



GM&B February 2022 Newsletter

Membership Fees

It is important for members to pay their annual dues for the following year prior to 31 December of the current year. Invoices are always issued in November. Whilst this is respected and honoured by the majority of members, there are still some who are reticent about paying fees due on time. Let's aim for 100% compliance by the end of February 2022!

GM&B dates for 2022 are as follows:

Tuesday, 8 February – Exec (Forum Preparation)

Tuesday, 8 March – Exec

Tuesday, 22 March – GM&B Forum 1, Unicorn Club, 5.30pm

Tuesday, 12 April – Exec (AGM Preparation)

Wednesday, 18 May - AGM & Annual Dinner, Unicorn Club, 7.00pm

Tuesday, 7 June - Exec

Tuesday, 5 July - Exec

Tuesday, 2 August – Exec

Tuesday, 6 September -

Exec (Forum Preparation)

Tuesday, 18 October - GM&B Forum 2, Unicorn Club, 5.30pm

Tuesday, 8 November - Exec

Tuesday, 6 December - Exec (if required)

* Significant dates in bold

All are meetings of the GM&B Executive except for the two Forums and the Annual General Meeting. Executive meetings are convened at 7.00pm with a definite closure no later than 8.30pm. In 2022 meetings will

Dear GM&B Member,

I extend a very warm 2022 welcome to all GM&B members through this February 2022 Newsletter. Over the past couple of months the GM&B has been active on a number of fronts, ensuring 2022 can be a very productive and rewarding year for all members and the broader school and Old Boy community.

Membership continues to rise

I would like to report that the very recent "recruitment drive" that I have undertaken since the October Forum, when I reported that membership numbers had diminished to 86, has resulted in 10 new members with several more considering becoming a member through 2022. This is thrilling news, as it includes several younger Old Boy professionals who will really contribute to our future growth. Our 10 new members, to be inducted at the AGM and Annual Dinner on Wednesday 18 May, include:

- Daniel BAKER, MHS exit 1991 (RVII)
- Fazal CADER, 1975 (MM>30)
- Ilija GRGIC, 1989 (MM>30)
- Chris KELLY, 1992 (MM>30)
- Torsten KASPER, 1987 (MM>30)
- Russell LANSBURY AM, 1962 (RVII)
- Bruce LANYON, 1971 (MM>30)
- Hugo NICOLACI, 2012 (RVII)
- Jamie REID, 1985 (MM>30)
- Marcus SAUNDERS, 2012 (MM<30)

The new categories of membership evidenced above are

- **MM>30**: Melbourne Metropolitan members over 30 years of age is a \$300 joining fee with a \$250 annual subscription.
- **MM<30**: Melbourne Metropolitan members under 30 years of age is a \$100 joining fee with a \$250 annual subscription.
- **RVII**: Regional Victoria, Interstate and International members is a \$200 joining fee with a \$100 annual subscription. Annual Dinner to be invoiced separately at \$100 if attending.

All new members have been informed they will be inducted into the GM&B at the AGM and Annual Dinner on **Wednesday 18 May**. I hope that you can mark this date down as it is the most important date and function in our yearly calendar.

This now confirms our GM&B membership at 96 as of 12 February. It would be great to grow the membership to about 120 so that new younger members can contribute to further growth of programs in the years ahead.

Management plan for all service needs of GM&B Members

Last week your GM&B Executive approved the use of **Hello Club** as a total membership management solution for the GM&B. As such, it will be implemented in the next couple of months so that it is fully up-and-running by the AGM on 18 May. The package has been successfully trialled and we see this as an ideal acquisition in that it would allow for the GM&B to continue growing in the future, and not be reliant on my capacity to personalise all emails, invoices, and financial statements, etc. Over the course of the year this would

be in the Board Room at MHSOBA or be virtual via ZOOM.

Recent Passing of Members

Esteemed GM&B members who have passed away since the last AGM in 2021 include the following.

- [John Maxwell Howell](#), 11 October 1938 - 22 June 2021
- [Darvell Martin Hutchinson AM](#), 01 July 1930 - 01 February 2022

Both men contributed significantly to the GM&B Patrons' Club, the MHS Foundation & Melbourne High School. Their service will be remembered.

GM&B Website

Just a reminder that the [GM&B website](#) is now fully operational. Up-to-date information regarding GM&B matters will be regularly posted.

save considerable hours of work by the Exec Off, whomever that person may be.

Hello Club syncs with **MailChimp** (currently using for all newsletters) and will integrate with **Stripe** for online payments. Can also support integration with Xero if we want more detailed accounts management (possible in the future).

Suggestion in our discussion with **Hello Club** is the possibility of managing our Mentees and Junior Leaders, so that we can create events and centralise the communication with Mentors/Mentees and JLP participants.

GM&B Positions to be filled in 2022

Now is the ideal opportunity to volunteer your services for any of the following vacancies.

- **Treasurer.** This is an **Executive Position**. The requirements of the Treasurer are not great as the new **Hello Club** management system will considerably reduce the 'paperwork' required to invoice and chase up recalcitrant members. The Treasurer will be the 2nd signature on accounts for payment by Jodie through the MHSOBA Office.
- **School Council Committee Representatives of the GM&B.**
 - **Finance Committee.** This person could be the GM&B Treasurer but need not be. Some appreciation of school finances would be an asset.
 - **Directions Committee.** This person would be a member of the committee considering further directions that the school may wish to explore.
 - **Education Committee (No vacancy).** P-i-C Daryl Brooks is serving on this committee and will continue through 2022.
 - **Buildings & Grounds Committee (No vacancy).** Former P-i-C Dechlan Ellis will be the GM&B representative for 2022.

If you wish to put yourself forward to be the GM&B rep on the Finance or Directions Committees of School Council please email [Colin Green](#).

Volunteering Victoria

The GM&B pays an annual fee (c.\$77) to *Volunteering Victoria (VV)* to access their various programs that may assist the further development of our younger GM&B members, especially the Program Members who have emerged from the Junior Leadership and Mentor Programs. Selected programs should be advised to members, and especially the Program Members, so that individuals can undertake the courses to improve their personal CVs. Costs should be incurred by the GM&B.

Forum One: Tuesday 22 March - Lock in this date

GM&B Patrons Club & Volunteering Victoria

Hopefully the first forum will allow us to gather in person at the **MHSOBA Unicorn Club** at 5.30pm. The forum will conclude at 9.00pm and includes dinner at 7.00pm (included in your membership fee). Our ability to meet in person will be achieved thanks to the provisions afforded by the MHSOBA's **Covid-19 Safe Plan for the facility**. In the unlikely event that circumstances don't allow, the Forum can be offered as an online event via Zoom.

The theme of the forum relates to the **complex issues of volunteering**. A detailed agenda, with discussion topics, is currently being prepared and will be advised as soon as it is complete.

Heritage and MHS 2027

The GM&B supports the Honorary Archivist **Luke Savage** in his continuing excellent endeavours around MHS Heritage. We have supported Luke in the past, with acquisition of A3 scanners etc. It is important that we maintain this support as **Dr Tony Mordini** outlines his hopes and plans for the coming centenary of MHS at Forrest Hill in 2027.

We are hopeful of bringing news of the 2027 centenary celebrations as they become available from Dr Mordini. He is well aware of the GM&B members' keenness to contribute in appropriate ways.

JLP & Mentoring Programs

The current **Junior Leadership Program 2022** is running very efficiently and embracing both face to face learning and visual online sessions if needed. The first session has been completed with over 80 Year 10 students from MHS and Mac.Rob. Wayne Chow is to be congratulated for his outstanding leadership in this area involving both MHS and Mac.Rob GHS students and past students from both schools as Group Leaders & committee members.

The **Mentoring Program** has not run successfully for the past two years, with Covid-19 causing considerable disruption. Plans are now underway to restructure the mentoring program as it logically flows on from the JLP Year 10 model, allowing Year 11 and 12 students to derive benefits from mentoring. It may also include mentoring possibilities for undergraduate past MHS and Mac.Rob students and those recent graduates joining the professional workforce.

Exciting times ahead for **Wayne Chow** and his very active committee members from both schools! A new operational structure hopefully will be adopted and in place soon to allow mentoring to get underway in the second half of 2022.

MHS Memorial Hall Organ Installation

Many thanks to the donors who contributed to raising the \$11,600 needed for the purchase of the new organ for the Memorial Hall. It is now being expertly installed. The old speakers above the ceiling of the Memorial Hall have now been removed. The new speakers are soon to be installed and connected. When the installation is complete and Dr Mordini can arrange for a special assembly to 'launch the organ', in a Covid safe environment, all donors will be invited to attend. Hopefully the organ can be played by a couple of previous school organists who also donated to the Organ Appeal..

Best wishes ... and let's catch up soon.



Colin Green OAM
Executive Officer