensive Old Boys' network and an outstanding school.

Vale

Sadly, the ONU lost the following Old Boys during 2014. John Allen (ON 1969), Donald Beazley (ON 1954), Tom Boyton (ON 1955), Malcolm Broun (ON 1955), Raffaele Caravella (ON 1971), David Collins (ON 1953), Julian Cropper (ON 1962), Wal Fletcher (ON 1945), James Gaffney (ON 1991), Bruce Gilbey (ON 1950), Ron Gray (ON 1950), Warren Hackett (ON 1938), Rod Heys (ON 1964), Gregory Hubbard (ON 1981), Kelvin Jarratt (ON 1959), Alfred Johns (ON 1922), James Kelynack (ON 1970), Harry Lawrence (ON 1950), Kevin

ONU President, Bruce Mellor (ON 1982)

Mann (ON 1947), Rob Millner (ON 1945), Lawrence Morrison (ON 1946), Clement Musgrove (ON 1944), Albert Needham (ON 1949), Bill Nikolaou (ON 1979), John Ottaway (ON 1951), Neil Roberts (ON 1961), John Roydhouse (ON 1944), Bruce Ruston (ON 1944), Alexander Sophios (ON 1948), Geoff Towart (ON 1943), Jeffrey Valentine (ON 1978), John Wall (ON 1955), Grahame Wright (ON 1965). Sadly, beloved former Newington staff members passed away in 2014 as well: Bob Buntine and Ted Archer. May they rest in peace.

ONU Contributions to the College

The ONU are proud of the strong, mutually beneficial relationship which exists between the College and ONU. The ONU contributes to and participates in College activities such as the Anzac Day Service and the ONU Careers Night

As the ONU ended 2014 with a surplus of funds over our capital target, and in consultation and by agreement with the College, the ONU has funded the Purchase of a Sports truck to be used as a support vehicle for Newington sports and where needed for other College activities such as cadets. This truck will have ONU acknowledgement as part of its livery. In addition the ONU has provided approximately \$70,000 as a contribution to the ONU Bursary costs and Service prizes.

2015 holds promise of further expansion of the mentor program and continued support for the College and Old Boys across a range of endeavours. The ONU is supporting Tupou College with a gift for their 150th celebration in 2016 and will continue to look to provide support in ICT and other areas.

The 2015 Anzac Service will commemorate the Centenary of World War 1 and the ONU and The 70 Club will be supporting the school in refurbishing the Honour Rolls for our fallen Old Newingtonians.

The ONU will focus on urging older Alumni to become members and will endeavour to recruit large attendances at the following events:

- The Newington Golf Day to be held at Concord on Thursday, 5 March 2015
- The Annual ONU Dinner in Centenary Hall on Saturday, 18 July 2015.

New Admissions Policy for sons of Old Boys

Due to the consistently high demand for places, the College Council recently endorsed a new Admissions Policy to formalise the priority status of sons and grandsons of Old Boys.

The Council has confirmed its commitment to prioritising registrations of sons and grandsons of Old Boys as long as registrations are received in accordance with the following time table:

- Kindergarten entry – registration and fee must be received and paid by the boy's first (1st) birthday
- Year 3, 5 or 7 entry – registration and fee must be received and paid by the boy's fifth (5th) birthday

Thank You

Thank you to the Executive team, Councillors and regional representatives for assisting with the smooth running of the ONU during 2014 and their continued dedication in 2015. Thank you also to the Community and Development Office; Rod Bosman (ON 1978) and especially to Mylee Angelo, ONU Alumni Officer for her dedication and can do attitude.

I would also like to especially thank the six ONU representatives on College Council for their continued dedication and success in guiding the College. Finally, congratulations to the Headmaster, College staff and above all the boys for making Newington College the resounding success it is.

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18 November 2014
Headmaster's Report**

The Headmaster will be represented at the meeting by Mr Rod Bosman – Director of Community and Development (ON 1978) and Mr Bob Meakin – Deputy - Students.

1. Enrolments as at 01/11/14

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual - as at 01/11/14	2015 Acceptances
Wyvern	479	486	488
Lindfield	150	157	165
Secondary	1275	1310	1322
	1904	1953	1974

2. Annual Report for 2014 – will be posted on the website by 6 December 2014.

3. Strategic Plan 2014 – a report will be posted on website by 6 December 2014.

4. Strategic Plan 2015 – 18 – the draft is posted on the website.

5. The Biennial STEM Festival was a great success in Term 4. Planning has commenced for the biennial Literature festival for April 2015.

6. Staffing

Key appointments for 2015

Head of Linfield Prep	tbd
Head of Boarding	T. Stanley (ON 1993)
Director of Rugby	B Manion
Director of Football	B. McCarthy
IB Co-ordinator	B. Morath
Head of Library	Y. Smith

7. Facilities

Major project for 2015 will be a new Year 7 Centre (behind Le Couteur) and Drama Centre (next to Old Chapel). This will eliminate all temporary buildings and allow the front of the College to return to parkland with a designated pedestrian entrance.

8. Thank you

My great appreciation of ONU support for the College needs to be recorded. In all facets of operations there are Old Boys volunteering to provide practical support.

My thanks go to Bruce Mellor (ONU) and Robert Hill (70 Club) for their leadership, support of the College and personal encouragement to me.

My thanks go to Rod Bosman, Mylee Angelo, Noelene Hugh-Smith and David Roberts for their practical support of the operations. All go way beyond the “extra mile” with their work.

9. Questions from the floor



Office of Community and Development
Report to ONU 2014 Annual General Meeting: 18 November 2014
Rod Bosman (ON 1978) – Director of Community and Development

The ONU AGM signals the end of another successful year for the ONU but also the first twelve months of my being in the position of Director of Community and Development.

The name of the Office was deliberately changed this year to reflect the fact that Community was added as the fifth Pillar of Distinction of the College's Strategic Plan 2015-2018 but more importantly, that this Office's Charter is equally focussed on the friend raising as well as the fund raising.

I trust that the ONU has found that I and my staff have met our Charter and served our Community role well during the year.

It is noted that either myself or Alumni Officer Mylee Angelo attended every one of the ONU Executive and Council Meetings and on your behalf, I thank Mylee for her support and diligence in attending to ONU matters throughout the year. I also thank Noelene Hugh Smith for her work in assisting Mylee in that role during the year. Noelene will continue to assist Mylee in 2015 on an as-required basis.

Following the success of the Sesquicentenary Year in 2013, one could excuse College Archivist David Roberts if he chose to slow the pace this year, but rather, he has continued to maintain an exceptional work ethic and quality of output. I have always told him I am jealous of his job as he gets to work with the history of Newington every day - what better job could there be?

This year, David has been focussing on preparations for the Centenary of World War 1, including the digitisation of all editions of *The Newingtonian* between the first publication in 1884 and the end of WW1. This has been a huge logistical exercise but an invaluable one, as these issues are now available on SPACES for students, staff and current parents to access and also on the College Website for Old Boys and others to enjoy. I encourage you to seek these out and be fascinated with the stories of Newington in the 19th and early 20th Century.

It is planned that all editions of *The Newingtonian* will be digitised and available on the web by end of 2016.

David has also been working closely with the 70 Club Committee and in particular Ron Leckie (ON 1939) in preparation for the Centenary of ANZAC Service at the College on 29 April 2015. Ron has done wonderful work researching the Fallen from WW1 and working with David to ensure that our archives are as accurate as possible. Additionally, the College will be refurbishing both the Vestibule Memorial in Founders and the Hardy Wilson (ON 1898) designed War Memorial in time for the 2015 ANZAC Day Service.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Rob Hill (ON 1955) and the 70 Club Committee for their enthusiastic support of the College during the year but in particular for their deep and abiding interest and support of the College's efforts to proudly honour the memory of those Old Boys, Staff and Divinity Students that made the supreme sacrifice during WW1.



During the year we welcomed nine new members to the Founders Society including Old Boys Brian Bown (ON 1947), Daryl Latter (ON 1960), Warwick Walpole (ON 1970), Mario Isaias (On 1978) and Phil Kearns (ON 1984). This brought our membership to an even 100 for the year, with 76 of those Old Boys.

Membership of the Founders Society is open to any member of the Newington Community who has generously made provision for Newington in their Will. I encourage all ONU members to seriously consider this opportunity to leave a legacy for Newington that will last well after you have gone.

The Newington Medallists and Citation winners for 2014 have been determined and will be announced at Prize Giving on 9 December. Nominations are open for the 2015 Medallists (Australia and International) and I encourage nominations for those whom you deem worthy of such recognition.

The Centennial Trust Grant was awarded this year to Edmund Cheng (ON 2013) to assist with his studies at Cambridge and likewise, I encourage nominations for the 2015 grants.

On the fundraising side, the seats in the Old Boys Lecture Theatre are continuing to sell, with another 20 sold this year. Now that plaques have been affixed, Old Boys, parents, staff and boys can see who has left a legacy to the College in this way and it is now encouraging others to support the program. I encourage you, if you have not already done so, to add your name to the list of generous benefactors on the Honour Board.

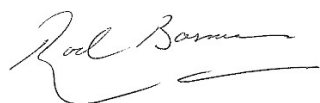
The Chapel has now been completely fitted out with the new pews thanks to two substantial Old Boy donations – Tony Bosman (ON 1972) and Ronald Lu (ON 1962). Sponsorship has also been provided by the ONU, 70 Club and the Stanmore P&F. There are still some 30 pews available for sponsorship and the Rev David Williams would be happy to hear from you in that regard.

This year we welcomed the first students under the Jim Millner (ON 1937) Bursary and the Chris Wild (ON 1991) Indigenous Bursary and we also launched fundraising for both the Phillip Davis OAM Mathematics Bursary and the Year 12 Parents Bursary. Together with two other Bursaries established by Old Boy families – the Moffitt Family Bursary and the Bosman Family Bursary, these are all part of meeting the new Diversity and Social Justice Objective of the College Council to ensure that the College is able to continue to maintain socio economic, as well as religious and cultural diversity. Active support of all Old Boys of this Objective via the College's Bursary Program, is encouraged.

This year saw the biennial Old Boy reunions in San Francisco and New York as part of the AIS USA Foundation and I am pleased to advise that as a result of the effort that Newington puts in to maintaining these relations with our overseas Alumni, Newington continues to remain, far and away, the dominant beneficiary of the 24 members schools of this Foundation. Additionally, this year we inaugurated what we hope will be a regular reunion program with our Hong Kong based Old Boys and parents.

Finally, the College undertook another successful tour of Tupou College in Tonga, further strengthening the bonds between the two Colleges and countries. Preparations are well advanced for a major touring party to attend the College's Sesquicentenary in 2016, with, we hope, a number of Old Boys joining us for these celebrations.

My congratulations to Bruce Mellor (On 1982), the ONU Executive and Council for another good year and I look forward to working with you in 2015.



Rod Bosman (ON 1978)
Director of Community and Development

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Barry Collins OAM 1949-52
Richard Garvey 1947-55
Wayne Reilly 1952-59
Barry Titcume 1949-51

70 Club Chairman's Report

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Robert Hill (ON 1955) 70 Club Chairman
The 70 Club Committee
Chairman Mr Robert Hill (ON 1955)
Honorary Treasurer Mr Warren Green (ON 1953)
Honorary Secretary Mr Stafford Lowe MBE (ON 1956)
Vice Chairman Mr Gilbert Morgan (ON 1958)
Committee Members
Mr Niel Burling (ON 1958)
Mr Barry Collins OAM (ON 1952)
Mr Richard Garvey (ON 1955)
Mr Wayne Reilly (ON 1959)
Mr Barry Titcume (ON 1951)
The 70 Club continues to gather enthusiastic members. The March and September lunches are the main events held at the School together with the Regional lunches at the Central Coast - Davistown RSL and Mid-north coast - at Harrington.
In 2015 we shall have further potential new members passing through the 70 years of age threshold for membership. The incoming Committee for 2014/15 will work on contacting as many as possible of this group.
As in past years Senior Old Boys unable by age or distance or both to attend luncheons, continue to join the Club as Life Members. For these gentlemen, the Club provides continuing news of Newington and their contemporaries, and can facilitate re-establishment of contact with old friends. These senior Old Boys are an integral part of our Club.
Following the practice noted in previous reports, the 70 Club Committee continues to invite all those over 70 Old Boys and ex-staff members on our mailing list, regardless of their status as to membership of the 70 Club. But again, as in the past, the Committee encourages the taking up of life membership.
The 70 Club continues to support the College with their Anzac Service. The Anzac Service for 2015 on the 29 April, celebrating 100 years of Anzac is going to be a solemn and important

Robert Hill (ON 1955) 70 Club Chairman

occasion.

The 70 Club initiative, headed by Ron Leckie, (ON'39) for the Anzac Service 2015 together with the College and the ONU, is having the entrance into the Founders' Wing Honour Board and surrounds refurbished. The 'Book of the Fallen' has been updated with additional names. A new table is to be rebuilt, on the lines of museum display cabinets, for the 'Book of the Fallen' and placed at the entrance.

To make the Service more significant the 70 Club and the College are searching the records of the Fallen in an effort to locate surviving relatives. An invitation, will be extended to those located, to attend the Anzac Service.

During the Service the Last Post will be played on a WW1 bugle, presented to the College by Brian Bown (ON 1948) and a WW1 Lanyard, for the bugle, was given by Yvonne Gray wife of the late Ron Gray (ON 1950).

The Colours presented to the College at the last Anzac Service have now been installed in the Prescott Hall.

Newington College Chapel has asked for assistance in their effort to revitalise the seating in the Chapel. Seventy new pews, in handcrafted Golden Oak timber, are needed to seat 350 people. The 70 Club has purchased of one of these pews.

The 70 Club Committee are convening our meetings at various locations. The July meeting was held at the Newington Boat Shed and all enjoyed a tour of the Shed after the meeting. We will look at having a meeting at Wyvern House and Lindfield in the future, so Committee members can see at first hand the College facilities.

Thank You

I acknowledge with thanks the support and encouragement the 70 Club has received from the Headmaster, Dr. David Mulford and Dr. Andrew Hirst, Deputy Headmaster, Head of Stanmore as well as the support of the Old Newingtonians' Union, the Club's parent body, and its Past President James Jordan (ON 1981) and current President Bruce Mellor (ON 1982).

I also record the grateful thanks of the 70 Club to Rod Bosman (ON 1978) Director of Community & Development, Mylee Angelo ONU Alumni Officer, Noelene Hugh-Smith, David Roberts, the College Archivist for their immense support.

A special mention must go to Ron Leckie (ON 1939) and David Roberts, Archivist for their contribution to the 2015 Anzac Service.



Robert Hill (ON 1955)
CHAIRMAN



GPS OBU COUNCIL REPORT FOR ONU AGM

18 NOVEMBER 2014

This Council tends to be strong and extremely active in some years and a little relaxed in others. This is due to the fact that Presidents change by school notation each year and some newer members of the Council find it difficult to come to grips with the objectives of the group.

Last year, the President was from Joey's and has been a very active delegate in the past. Early in his term he encountered very worrying work difficulties and was unable to organise some of the traditional Council activities.

However, the current President from Grammar has devoted a good deal of time to seeing that our usual activities take place. It is not easy for him, as it is unfortunate that Grammar OBU have been having difficulties with their school Trustees, which makes it hard for them to obtain some of the normal Alumni services.

Although I have painted a slightly uncomfortable year, it must be said that some of our events have proved very successful and well received in the OBU community, as follows:

- Grammar turned on a very nice President's reception in May, held in their superb rooms at Weigall, the Headmaster being most gracious and helpful.
- In August, TAS OBU hosted sports and a dinner for OB's and invited visitors, particularly for the rugby supporters who were visiting from Newington. The traditional GPS golf and lunch was held at Manly, also in August, but as with many of these mid-week games, numbers were disappointing.
- Another "Gold Challenge", some say was the best ever, was held again at Riverview in early October.
A number of very well-known NC OBU's competed and I have received reports of the great time they had.
Newington, along with other schools, keep their OB member details secure, as required by legislation, but unfortunately this continues to be a difficulty for any function organisers who wish to follow up OB's for an event. There does not appear, currently, to be an answer to this continuing problem.
- In the first week in November, Grammar, a non-denominational school, conducted a GPS ecumenical service which turned out to be excellent. Held in their historic

school hall, there was an outstanding address by the Headmaster and a recital by three very talented schoolboy musicians, readings (non-biblical) by the Scots' Chaplain and this Council's President.

The Headmaster had obviously thought out how he would provide a service to suit both the nature of his school and the Christian leanings of the other eight brother schools.

- A number of our Sydney executive will be motoring to Bowral on 15 November to attend the bi-annual OBU reunion and it is pleasing to note that a number of local NC OBU's will be there.
- Grant Leonard has come onto the Council with enthusiasm, and it is good to see both his keenness, particularly from what the Council needs in a younger delegate, and his willingness to help.

John Astley
Hon. Secretary
November 2014



Election Running Sheet



Meeting	ONU Annual General Meeting
Time and date	Tuesday 18 November 2014 6:30PM
Location	Function Room, Taylor Sports Centre, Newington College

Nominations for ONU Executive in 2015

Brad Gill (ON 1992) ONU Life Member	Assistant Honorary Treasurer
Robert Hill (ON 1955)	70 Club President – Ex Officio Executive
James Jordan (ON 1981)	Immediate Past President
Andrew McKirdy (ON 1996)	Honorary Treasurer
Bruce Mellor (ON 1982)	President ONU
Karl Watson (ON 1986)	Honorary Secretary
Nigel Watson (ON 1993)	Assistant Honorary Secretary

Nominations for ONU Council in 2015

Aran Alexander (ON 2000)	Director, Community & Development, Newington College 70 Club Hon Treasurer
Rod Bosman (ON 1978)	
Warren Green (ON 1953)	ONU Representative to GPS OBU
Lucas Hejtmanek (ON 2009)	
Peter Kuburlis (ON 1990)	
Adam Latham (ON 1990)	
Grant Leonard (ON 1981)	
George Long (ON 1980)	
Alexander Pagonis (ON 2010)	
Richard Spira (ON 1981)	

Nominations for Vice Presidents in 2015

Nick Grogin (ON 2009) Metropolitan Vice President
David Jin (ON 2003) Metropolitan Vice President
Zachary Miles (ON 2008) Metropolitan Vice President
Adam Vine-Hall (ON 2005) Metropolitan Vice President

