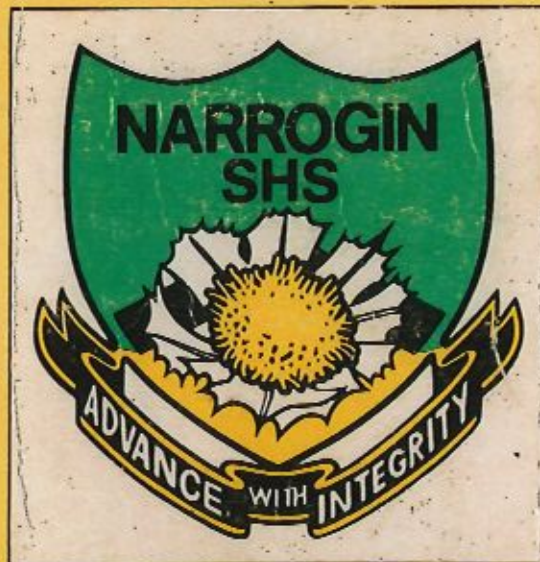
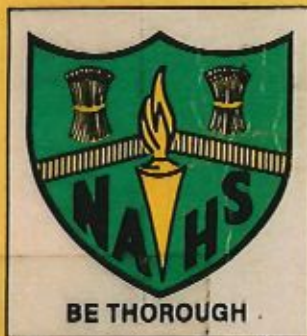


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PREFACE

This small book tells in outline how the present Narrogin Senior High School has developed over the past seventy-five years from a vision in the minds of the local community to an institution which enjoys an enviable tradition of achievement and general excellence.

A great number of people have contributed to this proud tradition. In the early years many determined men and women in Narrogin and the surrounding districts fought long and hard to have their vision become a reality. And then, during the following thirty-five years, the school has been particularly fortunate in the expertise and dedication of its teaching and support staffs and in the calibre of its students, many of whom have been distinctly talented and most of whom have endeavoured to make good use of the opportunities which the school has presented. In addition, no small part has been played by the individuals and organizations from the local community who have given such valued and generous support over the years.

The decision to have the school history compiled was made by the present Principal, Mr Brian Lange. With the high school now moving towards a greater degree of autonomy and responsibility for its own development, he felt that we needed to keep in mind a clear picture of the past while planning for the future. If this little book also awakens the memories and stirs the pride of the thousands who have been associated with Narrogin High, then the decision to write it will have been very worthwhile.

To have been asked to produce this history is a great honour for me personally. Exactly half my teaching life - from 1959 to 1972 and again from 1986 - has been spent in Narrogin, and I have formed a deep affection and respect for the school and all the positive values which it represents. The story is worth telling. I only hope that I have been able to do it justice.

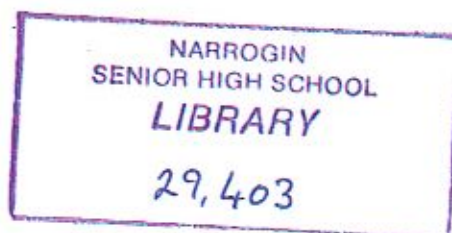
Of course, much of what happened in the past seventy-five years remains unknown to me after nine months' research, and to attempt to compress what I did discover into the limitations of a small book required a degree of selection. Hopefully enough has been included to convey a definite impression of the major developments and achievements. If the reader's personal highlights do not appear, I hope that he or she will forgive me.

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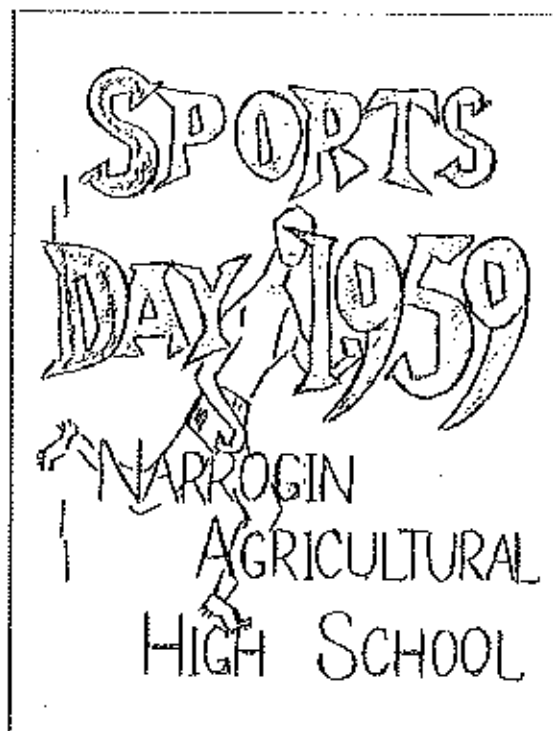
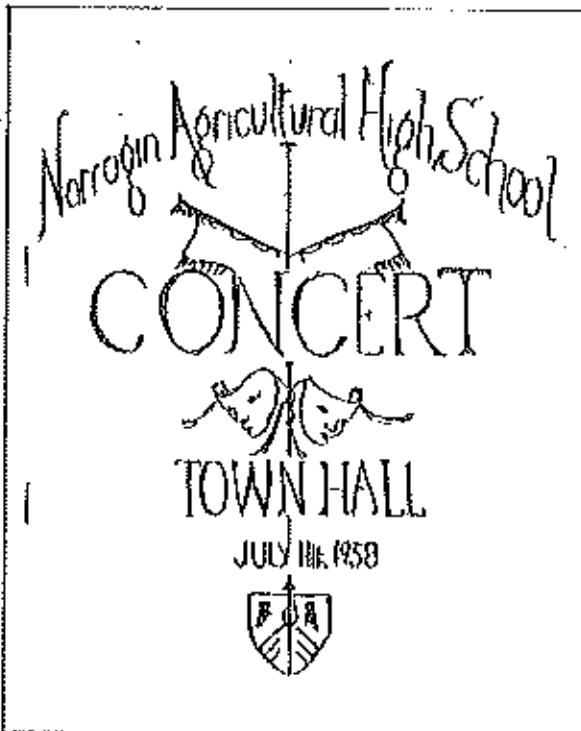
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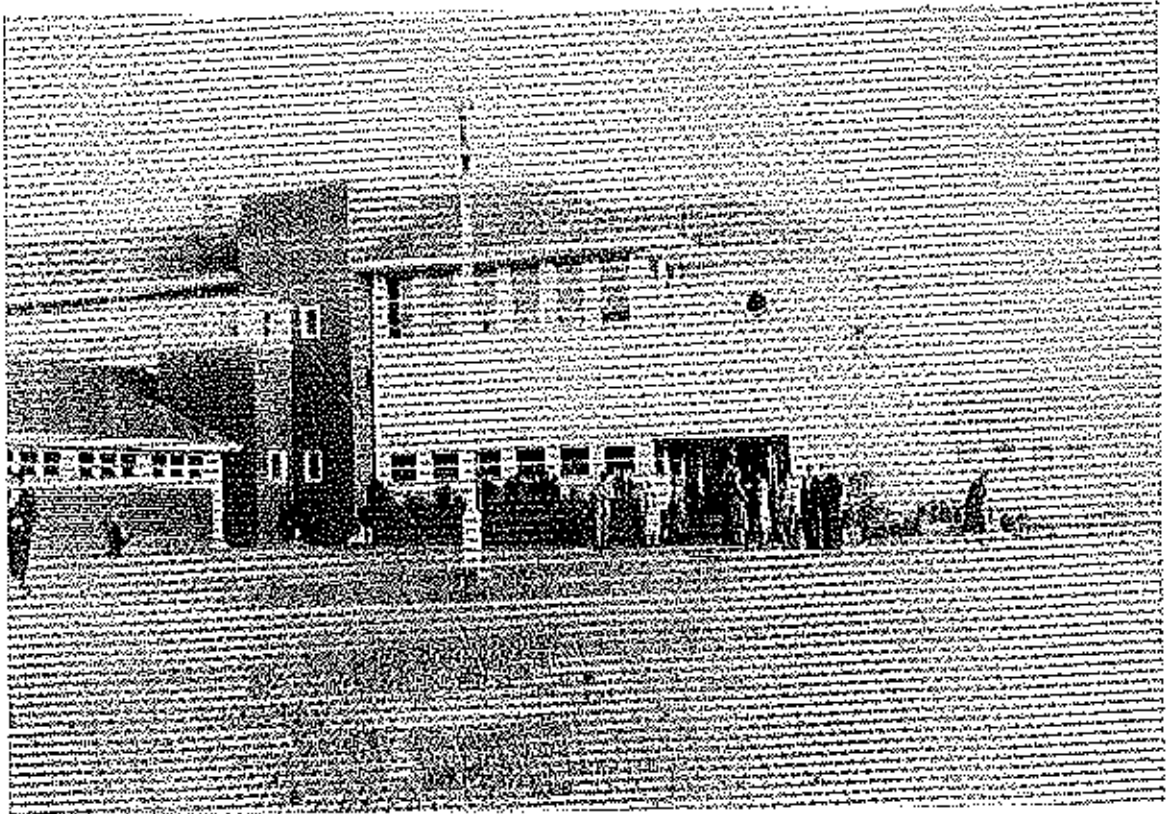
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I should like to conclude by quoting the final paragraph of a letter I received from foundation student Kathleen Myles, now Mrs Kathleen Ford, the lady who claims that her school romance with Roy Ford, the Head Boy in 1958, was the first in the school's history to lead to marriage. She ends her colourful account of life in the '50s with the words: "So there they are - not earth-shattering memories! I'd like to send you a spectacular recollection such as 'we found gold under a stone while clearing a path'. Looking back I'm inclined to think that we did!"

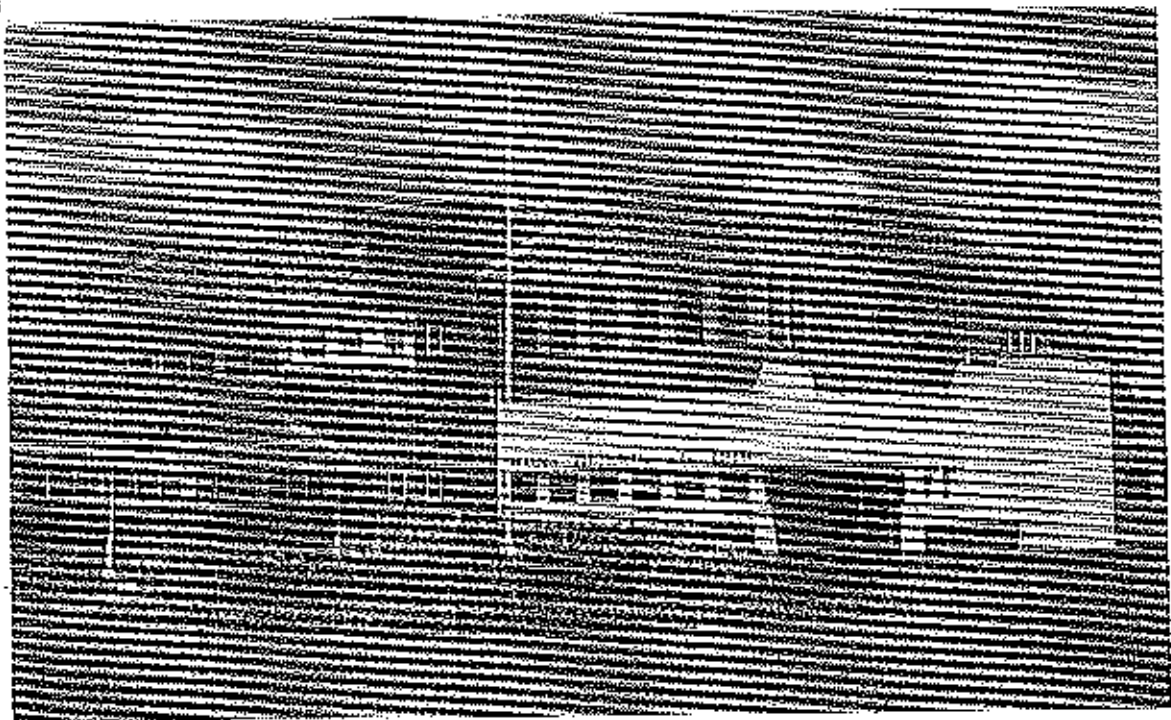
I'm sure that, looking back on our own days at Narrogin Senior High, a lot of us would quietly agree.

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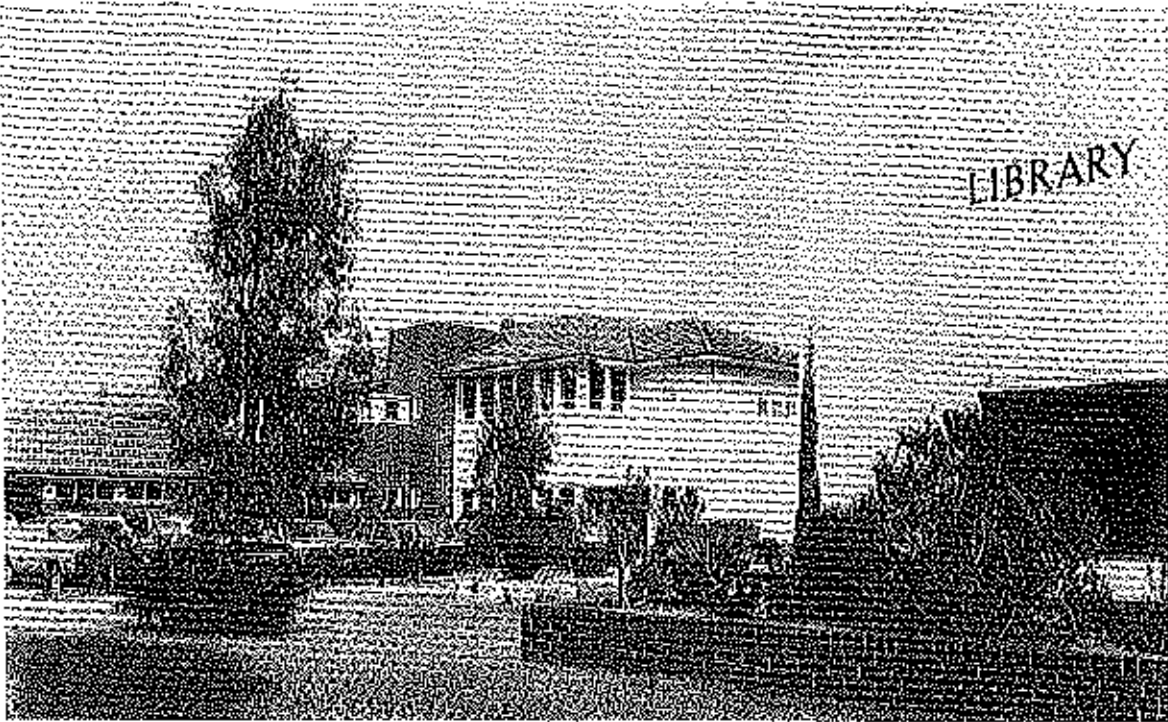




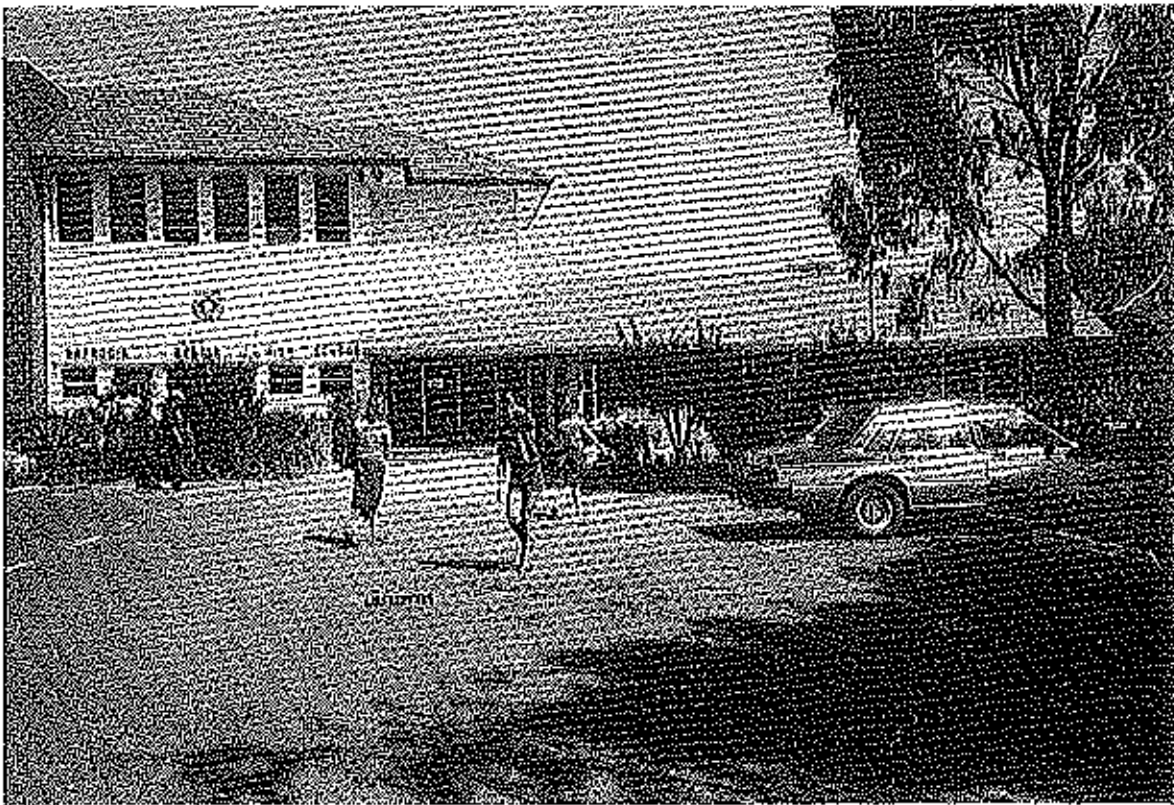
THE PASSAGE OF THE YEARS: FROM MAY, 1955 ...



THROUGH THE EARLY 1960s ...



AND THE LATE 1970s ...



INTO THE 1980s

1914 - 1954

Narrogin Agricultural High School opened to students in 1955, but its story began at least forty-one years before - in 1914, the year in which the Department of Agriculture established the Narrogin School of Agriculture. It was also the year when electric light was first switched on in the town. Enthusiasm was running high; civic leaders had a clear vision for the future.

On the evening of Tuesday, 30th June, 1914, seven town councillors, under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Mr Michael Brown, were discussing a motion from Councillor Moss and seconded by Councillor Hough:

"That in the opinion of this Council the time has arrived when steps should be taken to have set aside a suitable area of land...as a site for a Secondary School and that an application be made...to have a suitable site duly reserved and pointing out that the growing importance of this town suggests the necessity of early action being taken in this matter."

The motion was carried, the letter was sent and the sitting member for the district, Mr E.B. Johnston, made sure that a copy reached the Minister for Education.

Their hopes were premature, of course, but the Narrogin Town Council, together with many other individuals and organizations, never lost sight of the vision of one day having a five-year high school in their town. By the early 1920s the Education Department had taken over the School of Agriculture, and the Town Council had decided on the site to be reserved for a high school - a scrub-covered hill used as a gravel quarry on the eastern boundary of town. For many years thereafter they kept up the pressure at regular intervals.

While speaking to the Address in Reply on 12th August, 1936, the Hon. Harold Piessé, Member for the South-East Province, informed the Legislative Council that he had attended a meeting at Narrogin at the request of the municipal council who were seeking his assistance in obtaining a high school. He had subsequently noted the excellent work carried out by the Albany High School and felt that the time had arrived when the Government should go further afield. "Narrogin," he stated, "is an excellent centre for the establishment of a new high school" and, because of its importance as a railway centre, "is in a specially favoured position for a high school to serve the Great Southern."

During 1939 Town Council members were again pressing hard. In April they were reported to be preparing a case for the creation of a District High School. On 30th May a deputation, led by Councillor Hugh Marsh, waited on the Minister for Education, but with virtually no joy. Undismayed, they grasped the opportunity offered by a visit to the local State School on 13th December by the Minister for Education, Mr Kitson, and the Director of Education, Mr Hadley. Supported by the Mayor, Mr Myers, by Councillor Manning and by local member, Mr V. Doney, MLA, Councillor Marsh again introduced the claim of Narrogin for a high school. He read out supportive letters from all the local governing bodies within a 100-mile radius of Narrogin and pointed out that Council was ready to provide a site "which could not be bettered anywhere in the State". However, the Minister was not sympathetic. "It seems a remote possibility," he said, "that sufficient money will be available for some time," and indicated that he was more interested in improving the State School.

The supporters of the high school plan were not to be deterred. Throughout the war years of the 1940s they encouraged the local youngsters to stay on at school until their Junior year. "The ultimate establishment of a District High School in Narrogin will depend to a large extent upon the number of students enrolled in Standards VII, VIII and IX in this school and upon the number who gain the Junior

Certificate," wrote State School headmaster, Mr F. Burrows, in his School Notes printed in The Narrogin Observer for 12th February, 1944.

At the same time and for the same reason strong efforts were made to persuade young people over 14 to attend evening Technical classes at the school, but year after year it was a battle to muster the necessary twelve per class. In May 1942 the Director stated that Narrogin was the most costly Technical centre to operate: it had a minimum number of classes with the minimum number attendance. In February 1944 Town Council sponsored a public meeting to awaken interest in Technical classes, but it was very poorly attended. As Mr E.S. Hall commented: "Unless at least 5 classes with a minimum of 12 students in each are established, Narrogin's chance of a high school will be seriously prejudiced."

This opinion was echoed by Mr Tonkin, Minister for Education, when he and Mr Little, Director of Education, visited Narrogin in November 1944 at the request of the local branch of the ALP to discuss the question of establishing a high school. After listening to impassioned addresses by Dr Alfred Jacobs, President of the ALP District Council, and Mr V. Doney, MLA, Mr Tonkin admitted that in some respects Narrogin's claim for a high school was superior to others, but "the attendance during the post-primary course of the Narrogin School showed an extreme waning of interest after children reached the age of 14". He was convinced that "no more than 128 children would be available in the event of the high school being provided."

To add point to the Minister's argument, only fifteen children passed their Junior Certificates that year in Narrogin (eleven at the State School and four at the Convent School), and only 29 passes were secured in eight Technical classes.

However, a fortnight after the Minister's visit, Town Council received a letter from Mr Little advising that a high school might be possible through amalgamation with the School of Agriculture "for some phases of education".

In February 1945 Mr Burrows and Mr Hall redoubled their efforts to stimulate interest in post-primary and Technical classes, but this proved unnecessary because the Minister confirmed his decision to Mr Burrows and Mr Doney. The Government was obviously prepared to use the School of Ag. boys to make up the necessary numbers.

This became perfectly clear later in the year when the Premier, Mr F.J. Wise, visited Narrogin on 19th October, 1945 and was reported in The Narrogin Observer as saying that "there were not enough children of appropriate age in the district to justify a high school, but consideration was being given to the matter of creating a lesser high school in association with the School of Agriculture".

This explains why, shortly before, Town Council had been asked to provide a site in the western area of town. Council happily provided two - Site A (part of land set aside for the National Park off Williams and Narrakine Roads - "Foxes Lair") and Site C (between Clayton Rd and Dollar St), but also took care to include their own choice, Site B (the gravel hill on the eastern boundary of the town).

When the Town Planning Commissioner examined the sites in July 1945, he found Site A quite impractical. The rock outcrops would be very costly to remove. The site's only merit was its closeness to the School of Agriculture "should the staffs of the two be interchangeable". In contrast, the Commissioner found Site C quite attractive as a possible high school site. Its twenty-two acres were close to town. It had public roads on three sides and its water course was easily divertible. Playing fields would not be costly to construct, and the whole site could be purchased for a mere 1,000 pounds.

About Site B, the long-established choice of the people of Narrogin, he had this to say: "On the opposite side of the town lies Site B, comprising a quarry reserve and unallotted Crown land. This is a splendid site, consisting of an elevated plateau from which the whole town of Narrogin is visible. There are no rock outcrops of any size and only portions of the quarry reserve have been used for gravel pits. A High School on this site would be in a dominating position with an almost Harrovian aspect. There is a good growth of trees on this land, which is also well served by roads on two sides - west and south - Butler and Herald Streets."

It was clear that the choice lay between Sites B and C, with public opinion favouring the "Harrovian" site on the eastern boundary of town.

Nothing more was heard for the next half year. Consequently, when Mr A.M. Jones, the Secretary of the Narrogin P. and C., attended the P. and C. Federation Conference in March 1946, he asked the Minister if a decision had been made. The latter retorted that "as soon as the people of Narrogin could make up their minds as to a suitable site, it was hoped to start." This riled the Council considerably. After all, they had made up their minds about the eastern site some twenty-five years before! They decided that the Minister must have heard about a public meeting in the town hall the previous November to discuss the site for the proposed Memorial to Youth Swimming Pool and got his wires crossed! The Minister was speedily informed and six months later, in September 1946, Council was asked to approve cancellation of reserves on the eastern hill and to close the central portion of Kcalley Street. Council very willingly complied. A Crown grant for approximately 40 acres was issued on 16th April, 1948. This, the present high school site, included the previous gravel quarry reserve and also three housing blocks on the north-west corner where Gray Street used to cut off at an angle and pass through roughly where the District Office now stands. (Gray Street was eventually straightened in July 1954 to make an approach to the school, but where the original street used to run is obvious from the fence line of the top block in Homer Street.)

By 1946 the need for a high school, and for a new primary school on the eastern side of town, was growing acute. The smaller schools in the region had begun to close down, and buses commenced transporting the children into the Narrogin State School in July. The State School, badly in need of renovations, was beginning to suffer from overcrowding, with some of its 490 children being taught in cloakrooms.

Ten months went by without further word of the promised high school, so Dr Jacobs headed a deputation to wait on visiting Ministers in July 1947. His eloquent arguments were met with a statement by the Deputy Premier, Mr Watts, to the effect that housing, hospitals and primary school repairs had priority on building materials. However, "the proposed Narrogin high school would be the first to receive consideration" when the priority needs had been met. It was the same story throughout 1948 and 1949, while the State School numbers reached 549. Classes in 1949 had between 47 and 67 children in each, and of the post-primary classes, Standard VII had 47 and Standards VIII and IX were in a grouped class of 49.

And then suddenly, on 10th February, 1950, as the Narrogin State School began the new school year as a Junior High School, it was announced that the tender had been accepted for levelling the sites for the building and playing fields of the proposed high school. A grant of 4,250 pounds had been approved by Treasury in December 1949.

The clearing and earthworks contract had been let to L.A. Keirle and Co of Victoria Park. The first tree was bulldozed during the week ending Friday, 24th February, 1950, an event which was noted with delight by The Narrogin Observer as "another link in Narrogin's chain of progress". By 31st March the work of levelling was well advanced. The site for the building was comparatively level and required little more than clearing any timber and undergrowth, but to create the oval a powerful bulldozer was needed to remove thousands of tons of gravel from the higher level.

At this point The Narrogin Observer, on 31st March, waxed rhapsodic:
"Probably no public building in Australia will occupy a finer site, and when completed it should be not only a source of infinite pride to local residents, but a landmark which should excite the interest of all who pass through the town, either by road or by rail."

In June 1950 Mr Ritchie, the farm manager of the School of Agriculture, sowed the oval with grass seed to bind the surface against erosion and form a basis for top dressing.

And then things ground to a halt. By September 1950 there was no sign of building tenders being called. Consequently, the P. and C. asked Town Council to organize a public protest meeting and to invite the Minister for Education and the local member, the Hon. V. Doney. This seems to have had the desired result, for on the eve of the meeting a telegram was received from Mr Doney to the effect that plans and estimates had been prepared and tenders would be called shortly. It ended with the words: "A most desirable structure is foreshadowed by the plans" and detailed the proposed rooms. As Mr Hall noted in his paper for 22nd September, 1950, publication of the Government's intention was received "with feelings of intense pleasure throughout this and neighbouring districts".

The protest meeting was held, but it was poorly attended, and Mr Doney and Mr Loton, MLC, expressed their annoyance at the fact that "meetings such as this were the only reward they received" for labouring for twelve years to secure the high school for Narrogin. They were soon told how much they were appreciated. Town Council then turned their attention to persuading the Government to build a hostel at the school, but Mr Watts felt that it would be better to wait and see whether there was a real need.

In November 1950 the Treasury approved expenditure on the high school, and work was due to begin early in 1951. However, another delay occurred. On 9th February The Narrogin Observer noted that "the site of the proposed High School, recently cleared at a cost of several thousands, is becoming the romping ground for rabbits". At the same time the paper reported that accommodation at the Junior High School had reached crisis point: there were now 638 children, so that two unheated, inferior halls in the town were being used for classes. Eventually, however, the Hon. L. Loton advised in July 1951 that completion of the high school was anticipated in 1953; and then, on 13th October, Premier Ross McLarty, in Narrogin to open the Show, stated that "Narrogin had scored fairly well of late at the expense of the Treasury", listing high school earthworks completed for 4,250 pounds and a tender for the buildings accepted at 98,000 pounds.

In January 1952 a contract for the building was let to Messrs J.B. Hawkins and Sons. Once building began, the work proceeded steadily. By the end of February 1952 large huts to house the workmen had been erected on the western slope, most of the 350,000 local bricks had been delivered and stood around in huge stacks, and final levelling of the site was in progress using a very powerful Le Tonneau bulldozer. By November that year most of the foundations were down, brickwork had commenced on the Manual Training block and the concrete columns were being formed to support the upper storey of the main block.

Meanwhile, down at the Junior High School, numbers had continued to rise. They had reached 671 in December 1952. A third outside hall had been taken over. Things were desperate! To ease the pressure, the Director of Education decided that a section of the high school would be made available for 220 primary children from February 1954. Consequently, the original "airy, cool, comfortable" woodwork and metalwork rooms were completed first and given temporary partitions. Four classes of children in Standards III and IV occupied them during 1954 with their teachers - Mr John Read, Mr Jones, Mrs Rae Comini and Mrs Lorna Metzke.

Mrs Metzke wrote her memories of that year for the Primary School's 80th Anniversary booklet in 1985:

"What fun the kids had making cubbies from the discarded builders' rubble in the dense scrub still in situ. Periodically we'd wander over to inspect the progress at the adjacent high school site and gaze in wonder at the majesty of that marble staircase."

The new high school became the place to visit for weekend strolls. Yvonne McDougall was one of those sightseers. Her grandmother had earlier prepared a submission for the CWA to get the high school started, and now Yvonne herself was soon to become the school's first Head Girl. She remembers that the first up what is now the central stairwell was a little Kelpie dog called Prince who left his paw marks in the wet cement!

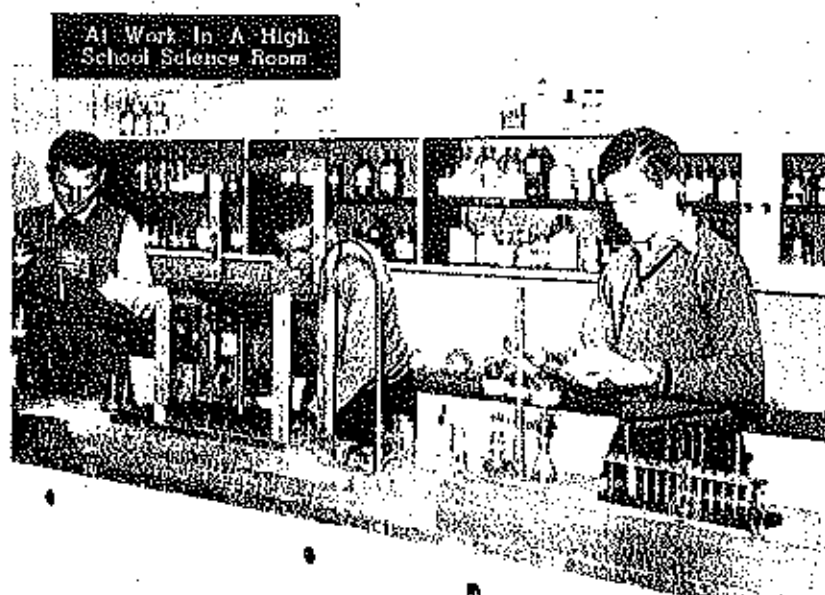
Throughout 1953 and 1954 there was general concern over the lack of accommodation for the prospective students from other centres in 1955. Mr W. Walker, the Headmaster of the Junior High School, was predicting that "in time, Narrogin must be expected to accommodate something like 250 boarders". How right he was! However, back in 1954 the prospect of boarding a fraction of that number seemed unlikely. The Town Council, the Baptist Church, the CWA, the Chamber of Commerce, the Junior High School's P. and C. and other groups were all actively trying to solve the problem. The Council tried to purchase the old butter factory to serve as a hostel, but negotiations broke down. A public meeting held on 19th March, 1954 suggested that local councils raise the necessary finance to erect hostels and apply for a pound-for-pound Government subsidy. An investigatory committee was formed, headed by Mr W. Manning, but by 21st May Mr Tonkin, the Minister for Education, advised Council that the Government was unable to share the cost of a 30-bed hostel. Hopes of using the School of Agriculture for male student accommodation also came to nothing. By November 1954 it was realized that all prospective students from outlying areas would have to find their own accommodation.

At about this time the Government also received the findings of a committee set up in 1950 to enquire into agricultural education. The committee was particularly worried about the narrow focus of purely agricultural schools and, as was noted in a memo from the Director-General to the Minister for Education years later in 1973, "stressed the advisability of establishing multilateral schools in which a good general secondary education as well as vocational training was available".

The result was that, just as the Narrogin townspeople were gearing up to celebrate the opening of the high school, a bombshell was dropped. It was announced in September 1954 that the new high school, which people had come to regard as a purely academic institution, would be called the "Town Wing", and the School of Agriculture would be attached as the "Agricultural Wing". The composite school would be known as the Narrogin Agricultural High School.

There was general consternation. A reunion of more than 150 ex-students of the School of Agriculture expressed their concern that their old school would become "merely an appendage" of the new high school. Mr Hall wrote a series of blistering editorials in September and October, in which he expressed his doubts about the intelligence of Education Department officials. "Never on any occasion," he wrote on 7th October, "was it stated prior to the erection of the High School that the intention was to convert the institution for the purpose stated." (He wasn't quite accurate on that point, of course. As we have seen, the presence of the boys at the School of Agriculture had been a factor in the Government's decision that a high school at Narrogin was viable. This had been officially stated, very clearly, back in 1945 and had been reported in the local paper.) However, after Mr Hegney, the new Minister for Education, had patiently explained the reasoning behind the decision and the advantages it would bring to both wings - especially the fact that a senior headmaster would be in charge - the editor made a very handsome public apology.

And so, as the long, hot summer began, the new Town Wing of the Narrogin Agricultural High School, completed on 29th October, 1954 at an overall cost of 185,000 pounds, was all set to open in February 1955, and the Narrogin Junior High School to become the first junior high in the State to achieve high school status. As The Narrogin Observer would remark on 17th February, it was "the realisation of a rosy dream of many years standing of Narrogin citizens". The vision had become reality - even if not quite as the visionaries had foreseen.



THE PRIDE OF THE SCHOOL, 1955

In 1955 our two science laboratories were considered so modern that this photo of Gilbert Broadley, Ken Bailey and Robert Harrold in Room B (the present Lab.3) was printed in an official publication.

1955 - 1959

As they gazed at the new Town Wing building in the opening weeks of 1955, the residents who had fought so long to have it built were justly proud. Some might see it as "big, bare, empty and impersonal, tucked away amongst the scrub on a gravelly hilltop", but others agreed with the local paper and saw only "a handsome building, its rooms fitted with all the latest equipment which makes school attractive these days for both students and teachers."

And handsome it was, with its orange-tiled roof gleaming in the sunshine above cream-painted walls, sharp clean brickwork and lines of large windows. Certainly it was bare - standing there in a vast sweep of dusty gravel with a few strips of bitumen - but therein lay the first challenge to be overcome!

When the local editor joined the sightseers at the end of January, he was not there just to admire. Narrogin had been battling for years to have the pipeline from Collie completed, and he saw the imminent opening of the new high school as yet another chance to put pressure on the Government. Noting that no rainwater tanks had been installed, he paused at the "up-to-date" drinking fountain. "All that trickles from its many chromium taps," he wrote in his issue for 3rd February, "is discoloured local scheme water with a salinity of 60 grains." "Water Wanted at High School," announced his headline the following week - and water it got!

During the week after school began on Monday, 14th February, 885 points of rain poured from the skies. That February was the second wettest month since recordings began! Large areas were flooded and the town cut in half. Very few students got to school by the Thursday and Friday, and the library (the present Room 19) - luckily still bookless - was awash because of a fault in the roof. (That deluge is also the reason for our swimming carnivals today being held at the sports ground. Early in 1955 construction had begun on an Olympic-size pool near the creek between Kipling and Doney Streets, but the flood led to rapid rethinking and a change of location.)

Once the excitement was over, attention soon swung back to the new high school and the 205 foundation students at the Town Wing. At that time the Town Wing of NAHS was only a fifth the size of the present NSHS. The main block ended at what is now the central stairwell. On the ground floor were the two laboratories and two classrooms (one being converted in the '80s to the connecting passageway and science office), while on the upper floor were four classrooms and the library. Today's staffroom was then the art room, and beneath that were two home science rooms - the present Home Ec.1 and another (now demolished to make way for Home Ec.2) which included a model flat complete with bathroom and bedsitting room. Here the girls learned to care for a home. At the top of the granolithic ("marble") staircase, almost never used by students in the early years, were the two small staffrooms (the present time-out room and staff toilets), while down below the headteachers' offices led off the entrance foyer. Alas, how are the mighty fallen! The Deputy Head's office, with its memories of the cave, is now the secretaries' workroom, while those of the Headmaster and First Mistress are nothing more than sickbays. Beyond the two projecting toilet wings and across the strip of bitumen (for basketball and cadet parades) were the boys' two manual training rooms and an open-sided lunch shed. Still farther out, beyond a great expanse of loose gravel, lay the rock-strewn oval and sports pavilion.

And that was all there was on the hill. No Education Support Centre; no District Office; no hostel. There was not even a canteen. Instead, half the school tried to crowd into the tuckshop (now one room of a private house) on the corner of Homer and Butler Streets. As for the hostel, its minute beginnings appeared in 1956 when Morley's private hostel in Yilliminning Road accepted six girls, and increased this to 24 a year later.

It was always intended, of course, that there would be additions to the Town Wing, but the plan drawn up in 1957 shows none of the later developments except the eastward extension of the main building. On the contrary, the plan shows ideas which never materialised, including a fourth toilet wing, classrooms where the administration and library buildings now stand, and an open-air theatre in the old gravel quarry overlooking Butler Street and Yilliminning Road.

The first Headmaster to be appointed to NAHS was Mr Julius Barton, but he never took up the position. In his absence the task of guiding the new school went to Mr Bill Walker, previously Head of the local Junior High School. His Deputy was Mr William (Pat) Cullen, who had been associated with the School of Agriculture, first as student, then as teacher, since 1919. In 1957 Mr John Tulloch, previously Head of Muresk, took over as Headmaster. When he died in 1967, *The Narrogin Observer* praised his "direct and sound administration" and paid tribute to his "kindliness and thoughtfulness for others". Those of us on his staff well remember the warm hospitality which he and his wife Olga extended at their home at the Ag. Wing. The Deputy from 1958 was a hearty, larger-than-life man named Mr Harry Loudon. He was warmly encouraging to everyone, revered by most students - and feared by the malingerers!

In 1955 the position of First Mistress and Guidance Officer was filled by Miss Nora Watts from the early Pingelly family. Her successor from 1956 was Miss Nancy Richards, a lady whose name grew to be synonymous with the highest standards of excellence. As a teacher she inspired a deep love of literature and creative writing; as an administrator she displayed both compassionate understanding and immense authority. But, for all that, she is remembered with affection. Margaret Nadebaum, for instance, then in lower school, recalls how Miss Richards drove to school in her small green Austin, always wearing hat and gloves, and how one particular hat, a fur one, was known widely as "Davy Crockett".

The teachers, as Dr Vickery recalls, were "a remarkable well-knit staff". Today, over 30 years later, Miss Richards still remembers the zeal with which they took up the challenge. "Our task," she writes, "was to lay the foundations of a new five-year high school. Led by Bill Walker and John Tulloch, we embarked on the pursuit of excellence. This was to be the goal of all our endeavours, a quality intrinsic to everything we hoped to establish - to behaviour both in and out of the school, to standards of dress and deportment, to social activities and, above all, to academic achievement." The success of their efforts was recognized almost immediately. After Country Week in 1958, for instance, the school received a letter from the Principal Mistress of a large Perth high school in which she stated that "the standards of behaviour and uniform of the Narrogin students equalled that of any private school in Perth". High praise indeed!

The uniform that the students wore so proudly was not so very different from that worn today on formal occasions. In those days boys always wore ties (except, with permission, on the hottest days). The girls' uniform included beret and gloves. The staff, too, were quite formally dressed in those days, and several times a year wore academic gowns and hoods at assemblies. Years later, many students who went on to university stated that it was the sight of teachers in their gowns which spurred them on to seek tertiary education themselves.

The wearing of uniform and the behaviour of younger students were controlled as much by the prefects as by the staff. Kath Myles, a 3rd Year in 1955, recalls: "We had just one class ahead of us - a handful of serious 4th Years. All of them were prefects, and all were keen to streamline us into a set of new rules." Rae Plumb was one of those 4th Years: "We had the ideal of guiding the younger students to have pride in the school...I can still hear a couple of very vocal fellows yelling at the boys and see them marching back up the stairs with a student in tow to retrace his steps and walk correctly."

However, as Miss Richards says, it was academic achievement which received the greatest emphasis. Students were constantly reminded that "the higher their standard of education when they left school the better tradesmen, shop-keepers, farmers, professional people, mothers or fathers they were likely to become." Students needed warm encouragement to study hard because in those days there were no "soft options". Courses were strongly academic and the chances of failure were very real.

Right through until the early 1970s, most students were prepared for two public examinations conducted by the University of W.A. - the Junior Certificate taken at the end of 3rd Year and the Leaving Certificate (with hopes of matriculating) at the end of 5th Year. After the Junior girls not continuing the academic course could return for a year and add commercial subjects to their certificate. In lower school students stayed together in form classes for most of their subjects, and every school year, from 1st to 5th, had examinations at the end of each of the three terms. The 3rd and 5th years of study were particularly stressful. To pass the Junior students needed at least a 50% pass in at least five of the seven or eight subjects they took. 5th Years usually studied seven of the twelve subjects offered by the school and needed to pass at least four, including English, to gain a Leaving. In each case, failure to gain sufficient passes meant leaving school with no certificate at all.

In its first five years NAHS performed quite creditably. 39 students sat for the Junior in 1955 and this figure rose to 72 in 1959. 59% passed in 1955, 80% in 1957 and 86% in 1959. The first class of 5th Years sat for the Leaving in 1956; of these 12 gained the certificate (70%). 9 out of 16 were successful in 1957 and 12 out of 17 in 1959. Wes Holmes and Kevin Keevil in 1956 were the first to pass all seven subjects, and Kevin achieved the school's first distinctions. There was great jubilation in January 1959 when it was learnt that 14 of the 16 1958 students were successful (87%). That year, six gained seven subjects, nine matriculated and six shared eight distinctions.

Academically, the school was off to a good start. However, throughout the State there had been concern for some time that not all lower-school students were suited to the academic approach of the Junior course. Consequently, in 1959 the Education Department introduced the High School Certificate with a course offering simplified and more immediately "useful" subjects to 3rd Year school leavers. In 1959 a commendable 16 of the 18 NAHS students who sat for the HSC gained the certificate, 13 with the full nine passes.

Outside the classrooms, the challenge to improve the grounds was taken up with enthusiasm. Even before the Town Wing had opened, the first gardener, Mr Den Boer, had begun digging out patches of gravel and carting soil and manure from the Ag. Wing to form flower beds. Soon after school began, all students, mostly in sport periods, were set to work digging out gravel for a lawn in the first quadrangle and a rosebed in front of the main entrance. Head Girl Yvonne McDougall remembers how hot and tiring that was in summer. However, as Kath Myles comments, "by being included in these activities we began to feel that the school belonged to us."

The Ag. Wing boys were the ones who brought in the soil and manure and filled in the plots. Their participation in this task was just one of the ways that the staff employed to try to weld the two wings into a unified school. The teachers were very conscious of the local feeling about this issue and were determined that this first experimental amalgamation of a high school with a School of Agriculture would be a success. Throughout those early years every opportunity was taken to demonstrate co-operation and harmony: Ag. Wing Army cadets paraded with the Town Wing ATC cadets; socials after shared sporting events were often held in the dining room at the Ag. Wing; the prefects of each wing regularly entertained each other; once a week, much to the girls' delight, the Ag. Wing boys were driven

in for lessons at the Town Wing - at first on an open truck, but in a bus from March 1958...The first school badge, designed by the first art teacher, Jim Norwood, featured agricultural wheat sheaves separated from an open book symbolizing academic education by a blue chevron. The new school's colours were the traditional green and gold of the School of Agriculture. NAHS even adopted the old Ag. School motto: "Be Thorough".

The new badge, mounted on a dark-blue background, had pride of place among the flags at the official opening ceremony of the new school held on 4th May, 1955. It was hung from the staffroom balcony against the west wall of the Deputy Head's office, at the foot of which a dais had been erected for the VIPs on the gravel carpark. Although some local residents had felt that Mr Watts, of the recently ousted McLarty-Watts administration, should have been given the honour of opening the school, it was the new Minister for Education, the Hon. W.Hegney, who officiated. Afterwards the large crowd, flanked by the cadets of both wings, watched as Mr Walker presented Mr Hegney with a cigarette box made in the school's manual training workshops from she-oak timber felled to make way for the school.

That same day, the Rotary Club of Narrogin donated 50 pounds towards the new school library, and Mr Ron Reilly and Dr Alfred Jacobs made personal donations of books. These welcome gestures symbolize the warm and generous community support that has always been a feature of our school. The Parents and Citizens Association, for instance, was formed in July 1955 with Mr L. Bergin as President, Mrs M.McDougall as Secretary and Mrs R.Taylor as Treasurer. The P. and C. immediately set about raising funds to purchase a much-needed piano and, once that was achieved by March 1956, called for volunteers to clear hundreds of tons of rock to prepare sites for the original tennis courts, as well as a hockey ground on the school oval. Local organizations and individuals responded with a will. Other major community projects included the RSL-sponsored tours of the Geraldton district offered in 1955 and 1956, and the free one-day air trip to Kalgoorlie provided in 1959 by the Narrogin and Kalgoorlie Rotary Clubs for eight top-achieving students.

Another memorable feature of life in those early years was the visits to Perth to give senior students the chance to see plays in performance, usually in Winthrop Hall or the Dolphin Theatre. These trips were initiated in 1956 by Miss Richards and Mr Bill Cohen, Senior Master of English, and became an annual event. They gave both inspiring glimpses of the buildings and activities of the university and a valuable insight into the world of drama. "Seeing a live production of 'King Lear', "comments Rae Plumb, "gave Shakespeare's works some sense at last." The trips home were equally memorable, as Miss Richards recalls: "Tired, but happy and excited, we arrived home at about 3.30a.m., hoarse from hours of singing inspired and led by the fine tenor voice of Bill Cohen."

It was Mr Cohen, too, who first trained and conducted the school choir, standing on a chair in the art room. The choir achieved prominence in those years. In November 1956 they were part of the massed choir of 401 students at the song fest in the town hall under the baton of Mr Edgar Nottage. On 1st July, 1958 the Senior Girls' choir, trained by Miss Jennifer Harse, returned from the Wagin Music Festival with the shield, which was proudly placed in the front foyer among the few trophies beginning to accumulate under the recently erected honour boards. They repeated the feat the next year by singing "Come, Sweet Delight" and "Swiss Mountain Song". Earlier in 1959 the choir also had the experience of singing "The Merry Minstrels" to orchestral accompaniment when the WA Symphony Orchestra made their annual visit on 20th March.

Several NAHS choirs took part in the first public concert in the town hall on 11th July, 1958. An audience of 500 people that evening enjoyed twenty items which included vocal solos by Ian Kidd and

Jennifer Hatt, a piano accordion duet by Pam Sherry and Shirley Thornton, "Tarantella" danced by the 4th Year girls, glee club songs from the Ag. wing boys, a ballet, a one-act play, numerous skits...It was very successful and raised 50 pounds.

In those early years the school choir always sang at the school's Anzac services. The inaugural service was held on 24th April, 1957. The simple but impressive ceremony took place on the basketball courts where a temporary flagpole had been erected. Mr Tulloch gave the address, the Head Boy and Girl laid the wreath, Mr E. Phillips played the Last Post and Reveille and the cadets of both wings were proud participants in their blue and khaki uniforms.

The Town Wing ATC cadets - or 15 Flight (Narrogin), W.A. Squadron, Air Training Corps, as they were properly known - were a smart body of young men. They often paraded on formal occasions, and 50-60 cadets would attend a camp at Pearce each year during the first- or second-term holiday. There they would enjoy a strenuous few days taking part in weapons training, route marches, a flight in a Dakota...In 1956 Sergeant Kevin Keevil's hut gained the pennant for the best at camp, while the Camp Adjutant considered CPO Embury the best cadet pilot officer in camp. In July 1959 the Narrogin unit invited 24 cadets from Albany for an enjoyable weekend of sport and social activities. The cadets were a major character-forming aspect of school life in those days, and their presence also led to enjoyable public performances by the Western Command Band after they had played for the cadets' march-out parades.

The cadets, with their weapons drill and model aircraft flying, were a major attraction at the end-of-year Parents' Days which were held three times in those first five years - in 1955, 1958 and 1959. The first such occasion was on 4th November, 1955 when the school went "all out" to impress. Every department of the school had displays or demonstrations, classrooms were decorated with flowers...There were even displays of school work down town in the windows of Parrys and Foy and Gibson. The local editor was so impressed that he detailed virtually every item in his published report, though one wonders what exactly he saw to lead him to write: "A dissection showing the passage of air from the trachea to the lungs was carried out with Second Year girls of the physiology group!"

Sport, of course, has always been a major feature of life at our school and most of the teachers in those foundation years were heavily involved - Mr Dave Buck with cricket and hockey, Mr Paul Latham with football, Miss Lalage Grosvenor with girls' hockey, Mr Bob Vickery as secretary of the Narrogin Football Association ... Many of the features which have become part of our tradition had their beginnings in the '50s.

Our first State representative, for instance, was announced in August 1955 when 14-year-old Stuart Graham was chosen to play in Adelaide in the All-Australian Schoolboys' Football Carnival.

The inaugural athletics carnival was also held in 1955. It took place on 10th October and was held on the town football oval because the high school oval was quite unusable. The carnival had been organized by sports master Mr Jim Casey who, despite a severe physical handicap, was a human dynamo and had himself been a member of the State Rugby and Diving Teams.

The four factions - Red, Blue, Black and Gold (Black won) - competed in events rather different from today:

For the boys there were races of 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards and 880 yards, the open mile, mile medley and handicap mile, as well as relays and a 2 1/4-mile cross country. Field events consisted of

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high jump, broad jump, pole vault, discuss, shot putt and hop, step and jump together with tunnel ball, leapfrog, tossing the sheaf, kicking the football and throwing the cricket ball.

The girls, on the other hand, had races of 50 yards, 75 yards, 75 yards skipping, 100 yards and 220 yards, together with the sack race, relays, flag relays, basketball relays and hockey ball relays. Their field events were the broad jump and hop, step and jump, passball and overhead passball, leaderball and hockey ball hit.

In 1956, as a result of the tremendous efforts of the P. and C.'s working bees, the second carnival was held on the school oval. The invitation card shows that it ran from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Events were much the same as before, except that the cross country was dropped and three-legged races introduced for both boys and girls.

By 1959 NAHS had four athletes - Rod Bird, Harley Beeck, Ron Durell and Ken Mutton - gaining places in the Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Athletic Championships at East Fremantle Oval, Ken coming first in the hop, step and jump. That same year, at the inter-school carnival held at Northam, Rod was senior boy champion and Ron the under-16 champion.

The inaugural swimming carnival was not held until 2nd April, 1958 - at the pool which had been opened in December 1956 (the smaller of the two existing today). An afternoon carnival, it was won by Blue faction, and events for both boys and girls were races of 33 yards, 66 yards and 100 yards, covering freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. The second carnival, on 26th March, 1959, was given a great stimulus by Olympic gold medallist Dawn Fraser. Four days before she had competed in the town's own carnival and smashed the local record for the 55-yards butterfly event. She must have inspired our swimmers that year - but unfortunately the results haven't survived!

The school's participation in Country Week began in 1956. In those early days students travelled, in full uniform, on the "Midnight Horror", the Albany-Perth train that called at Narrogin at 1 a.m. They also had to arrange their own accommodation in Perth and meet at the games venues each day. That first year Narrogin entered three teams, coming second in girls' basketball and girls' hockey and fourth in football. Meanwhile, the boys' hockey team came second in the special country high school competition at Bunbury, organized by the W.A. Hockey Association. Narrogin's first Country Week shield was won by the footballers in 1958. To help give the teams match practice, Northam and Narrogin began to exchange sporting visits in 1956, and Northam began their habit of beating Narrogin in everything except football.

It was also in 1956, the year the school became a five-year high, that NAHS began entering teams in the local competitions. That first year the boys' hockey, coached by Mr Dave Buck, fielded two teams in the Lightning Carnival, each winning and losing a match. The girls' hockey, captained by Peggy Webse and coached by Miss Lalage Grosvenor, reached the association final, and Mrs Latham's basketball girls did the same. By the end of that summer the school's cricket team, with such stars as Mike Detiuk and Roy Criddle, finished third. The first major success came in 1959 when the School 4 basketball team won the B grade premiership.

On 8th June, 1957 what was to become a very popular competition kicked off for the first time. It was, of course, the Saturday morning football competition featuring four teams: Rovers and Tigers from the Town Wing and Demons and Saints from the Ag. Wing. For the first two weekends both Town Wing teams trounced their opponents, and Rovers, coached by Mr Paul Latham, ended the season as champions. They repeated the feat the next year. One of the younger players on the field in those years was destined to become an Australian football legend and the first local player to win the

Sandover Medal (in 1964). His name, of course, was Barry Cable. So popular did this competition become that the boys' hockey players started their own Saturday contests between four teams in June 1958. And then the girls' hockey also followed suit in June 1959. The names of the girls' teams? Why, Saints, Tigers, Rovers and Demons - what else!

Regular school socials had been held in the art room since early in 1955 (except for the latter part of that year after a teacher's child had suffocated in a car outside during a social and no one had the heart to dance for some time). In 1957, however, the Town Wing had on its staff a State gold medallist in ballroom dancing in the person of mathematics teacher Mr Norm Groom. Supported by Miss Richards, he gave well-attended dancing lessons, so that by spring the students were ready for their first ball, held in the town hall on Friday, 13th September. Miss Pat Murphy and her art students provided imaginative decorations, the Ag. Wing boys prepared the floor, an excellent three-piece orchestra played and parents supplied the supper which was prepared and served by the P. and C. ladies. Eloquent speeches were made, everyone turned up in their finery - though not in such expensive gowns as are featured at balls today - and the event was a great success. The following year the second annual ball featured a "Show Boat" in a sea of wattle and a town hall decorated in blue and white.

As the decade of the '50s drew to a close, the school population steadily grew beyond the earlier expectations of the Education Department. In 1955 the Town Wing of NAFIS had opened with 205 students. In 1958 there were 208 students in 1st Year alone. Mr Harry Loudon recalls the headache this gave him: "Because of the shortage of classrooms we had to create four classes of 52. Four students in each class in rotation used the windowsills as a desk!"

The result was that, during the first half of 1959, the first extension was made to the Town Wing's main building. Two rooms (one above the other) were added beyond the central stairwell. For months lessons had to compete with singing builders, constant hammering and roaring concrete mixers. Some classes took over the library, while others went down to the "annexe", the room at the eastern end of the Railway Institute Hall which had been opened that February. The author well remembers expounding the delights of adverbial clauses to engrossed second years in that little room! Finally, however, classes moved into the two new rooms on Monday, 29th June.

Those first five years had been tough ones, particularly for the people in charge. Accommodation had been tight and resources scarce by modern standards, but the cheerful dedication of the staff and the willing co-operation of most of the students had laid the basis for the proud tradition of quality and excellence which was to grow through the coming years.

As that era ended in December 1959, Mr Tulloch was farewelled, Mr Loudon was not transferred (to great public satisfaction), Miss Richards left on long service leave after being thanked by the girls for her "kindness and understanding" as First Mistress, and the school prepared to assume senior high school status.

OTHER MEMORIES

Mr Harry Loudon (Deputy Head, 1958-1961):

"I recall the superior quality of the elite students in Years 4 and 5 and the community satisfaction that education to matriculation level had finally come to the town. I can say that these were the happiest years of my life, and this must say something about the quality of that community and the people in it."

Kathleen Myles (Student, 1955-1957)

"Bill Cohen was the English senior master, springing into the room each day with the air of a boxer entering the ring .. Among the clergymen who came up once a week to teach Scripture for half an hour was the Baptist Minister, Mr Bert Waller. He was a small thin man with an accordion twice his size. He had part of one finger missing and we felt compelled to watch this digit dancing over the accordion buttons. His class was so popular that students from other denominations began infiltrating..."

Margaret Nadebaum (Student, 1955-1957)

"Norm Tredrea, in teaching us Geography, would gaze out of the window with monotonous regularity and point out, with an enthusiasm not matched by us, the fine examples of laterite breakaways and a mature river valley."

Rae Plumb (Student, 1955-56):

"We proudly wore our uniform, including beret and gloves in winter and those grey lisle stockings which hung around the ankles like elephant wrinkles .. When snow fell for the first time in 1956, fashionable young English teacher Miss Bunce was trying to clamber onto the library window sill for a good view, wearing very high heels and a tight pencil-slim skirt..."

Dr Robert Vickery (Teacher of Maths and Chemistry, 1955):

"My favourite memory? One I am sure many would share - Air Commodore Kevin Keevil licking the unlikely heroes of the ATC into shape."

Miss Nancy Richards (First Mistress, 1956-1960):

"Mary McLaren, our enthusiastic young commerce teacher, proposed a course in flower arrangement. One of my pleasures every Monday was to see little groups of students come into the foyer just to look at the flowers for that week."

Judith Train (Commercial teacher, 1956-57):

"I had about a dozen typewriters of various makes and ages. If a typewriter broke down and I couldn't fix it myself I would enlist the help of the Manual Training staff. No typewriter repairman ever came to the school."

Carol Sim (Clerical Assistant, 1955-1959):

"I worked three days a week at the High School, one day at the Agricultural Wing office and one day at the Narrogin Primary School in 1955, but gradually increasing to full time at the High School by 1959."

The Narrogin Observer, 17th February, 1955:

"One of the most pleasing aspects of the classrooms from the teachers' point of view is the hinged, double-sided blackboards, about which they were enthusing in no uncertain manner."

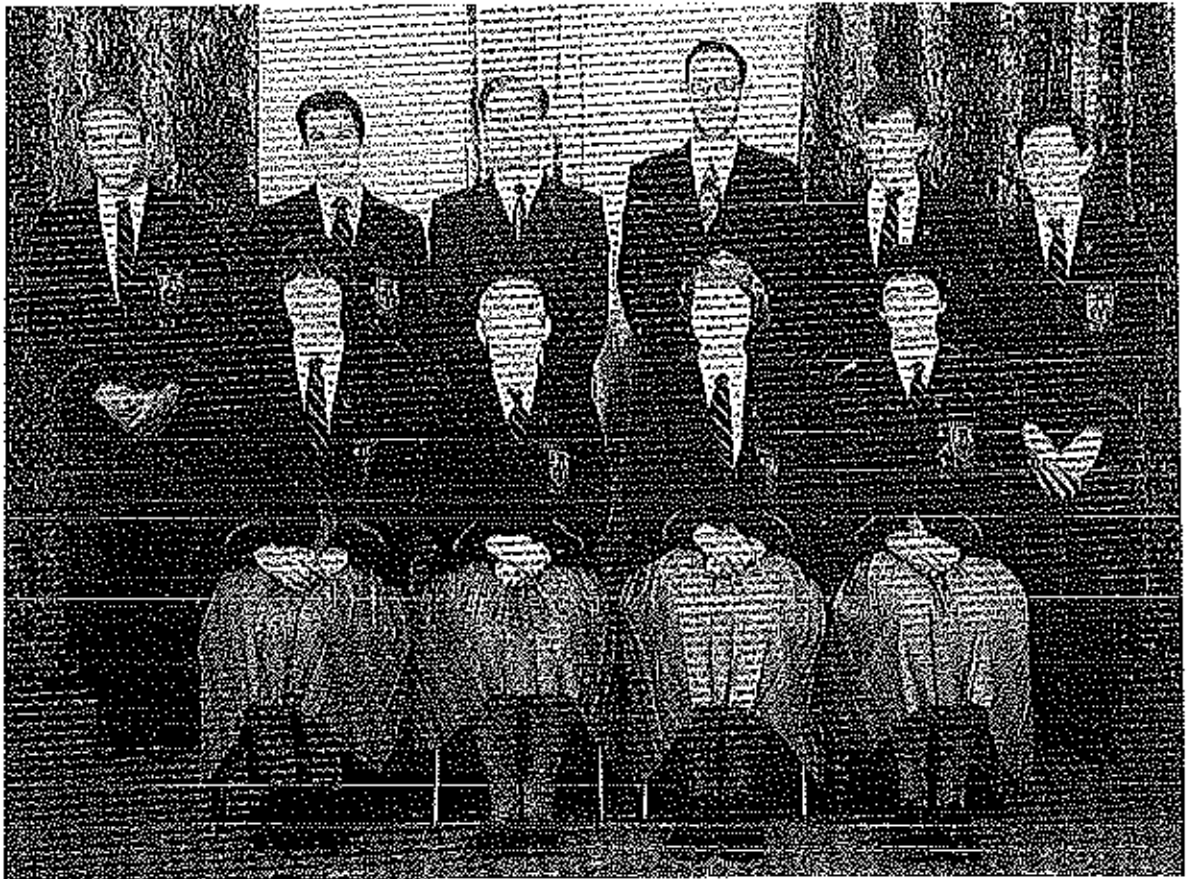
1955-1959

The Narrogin Observer, 16th May and 6th June, 1957:

The first short-lived NAHS Ex-Students' Association was formed in 1957, with Ken Bailey as president and Gilbert Broadley as secretary-treasurer. The inaugural meeting was held at the school on 1st June and membership was 10/6 a year.

Maurie White (Librarian and Teacher, 1959):

"Where the computing classroom now stands used to be a favourite parking spot for courting couples in the late fifties and sixties. Many young couples, gazing down on the lights of Narrogin, whispered sweet nothings where the computer terminals now stand. Man's love affair with machines has taken the romance from that spot of tender memories...."



FOUNDATION STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO SURVIVED THE FIRST FIVE YEARS (1955-1959)

Back: Ron Adams, Ian Manning (Head Boy), Mr Paul Latham, Mr Dave Buck,
Rob Dowling, Jim Sully

Front: Halda Busch, Pat Alcock, Norma Page, Maximo Fox (Head Girl)

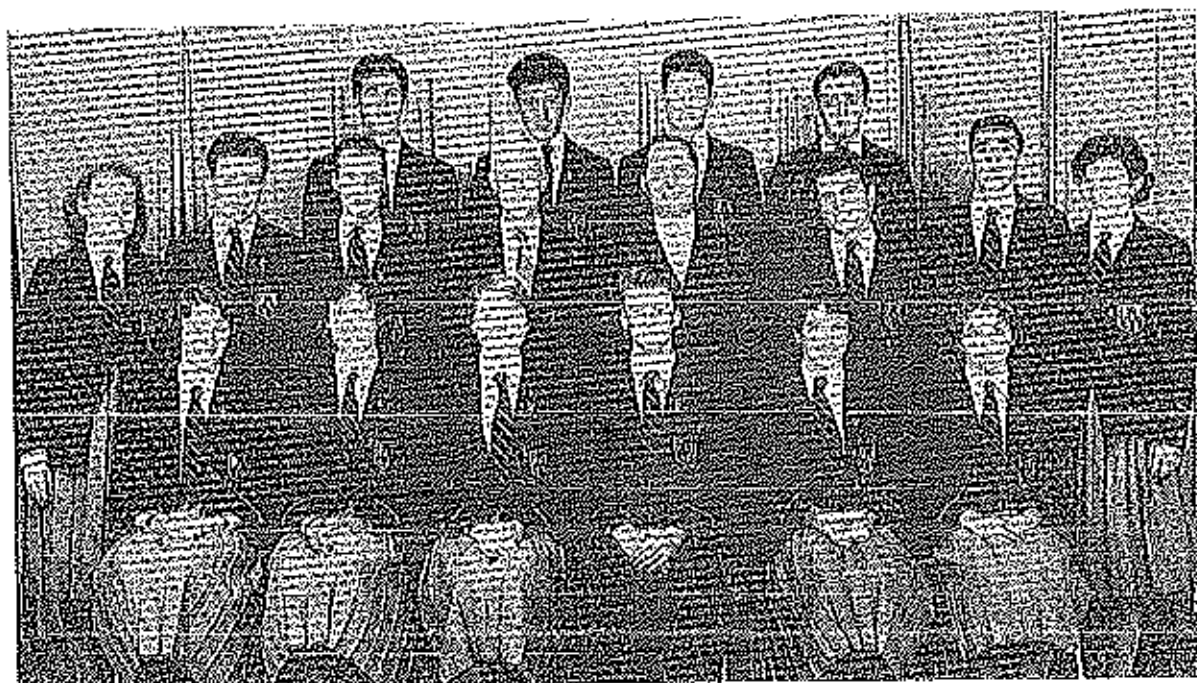


OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TOWN WING, 4th MAY, 1955
Mr W. Walker (Relieving Headmaster) addresses the crowd on the gravel carpark
where the administration block now stands.



FIFTH YEAR, 1956

Back: F. Becker, P. Walker, A. Taylor, W. Holmes, M. Evans, Mr W. Cullen (Deputy),
C. Clausen, K. Keevil, P. Webbe, G. Broadley, M. Coxon
Front: R. Plumb, K. Bailey, Y. McDougall (Head Girl), Mr W. Walker (Headmaster),
R. Embury (Head Boy), M. Currie, V. Bowman



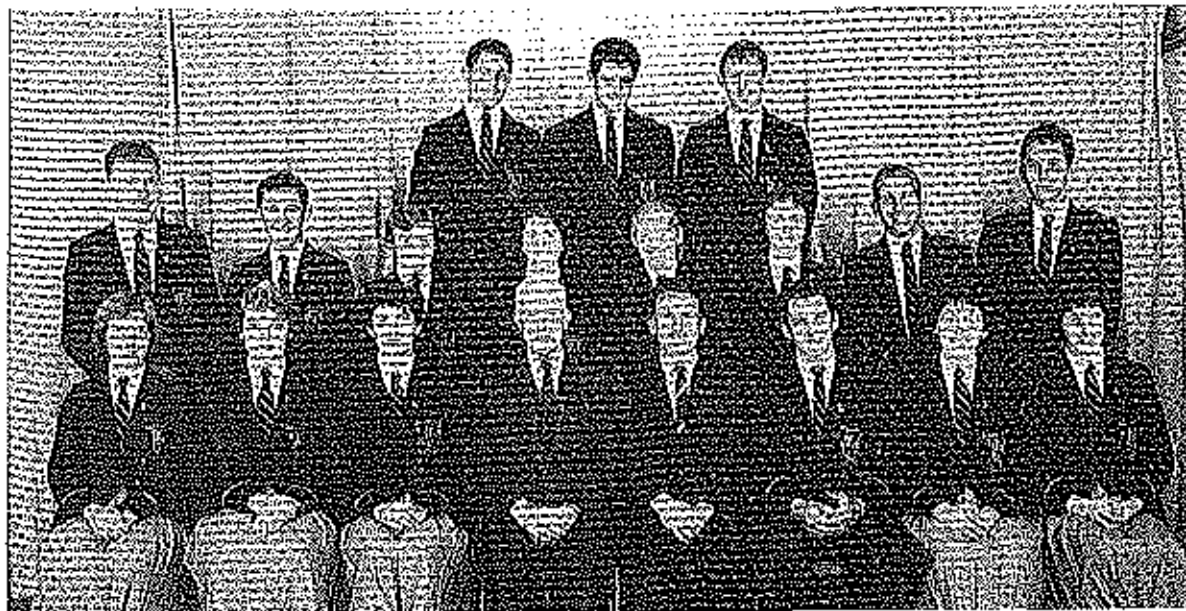
FIFTH YEAR, 1957

Back: W. Herbert, A. Kralewich, R. Criddle, C. Keevil
Centre: D. Kirkwood, B. Loftus, B. Wauchope, Mr J. Tulloch (Headmaster),
Mr W. Moir (Deputy), M. Detiuk, K. Hunter, P. Broun
Front: L. McCann, D. Berson, D. Fullfittz (Head Girl), J. Mackinlay (Head Boy),
K. Miles, K. Spanswick



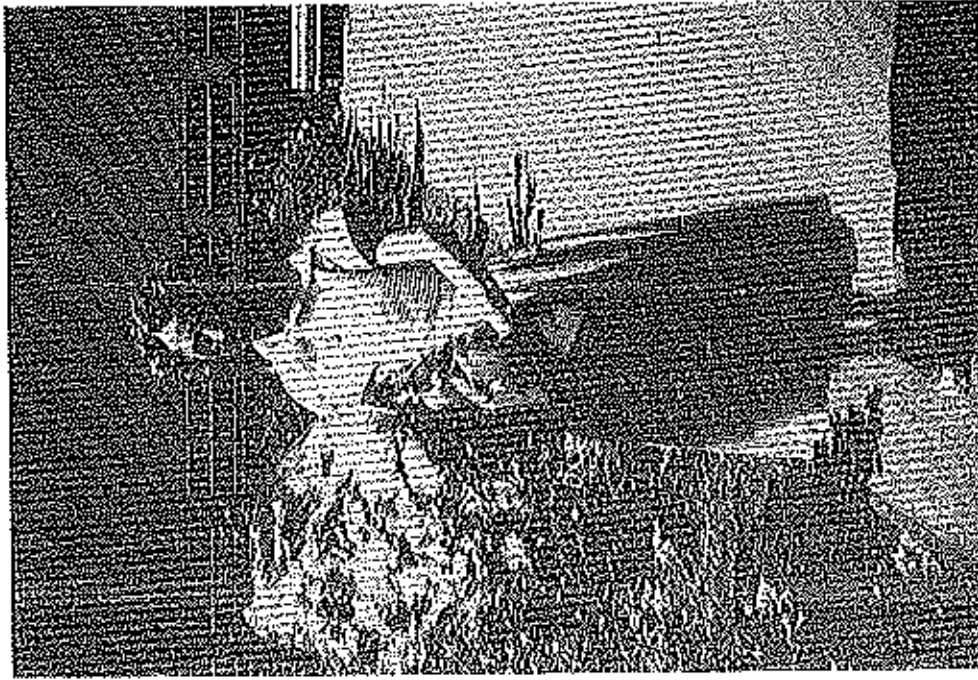
FIFTH YEAR, 1958

Back: R.Sharp, J.Wood, S.Frost, J.Walker, L.Boon, J.Walker, I.Kidd
Centre: M.Bailey, P.Slarke, M.Griffin, B.Jessup, P.Rolfe
Front: E.Busch, J.McDougall (Head Girl), Mr J.Tulloch (Headmaster),
 Mr H.Louden (Deputy), R.Ford (Head Boy), N.Mullineux



FIFTH YEAR, 1959

Back: D.Dent, M.Davies, R.Dowling
Centre: L.Evans, J.Sully, L.Tanner, M.Howie, P.Alcock, V.Wood, R.Adams,
 G.Matthews
Front: J.Innocent, N.Page, M.Fox (Head Girl), Mr J.Tulloch (Headmaster),
 Mr H.Louden (Deputy), I.Manning (Head Boy), B.Pederick, H.Buech



MISS N. RICHARDS, FIRST MISTRESS (1956-1960)
Miss Richards with the bouquet presented
to her when she left on long service in
December, 1959

THREE STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE EARLY YEARS
(L. to R.) Miss F. Bunce, Miss C. Sim (clerical
assistant), Miss J. Train



1960 - 1964

The school began the new decade as Narrogin Agricultural Senior High School, so that for the next twenty years it would be known as NASHS - eminently pronounceable initials that tripped off everyone's tongue with pride and vigour. Not that the new name and status were introduced with a fanfare. Quite the contrary, in fact. It was not until January 1962 that The Narrogin Observer referred to the school by its new name, and the word "senior" was not added to the front of the building until after 1971!

However, what did change immediately at the beginning of 1960 was the manner of addressing the administrative staff. Henceforth they would be known as the Principal, Deputy Principal and Principal Mistress.

The new Principal of NASHS from 1960 to 1963 was Mr Jim West, a friendly, competent man with a great pride in the achievements of the students. "For a young school," he said at the assembly honouring the 1960 Country Week teams, "we seem to be achieving considerable honour," and this note was struck repeatedly during his four years here. Mr West was very ably supported by his Deputies, Mr Harry Loudon (1960-61) and Mr Harold Stanbury (1962-63). During those four years the position of Principal Mistress was held first by Miss Richards in 1960 (though Miss Beatrice Tweedie "exchanged the Home Science rolling pin for the staffroom teapot" in the first half of the year), then by Miss Joy Esberey (1961) and Miss Lesley Williams (1962-63). Miss Richards was to maintain her links with the school for many years as a member of that invaluable team of superintendents who, in the days of the Education Department, acted as friends, guides and morale-boosters for the teachers in the schools. Few who were at NASHS in July 1961 will forget the day when she first returned in her new capacity. As her car drove up at recess time, the corridors rang with the excited cry "Miss Richards is back!" and literally hundreds of girls mobbed the vehicle on the dusty carpark!

1964 began rather traumatically because all three members of the administration were new to the school. Although the new Principal, Mr Gordon Appleton, the Deputy, Mr Fred Marsh, and the Principal Mistress, Miss Elsie Solly, were to prove to be extremely able people, there was real consternation in the local community. As a result, the Town Council wrote a letter of protest to the Education Department. The latter explained why the situation had arisen and expressed the hope that Council would continue to support the school as it had done in the past. Council responded in typical fashion. Early in March, Councillor Bob Farr, supported by Councillor Ron Reilly, moved that Council "recognize students who showed ability". The end result was that on 4th June, 1964 the Council's Finance Committee approved the annual Town of Narrogin Scholarship (50 pounds), to be awarded to the student with the highest Leaving aggregate. As the proverb says, every cloud has a silver lining. In the event, a fine tradition was born.

The main problem facing the staffs in the early sixties was the rapidly increasing student numbers. In 1960 the Town Wing enrolment was 454. By 1963 it was 628. Accommodation was strained to the limit, so that the library, staffrooms and home science centre were taken over at various times for use as classrooms. Even the corner of the lunch shed which manual training teachers had enclosed as a small technical drawing room was commandeered, and in 1962 the 4 Commercial girls were bemoaning their relegation to the "cement cell" (the girls' locker room, now Miss Shepherd's Youth Education Office).

The Education Department recognized the problem, with the result that more rooms were added to the eastern end of the main building. In 1960 the present rooms 6 and 13 were built on. In 1962 the end wall was demolished yet again so that rooms 7 and 12 could be added. And then, in a final burst in 1963, rooms 8, 9, 10 and 11 were constructed, together with the end stairwell and the third toilet wing. By now

everyone was half expecting the process to go on for ever, so that the eastern end of the school was dubbed "West Wickepin". Also during this period the old home science model flat was demolished and the present Home Ec.2 erected, the sports pavilion was extended and, further over on the hill, the first part of the hostel, costing 83,000 pounds and housing 48 students, was erected in 1962 and officially opened on 14th June, 1963. Mr West even made strong appeals for a hall-gymnasium, but his hopes were very premature!

Despite the inevitable hassles, those five years were a time of steady development, and it was commonly held that NASHS was advancing "from an insignificant country high school to one which is rapidly achieving parity with the best in the State". Traditions were being consolidated and innovations made.

One of the more significant innovations was the commencement of the annual magazine The Outlook in 1960. That first issue was an experimental edition, run off on the inky, clanking Gestetner duplicator that used to stand in one of the two small rooms now set up with Media Studies equipment. A great deal of interest was aroused, competitions being run to find a name for the magazine and to design a cover. Peter Alcock won a guinea book prize for his cover design, and Wally Zajac, then in 2nd Year, won a similar prize for suggesting the title which is still in use thirty years later. That title was a happy inspiration and was in tune with the thinking of the time, in fact, the same thought was echoed by Mr Lewis, the Minister for Education, when he opened the hostel in 1963. On that occasion he said:

"It seems to be the policy to build high schools on high ground and this has been the case in Narrogin. Possibly the reason for this is psychological. Students can look up to their school and also look out over something. I hope that when the Narrogin students look out over the town they will think of those local residents who helped to provide them with such wonderful facilities."

The 4th Year editors of the first edition of The Outlook in 1960 - Elizabeth Matthews and Peter Alcock, with their committee of eleven other students - made such a success of it that subsequent issues were printed at the Observer. The magazine of those days was much smaller than the present "glossy"; it had few photographs and concentrated mainly on reports of sporting and other activities, class notes, Ag. Wing notes and entries to the annual literary competition.

In the early '60s students were still allotted to classes according to their academic ability. In 1960 these classes were named after the letters given to their form rooms: 5D, 4C, 4 Commercial, 3F, 3L, 3M, 2E, 2P, 2J, 2K, 1H, 1G, 1B and 1A. However, by 1964 this rather jumbled nomenclature had become rationalised to a much more logical 5, 4A, 4B, 4C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 2A ... down to 1E. This was all very well for the A's and B's, but the E's sometimes resented the label of academic inferiority. The 1E class notes in The Outlook usually reflected the students' feelings. In 1963, for instance, they commented: "That 'E' still stands for 'Efficiency'", and in 1964: "As you have probably heard, we are the best class in the school ..."

In the classrooms students were still grappling with the Leaving, Junior and High School Certificate courses. 3rd Years taking the HSC took up to eleven subjects and most passed quite comfortably. However, the other 3rd Years still took the old Junior subjects - English, French, History, Geography, Arithmetic/Algebra, Geometry/Trigonometry (with Elementary Maths as an easier alternative), Art, Tech, Drawing, Home Science, Woodwork and Metalwork - although in 1962 the old courses in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Physiology and Hygiene gave way to Science A and Science B, and German was added that same year. The 4 Commercial girls included Junior Shorthand, Typing and Bookkeeping in their one-year course. The Leaving students still chose from the same twelve subjects as before -

English, French, History, Geography, Maths A, Maths B, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Physiology and Hygiene, Art and Tech, Drawing. However, German and Home Science were both introduced into 4th Year in 1962, Economics made a brief appearance in 1964, and a few students took Music externally.

Results in the early '60s were not exceptional, owing partly to the rapidly increasing school population and to the fact that the highly academic courses did not cater adequately for large numbers of the students. Hence, as the number of Junior candidates rose from 71 in 1960 to 135 in 1963, the percentage of passes dipped from 76% to 54%. In the Leaving it was the same story: 70% of the 23 candidates in 1960 achieved Leaving Certificates, but only 53% of the 38 in 1964. For all that, there were a commendable number of excellent individual results, and no fewer than 50 distinctions were shared among 34 Leaving students between 1960 and 1964. Fourteen of those D's came in Geography, and of the 36 students who took Art in those five years, not one failed. On the other hand, the heart still bleeds for the handful of earnest students who achieved five good passes out of six subjects, but failed English, and so left school without a Leaving Certificate. For some people, life could be very hard!

In order to give public recognition to students who gained Junior and Leaving Certificates, another tradition was inaugurated on 3rd June, 1964. A ceremony was held in the Lesser Town Hall (now the Reception Centre) at which the 1963 students were presented with their certificates by the newly elected mayor, Dr M. Zilko. The occasion was a very happy one, beginning with musical items by Gillian Alcock, Lois Sims, Geoff Blackman, Pam Ireland, Doug McGay, Janette Little and the school choir.

At this ceremony, School Captain Ross Hill presented an electronic wall clock to the school on behalf of the 1963 prefects. This action continued a tradition which had begun back in 1956 when the original prefects presented the wooden bench seat which now stands inside the entrance to the medical centre, but which for years graced the entrance foyer. Later, the 1961 prefects presented the school with a visitors' book, which was first signed by Governor Sir Charles Gairdner and Lady Gairdner during their visit in May 1962.

Another popular tradition which was continued enthusiastically each year was the annual school ball in the town hall. Various details have been recorded from those days. The ball in 1960, for instance, was held on the evening of Friday, 12th August, after the grand final of the Saturday morning football competition had been played in the morning - an all-Town Wing final, with Tigers defeating Rovers and Ken Mutton being voted fairest and best. Mr Monty Butterfield, the Ag. Wing senior master, was the MC at the ball, "his radiant voice filling the room with happiness". The theme for the next year was "Egyptian", and the notes state that dancing classes were run by teachers, and the ball was attended by students in 2nd to 5th Year. From 1962 special dancing lessons were run each year by the Wrightsons from Perth. The theme in 1962 was "Spanish", with the hall "gaily bedecked with señoritas, matadors, bandaleros, bulls and lots of words that we could not understand" and featuring a huge mural of a Madrid bull-fight which completely screened the stage. The floor show was provided by the Town Wing and Ag. Wing prefects, partnered by 4th and 5th Year girls - the boys wearing red cummerbunds and the girls sporting red roses in their hair. In 1963 it was a "Night in Wonderland", while 1964 was "Oriental".

In 1963 Doug McGay captured the senior prose prize offered by The Outlook with his impressions of the ball:

"My right nostril was tickled and tormented by powder, lipstick and other monstrous creations by Helena Rubinstein...Once again my senses were invaded. This time by the sight of greasy hair, Persil white collars and gleaming black shoes, the smell of aftershave lotion and Country Club masculine powder ... For two and a half hours I had my arms around fat girls,

skinny girls, lovely girls, silk frocks, woollen suits and orlon cardigans. For two and a half hours teachers paraded up and down the steps to the stage like mannequins ..."

Yet another tradition that looked set to flourish was the Town Wing ATC cadet unit. Among the officers of the unit in 1960 and 1961 was art teacher, Mr Barry Loftus, the first ex-student to return to NASHS as a staff member. Commanded by Flight-Lieutenant Adrian Egginton between 1960 and 1962, the cadets mustered a flight strength of eighty. Their march-out parades, participation in Commonwealth Youth Sunday and Anzac celebrations, performances at camp at Pearce, drill competitions against the Albany unit and enthusiasm for rifle shooting were first rate. For two years running - 1961 and 1962 - they won the annual ATC Inter-Flight Swimming Carnival at Crawley Baths in Perth ... And then, at the peak of their success, Mr Egginton left the school. With no one to replace him, the unit was disbanded. Traditions can die as simply as that.

The tradition of community involvement with the school continued very strongly in those years. One example of this was the generous gesture by the local sub-branch of the RSL. On Remembrance Day, 1964 Dr. S. Mainland and other members attended a special assembly on the school lawn at which a collection of books, each inscribed with the name of a district serviceman who had died in one of the two world wars, was presented to the school library. Another example was the presence of ex-service men and women at the school's Anzac service. The first time was in 1960, on the basketball courts, a ceremony which The Narrogin Observer termed "perhaps the most impressive commemorative service held in these parts for some time".

A third example of community involvement was the dedicated service provided by the P. and C. Their activities included running "Tuck Days" in the lunch shed (before the canteen was built), purchasing the Town Wing's first Bell and Howell projector in 1961 (previously the Ag. Wing machine had been ferried in and out almost every day), providing outdoor seating and bike racks, and - their major project - getting the PA system operating. Most of the wiring had been installed during the building of the school, but the P. and C., during Mr Lloyd Blight's presidency in 1962-63, purchased the necessary equipment. The boys of 3D, under the guidance of Mr Ernie Gravenall, made the original wooden speaker boxes to hang on the classroom walls, thereby saving the project some 50 pounds.

As a final comment on the traditions of those early years, it should not be forgotten that students have their own traditions - not always approved by the school authorities! One of these was the prickly bush initiation ceremony. For many years the older boys used to make sure that every 1st Year boy "melon" was welcomed to NASHS by being thrown into one of the prickly bushes which used to grow thickly on the gravel slopes below the school. Larry Reid was one of those melons in 1962. With his own unique brand of humour, this is how he recalls the incident:

"Whos there to greet us but me two cuzons and sum or there mates. 'Which bush would you like Reidy', them all says in unisong. Well I points to one nearby as in them dayz they was prity thick on the ground everywhere they was. Note 'ere I put up no struggle as that was fateill, because if uses did ya dwent in face first, a bad move. In I goze one, two, three 'Welcome to high school melon' me cuzons shouts"

That tradition died, too - perhaps just as well!

The early '60s were a time of mixed fortunes for the NASHS sporting teams. At Country Week there were still only four teams, with the boys' hockey carnival being included in the programme for the first time in 1964. The football team, consisting of boys from both wings of the school, came second in A grade for three of those years - 1960, 1961 and 1964 - and each time went down to their arch-enemies,

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A grade for three of those years - 1960, 1961 and 1964 - and each time went down to their arch-enemies, Northam. The boys' hockey team won the shield in 1960, but faded rather badly after that. The girls' hockey also began the decade by winning the B grade shield in 1960, but thereafter their best was a second to Geraldton in 1964. The girls' basketball had no great success, except for 1962 when they were promoted to A grade after coming second to Armadale. Reading through the notes written for The Outlook in those days, one is impressed by two things: the whole-hearted teamwork of the players, and the inability to get on top of the late nights and social life!

Saturday morning football was still going strong. In 1960 the season ended with an all-Town Wing grand final when Tigers, coached by Mr John Masters, defeated Rovers. Next year the Ag. Wing's Demons defeated Tigers, but 1962 (the year in which the Ag. Wing team Bulldogs joined the competition) saw the Town Wing's Rovers regain the premiership by defeating Demons. Peter Brankewitsch gained the fairest and best award and Bill Ugle was best in the grand final. From there on, however, the Ag. Wing teams were supreme: Demons defeated Bulldogs in 1963, and Saints, after a long history of failure, got up to defeat Demons in the grand final in 1964. By now this Saturday morning competition had established a worthy tradition of its own, and at least nine of the players from the two wings who had performed on the Town Wing and Ag. Wing ovals since 1957 had gone on to play for Perth league clubs. These included Barry Cable and Ian Shackles (Perth), Alan Mycock, Dale Edwards and Des Leo (Claremont), Terry Counsel and Ron Durell (East Perth), Peter Harris (Swan Districts) and Mike Detiuk (Subiaco).

In other local competitions NASHS Town Wing entered teams in boys' and girls' hockey and girls' basketball. The boys' hockey, coached by Mr Buck, won the B grade premiership in 1960 and the girls' hockey, captained by Robyn Fox, won the A Reserve grand final against Wagin in 1964. However, the major success story belongs to the basketball girls. Coached by Mrs Higgins, the School 4 team of 1960 won the Junior grade competition, while Teams 1 and 2 reached the A and B grade finals. School 1 gained the Junior grade premiership in 1961, 1962 and 1963. However, 1962 was their big year. Coached by Misses Ainsworth, McDougall, Burns and Scanlon, they had School 1 (captained by Joy Kelly) winning the A grade, School 2 (Robyn Beard) as runners-up in B grade, School 4 (Janis Pope) winning the C grade and School 7 (Teresa Smid) defeating School 6 (Rosanne McGay) to gain the Junior grade premiership.

NASHS began competing in the schools' tennis tournament in Perth in 1961, sending two junior teams to compete for the Herbert Edwards Cup and two senior teams for the Mursell Shield. Apart from Northam, NASHS was the only country school to enter. That first year one junior team reached the quarter finals. The school continued to send teams each year, the best result coming in 1964 when the senior boys' team, coached by Mr Peter Crute and consisting of R.Sims, C.Evans, S.Peters and J.Hancock, reached the semi-final before being eliminated by Perth Modern School.

Probably the greatest sporting success of the early 1960s was achieved in athletics. In 1960 NASHS won the shield for the first time at the Avon Valley carnival in Northam, with Rodney Bird, Rodney Wright and Roy Baggs being among the top record breakers, while Rod Bird and Chris Dart were open champion boy and girl. NASHS repeated the winning performance in 1961, with Ron Durell and Bill Ugle setting major new records and Ron Durell and Joy Kelly winning the open champion awards.

Our athletes also performed particularly well at the State Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Athletic Championships in Perth in those same two years. In 1960 Ron Durell won the 100- and 220-yard events and smashed the long jump record, while Rod Bird broke records in 220 yards and the shot putt. The next year, Ron Durell broke the record for the 100 yards, equalled the record for the 220 yards and won

the long jump event. Ron's performance was so significant that, to honour him, Mr West held a special school assembly on the lawn on 5th November, 1961. At the ceremony, attended by Ron's father and the Mayor of Narrogin, a congratulatory telegram was presented to Ron from Mr Ian Power who had previously held the record for the 100 yards for the past 21 years.

NASHS also managed to defeat their local rivals, Katanning Senior High, in two keenly contested and closely fought competitions. In 1963 we won narrowly by 329 points to 285 points in the inaugural athletics carnival, and in 1964 the inaugural swimming carnival between the two schools resulted in an even narrower win, 220-217, though Narrogin admitted that Katanning completely outclassed them in the diving display.

To conclude this review of the early 1960s, let us glance at two quite contrasting ways in which the 5th Years said farewell to their "Alma Mater". The events of 1960 and 1964 have both been well documented and point the differences.

In 1960, when the school's ATC cadets were still a major feature, the 5th Years staged a very humorous mock passing-out parade on their final Wednesday of school. With the 5th Years lined up as 'cadets' on the basketball courts, "General" Colin Logie and his aide, "Brigadier" Eddy Smeding, arrived on the back of a motor scooter driven by "Private" Doug Lambert. After the inspection and final salute, all the departing students "marched" up and down the school corridors to the tune of the bagpipes played by pipers Little and Folley.

Four years later, however, the emphasis was on dignity rather than humour. On Friday, 13th November, 1964 a final school assembly in honour of the 5th Years was held on the lawn. School Captain Geoff Blackman gave a moving address, and Head Girl Penny Watson, on behalf of the departing students, presented the school with the magnificent NASHS banner which still hangs in its show case at the top of the front staircase. The ceremony ended with the school giving three cheers for the departing 5th Years and with the guests of honour leaving the assembly to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" played on the bagpipes by Doug McGay.

Exactly three weeks later, after their Leaving exams had been completed, the 5th Years and their teachers were treated to the inaugural farewell dinner in the Railway Institute Hall on Friday, 4th December. This event, in a hall decorated in the school colours and with the new school banner in the place of honour, was organized by the 4th Years, assisted by staff members and the P. and C. The evening was very impressive and symbolized the tone which the new administration envisaged for the developing high school. On that first occasion of what was to become a tradition for quite a few years, the dinner was run on very formal lines. Tessa Dyke as hostess said grace, Dennis Haddrick as host proposed the Loyal Toast, and Barry Illingworth proposed the toast to the school and staff. Mr Buck responded, using the school motto "Be Thorough" as his theme. Dennis Haddrick gave the farewell speech to the 5th Years, Geoff Blackman responded and Terry O'Neill proffered a vote of thanks to the 4th Years, Miss Solly and Miss Burns for organizing the evening. Terry then presented Mr Dave Buck with a travelling case on behalf of the departing 5th Years. Mr Buck was the last of the foundation staff to leave - after ten years - and his departure for Perth Modern School was viewed with deep regret, both at the school and in the town. A week after this dinner the Narrogin Hockey Association made him a life member, and the year before the departing 5th Years had paid him a warm tribute in their notes for The Outlook: "We would especially like to thank our form master, Mr Buck, for being a bit more than a form master to us and for chasing some of us up the slopes with a stick of chalk after hours, when we were giving up hope."

That memorable farewell evening concluded with a social to which 3rd Year students and Ag. Wing boys were also invited. This, too, ended on a warm and traditional note when the departing staff members - Mr Buck and Mr and Mrs Colin Marsh - were accorded the post of honour during the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

In general, those first five years of the '60s were a time of adjustment, consolidation and development of standards, and laid a firm basis for the very real achievements of the coming years.

OTHER MEMORIES

In October 1961, Mr Shooter and Mr Hudson took boys in 2nd and 3rd Year HSC classes to Perth to visit several factories. Afterwards they called in at Fremantle to see USS "Archerfish", the submarine which bore the special American presidential flag for having sunk the biggest aircraft carrier afloat in World War II. How delighted the boys were to be shown over the sub, and how awed they were to be so close to "the reality of war". As 2G said in The Outlook: "The very controls that we had touched were the cause of ships and men being blasted to a watery grave."

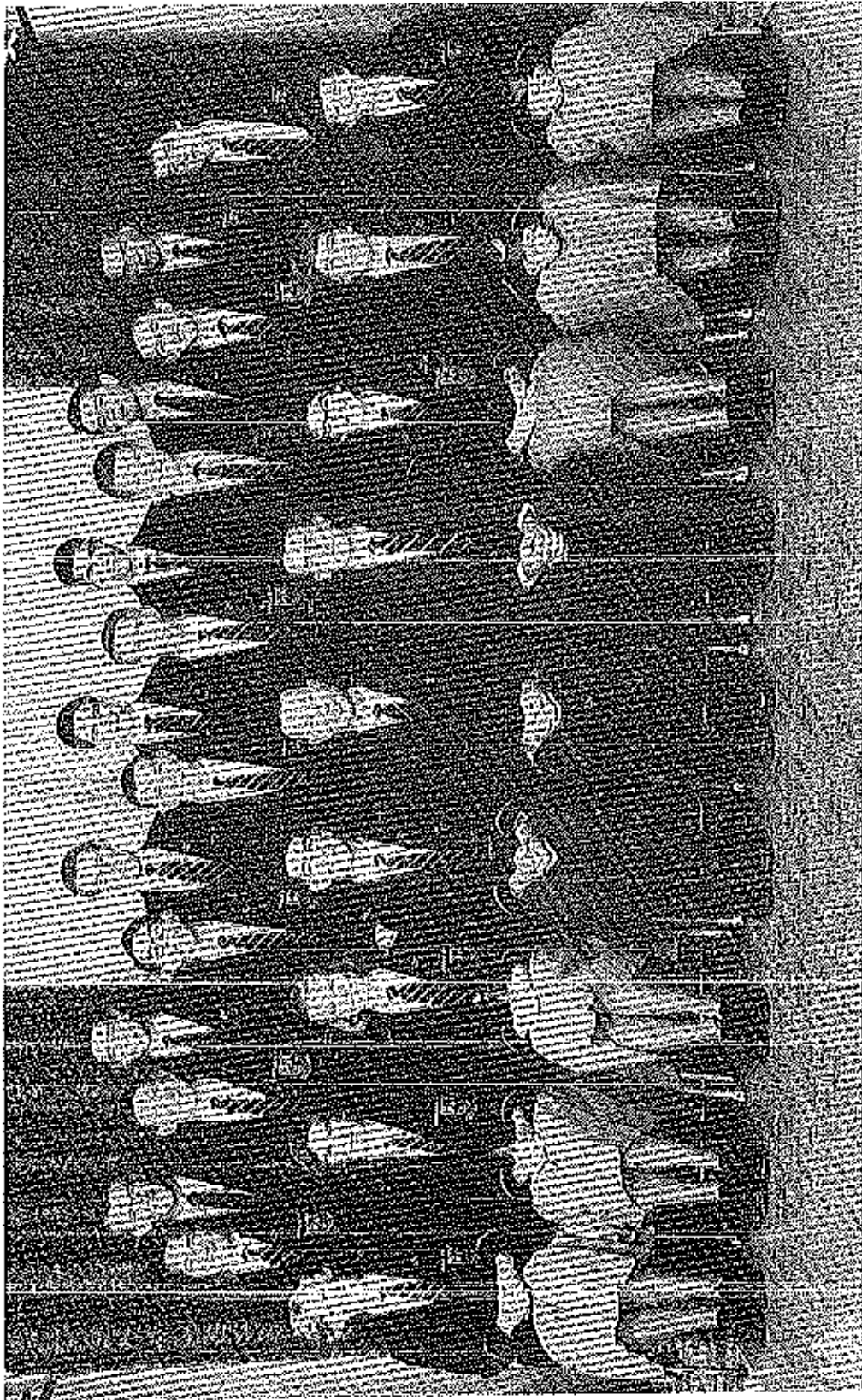
The 4th Years of 1960 won the competition to collect most money for the World Refugee Year Appeal, raising £12/0/9 towards the school total of £77/11/2. In 1964 the school raised 50 pounds for the Spastics Association. 3E were particularly active, raffling a food hamper to help the Freedom from Hunger Campaign in 1963 and organizing a school-wide fund drive to help the Slow Learning Children's Group in 1964.

Language students in 1963 took part in the inaugural French and German camps organized by the Modern Language Teachers' Association at Rockingham and Point Peron respectively.

The Narrogin Fellowship group joined the Inter-School Christian Fellowship in 1961. Each year a very active group, led successively by Presidents Joyce Boon, Maureen Capps and Graeme Robinson, shared lunchtime, evening and holiday experiences. The 1962 group submitted a school prayer which was regularly read at assemblies.

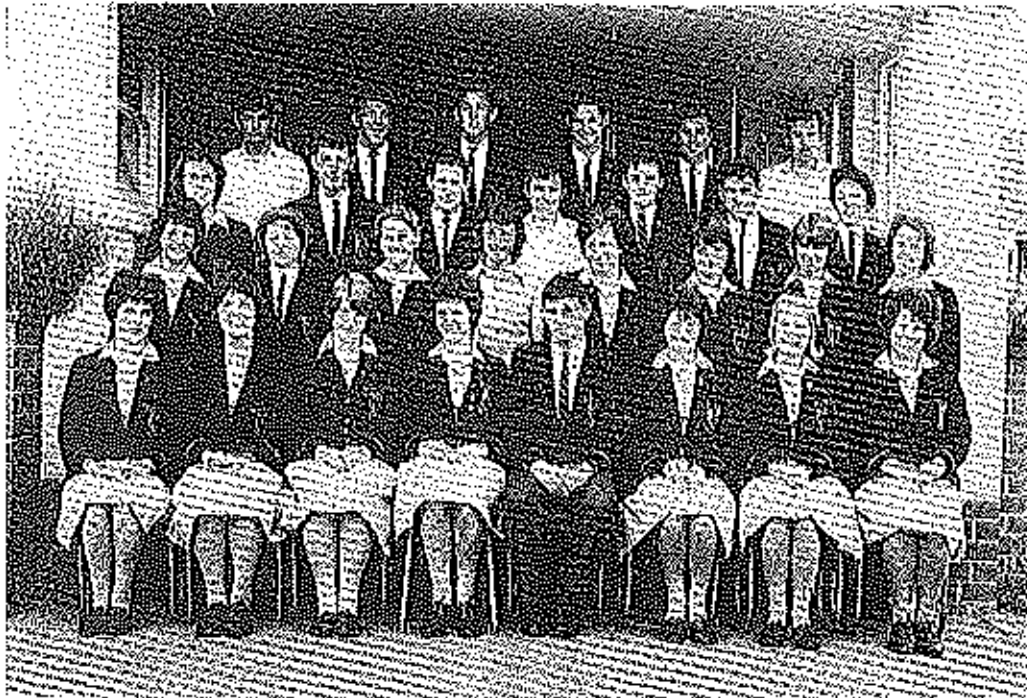
How many of the 1963 students remember the Australian poet, Roland Robinson, reciting his poems on the lawn to the senior school, his long greying locks flowing in the breeze?

And how many remember a group of senior boys getting into the roof at lunchtimes and setting up a hidey-hole above the library, gaining access through a manhole in the small room next door? The story goes that their prank remained undiscovered until one day one of them slipped and his foot punched a hole in the library ceiling...!



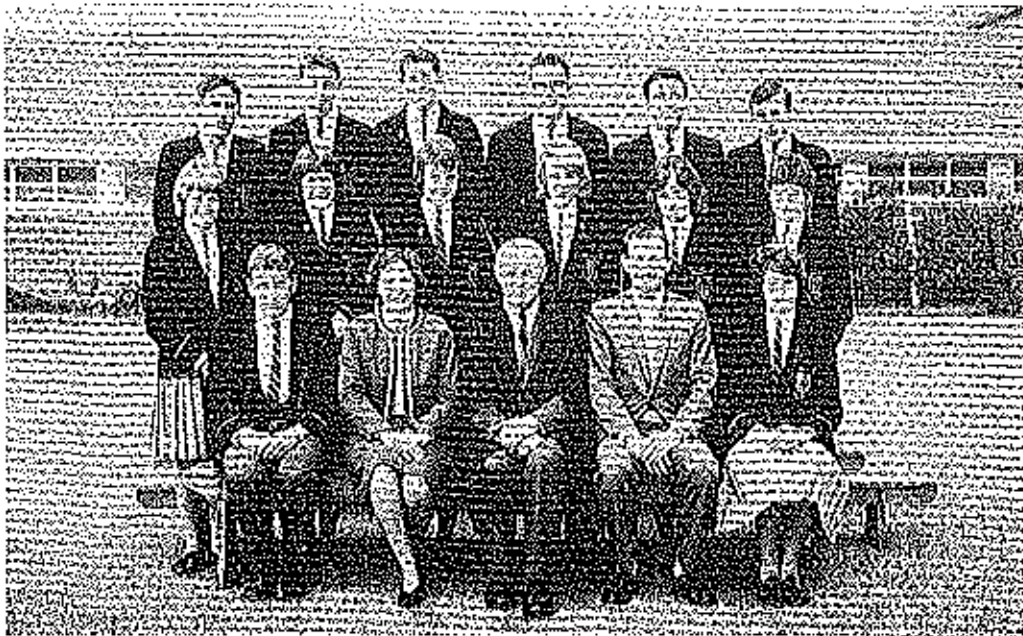
FIFTH YEAR, 1960

Back: E. Smeding, W. Whitmore, K. Mutton, H. Beeck, K. Smith, M. Little, K. Folley
Centre: E. Edwards, B. Coultter, D. Lambert, G. Warren, R. Bird, J. Niven, B. Socker,
L. Slyth
Front: J. Hatt, M. Rose, J. Clifton, C. Logie (Head Boy), Mr J. West (Principal),
Mr H. Loudon (Deputy), K. Moore (Head Girl), P. Taylor, N. Dyke



FIFTH YEAR, 1963

Back: P. Samulkiwicz, J. Wnuk, P. Brankewitsch, R. Wyatt, C. den Toom, R. Duddington
 2nd row: R. Morcombe, A. West, B. Sinnott, W. Dawson, A. Albany, M. Slavin, C. Dart
 3rd row: K. Sims, K. Chmielewski, B. Frost, R. Bennett, J. Dowling, M. Reilly, J. Candy,
 M. Holmes Front: L. Astbury, V. Barham, J. Watson, J. Kelly (Head Girl), R. Hill
 (Head Boy), E. Rosworth, J. McBurney, R. Lange



PREFECTS, 1964

Back: D. McGay, R. Sime, B. White, R. Fulford, L. Pinto, C. Evans
 Centre: M. Kidd, B. Bevan, R. Sim, Y. Cameron, K. Jendrzejczak, K. Rose
 Front: G. Blackman (Head Boy), Miss E. Solly (Principal Mistress),
 Mr G. Appleton (Principal), Mr F. Marsh (Deputy), P. Watson (Head Girl)



AIR TRAINING CADETS RIFLE TEAM, 1961
Back: R. Willis, M. Slavin, R. Coxon, J. Little
Front: R. Cruise, S. Rogera



COUNTRY WEEK BASKETBALL TEAM, 1964
Back: A. Whittington, H. Mutton, R. Potts, R. Dawson, R. Hardacre
Front: G. Wiese, M. Pitchers, Miss M. Wallace (Coach), A. Hardacre, D. White

1965 - 1969

The second half of the 1960s proved to be one of the major high points in the Town Wing history. It was a time of high standards and high achievement because the necessary factors were all present, including a firm, wise but kindly administration, high-quality teachers, particularly fine-calibre students, strong support from the Education Department and its superintendents, and exceptional initiative on the part of the P. and C.

The school was fortunate to be given stability through those years by having the one Principal for a lengthy period. Mr Gordon Appleton was a quiet and modest man, but with very high ideals for his school and a twinkling sense of humour. He was very ably supported by a series of Deputies, notably Mr Bill Johnson and Mr Russ Raynor, the former noted for his excellent control and the latter showing the qualities which would blossom in the early '70s. Both Principal Mistresses, the dynamic and highly respected Miss Elsie Solly and the gracious Miss May Bullen, played a major part in maintaining the tone of the school.

It is probably the emphasis on standards which comes through as the major characteristic of the administration when one reads through the old records. We find Mr Appleton contributing articles to The Outlook of 1968 and 1969 on citizenship and the development of public confidence in the school. The first memories of Mrs Sydney-Smith, a teacher at NASHS in 1966 and 1967, are of sending her whole class of 1st Years out to clean their shoes before assembly (so conscious was she of Mr Appleton's standards), and of Miss Solly "making sure that our (i.e. the lady teachers') hems were not too short". Miss Vick, as she then was, also records her great respect for Mrs Lorna Metzke and Mrs Rae Comini whom she considered "great role models for young girls". Miss Solly's insistence on high standards for dress and conduct are repeatedly noted in the P. and C. minutes of those years, and her pride comes through very clearly when the secretary recorded on 2nd March, 1967: "Miss Solly considered this high school the best dressed in the State, and the 1st Year assembly the best ever seen by senior staff." One can learn a lot from student cartoons in the annual magazine, and it is revealing that those drawn by Ted Bak, Leonid Zuks and Dorothy Reilly often reflect the attention given to dress and conduct. As a teacher in those years, the author also recalls how the staff of each class would assemble in one of the offices at the end of each term. There, the Principal, Deputy or Principal Mistress would preside over the detailed analysis of each student's performance and the selection of comments for term reports. They expected each student to "measure up" and, if this was not happening, they wanted to know why.

Student numbers at the Town Wing in those years held steady around the 600 mark. In lower school classes continued to be graded according to academic ability and to be labelled A to E in each year, though for a while separate classes of boys and girls were created for 3rd Year HSC, called 3 Tech and 3 HSC respectively. In upper school increasing numbers led to the creation of two classes in each year of the "professional" course - 5 Arts and 5 Science, 4 Arts and 4 Science - with 4C to accommodate the terminal commercial class.

The old Leaving, Junior and HSC courses still ruled, but changes were in the wind. For instance, whereas the Junior had previously been seen as primarily a means of selecting those capable of studying for their Leaving, it now had to cater increasingly for those leaving school at the end of 3rd Year. Consequently, the lead set by Science in 1962 was followed in 1966 by broadening the Mathematics courses, replacing the narrow study of History and Geography by the wider scope of Social Studies A and B, and substituting Commercial Methods for Bookkeeping. At the same time, increasing dissatisfaction was being expressed throughout the State over the whole concept of external

examinations at the end of 3rd Year. In State Parliament on 19th June, 1969 Mr Lewis, the Minister for Education, quoted the recommendation made by the Secondary Education Committee that year: "Because of their fallibility and the restraints which they place on curricula and teaching methods, external examinations should be discontinued and replaced by internal school assessments." As a result, the 1st Year students of 1969 were the final batch to be prepared for the Junior Certificate; thereafter students would be enrolled in the new Achievement Certificate courses.

In the meantime, the Leaving Certificate, although under threat, was to continue until the mid-70s, but here, too, there were changes: General Mathematics was introduced in 1966, Human Biology was first offered to 4th Years in 1969, English Literature as a separate subject from English was first examined in 1969, and that same year Mathematics I, II and III replaced the previous Maths A and B courses. In 1969, also, the examination load really increased for 5th Years who hoped to gain tertiary entrance, because matriculation was no longer assessed on Leaving results; students now had to sit an extra set of matriculation examinations in major subjects.

Examination results of NASHS students during the late '60s were usually well above State average and several times were quite outstanding.

In 3rd Year, the HSC classes, varying between 19 and 32 students, almost all passed each year. In the academic stream, between 109 and 116 students sat each year for the Junior Certificate. Of these, 78% achieved a full Junior in 1965, 80% in 1966, 84% in 1967, 85% in 1968 and 84% in 1969. Great achievements were made: for instance, in 1965 Lois Sims (now Mrs Eckersley) topped the list with 10 passes; in 1966 Pam Lofthouse achieved 97% in Maths A and 100% in Maths B; in 1967 54 out of 55 students passed in Maths A, 50 out of 52 in Maths B, 109 out of 115 in English, while pass rates of 90% or better were recorded in French, Physiology and Hygiene, Social Studies B, Art, Tech.Drawing, Woodwork and Metalwork ...

The 5th Year results were equally impressive. In 1965 25 students (71%) gained their Leaving Certificates, followed by 28 (76%) in 1966, 31 (78%) in 1967, 40 (84%) in 1968 and 32 (84%) in 1969. In 1969, too, 15 of the 21 who sat for the separate matriculation exam also gained the certificate (71%). This figure - 15 matriculants - was equalled in 1968, while the 1966 students achieved 19 matriculations. Usually there were between 11 and 24 distinctions gained each year, but the 40 students in 1967 (the school's lucky 13th year) achieved no fewer than 53 distinctions between them, mostly in Maths A, Maths B, History, German, French and Tech.Drawing. Angelina Petkovic gained a special prize in German and Ludi Zuk, with the third top mark in the State, a prize in Art. Pat Burton was third highest in Physiology and Hygiene in 1967. Two students in 1969 topped even these impressive performances: Chris Hennig gained the only Exhibition awarded to a country high school student that year when she topped the State in German, and Robin Jarrick achieved the top mark in Home Economics.

In those days of the Junior and Leaving, examination results were made known to the community, so that each January the publication of the results in The Narrogin Observer, together with an analysis of the students' performance, helped to stimulate a feeling of pride in the local high school. It also served to keep the students - and the teachers - on their toes!

From 1965 to 1967 the school also continued the tradition, begun in 1964, of having the certificates presented to the successful students at a public ceremony in the town hall. In those three years the actual presentations were made by leading educationalists: in 1965 by Mr J.H. Barton, Deputy Director of Secondary Education (the man who had been the first headmaster appointed to Narrogin High), in

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1966 by Mr A.Boylan, Director of Secondary Education, and in 1967 by Mr H.W. Dettman, Director General of Education and previously a teacher at the old Narrogin State School. Those evenings, too, provided a fitting setting for the Mayor, Dr M. Zilko, to present the first three Town of Narrogin Scholarships to Lui Pinto, Jonica Currie and Teresa Smid. Suddenly, however, the tradition of the presentation evening also ceased when, from 1968, Junior and Leaving Certificates were posted out to students. As a result, the Town of Narrogin Scholarship winner for 1967, Brian Johnson, was presented with his \$100 cheque by Deputy Mayor Mr Sid Beall at an assembly on the school lawn in April 1968. Somehow, the occasion didn't have quite the same impact.

During those presentation evenings in the town hall, the honour of thanking the principal guests had been given to Mr Rex Pickford, the President of the NASHS P. and C. Association. This was a very fitting gesture and symbolized the high regard in which the energetic parent body was held by the school authorities. In the period we are discussing the small but dynamic group of P. and C. members had been very active on behalf of the school. They provided bicycle racks, pictures for the entrance foyer and clocks for the classrooms. They paid for four students a year to go on Adventure Camps. They began the long, complex negotiations to get hot showers installed in the changerooms and to have the oval reticulated and grassed.

More immediately appreciated by the students was the P. and C.'s success in having a canteen built at the school. On Monday, 9th August, 1965, parents began serving lunches on a trial basis from a mobile caravan donated by Peters. Shortly afterwards, when this proved highly successful, application was made for a permanent canteen building to be erected. The "faithful few" continued to serve the students from the caravan for nearly three years, led by the initial organiser, Mrs E.Lock, followed by Mrs Rowley and Mrs Annear. By April 1968 it was reported to the P. and C. that the weekly turnover was a gratifying \$302 a week. Meanwhile, back in February 1967 it had been announced that the application to have the canteen built, "ably supported by Mr W.Manning", had been approved by the Education Department. Tenders were called in November 1967 and the brick canteen built in the early months of 1968. On 30th May it was open for business, with Mr Manning and Mr Besier helping the volunteer ladies to serve nutritious meals, the hot soup and cocoa being particularly welcomed by the students. Finally, at 8.45 p.m. after the P. and C. meeting on 6th June, 1968 the building was officially opened by Mr Manning. A fine project had been completed - though perhaps not completed, as only a narrow covered area in front of the serving hatches protected the students from the weather, and the easterly wind blew the dust into the serving windows from the bare gravel in front. As a result of P. and C. pressure, the latter was bitumenised in late 1969, but adequate shelter had to wait until 1986.

A symbol of the P. and C.'s energy is the fact that, at their short meeting before the canteen official opening, Mr Pickford, supported by Mr Tilbrook, launched their next project: raising money for a gymnasium-assembly hall. Back in May 1967 they had been assured that if the parent body could raise \$10,000, the Education Department would provide a half worth \$50,000. With the canteen established, fund raising for the hall began in earnest. By March 1969 \$1,390 had been raised and plans for other ideas were flowing - a walkathon on 5th October, 1969, a deb ball, a cabaret ball... By the close of the decade enthusiasm was running high.

Apart from these developments, other building work was also done in this period. In 1965 the 230 feet of wooden seating along the eastern sides of the toilet wings was completed by the PWD. Also in 1965, the prefects had the brick dais for lawn assemblies built as their departing gift to the school. That same year the interior of the Town Wing building was repainted, followed by the exterior in 1969.

More significantly, the first two Commonwealth science laboratories were completed by February 1966 on the southern side of the school at a cost of 27,321 pounds. They were connected to the main building by a covered walkway because, like all Commonwealth-funded additions to State structures, the building had to be detached. The school set about beautifying the surrounds of the new labs, and in February 1967 Mr Appleton reported to the P. and C. that the species of ash tree, which now look so picturesque twenty years later, had been planted. On the spot where the labs now stand had been a fine spreading gum tree. Great was the consternation in the school when it was bulldozed. The Outlook of 1965 carried a major story entitled "The Crucifixion of a Tree", in which the art teacher, Mr Lambert, was quoted as saying, "I cried! I honestly did!"

Other buildings were also erected in this period, namely the first tech.drawing room and the third home economics room - the composite centre which was originally intended to enable the 4th and 5th Year students to move more freely between the dressmaking, laundry and cooking sections. The contract price for these two additions was \$50,282 and both were in use by third term, 1968.

During those years of the late '60s many of the traditions already established were continued each year - swimming and athletics carnivals between Black, Red, Gold and Blue factions, with pole-vault champions Norm Reynolds, Ted Astbury and Kelwyn Kay attracting crowds of spectators on the oval; the annual ball in the town hall (the themes being "Pirates" in 1965, "Under Water" in 1966, "Hippies" in 1967, "A Night in Tokyo" in 1968 and "Outer Space" in 1969); the 4th Years' farewell dinner to 5th Years and their teachers, usually in the Railway Institute Hall, but in the Lesser Town Hall in 1969 .. In the hands of Mr Gillard and Miss Gleeson, the school choir was continued between 1965 and 1967, singing at the annual Anzac ceremonies and competing in the Wagin Music Festival. They were successful in 1966 and 1967, winning the senior choir prizes and bringing back with them copies of Cake Decorating and J.B. Priestley's The Story of Theatre, the latter being still on our library shelves. After 1967 the choir seems to have disappeared for some time.

A new tradition began on 11th October, 1966 when Mr Ron Reilly, the local GMH dealer, handed the keys of a new Vauxhall Viva de luxe sedan to Mr Appleton to enable the school's driver-education programme to commence. During the previous year an old Chev car had been acquired by the Town and Shire Councils and the P. and C. and was to be made ready for this purpose. However, this plan was dropped when GMH initiated a State-wide scheme to supply and maintain a car for each senior high school, the school being asked to provide only the cleaning and petrol. That first year there were twelve student drivers, taught by Mr Ian Allardyce, Mr Len Pope and Mr Kevin Hyde. By 1969 Reillys had replaced the car at least twice, the vehicle that year being a Holden Torana and the instructor at the Town Wing Mr Pope. Those cars obviously came in for a lot of punishing use, as Brian Johnson revealed in The Outlook for 1967 when he described the Viva having "its gear shift thrown, pulled, hit, sworn at and kicked, and having its capabilities strained to the limits of endurance on the winding Cuballing road"

One tradition was revived in this period, that of the school cadets. In May 1966, more than three years after the Air Training Corps unit had been disbanded, Mr Appleton applied to have it renewed. When this proved unsuccessful, it was decided to transfer the Army cadets, a unit of the 5th Cadet Brigade, from the Ag.Wing to the Town Wing. Over the years this unit had achieved great honours under the command of Captain Monty Butfield and Lieutenant Kingsley Waterhouse. Consequently, at the "Marching off the Colours" ceremony on 8th November, 1967, the unit flag was handed over to the Town Wing prefects. The Town Wing Army cadets began 1968 with 50 cadets commanded initially by Lieutenant Ian Sydney-Smith and later by Lieutenant Greg Dick. Equipment was slow to arrive and things got off to a hesitant start, but the unit strengthened when Captain Waterhouse joined in 1969.

1965-1969

Boys were now enjoying an annual ten-day camp at Northam, rifle shooting with the .303 on the local range and the prospect of the best shots competing in the Challenge Cup in Perth. In 1969 Steven Shepherd and Murray Ward were voted cadets of the year, Sergeant M. Beazley was best at drill and Cadet R. Ingram won the best-shot award.

The school's dramatic tradition also began in the second half of the 1960s, beginning with The Pirates of Penzance in 1965, Trial by Jury and two one-act plays in 1966, The Taming of the Shrew in 1967 and A Mid-summer Night's Dream in 1968. By 1969 we all felt that we needed a rest for a year!

The Pirates of Penzance was a great success. Staged in the town hall on the first two weekends of July 1965 and directed by Mr Maurie White, with assistance from Mrs Pam Beall who had produced the show a few years before for the Narrogin Rep., it even earned a 'Hats Off' from The Narrogin Observer which termed it "a very praiseworthy effort indeed". The paper's reviewer extolled "the heart-warming gusto with which the youngsters entered into the spirit of the performance" and nominated both choruses for their MBEs - "Members of the Order of Bright Enthusiasts". The singing of Jonica Currie as Mabel and Mr Gary Gillard as Frederick were the highlights of the evening, while the inclusion of the Ag. Wing boys among the pirates and police gave decided strength to the production, particularly Clive Hawes as the Pirate King and Marden Handley as the Sergeant. Peter Utber also played the Major-General with alacrity. The show got NASHS drama productions off to a fine start, and the handsome profit was used to purchase a new piano, to replace the original bought ten years before by the P. and C.

The following year, on July 7th, 8th and 9th, NASHS was back in the town hall with another production. The evening began with six 3rd Years performing the comedy Queer Street. This was followed by Where the Cross Is Made by Eugene O'Neill. Directed by Mr M. White, this caught the audience unprepared by its emotional power. Don Brown's performance as the insane sea captain and those of Rhonda Potts and Benison Barham who played his sister on alternate nights were particularly powerful. It was something of a relief to come to Trial by Jury, with Mr Gemel Sherwood excelling as the usher, John Masters playing the suave young lawyer and Alan Plumb the humorous judge. This happy performance was directed by the popular and enthusiastic sports teacher, Miss Marold Wallace. Who would have predicted that that vital and charming lady would die of cancer within a few years?

By the end of 1966 we were looking at the strong talent for 1967 and saying, "Let's give them something to get their teeth into." We decided they were good enough to handle Shakespeare and selected The Taming of the Shrew. Just to make sure, we issued and discussed the scripts that November, so that by the time the show was performed on 14th and 15th July, 1967 the actors were really conversant with their parts. Mr M. White directed the play, but it was really a total school effort with all the subject departments looking after various sections of the production. The cast even handled the change from the town hall to the Railway Institute stage, which was forced on us in the final fortnight, with only low-level trauma. That show revealed a great depth of talent in that year's 5th Years - John Cresswell as a commanding Petruchio, Gill Alcock as a most convincing shrew, Janette Little in the tricky male role of Lucentio, Gerard Mellon as the cunning Gremio, Ross Appleton as the fool Blondello ... The cast so enjoyed it that, on stage during the banquet scene on the final night, they took to the imitation turkeys and puddings made by Mrs Gillard and her students and carved them up with a will! Afterwards, Gill Alcock wrote a very thoughtful piece for The Outlook, revealing how deeply she had analysed and how sensitively created her role as Kate: "The wild Kate", she wrote, "flashes her eyes, shouts, moves rapidly. The scheming Kate flits like a wasp. The bride Kate is restrained, stiffly smiling ... Without realising that she has been tamed a little, she knows that she is happier, no matter how turbulent the future may be ..."

1965-1969

The NASHS production in June, 1968 was A Mid-summer Night's Dream. This was directed by Mr John Smith, a very talented actor himself who, when he finally left Narrogin in 1980, was made a life member by the Narrogin Repertory Club. In 1968 he captured the timeless quality of Shakespeare's play by having the fairyland fantasy played against black drapes decorated with swirls of coloured leaves. Even the cold of the then-unheated town hall helped to crystallise the magic. Pam Lofthouse was a regal and gliding Titania, Wendy Leahy a delicate First Fairy and John Kintoul a glorious Bottom, while Dorothy Reilly as Puck and Brown Besier as Oberon captured a great deal of the essence of the poetry.

The productions of those four years began a fine tradition, and the presence in the school today of two of the cast members - Mrs Eckersley (Lois Sims) and Mrs Carden (Pam Lange) - brings back bright memories of those days for the author.

Turning now to sport, and beginning with Country Week, it is interesting to note first of all the changing pattern of accommodation over these years. In 1966, for instance, the girls were at the CWA Hostel, while the boys had to find their own. Both boys and girls were at the Hostel Manly in Cottesloe in 1967, but the following year the girls were back enjoying the luxury of a newly renovated CWA Hostel, while the boys were at the Imperial Hotel. In 1969 the girls were at Le Fanu House in Mosman Park and the boys moved into St Thomas More College near the University of W.A.

Between 1965 and 1969 NASHS entered teams for the same four sports as in earlier years. The girls' basketball, coached by Miss Wallace, won A grade in 1965, were runners-up to Northam in 1966, repeated the performance in 1967, but were towards the bottom of the grade in 1968 and 1969. Girls' hockey were B grade runners-up in 1965, won B grade with Miss Vick's coaching in 1966, came third in A grade in 1967, slipped a bit in 1968 and only just stayed in A grade in 1969. The football boys (part Ag.Wing and part Town Wing) came third in A grade in 1965 and 1966, were runners-up in 1967, won A grade with Mr Willox's coaching in 1968, but then dropped back to the middle in 1969. The boys' hockey (also containing members from both wings) had rather a switchback career: third in A grade in 1965, relegated to B grade in 1966 and runners-up in 1967 (they won promotion back to A grade under Mr Eric Alcock's brilliant coaching in 1968, but were relegated again in 1969. Reading through the accounts of those five years, one is impressed by the fact that one school seems to have been the real jinx for NASHS - Northam Senior High. Only one NASHS team managed to beat Northam in all that time, namely the football side of 1968 captained by R.Hall.

The same Northam jinx shows up in the story of the other interschool carnivals played against local high schools. In the one carnival with Northam - in 1967 - NASHS went down to the superior strength of Northam in football, basketball and girls' hockey. In contrast, NASHS fared much better against Katanning and Collie. Against the former we won four of the five swimming carnivals and most of the mixed-sport games played. Against Collie, NASHS won most of the matches played in 1965. Narrogin also won the inaugural cricket match against Katanning in 1966 by a mere two runs. This game was a real nail-biter because, after NASHS openers Ken Smith and David Legge had equalled the Katanning score of 46, five NASHS wickets fell with no addition to the score. Eventually a hurried two by Ron Walker saved a tense situation.

On the local scene, the Saturday morning football competition continued, but Town Wing fortunes fluctuated. They began well, with Rovers defeating Saints in the grand final in 1965. Alan McGregor took out the fairest and best award afterwards at the annual dinner held at the Ag.Wing. In 1966 it was an all-Town Wing final, with Rovers, captained by Ken Smith, defeating Tigers, who were coached by the Deputy, Mr Bill Johnson. John Crosswell was voted best in the grand final. However, in 1967 Rovers lost every game throughout the season, and Saints defeated Tigers for the premiership. The

situation grew worse the next year because the four Ag.Wing teams (Maggies joined the competition that year) took out the four top places, and the decision was taken to field only one Town Wing team - Rovers - in 1969. As a result, the 1969 Rovers team, coached by Mr D.Italiano, beat the four Ag.Wing teams and ran out premiers. Rovers had quite a number of stars that year, including Greg Scott, Ian Holding, Chris Meikle, Neil Henderson, Milorad Rodic, Rodney Boehm, Richard Rintoul, Joe Madej and Ron Warden.

During those five years NASHS also entered teams in the local associations, competing in women's basketball and both men's and women's hockey. The hockey players had little success, though their enthusiasm was always high. The best results came in 1968 when the girls' A Reserve team, coached by Miss Jill Clifton and Mr P.Speyers, reached the grand final and the boys' A grade team reached the semi-finals. Their new coach that year was Mr Eric Alcock. A former State Colts player in 1959-60, he won the local association's fairest and best award in 1968 and gave much time to helping with coaching sessions with both boys' and girls' school teams. The real successes, however, belonged to the women's basketball teams. In 1965 the Schools 4 team, captained by Ann Stevens, won the C grade premiership, with Denise Underwood the fairest and best. In 1966 the A grade team defeated Pingelly in the grand final. In 1967 NASHS won three premierships: Macassars, captained by Robyn Hardacre, won A grade; Kinetics, captained by Karen Watts, won B2 grade; and the team led by Elaine Howson defeated Convent in the grand final to take out the C grade shield. Finally, in 1969 the enthusiastic NASHS 4 team, coached by Mrs Goldsmith and captained by Jenny Bullich, won the D grade shield.

Generally speaking, these years had been good ones for NASHS. By the end of 1969, the school's fifteenth year, a reputation for quality education in many fields had been firmly established. It was this awareness of the school's recognized worth that led Mr Appleton to write in The Outlook for 1969:

"I believe the achievements of many fine students who have already attended our school have served to generate parental confidence in our standards of conduct and tuition. District pride and trust in its Senior High School must never be allowed to wane and while every student heeds the advice of our school motto "Be Thorough" our reputation will always be maintained."

OTHER MEMORIES

One of the lower-school swimming champions between 1965 and 1967 was destined to become Miss Australia 1973. Her name: Miss Randy Baker.

The students of 1967 were the ones who made the second recorded attempt to form a NASHS Ex-Students' Association. Meeting at John Cresswell's home in Perth, they elected John as President, Gerard Mellon as Secretary and Judith Hall as Treasurer.

An event that was to bear fruit many years later occurred on 14th October, 1969 when the Mitchell Park Boys' Technical High School Band from South Australia visited Narrogin as part of a scheme to promote the formation of school bands.

The ISCP continued strongly between 1965 and 1969, with Mr G. Sherwood, Mr G.Smith and other teachers helping students to enjoy memorable and meaningful fellowship experiences.

3rd Year Junior students studying The Sun on the Stubble thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon when the novel's author, Colin Thiele, entertained them on the school lawn. Probably the greatest gale of

laughter ever heard out there greeted the story he told about himself and his brother when they were young boys on a South Australian farm. They used to enliven the milking chores each evening by swinging the cows' slack udders, squeezing the teats and drenching each other with well-directed jets of milk. Colin Thiele's sense of fun was highly infectious and his story all the more appreciated because in the social climate of the '60s it was regarded as just slightly improper!

Socials in 1968 and 1969 were dominated by the Stomp. This was usually performed on the school lawn because the noise in a hall tended to be deafening. When the Meekering earthquake occurred in October 1968, Miss Bullen's comment was: "It felt like a school stomp in the Railway Institute!"

The Big Event of 1969 was the first human footsteps on the moon. On one memorable day in July those classes lucky enough to have access to a black-and-white television set forgot about lessons and sat staring at the screen. For most students it was a moment of wonder, but for others there was a sense of loss. The Outlook that year carried Janie Corke's reactions:

"To be sure, getting man on the moon was History with a capital 'H', an event which probably made the Neander that man turn over in his grave while pondering the frivolity of the younger generation, but even so, it wasn't really what was expected, was it? ...

"Science fiction writers will now have a limited scope, as will poets, song-writers and anyone else who has worshipped either the mystery surrounding the aloof serenity of the moon, or the marvellous opportunities she gave for letting loose the imagination. There is no longer the same element of mystery, excitement, or plain ordinary curiosity surrounding her as there was in the days before TV cameras first relayed shots of Neil Armstrong walking on previously eerie and unhallowed ground. The magic has gone from the world."



The new canteen has been very successful.....



PREFECTS, 1965

Back: T.Dunn, G.Baker, C.Meadows, R.Wood, A.McGregor, J.Masters, T.Byke,
S.Wigso

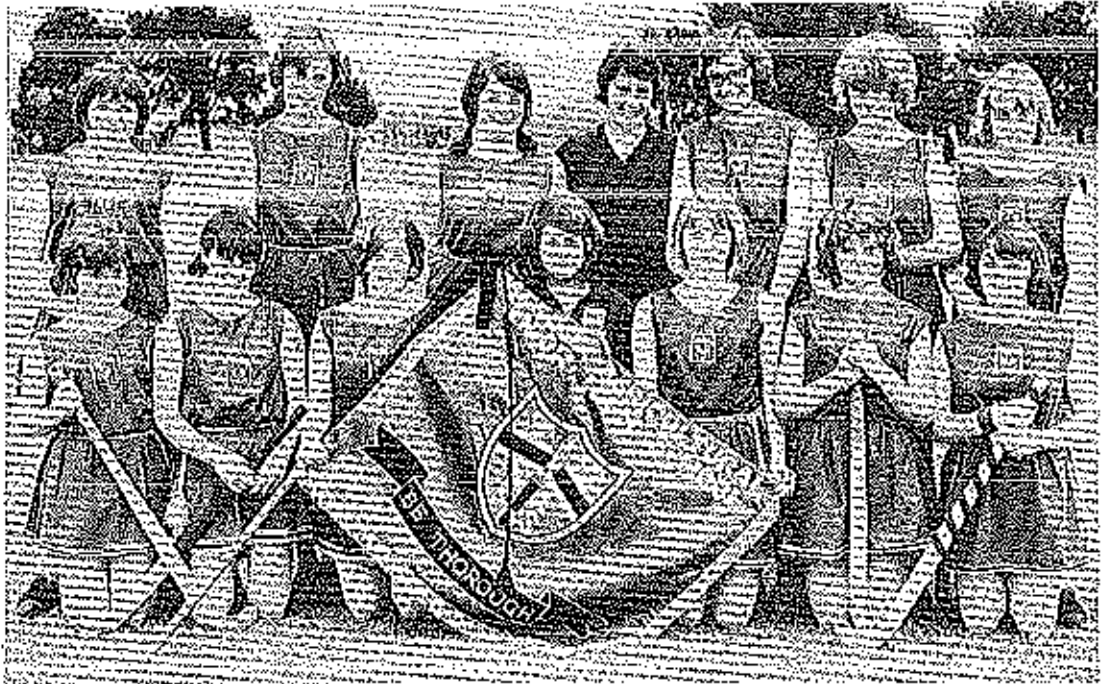
Front: J.Currie, B.Illingworth (Head Boy), Miss E.Solly (Principal Mistress),
Mr F.Marsh (Relieving Principal), Mr J.Love (Relieving Deputy),
M.Hall (Head Girl), M.Lowry



PREFECTS, 1966

Back : R.Reynolds, J.Masters, K.Smith, A.Hardacre, R.Potts, T.Smid, A.Plumb,
D.Legge, B.Walker

Front: A.Petkovic, B.Sargeant (Head Boy), Miss E.Solly (Principal Mistress),
Mr G.Appleton (Principal), Mr W.Johnson (Deputy), A.Whittington (Head
Girl), T.Moore



GIRLS' COUNTRY WEEK HOCKEY TEAM, B GRADE CHAMPIONS, 1966
Back: D. McLennan, J. Little, S. Hall (Captain), Miss R. Vick (Coach), J. Bailey, J. Dawson, D. Green
Front: S. Brown (Vice-captain), J. Cameron, K. Rowling, A. Pochroj, J. Fox, J. Hall, C. Cole



BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM, 1966
Back: J. Hudson, B. Olney, C. Tremayne, G. Boothey, G. Durell, J. Hancock, R. Munro, I. McDonald
Front: T. Altham, C. McKinnon, G. Lowe (Vice-captain), A. Plumb (Captain), G. Slavin, I. Phillips, J. Chadwick



CHRIS HENNIG
Dux and Exhibition winner, 1969



HELEN ORR
Open girl athletics champion, 1969



PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST DRIVER TRAINING CAR, 11th OCTOBER, 1966
From second from left those pictured are Mr S.Beall (Deputy Mayor of
Narrogin), Mr R.Reilly, Mr L.Pope (Driving instructor) and Mr G.Appleton
(Principal). Behind are the prefects of 1966.

1970 - 1974

The early 1970s were years of high standards and high achievement which earned NASHS glowing tributes from many senior officials in the Education Department.

They were also the years which brought the personal career of the Principal, Mr Gordon Appleton, to a triumphant conclusion. When he retired from teaching at the end of 1973 after ten years at NASHS, this modest and charming gentleman was paid a warm tribute by Dr D. Mossenson at the opening of the new school library in November, was eulogised by the Mayor, Mr Bob Farr, and the Shire President, Mr W. Shepherd, at a civic function early in December and, a week later, praised for his "dignity, experience and wisdom" at the school's own official farewell on the assembly lawn. Many past teachers attended that afternoon, including Mr Harry Loudon, then Director of Secondary Education, and Miss Solly, who flew over from Canberra, and a letter was read out from former student and newly elected Miss Australia, Randy Baker. It was only in his retirement year that most of his staff and students became aware that Mr Appleton (known as "G.A." by the former and "Apples" by the latter) had been a champion athlete in his younger days, having become the State 100 yards and 220 yards sprint champion in 1928 and retaining the titles until well into the 1930s.

Mr Appleton was very fortunate to have the support of such a fine Deputy at the Town Wing as Mr Russ Raynor, a man able to inspire exceptionally high standards of conduct and possessing a remarkable breadth of educational vision. A strong and forceful man, he strove always to instil in staff and students a sense of what was right and fitting. The records of those years bear ample witness to this, whether he were initiating and supervising the student council, commending the students' moral behaviour to the P. and C., rigorously upholding standards of dress and conduct, taking dancing lessons so that students would know something else besides the Shake, discouraging boys and girls "pairing up all day", or holding an assembly in September 1972 so that the "joke" of the strike called by the girls who wanted to wear their hair "out" and the boys who wanted to wear their hair long didn't go too far. Supporting the late Leaving entry in June 1971 from Rosemarie Ferrara, then in remission from the leukaemia which would sadly take her life the following March, he wrote a firm letter to the University which concluded: "In the circumstances, we trust that you will not demand a late entry fee." Mr Raynor's educational vision was acknowledged by the 4th Year students who edited The Outlook in 1972, for they interviewed him concerning present and future trends in WA education. The three pages they devoted to his views still make very interesting reading, particularly in the changing educational scene of the late 1980s.

Mr Raynor's efforts for the students' welfare were very well supported by the guidance given to the girls by the three Principal Mistresses during this period - Miss Margaret Nadebaum, Miss Jan Thompson and Mrs Lorna Metzke. Those years saw strong agitation from the students to have uniform standards relaxed; they wanted to wear duffel coats at school, for instance, and to wear sandals in summer, but these moves were strongly resisted. There were humorous touches to it all, though, as when Miss Nadebaum remembers the contention over whether the female staff of 1970 should be "allowed" to wear fashionable knee-high boots and mini-skirts. The staff photograph that year shows that all the ladies sported mini-skirts at least - some higher than others - except for Mrs Conini, Mrs Crusc and Mrs Metzke!

Miss Nadebaum's literary skills were also to the fore that year, as when she contributed a piece of mock-Chaucer to the programme for the 1970 final dinner and praised the 5th Years in these terms:

"And alle them, ful semely brighte ande goode,
Studye incessantlye - as wel they shoude.

At sports - they shine like stars on a frosty night,
 Full praise they win - a dazzling sight.
 But academically, they be a gasse -
 Gaining always distinctions en masse."

The school continued to grow physically during the early 70s. The most significant development was the erection of the new Commonwealth library, designed by J.W. Elischer and Associates and built by S.Wojcik of East Perth at a cost of \$78,747. Work began in October 1972 and the building was finally inspected by PWD architects on 8th June, 1973. The P. and C. held a meeting there that June, books were transferred over in early August, furniture arrived soon after, and the official opening was performed by Mr Dolan, the Minister for Education, on 9th November, 1973. The opening ceremony was held on "the Gap" - the large paved area which separated the Commonwealth-funded library from the State-funded main building - and was attended by Mr Dolan, Dr Mossenson, Mr Frank Harding (the new Principal for 1974) and all the students and teachers, together with a large crowd of interested parents and citizens. Mr Appleton described the day as "the most auspicious in the school's history" for, apart from the canteen, the library was the first new building to have warranted an official opening ceremony since 1955. Inside the library on that day was a display featuring W.A. history (Mr Appleton's own strong interest) and all departments had mounted excellent displays in their own areas.

Also open for public inspection that day was the third science laboratory, added to the western end of the existing two Commonwealth labs parallel to the main building. Costing \$27,500, this, too, was built from Commonwealth funds. Constructed by M.Ranieri, it was completed in July 1973.

Other developments during those five years included the "trench warfare" at the front of the school when deep sewerage was installed in 1970, the conversion of the stationery storeroom under the main stairway into the secretaries' office that same year (with the installation of the hatch window in the corridor), the arrival of the first demountable (the present music room) in September 1972 and the erection of the P. and C. - funded brick windbreak wall beside the first two Commonwealth laboratories, also in 1972.

At the front of the school the famous circular rose garden was demolished in August 1973 to make way for a carpark, an act which brought cries of protest. "Where has the old rose garden gone? Gone to the Big Rose Garden in the Sky," cried The Outlook that year, and Miss Richards, writing in 1989, comments: "Sadly, now, the rose garden is no more. I hope that Mr Den Boer, long retired, does not know. I wish that I did not know." However, the High School Highlights in The Narrogin Observer for 9th August, 1973 tried to soften the blow by stating that "since the original wood was growing very old, perhaps replacement with new bushes was due ..."

Meanwhile, at the other end of the school the great gravel sweep beyond the junior girls' toilet wing towards the oval was finally bituminised at this time, and plans were made to create a new carpark nearer the entrance from Gray Street. Interestingly, the original plan drawn up in April 1972 proposed a site cut into the slope beneath the library - in the days before the District Office was built. Also dating from this period are the two additions to the central stairwell which were designed to ease the congestion at peak periods - the rail at the top of the stairs and the second door opening into the boys' yard.

Great pressure was put upon the relevant authorities to have other improvements introduced. For instance, the P. and C., which had success in having hot-water showers installed in the changerooms by December 1971, was making strong requests for a hall-gymnasium to be built. The parents' own fund-

raising efforts had been abandoned in mid-1971 when prices kept escalating, so every chance was taken to put pressure on the Education Department. Typical was the speech by P. and C. President, Mr Don Gough, on the day the library was opened, when he "put in a strong plug" for a hall. At the same time he stressed the need to have the oval reticulated, another P. and C. project which was warmly pursued through those years with requests to Town Council for the use of effluent water and to the Education Department for the necessary funding. On 4th November, 1974 success was in sight when the Chief Administrative Officer of the Education Department informed the Under-Secretary for Works that "finance has been allocated from General Loan Funds 1974/75 to cover this Department's share of the cost of providing reticulation to Departmental schools involved .."

In this period, too, Mr W.Manning and Mr J.Davies, Superintendent of Physical Education, were backing strong claims for NASHS to have new tennis and basketball courts. Mr Davies, in a letter to the Acting Superintendent of Planning on 11th January, 1974, stated that NASHS "would be one of the worst equipped schools in the State" because of its urgent need for four bitumen tennis courts and at least three basketball courts. This was quite apart from the "shocking condition" of the school oval. Action was immediate and plans for improved facilities were included in the estimates for General Improvements for 1974/75.

In November 1973 Mr Appleton, supported by Mr Miller, was stressing the need for a prevocational centre. In addition, the Minister for Education, after visiting NASHS in July 1974, reported on a general need to improve facilities, listing the poor toilet facilities, the use of cloakrooms for classes, the possibility of dividing several of the larger rooms, the need for high priority for gymnasium and courts, and the fact that the prevocational centre was "desperately in need of upgrading".

On the local scene, a progressive young teacher, Mr Frank Smargiassi, was pressing the P. and C. in 1973 to have an amphitheatre constructed in the gravel quarry near Yilliminning Road, but other projects, such as equipping the new library, had priority at that time and the plan was dropped.

Apart from changes to the physical facilities of the school, the educational scene was marked both by changes and by the continuation of fine traditions already established.

In lower school, for instance, 1970 saw the introduction of the Achievement Certificate to 1st Years, so that the 3rd Years of 1971 were the last group to sit for the old Junior Certificate. Junior results in 1970 and 1971 were still very pleasing, with 117 out of 132 candidates (89%) achieving full Junior Certificates in 1970 and 101 out of 112 (92%) in 1971. Most subjects had well over 90% pass rates. Similarly satisfying results were attained in the final High School Certificate examinations. Each January these 3rd Year results made encouraging reading when published in the local paper. However, this practice came to an end after 1972 because the new Achievement Certificate had no final examinations. Instead, students received certificates recording progress assessments on their performance during each term of the three years, with letter grades for the levels at which they worked in the four "core" subjects and a "credit pass" or "pass" in their "option" subjects. Suddenly the concept of failure was virtually abolished except in extreme cases, and a whole new host of interesting "option" subjects appeared to supplement the traditional ones - Home Handyman, Transport, Electricity, Filmmaking, Consumer Education, Grooming and Deportment, Personal Typing, Agriculture ...

In the upper school students still studied for the Leaving Certificate, but here, too, changes were occurring: 4th Years tried out the "Web of Life" Biology course in 1970, Human Biology appeared in 1971, Economics in 1972, Agricultural Science in 1973, Accountancy and Mathematics IV in 1974 ... The

school's results were still highly commendable. In 1970, 35 of the 39 candidates (90%) gained Leavings, followed by 55 out of 59 (93%) in 1971, 85 out of 92 (92%) in 1972, 60 out of 63 (95%) in 1973 and 70 out of 86 (82%) in 1974. In 1971, 42% of the Leaving students gained Commonwealth University or Advanced Education Scholarships; in 1974, 25 out of 34 were granted full matriculation ... Dallas Smith's 100% in English Literature in 1974 was not only the top mark in the State, but it also won her the prize awarded by the W.A. Centre of the Adelaide University Committee.

These achievements were warmly recognized. A letter to Mr Appleton from the Director of Secondary Education in March 1971 congratulated him and his staff on the "outstanding" results achieved in 1970; on 2nd March, 1972 Mr Raynor informed the P. and C. that "our Leaving rates are now equal to those of most metropolitan senior high schools"; and Dr Mossenson, on the day the library was opened in November 1973, congratulated the school on its examination results in recent years. In September 1970, Mr Wally Langdon, the teaching recruitment officer, "remarked on the friendliness and high standard of the fifth-year students he interviewed." Significantly, 30 of the 39 NASHS Leaving students that year had applied for admission to teachers' college.

Town Wing enrolments in the early '70s rose sharply to over 700 - from 635 in 1970 to 722 in 1974. As upper-school numbers grew, a third "professional" 4th Year class was created in 1970 (called 4 General) and yet another in 1971, so that there were now 4 Arts, 4G1, 4G2 and 4 Science, with a corresponding increase in 5th Year classes from 1972. In the lower school the old problem of naming classes continued. The 1970 classes were still labelled A to E in each year, although in 1st Year the top class was called 1F and the least academic 1A (which led them to rate that the best thing that had happened to them all that year!). However, in 1971 there were just the right number of classes in each year to spell out the words "First", "Second" and "Third", so that is how they were labelled - 3T, 3H, 3I, 3R, 3D and so on right down to 1S and 1T. In 1972 this ingenious idea didn't work so the letters were dispensed with and classes numbered instead from 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 down to 1.5 and 1.6.

Among the established activities which continued in this period were the dramatic productions. Each year saw NASHS students staging a famous play. In June 1970 it was Shaw's Pygmalion which, directed by Mr M.White, was termed by The Narrogin Observer "a disciplined, polished performance" and the student actors' enjoyment as "highly infectious". Kevin Price played a delightfully obnoxious Higgins, Ann Higham was particularly successful as Eliza, Don Ward portrayed an imposing Colonel Pickering and Kevin Fox amused everyone as a very comic Doolittle. The next year Mr Jon Cook directed Miller's The Crucible. The stars in 1971 were Geoff Clark (Proctor), Diana Blackford (Abigail), Jane Higham (Elizabeth) and Margaret Pennington (Tituba), while Miss Wendy Griffiths was much more than stage manager to the cast. In 1972 Mr M.White directed another Shaw play, The Devil's Disciple, the leads being played very convincingly by Geoff Rich as Dick Dudgeon, Diana Blackford as Judith, Rod Astbury as General Burgoyne and Steven Williams as Major Swindon. 1973 saw a return to Shakespeare, this time a polished presentation of The Merchant of Venice, directed by Mr John Smith, with special praise going to Greg Lonergan for his Shylock, Shelley Alexander as Portia, John Raynor as Launcelot Gobbo and Craig Brunton as the Prince of Morocco. In its review, the local paper noted how the use of arches and two brilliant red banners "set off the brightly coloured costumes to perfection". And then, in 1974, Mr "Paddy" Doherty directed a production of O'Casey's Juno and the Paycock in which the performances of the whole cast and especially Helen Putland as Juno, Greg Watts as Captain Boyle, Kim Guthrie as their daughter Mary and Neil Brick as Joxer, met what Mr John Smith, in his review, termed the "formidable challenge" of such a difficult play.

The Army cadets were also very active in the early '70s. They were led by a series of officers - Lieutenant Dick in 1970, Lieuts. Everingham and Willison in 1971, Lieuts. Everingham and Mander in

1972, Captain Paterson and Lieut. Stevens in 1973 and Lieut. Gorton in 1974. Each year there was the traditional camp at Northam and local range practice with the .303, as well as the Highbury bivouac in 1971, weekend camps at Albany, Collie and Highbury in 1973 and one with the Katanning unit in 1974. The "Q" store, which now stands on the southern side of the school, was erected to the north of the site of the present gymnasium. 1974 even had a real highlight: the cadets had a helicopter ride when one from Fairbairn Air Force Base landed on the school oval.

Another activity which continued was driver training, conducted at various times by Mr Gannaway, Mr Baker, Mr Everingham and Mr Pestoff. Reillys of Narrogin continued to supply training vehicles, usually a Holden Torana. It was recorded on 1st April, 1971 that all ten cars used since 1966 had been supplied by Reillys and that 80 students had gained their licences since the scheme started.

The school choir was active again, achieving first place with Miss Bladen as conductor at the Wagin Music Festival in 1971 and repeating the feat in 1972. And the school ball, of course, continued its annual brilliance in the town hall with such themes as "Hell" in 1970, "Arctic" in 1971 and "Casino" in 1972. Numbers became so great, in fact, that a separate junior school ball was inaugurated in 1972; they celebrated the "Haunted Ball". Between 1970 and 1972 the Town of Narrogin Scholarship was also presented to the winners - Chris Hennig, Julie Pederick and Wally Knezevic - at the school ball by Mayors Farr and Beall. However, after 1972 the ceremony was carried out at the school.

A number of innovations were introduced in the early '70s. A social committee, for instance, was first formed in 1971 to relieve the prefects of sole responsibility for social events. A Red Cross group was active in 1970 and 1971, but disappeared after that. The year master system began in 1972, and a highly successful 3rd Year camp was inaugurated at Point Peron in July 1974. Prefects were conducting school assemblies by April 1973, Mr Peter Flanigan began a maths magazine called The Limit in 1970, Religious Instruction seminars were very successfully inaugurated in 1972, and the P. and C. were making determined efforts in 1974 to acquire the first school bus, a project initiated by the new Principal, Mr Frank Harding. He also asked the parent body to consider funding a school orchestra, but this suggestion was not taken up despite the fact that the previous year, in August 1973, a "Monster Music Camp" had been held in Narrogin and featured a 55-piece orchestra.

A significant attempt to provide meaningful education for Nyungar students was initiated in 1974 when the Aboriginal Projects Class was begun. Mr John Lake and his wife Daphne joined the staff after experience with a similar project at Hedland Senior High School, and Town Council allowed the use of the old golf clubhouse for instructing the 24 students. However, after initial success, the project was discontinued later that same year.

A notable innovation was the weekly meeting of the Student Council, initiated and guided by Mr Russ Raynor. Inaugurated in 1970, it flourished throughout this period and proved a valuable vehicle for training in democratic decision making. Students appreciated the fact that their suggestions, when properly presented and approved by the rest of the school, would be acted upon. For instance, they achieved the extra door at the foot of the central stairwell, music over the PA at lunchtimes, mirrors and paper towels in the cloakrooms, paving the dangerous gravel "island" in Gray Street after writing to Town Council ... At the same time students could speak out against ideas they did not favour, as when the P. and C. tried in 1971 to introduce a "Miss NASHS" contest. The girls vigorously rejected this, though many boys were all for it!

And then there were the innovations introduced by the Rotary Club. A very successful one was the creation in 1970 of an Interact Club after the visit to the school by local Rotarian President Mr Hall and

Rotarians from Armadale. Fifty students joined in April and their Charter Night was held that December. Over the next four years the group completed a very commendable number of fund-raising activities, and the list of worthwhile goals they accomplished is really impressive. On 3rd March, 1972, the school clock they had donated and set into the tower facing Gray Street was unveiled by Rotary President, Mr Mike Masterson. That November they presented a cheque for \$150 to the Narrogin Slow Learning Children's Group to purchase a language trainer. In April 1973 they purchased a photocopier for \$260 and presented it as the first donation to the school's new library. These are only a few of the many notable achievements that Interact accomplished, thanks to the help and guidance of Narrogin Rotary Club members and Mr Sid Spragg in particular.

Rotary support for the school also included sponsorship of career visits and other activities, as well as the popular Exchange Student Programme. The first overseas student arrived in Narrogin in August 1970. Her name was Betsy Racoosin, a charming young lady from Alamogordo, New Mexico. She was a great "hit" with upper-school students and has been back to see host families and friends at least twice in later years. Two years later, Joey Lopez visited us from the Philippines. At the same time Rotary began to offer Narrogin students the chance to become Exchange Students themselves. The first to be chosen, in 1971, was Glenda James, who went to Nogata in Japan in 1972. She was followed by David Porter who left for Oklahoma in the United States in January 1975.

On the sporting scene, perhaps first mention should go to two ex-NASHS students who returned as teachers - to former Head Girl in 1967, Miss Robyn Hardacre (now a physical education teacher) and to the Dux in 1966, Miss Teresa Smid (now language teacher Mrs McGowan). Both won the title of Miss Netball in the local association, Miss Hardacre in 1972 and Mrs McGowan in 1973.

Country Week in the early '70s featured the same four sports as in past years, though from 1971 the girls' basketball was renamed netball. The most successful teams were the 1971 boys' hockey team captained by Michael Louwen, which won the B grade trophy, and the 1972 team captained by David Francis, which capped this by winning A grade the next year. The girls' hockey were also dominant - runners-up in B grade in 1971 and premiers in B grade in 1972, with Alison Hardacre as captain. The footballers came third in A grade in 1971, were runners-up in 1972 and, coached by Mr Doust and with Bevan Fancote as captain, ran out premiers in 1974. The netball girls played hard every year, but could not manage to get among the leaders. However, more significantly, they and the hockey girls were presented with a series of trophies, mainly for maintaining their excellent reputation, by the generous management of Haywin House where they were staying.

Three other aspects of Country Week in this period are worth noting. One was the tremendous fund-raising support given to the teams by the whole school. Another was the sponsorship of students and staff provided by P. and C. The third was the community activities carried out at the school and in the Narrogin district by 5th Years not selected for Country Week teams. This scheme, inaugurated in 1972, consisted of three parts: a major academic project related to the students' courses; two days of unpaid community activity; and a one-day school project, such as constructing the brick wall between the science block and the main school building in 1972 and helping the Department of Agriculture to plant salt bush on the hill slopes in 1974 to prevent erosion. The help given to the hospital, kindergartens and other organizations drew many appreciative letters.

Besides Country Week, NASHS competed in carnivals against other senior high schools in the region. NASHS beat Katanning in their annual swimming carnivals in 1970, 1971 and 1972 and in all four sports at the carnival in 1973, but Katanning evened the score by thrashing Narrogin in the athletics carnivals of 1971 and 1972. In swimming carnivals against Northam and Collie in 1973 and Northam

and Merredin in 1974, NASHS trailed badly behind Northam. However, at the major athletics carnival hosted by NASHS in 1973, featuring six schools including Northam, NASHS came second to Albany. Next Year NASHS again came second to Albany in a four-school carnival. The star on both occasions was the Albany sprint champion Craig Pettit who gave a dazzling display in the 100 metres, 200 metres and 400 metres events.

In the Saturday morning football competition, the Town Wing's Rovers featured very well, defeating Magpies for the premiership in 1970 (with Rod Boehm fairest and best), beating Bulldogs in 1971 (with All-Australian Schoolboy representative, Neil Fotheringham, in the team), coming runners-up in 1972, going through the season undefeated in 1973 (with Wayne McGowan fairest and best) and then, in 1974, going down in the grand final to the reborn Town Wing's Tigers (who carried their coach, Mr Paganoni, off the field shoulder high after the win).

As for other local competitions, NASHS hockey teams achieved some notable successes. The boys' hockey, for instance, made history in 1970 by being the first country high school team in W.A. to reach an A grade final. Coached by Mr Lewis, this was their first season in A grade. The next year they did even better by defeating Riffs to win the premiership, a feat which they repeated in 1972. After this success the team had five boys selected to play for W.A. Country School-boys in Tasmania and three to play in Narrogin No.1 at Men's Country Week. 1971 was also a major year for other NASHS hockey teams, for not only did the boys win the open and closed B grade championships at the Great Southern Carnival in Mount Barker, but the A grade girls' team won the B grade trophy at the Narrogin Lightning Carnival and the A Reserve girls won their grand final against Wagin.

Apart from hockey successes, the NASHS cricket team, led by Mr P. Silinger, entered the local competition for the first time in 1972 and won the premiership. They did it again in 1973. One player whose name featured very prominently among both hockey and cricket trophies was David Francis.

Meanwhile, the girls' netball teams were also registering successes. In 1970 the NASHS 5 team won the D grade final, then next year the C grade team won their premiership. In 1973 Miss Hardacre coached no fewer than four teams to premierships, including the A grade, and in 1974 the A1 team were also premiers. It is interesting to note that Robyn Hoyte, the Association's fairest and best player in 1974, was captain both of the winning A1 side in 1974 and of the winning C grade team back in 1971.

Finally, a tribute must be paid to the fine efforts put up by the girls' and boys' tennis teams which competed each year for the Mursell Cup and the Herbert Edwards Shield. Most successful was the junior girls' team of 1972 which won the Herbert Edwards Shield for NASHS for the first time. The four players - Coral English, Jenny Nelligan, Delys Leeder and Roslyn Leeder - proudly posed for a photograph with Mr L.Graham when the shield was presented to them at a school assembly on the lawn. Two other teams which reached the finals were the 1973 senior girls' team (they lost to Katanning) and the 1974 senior boys' team which went down to Aquinas on a replay after a drawn match. And still on tennis, it was reported in *The Observer* of 5th December, 1974 that former NASHS student, Hugh Thomson, who won the under-17 singles championship in the State Schoolboys' Tennis Championships back in 1961, had become a tennis professional at the Birmingham Country Club in Alabama, U.S.A.

In general, the period 1970-1974 was a high point in the history of the NASHS Town Wing, one recalled with pride by most teachers and students who were fortunate to be here at the time.

OTHER MEMORIES

The records at the 1970 Athletics Carnival were all inaugural because metric measurement was introduced that year.

The next year, 1971, the carnival had to be postponed for a few days. The reason: a snowfall - in early October!

In April 1970 five senior boys - Richard Rintoul, Kevin Fox, Joe Madej, David Melliar and Stefan Olejko - broke the record for climbing Bluff Knoll in the Stirlings which had been set by the Ag.Wing in 1969.

At Easter in 1970 five 5th Year Biology students visited Jerramungup and came back with a collection of 40-million-year-old fossils of molluscs and sponges.

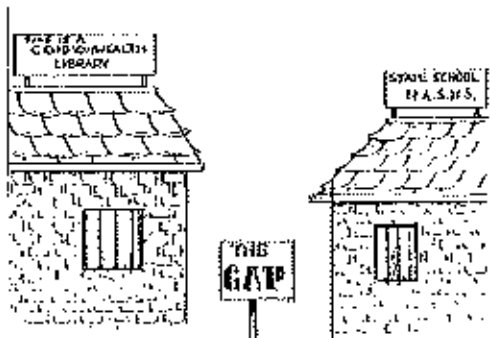
Between 5 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th April, 1971 a reception was tendered to Narrogin teachers by the Mayor, Mr S.Beall, and the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1970 young Michael Robb, a 1st Year student, won an essay competition run by the Australian Natives Association. Michael's poem, called Three Monkeys, described those animals discussing the "rumour" that Man had descended from them. After reviewing Man's sorry history of bloodshed and violence, they concluded:

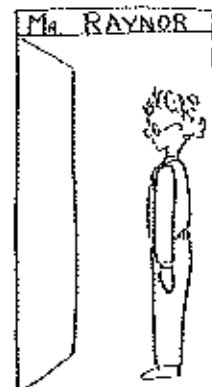
"Yes, Man descended, let's make no fuss,
But, brother, he didn't descend from us."

Cheryl Martin's Death of the Roses won an Outlook literary prize:

"They have dug out the roses from where they grew ...
Now no more are they seen
Where the daily sun would fall
And the morning breezes
Danced and pirouetted among the leaves
And played till the sun disappeared from the sky
And night came on."

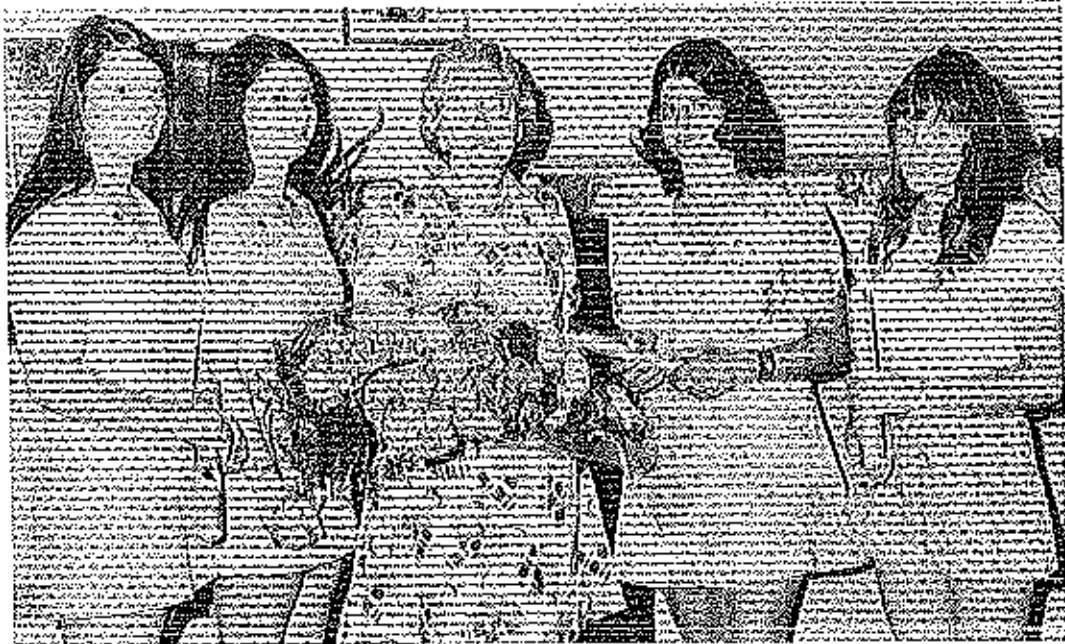


"But, Sir, I
didn't say,
'Darn, it's Raynor,
Harding.' I said,
'Darn, it's raining
harder.'"

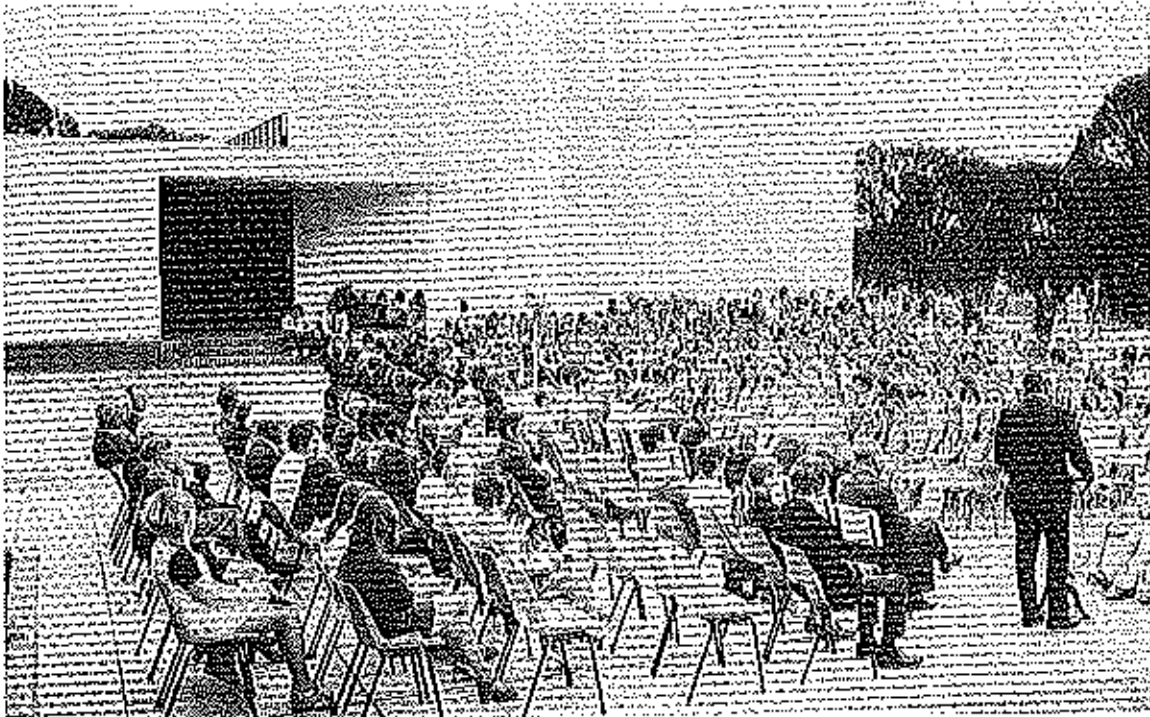




"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE", 1973
(left) Shylock (Greg Louergan) is Flanked by Antonio and Bassanio.
(Right) Bassanio woos Portia (Shelley Alexander).



MRS R.COMINI, 1972
Mrs Comini with Ranger Guides Susan, Margaret and Helen Hancock and Dianne Johnson at the Duke of Edinburgh Awards presentation night. She loved flowers and used to make beautiful arrangements for display in the school.



OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE COMMONWEALTH LIBRARY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1973
Part of the large crowd on "the Gap" being addressed by Dr D.Mossenson



CRICKET TEAM, PREMIERS FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, 1973
Back: Mr R.Morecombe, K.Broad, J.Flynn, R.Pickford, G.Johns, D.Francis, S.Clarke
Front: K.Donaldson, A.Guthrie, M.Pickford, R.Davis, Mr P.Silinger



THE SCHOOL'S FAREWELL TO MR G. APPLETON, 1973

Kathy Gecan and Greg Robertson (Head Girl and Boy) present Mr Appleton with a travelling case. Those seated are (l. to r.) Mr R. Raynor (Deputy), Mrs Appleton, Mr H. Loudan (Director of Secondary Education), Mr D. Cough (P. and C. President) and Mr R. Farr (Mayor of Narrogia).



GIRLS' COUNTRY WEEK HOCKEY TEAM, 1973

Back: G. Cruse, A. Hathaway, W. Bailey, J. Flynn, G. Biglin, D. Francis, S. Flooy
 Front: J. Green, L. Graham, L. Yeo, J. Bolton, B. Marshall, L. Weetman

1975 - 1979

Taking up his post as Principal in 1975 after a year's study leave, Mr Frank Harding wrote in The Outlook of that year: "I was told by a very senior officer in the Education Department that NASHS was one of the jewels in its crown. High praise indeed..." Both Mr Harding and his successor in 1977, Mr Jim Haynes, were determined that the school would maintain this reputation.

Their annual "Principal's Messages" in the school magazine reflect this determination. "There is still great value in sound scholarship, high standard of personal appearance, and grooming and good manners. At present we have all these values..." wrote Mr Harding in 1976. "Honesty and truthfulness practised with kindness, consideration and cheerfulness are virtues to be found in a truly successful person," was Mr Haynes' message in 1977. "If, as well, you can be hardworking and thorough, you have the qualities I would value in a friend and fellow worker. One of the real pleasures of working in this school and living in this district is to discover that these principles are practised by many more than in the city."

However, reading through the records of those years, one can see that rapid changes were sweeping through courses and activities, and pressure was being brought to bear upon the traditional aspects of school life. In late 1975, for instance, there was talk of phasing out the prefect system and in early 1976 of disbanding the Social Committee, but both of these survived and prospered. There were steady calls, too, for changes to the school uniform, and the school authorities, consulting regularly with the Student Council and the P. and C., allowed sensible concessions while retaining the uniform and fostering student pride in wearing it. From 1977, girls attending Country Week could wear black pleated skirts instead of the old, rather embarrassing gym uniform. Sandals were introduced for summer wear and, from 1978, ties were no longer compulsory except with full school uniform on formal occasions.

Much of the credit for ensuring a sensible and balanced outcome in this period of change must lie with the Deputies of that period - Mr L. Haughey in 1975 (who, upon his departure, admitted to the P. and C. that the strong disciplinary influence of Mr Raynor was still felt at the time), Mr John Smith from 1976 to 1979, Principal Mistress Mrs Lorna Metzke from 1975 to 1977, and her successors, now known as Deputy Principals (Female), Mrs V. Smith in 1978 and Miss J. Down in 1979. It is significant that the three members of the administration who held office longest in this period were all people who had enjoyed distinguished careers at NASHS in earlier years, but in different capacities - Mr Haynes as Deputy at the Ag.Wing from 1970 to 1972, Mr Smith as Senior Master of English for many years and Mrs Metzke as classroom teacher in many subject areas. The respect in which they were held and their understanding of the local attitudes towards traditional values must have been invaluable. They were obviously supported by their staff. One glance at the relatively formal dress standards in the staff photographs of those years is clear indication of that.

School enrolments during this period began with more than 700 each year, although by August this figure had usually reduced to somewhere between 650 and 700. From 1975 more definite recognition was given to the fact that school education is a continuous process from Kindergarten to 5th Year. Hence the years in high school were renamed Year 8 to Year 12. From 1976 classes were now numbered logically from 8.1, 8.2 right up to 12.5 (and to 12.6 in 1977, and to 12.7 from 1978).

A more important area of change in the late '70s was to the academic courses of the school. The Achievement Certificate, of course, had already been introduced in the early '70s and was now running smoothly, with an ever-widening range of option subjects - Local History, Cake Decorating, Retail

Trade ... However, the big change from 1975 was that the Leaving disappeared and upper-school students now sat for the Tertiary Admissions Examination. For the first time they now received a certificate showing how well their results compared with those of all other candidates in the State. These results were expressed as grades - from A to F in 1975, but by numbers from 1 to 10 as from 1976. Gone were the extra matriculation exams; gone were the published examination percentages by which school and individual reputations were often judged by the public. Gone, too, were the concepts of pass and fail, though obviously the quality of certificates varied widely. Although it was more difficult to judge an individual school's standing, there were clear indications that NASHS results compared well with State averages in most subjects and the number qualifying for tertiary entrance was very satisfactory.

At the same time, schools were encouraged to prepare courses of a less academic nature to suit the needs of increasing numbers of students who wished to gain the new Certificate of Secondary Education at the end of Year 12 without looking towards tertiary education. At NASHS the first such course, Local Area Study, was prepared by Mr Frank Smargiassi and offered, after strong publicity in The Observer, in 1978. This was followed in 1979 by the school offering five other non-TAE subjects, namely General English, Agricultural Studies, Typewriting and Business Communications, Motors and Machines, and Current Events.

Several traditional activities continued into this period, but then faltered and stopped. One of these was the Interact Club which, as was stated in The Observer of 6th September, 1979, had been "the best in the State, leading the field in community projects and sponsoring a trainee seaman through college". As late as 1978 the members had built a barbecue at the Special School, given NASHS \$100 to buy video cartridges and continued to sponsor the overseas student, Ernest, at a cost of \$160. But then, in 1979, interest waned and Interact was gone.

The school's dramatic performances in the town hall also stopped after 1976. In July 1975 Mr T.Sayers and Mr M.Curtis presented a show featuring no fewer than seven one-act plays - The Brute, Catherine Parr, Lady Audley's Secret, The Card Players, a couple by Harold Pinter (Last to Go and Black and White) and, the climax of the evening, Out of the Flying Pan. The following year, over 500 people attended the fine performance of Our Town, directed by Mr M.Curtis and Mr J.Overman, and starring such students as Clint Wearing, Wendy Quicke and Jon Ride.

Another traditional feature that ceased in 1976 was the school cadets. Early that year a unit strength of 50 boys had been mustered and the help of Mr Ray Smith and Mr Peter Leppinus enlisted as officers. However, numbers dwindled badly after funding cuts led to problems with uniforms and only a few cadets being allowed to attend the Katanning battlefield. The Outlook of 1975 graphically describes the outcome:

"Soon after a sad announcement was made by the top brass that due to insufficient (or rather insignificant) numbers the unit was to be disbanded. Within weeks all that remained was a dusty Q store that was being raided by shift characters to gain mementos of the fast dying legend of the Narrogin Cadet Unit."

Equally sad was the sudden break in the annual presentations of the Town of Narrogin Award to the top-achieving Year 12 student. The award of \$100 made to Christopher Lloyd in July 1978 for attaining the highest TAE aggregate the previous November was to be the last for five years, but thankfully the award, with an increased sum, was recommenced in 1983.

Not all traditions died, of course. One which went from strength to strength was that of the annual ball. In 1975 the town hall was decorated in purple, mauve and white to convey an oriental theme; in 1976 students were celebrating the school's 21st birthday, with Head Boy and Girl, Kim Noske and Jenny Ryan, cutting the cake, and hundreds of "golden" keys being handed out to the guests; in 1977 it was "Welcome to My Nightmare", with a special floorshow dancing exhibition by Kevin Abbott and Shirley Evenis; and the theme for the ball in 1978, held on 14th July, was "Bastille Day". In 1979 came a change, for at last the Town Wing had its own hall-gymnasium and the ball was held, after a long delay, on the evening of 21st September, the day the building was officially opened. The whole State was celebrating WAY79 that year, so the majority of the 200 guests went to great lengths to create colonial costumes for that evening. The highlights were the floorshow - the "Lancers" performed by staff members and students instructed by Mrs Box - and the fine supper co-ordinated by Mrs Kotara, who had taken over the P. and C. catering organisation from Mrs Hancock.

Another traditional feature that continued very successfully throughout this period was the end-of-year farewell to the Year 12s and the Year 11 business course students. The increasing numbers were causing concern. One result was that the Year 11 business class held their own inaugural dinner in November 1978. At the Year 12 dinner in 1976 a special presentation was made to Mrs D.Hancock who, as P. and C. caterer, had helped to ensure the success of all the dinners till then since 1971. Everyone was sorry to see her retire.

And then a number of new activities were introduced in this period, many of which were to become firmly fixed in the school calendar in later years. One was the commencement of Work Experience for Year 10s in August 1977. Another, conducted for the first time in December 1978, was an orientation session for the Year 7s who would be coming to NASHS in 1979 from local contributory schools. It took the format on that occasion of talks in the library from the administration and subject teachers, a guided tour of the school and all-important advice from Mrs Dunbar on how to order canteen lunches.

Camps also began to flourish. Beginning with the highly successful Year 10 camps at Point Peron in April 1975 and June 1976, when students enjoyed five days of physical activity, industrial visits and other features, the concept soon spread. Lower-school French students were camped at Dryandra in late June 1976 together with students from Bunbury and Katanning, with previous NASHS students Kathy Geenan and Maria Melchiorre - then studying a French honours course at UWA - along to help with the organization. Year 9s enjoyed week-long end-of-year camps from 1976 to 1979, first at Quaranup and afterwards at Yallingup, and 33 of them also experienced a five-day trip to the Goldfields in 1979. In 1977 there were Art and Music camps at Dryandra. In 1978 and 1979 Year 11s were treated to highly educational and enjoyable five-day camps at Point Walter on the Swan River, while the annual Year 12 Careers camps in Perth at the end of first term began in 1976 and continued every year after that. June 1979 also saw the first Year 12 Geography camp in Perth.

Participation in speech awards also began in this period of the late '70s: The first NASHS student was Margaret Carter in 1975. Coached by Mr Sayers and Mrs Spalding, Margaret made the school's inaugural entry in the Country Speech Awards held during Country Week. She attained a commendable fourth place in the finals. The next year, in June 1976, sixteen NASHS students entered the Jaycees' "Youth Speaks for Australia" competition. The Narrogin Chapter final that year was won by Margaret Errey from Year 11; she went on to gain third place at the regional final at Esperance in July. Thereafter, NASHS students competed every year. In 1977 Jacki West won the Narrogin final, then won the regional final, held in the NASHS library, jointly with Barbara Campbell of Esperance. The next year, Jacki again won the regional final and qualified for the State final in Perth for the second time. Although unsuccessful, she spoke very well - and was introduced on television by the compere,

Dick Tombs, as "Jaeki Weaver" (a famous TV celebrity of the day)! In 1979 it was Elaine Grant's turn to win the Narrogin final, her performance being noted particularly for her "breezy and humorous" impromptu speech on "The One That Got Away".

Great enthusiasm was aroused throughout the whole school in 1976 when the House system was first introduced. For several years people had been trying to rename the old sporting factions, named after four colours, but without general agreement. Mr Raynor, in particular, had tried in the early '70s to have the factions renamed each year after the faction captains, but Student Council had strongly resisted this move. In 1976, however, the problem was solved. Henceforth there would be four houses - Taurus (Red), Scorpio (Black), Pisces (Blue) and Leo (Gold). Right from the start the new House system generated enormous enthusiasm, competition and sportsmanship throughout the school. During that first year each house organized a social, created banners and took part in a fete day to raise money for Country Week entrants. At the swimming and athletics carnivals, the cheer squads and general razzmatazz were the greatest seen for a long time.

1976 was also the year in which music revived at NASHS. Stimulated by the visit of yet another group of music students - this time the John Forrest Senior High School Concert Band on 30th June, 1975 - and encouraged, no doubt, by the visit of the charming and talented Seiwa Singers from Nagasaki, Japan in August 1976, it was decided that Music would become a subject at NASHS as soon as possible. One result was the formation early in 1976 of a school choir named "The Zodiacs" - quite inevitably, of course, considering the enthusiasm for the names of the new houses. The choir was conducted by Mrs Toct and consisted entirely of girls, though a few lower-school boys were persuaded to join later. That year they sang at the school Anzac ceremony and at the annual ball. The next year they are recorded as having sung at a Youth Concert held in the Lesser Town Hall in September and at the town's Anzac service in 1978. Thereafter, as so often in the past, the choir seems to have lapsed.

In contrast, the other result of the decision to commence music at NASHS in 1976 has grown from strength to strength over the years until it became a major success story in the late 1980s. This development, of course, was the creation of a school band. For one day a week, Mr Arthur Kershaw would come to NASHS from Wagin and, under trying circumstances, train some twenty junior students, using sixteen instruments loaned by the Town Council from the previous Town Band and others supplied by the Education Department. In 1977 Mr Greg Kelly was appointed to NASHS as full-time music teacher. From then on the school band, assisted by further donations, such as those from the P. and C. and from Rotary, developed rapidly. The students enjoyed band camps at Cherry Tree Pool near Katanning, played at assemblies and Anzac ceremonies, entertained shoppers by playing in Mackie Park ... On 22nd June, 1978 the band was paid a warm tribute by The Narrogin Observer with a front-page article under the heading "Take a bow, Mr Kelly!"

Other "firsts" were also achieved in this period - the first school bus, purchased by the P. and C. early in 1975; the first entries by NASHS in the Bank of New South Wales (now Westpac) Mathematics Competition in 1978; the first overseas trip by French students when no fewer than twelve accompanied Miss Politis to Noumea in 1979; the first Duke of Edinburgh Awards when bronze medallions were presented to Carmel Moran and Donna Coleman in March 1977; the first computer when NASHS decided to stop sending punched cards to Perth and purchased a micro-computer, an Index System 2000, in July 1979 ...

Many improved facilities were achieved for the Town Wing in the late '70s, some of which were long overdue.

In his first Principal's report to the P. and C., delivered on 6th March, 1975, Mr Harding listed the most pressing needs at that time: a hall-gymnasium, a grassed and reticulated oval, new tennis and basketball courts, a prevocational centre, a shelter for the school bus and canteen shelter for the students. Addressing the P. and C. a year later with reference to what he termed "the major area of depression, the state of the physical education facilities", Mr Harding said bluntly: "It is criminal that this school, which is in its 21st year of existence, is still without these facilities." The chances of obtaining them seemed quite remote, but, to the eternal credit of a number of very dedicated people, all of them were achieved by 1979. The sheer dogged determination displayed by these people was strongly reminiscent of the persistence shown by those earlier citizens who fought so strongly before 1955 to get the school established.

The urgent need for a hall-gymnasium was tackled head on. A meeting was held at Caloola House Hostel on 13th March, 1975 to discuss the feasibility of constructing a gymnasium to serve high-school and hostel students and the local community. Besides representatives from the school, hostel and local Town and Shire Councils, those attending included Mr Mel Bungey, Federal Member for Canning, and Mr Brendon Hansen, Liaison Officer for the Federal Minister for Tourism and Recreation. The meeting finally invited Mr Harding to approach local councils with a view to forming a joint committee which would prepare submissions to State and Federal Governments.

Subsequent negotiations led to the hope that a hall costing \$300,000 could be erected for school and community use through joint funding by the two local councils, the Education Department and the Community Recreation Council. However, rapidly escalating costs forced Town Council to withdraw from the scheme on 17th May, 1977. The P. and C. then contacted the Hon. Peter Jones, Member for Narrogin and Minister for Education, who worked long and hard to ensure that a gymnasium would be built. Mr Jones eventually attended the P. and C. meeting on 28th September, 1977 to announce that construction of a hall, somewhat more limited in scope than the one originally envisaged, would take place in 1978.

By December 1977 the plans of R.B. Stuckey and Associates had been accepted and, after they had been thoroughly checked to guard against a disaster similar to the one that befell the new hall at John Forrest Senior High School, the contract was let on 29th May, 1978 to Universal Constructions Pty Ltd, their tender price being \$373,574.

While the site was being prepared, school authorities decided that the old cadet O store would be better located to the south of the main building, so it was mounted on logs and slowly rolled to its present position, towed by an Ag.Wing tractor. The foundations for the gymnasium were under way by early August 1978 and the building completed by the middle of 1979. And then, just as the school was preparing for the official opening and grand WAY79 ball, a major fault was found with the floor. Opening and ball had to be postponed for two months. Finally, however, the events took place on 27th September, 1979, the honour of opening the building going most appropriately to the Hon. Peter Jones. The hall-gymnasium, costing \$470,000, had finally brought a fifteen-year dream to realisation.

The attempts to upgrade sporting facilities were also crowned with success in this period. At that high-level meeting at Caloola House on 13th March, 1975 it was declared that NASHS was "by far the most inadequately equipped country senior high school, so far as leisure facilities are concerned". In November that year Mr Harding informed the Education Department that the only physical education facilities "are a gravel oval and some netball courts on the sealed area of the playground". In December an official plan was prepared for three new basketball courts and four tennis/netball courts, at an estimated cost of \$35,400. February 1976 saw the P. and C. led by President, Mr Colin Punch, and

Secretary, Mrs Jean Harvey, trying to get action by writing to local member, the Hon. Peter Jones, to the Member for Central Province, Mr H.W. Gayfer, to the Teachers' Union ... In May 1976 Mr Gayfer even asked questions in the Legislative Council about NASHS's lack of tennis and basketball courts. A month later Mr Jones was informed that the courts would be built, in August Mr MacKinnon, Minister for Education, informed the P. and C. that \$36,000 had been allocated, and on 24th May, 1977 a tender of \$42,375 from Albany Industrial Services had been accepted. Work began in June 1977 and the new courts were completed by the end of that year.

Meanwhile, hopes of having the oval reticulated as part of the town's Effluent Reticulation Scheme were very promising in 1975. The Town Council had received an advance of \$15,600 through the Federal Government's R.E.D. scheme. Pipes were acquired and the cement tank installed. Suddenly, in November 1975, the Government withdrew the advance and progress stopped. The P. and C. continued preparation of the oval surface, spending \$1,580 on carting in 200 loads of sand, followed by levelling and seeding with a couch and clover mix during 1976. The P. and C. kept up the usual pressure on influential people until, in November 1977, it was announced that the Education Department had approved \$26,500 for completion of the reticulation scheme. Tenders were called in April 1978, reticulation was completed by August, the oval was seeded by the Ag. Wing in October and grass was growing during 1979, although, at this delicate stage, the oval could still not be used. So where had the athletics carnivals been held in this period? At the Trotting Oval in 1975 and at the Thomas Hogg Oval from 1977.

While all of this was going on, other building changes, large and small, had also taken place. These included the opening on 9th May, 1975 of the new Ellimata Hostel, constructed at a cost of \$455,000; the arrival in early 1977 of the (now removed) "Lab.1" science laboratory - a demountable which stood to the east of the covered way between the Commonwealth Science labs and the main building; and the division of Rooms 7 and 12 to form English and Maths offices - the reduced Room 12 also providing a home for the computer.

Meanwhile, the P. and C., in 1975, had bought materials to erect a bus shelter next to the original Manual Arts building and a shelter in front of the canteen (not the complete structure which exists today). P. and C. working bees had completed the work by the end of that year. The next year, Mr Brian Hehir began extending an existing Manual Arts shed to provide a temporary prevocational centre. However, this was never used for this purpose because, before it was finished, the site was selected on 13th April, 1977 for a permanent prevocational centre, to be built by the Education Department. On 2nd September that year M.J. and L.L. Plummer's tender of \$35,951 was accepted and the building, completed early in 1978, was soon put into operation by the newly appointed Mr John Ryan.

During the late '70s, sporting activities tended to follow the well-established pattern, although a fortunate few enjoyed rather more exotic activities. One was the Year 12 yacht trips in Cockburn Sound on the "Vivienne of Struan" with Mr Hosken and Mr Hutchinson in September 1978 and with Mr Mortimer and Miss Down in April 1979. Another was the four-day Bibbulmun Walk for 28 Year 10s in 1979 with Mr Lucas, Mr Elliott, Mr Fortescue and Mrs Pooley. There were also the ski tours to the Eastern States in 1978 and 1979, as well as the Cycleway '79 when 30 NASHS students joined 120 other cyclists from "the deep south" and rode to Perth for the mammoth WAY79 assembly on the Esplanade on 3rd April. 12th Years not going to Country Week also enjoyed some interesting and strenuous treats - the great South Coast hike in August 1976 and the annual battles with the Blackwood River with Mr Mortimer, Mr Perpoli and other teachers between 1977 and 1979.

However, for the majority of students attention still focussed on the traditional sports - Saturday morning football, participation in local association competitions, the usual four Country Week teams and interschool carnivals.

On the local scene, Saturday morning football was still going strong. By 1976 Rovers had become a hostel team and Tigers revived to become the 'Town Wing team. Between 1975 and 1977 these two steadily defeated the three Ag.Wing teams, Tigers winning the grand final in 1976 and Rovers in 1977. However, the tide turned in 1978 when Saints defeated Tigers, and in 1979, with Magpies disbanded, it was an all-Ag.Wing grand final, with Saints defeating Bulldogs.

In other local competitions it is difficult to work out the pattern of results as coverage in The Outlook of those years is rather patchy. However, the men's hockey team won the A grade challenge cup in 1975, and the girls' A Reserve hockey team (renamed Wings in 1976) lost the grand finals by only one goal each time in 1975 and 1976 before meeting tougher opposition when promoted to A grade in 1977. Judging from the photos and reports from this period, it would seem that 'Town Wing participation in local competitions decreased and the main teams playing from the school hill were composed of hostel students.

In 1975 NASHS had little luck at Country Week because the 'flu attacked many of the players. The care which Haywin House lavished on the afflicted that year earned a very warm letter of thanks from the P. and C. Things then began to improve. After a reasonable showing in 1976, the year in which the NASHS Country Week windcheaters made their appearance, the four teams excelled themselves in 1977. Mr Luckman's coaching helped the footballers to win A grade, while the girls' hockey (coached by Mrs Perpoli) and the netball (coached by Miss Randall) both won promotion by winning the B grade trophies - possibly because they were wearing the new black pleated skirts for the first time! Mr Luckman's footballers won A grade again in 1978, and the boys' hockey, coached by Mr Gibbon, brought home the A grade trophy, the J.T. Cruickshank Cup. Results were more moderate in 1979, but by now all four teams were in A grade - and had begun to hold their own against their old stumbling block, Northam.

NASHS performances in other interschool carnivals were also commendable. In June 1975, for instance, honours were even when the Country Week teams met Katanning, NASHS winning the football and boys' hockey. In the games against Northam, played at Beverley between 1977 and 1979, NASHS won football and netball in 1977 and lost only girls' hockey in 1978 and 1979. In the athletics competition against Albany, Eastern Hills, Katanning and Northam, NASHS came second to Albany in both 1976 and 1978. The swimmers were in it, too, bringing home a fine sterling silver trophy at the sesquicentennial carnival at Kojonup in 1979.

As the 1970s came to an end, NASHS had completed its first 25 years and its reputation was firmly established. Mr Reid, the Regional Superintendent for Education, summed this up very well in his address during the official opening of the hall-gymnasium in 1979:

"NASHS has a long and respected tradition in educational and general circles for success in sporting, scholastic and citizenship activities ... The building of such a reputation has been a long and arduous task, and it is the duty of today's students to 'carry the torch'."

With the 'Town Wing now about to become a Senior High School in its own right, our history will now show how the next generation of the total school community carried on the task.

OTHER MEMORIES

Colourful memories come from Jacki West (now Jacki Ball), a student in 1977 and 1978. One is of Cyclone Alby in 4th April, 1978:

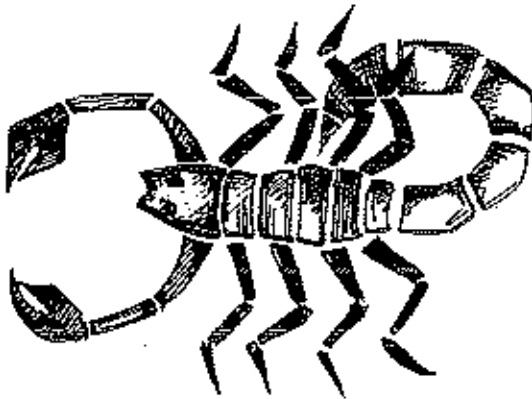
"At first we didn't take any notice of the strong winds which had blown all morning, but by early afternoon the school was surrounded by a cloud of red dust which was thick and impenetrable. By that time the teachers were all talking about this cyclone and the havoc it was causing. Fires were breaking out all around Narrogin, from stumps and dead wood being burnt in paddocks by farmers in preparation for seeding. By the end of the day, there was talk that we might not be allowed to travel home to Wagin on the bus, as it was too dangerous.

"However, at 3.40p.m. we were allowed onto our bus, driven by Mrs Jones. All the way home, the sight was eerie; it was as if we were in the middle of a gigantic red cloud. Mingled with this was the smoke and smell of burning wood. Everything in the bus - the seats, floor, even our uniforms - were covered by a fine layer of red dust. Thankfully we made it safely to Wagin, although somewhat later than normal as Mrs Jones had to drive very slowly.

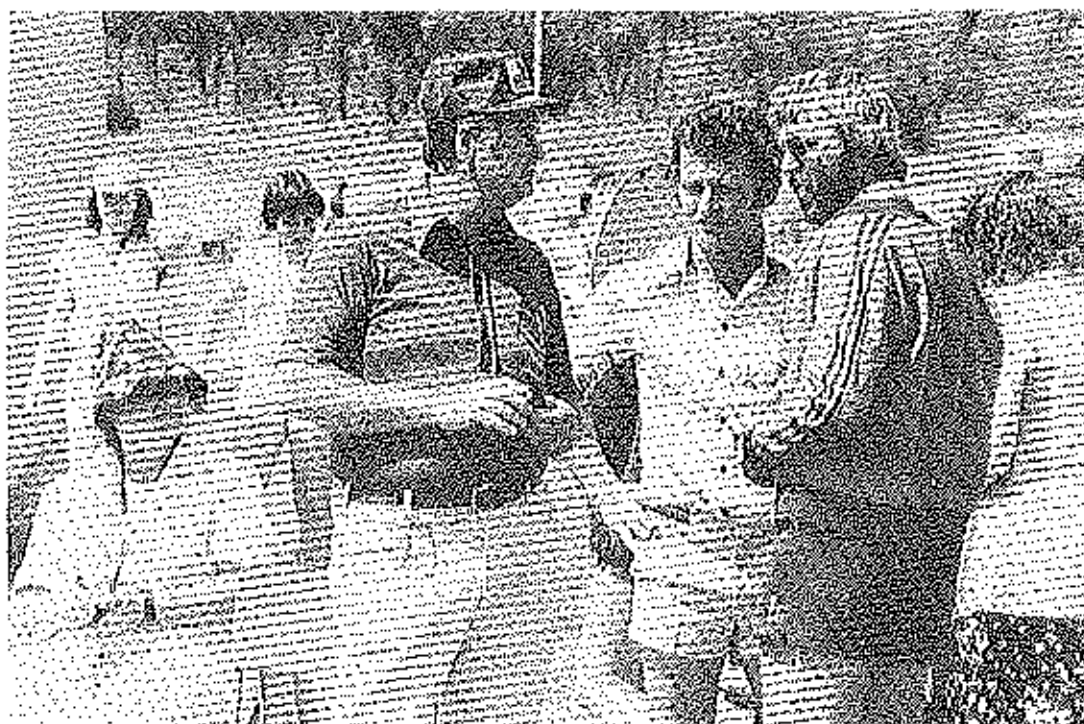
"When we returned to NASHS the next day, it was school as normal, much to our disappointment!"

Jacki's other memories are of the upper-school teachers of her day:

"There were some colourful characters - my history teacher, Mr Stanger, for example. An ex-American, he had a great sense of humour. Many of the things he said and taught me remain with me today. Large and jovial, he took us through the various history courses and made them all interesting. Often exasperated with his pupils when one of us failed to comprehend a point he was making, he would sigh and run his hands through his hair, pushing it further back from his already receding hairline ... Mr Fortescue, my form teacher and also history teacher, was also memorable. He taught us about the tsars of Russia. To me, he resembled one himself, with his moustache and long beard and hair. My English teacher was a Miss Wilson. The boys in my class would drive her to distraction with their inability to spell and compose stories and poems. She taught us to think about the possibility of nuclear war happening in Australia - not a pleasant thought..."



SCORPIO



ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL, THOMAS HOGG OVAL, 1979
(l. to r.) Mr R. Stanger, Mr G. Kelly, Mr R. Luckman



RETIREMENT OF THE FIRST GARDENER, MR L. DEN BOER, 1977
(l. to r.) Lee-Anne Donaldson (Head Girl), Brad Keyser (Head Boy), Mrs and Mr Den Boer, Mr J. Haynes (Principal)



PREFECTS, 1979

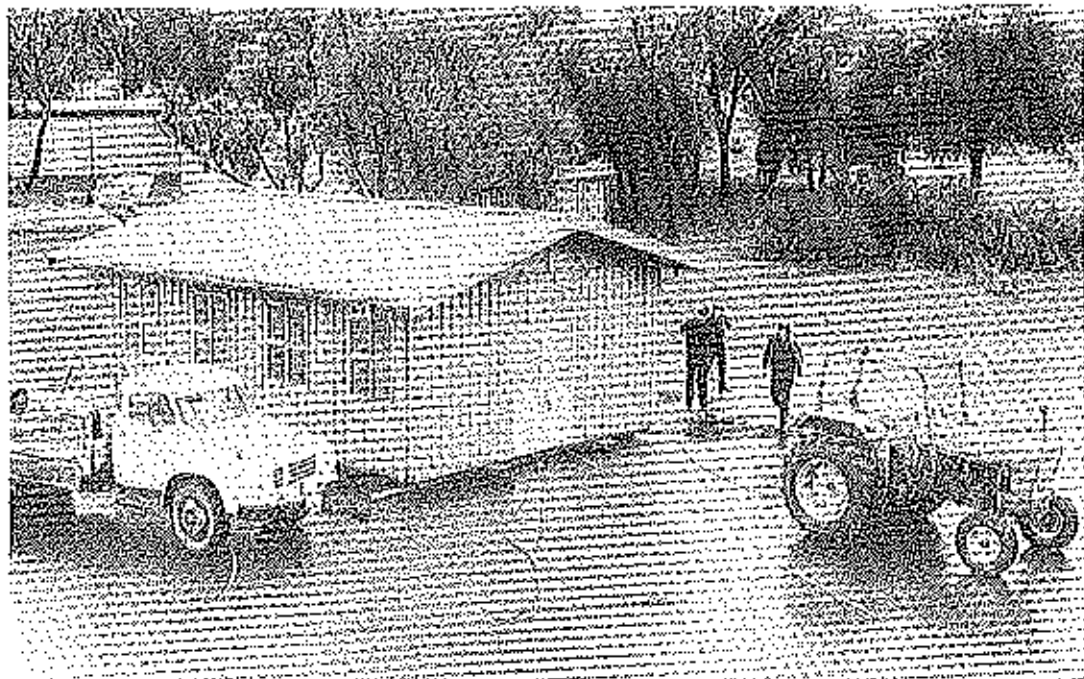
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L.Reynolds, J.Page

Front: T.McCubbing, A.Charlesworth (Head Boy), Mr J.Haynes (Principal),
S.O'Brien (Head Girl), T.Allen



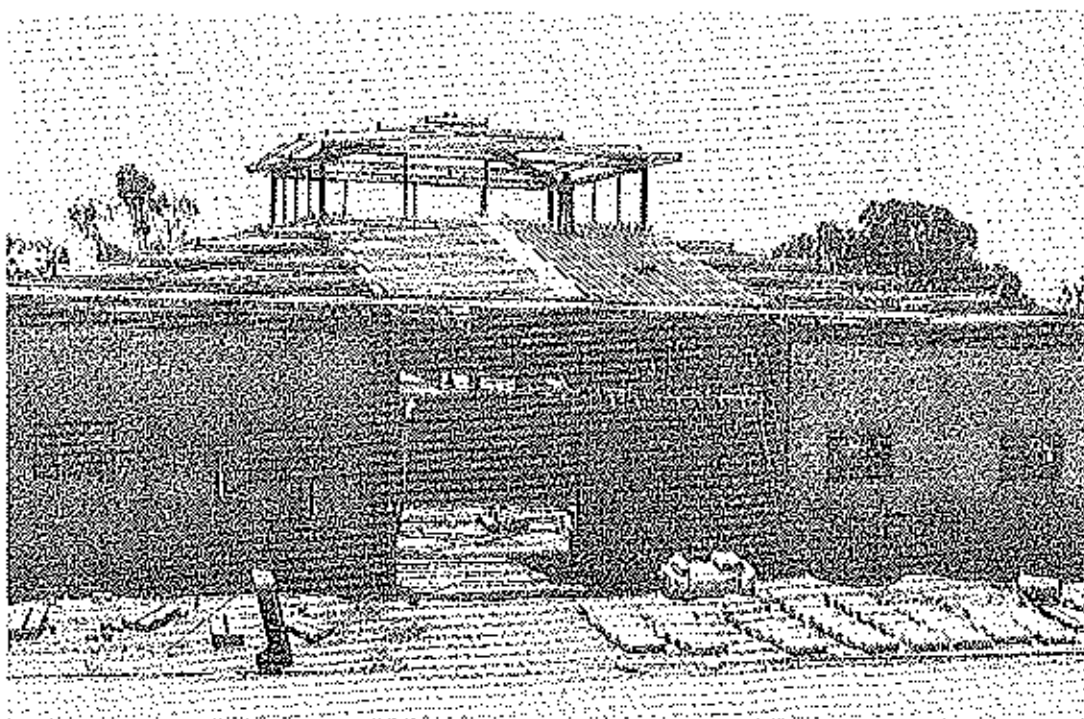
BLACKWOOD RIVER CANOEISTS, 1978

This happy group includes Mr R.Perpoli and Mr J.Hutchinson (second and third from left), Owen Gath (centre back), Michael Noonan (the tallest, right of centre) and Mr J.Mortimer (extreme right).



MOVING THE Q STORE, 1978

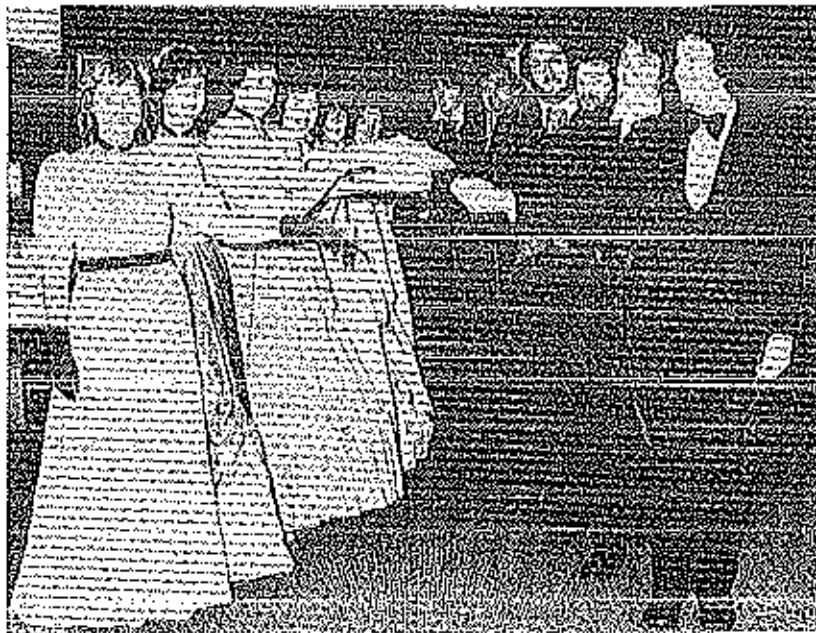
Before the hall-gymnasium was built the old cadet Q store was moved on rollers to its present position south of the main building.



HALL-GYMNASIUM UNDER CONSTRUCTION, 1978



THE COMPLETED BUILDING, 1979



OPENING OF THE HALL-GYMNASIUM, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1979

The highlight of the WAY79 ball was the Lancers, performed by staff and students. The leading dancers are Joanna Smith and Mr R.McAllister.

1980 - 1984

1980 was the last year that the school on the hilltop would be known as the Town Wing of NASHS, for in 1981 NASHS itself ceased to exist and the two wings became separate institutions - Narrogin Senior High School and Narrogin Agricultural College. A mutually beneficial association had come to an end.

In the highly efficient hands of Mr Jim Haynes, Mr John Smith and Mrs Julia Heptinstall (previously Miss Down), the Town Wing went out on a very happy and successful note.

The highlights for the 630 students in 1980 included fine TAE results (the Dux, Donna Hill, came seventh in Maths 111 and finished in the top 1% of the State); the "Space Age" ball at which they celebrated the school's Silver Anniversary; the W.A. Week activities when Year 10s took flowers to the senior citizens, the Year 9s took over the library to celebrate the Day of All Nations, and the Year 8s planted 25 trees beside the oval; and the P. and C.'s Silver Anniversary gift to the school of a trophy display case for the foyer, made by Mr Gannaway. Public speaking was very much alive, with Years 8,9 and 10 entering teams in the Great Southern Interschool Debating Competition, Myra Lydon reaching the State finals held in the Channel 7 studios in the Jaycees' "Youth Speaks for Australia" Competition, Year 10s entering the Country Week Speech Awards for the first time and Mary Wittwer coming fifth in the State in the Year 12 section at Country Week.

Also in 1980, Year 10s and Year 11 Business Education students had work experience - and Bill Mudd and Paul Kain both sat in the chair of ex-NASHS student and cadet journalist Jacki West to write entertaining accounts of work at the Observer office, both of which were published in the paper. There were lively lunchtime activities run as House competitions, USSR was introduced, gas heaters replaced the old wood-burning Wunderheats in the classrooms, Mr MacAllister's driver-training students were presented with a new Holden Sunbird by Russell Holden, and Mr Elliott, playing lead guitar, began a six-member rock band. The new Senior Master of Science, Mr Norm Kingwell, introduced Science Fair, which was to become a major feature of the school calendar throughout the '80s, Darren White was selected for the State Schoolboys' football team to play in Darwin, and Kieran Noonan won a Jaycees' exchange trip to Singapore. Five teams went off to Country Week, of which the girls' hockey won the A grade trophy for the first time, football and boys' hockey both came second in A grade, and the new team, girls' basketball, won the B grade trophy in their first year. There were Year 12 Geography and Careers camps in Perth, the Year 11 camp at Point Walter, the Year 9 camp at Point Walter and Yallingup, Year 12s on the Blackwood during Country Week, Year 10s on the Bibbulmun Track, the lower school at carnivals in Wagin and Katanning and a highly successful athletics team at Albany.

To round off a very active and successful year, the school band conducted by Mr Greg Kelly, who was to be named Narrogin's Young Citizen of the Year the following January, was warmly congratulated by Mr Bill Grayden, Minister for Education, when it played at the Ag.Wing's Field Day. Mr Grayden also paid a warm tribute to Mr Haynes, saying that "we are all aware of the things he has brought to the school over the four years he has been here and the great things he has done."

When the Narrogin Senior High School began in February 1981, the Narrogin community were reassured to find that the new school would have an administration team they already knew. Mrs Heptinstall, renowned for her warmth and vitality, would be continuing as Deputy; Mr Brian Walters, already highly respected in Narrogin from when he was Senior Master of Social Studies here between 1966 and 1972, would be the new Principal; and the second Deputy, Mr Fred Chapman, State champion cornet player in 1966, came from an old Narrogin family, his grandfather having operated the

brickworks and his father having played in the town band. When Mr Chapman left in 1983, The Outlook paid tribute to his good humour, enthusiasm, fine organization and correct playing with the band.

At the first assembly in 1981, Mr Walters stated: "Narrogin Senior High School has a high reputation throughout the State for the calibre of its students, academic excellence, high standards of behaviour and dress, and the pride in the school shown by students, staff and parents." He also listed the aims for the new school: to be a hardworking, happy, caring community, to increase student and parent involvement in school affairs, and to carry on the rich traditions of previous years while introducing new ones. With these aims firmly in mind during the next few years, the school community steadily made a fine school even finer. The eighties were to be a great period in the school's history.

The school's academic standing was very sound in the early '80s. In the lower-school Achievement Certificate course NSHS was, as the Principal said in 1981, "well above State average in the four core subjects, and near the top of all schools in W.A. in two subjects." At the same time, those needing help were not forgotten, and a Special Class under the expert guidance of Mrs Jan Witney was begun in 1983. One of their favourite activities was Maths education using the vegetable garden established near the science labs.

Results in the TAE each year were labelled "excellent" or "outstanding" in The Narrogin Observer; its headline on 3rd March, 1983 announced: "NSHS Students Shine". Each year most subjects were well above State average, and in 1983 Maths 11 and 111 were 15% above. In 1981 Barbara Lofthouse was in the top bracket of students in W.A., Doug Blight topped Tech. Drawing and Judith Baxter was second in Economics. Graham Holmes' aggregate of 484 was one of the highest in W.A. in 1982. Andrea Hill in 1983 was 8th in English in the State and twelve students that year gained aggregates of over 400. In 1984 Penny Eaton was in the top 2% of the State in English, Wendy Cheney 3rd in the State in Physical Science ...

Many students excelled in Mathematics. In the Bank of New South Wales (Westpac) Competition, for instance, the students of 1982 won 80 awards, including 24 distinctions, and the 1983 students increased this to 90 awards with 26 distinctions. After gaining a prize in the competition as a Year 11 student in 1981, Graham Holmes came second in W.A. and 14th in Australia the next year. In 1982 and 1983 NSHS achieved the highest pass rate in W.A., with eight students among the top 5% in the State in the latter year, and another four students reaching that level in 1984. That same year, three Year 9 students - Joanna Curnow, Leah Dent and Jenny Stewart - won merit certificates for their entry "Mathematics and Music" in the Maths Talent Quest. They also won the prize donated by Mr Dave Buck (of earlier NASHS fame) for the best country school entry.

Other top achievers included Wendy O'Neill, one of ten students in W.A. to qualify for the schools' typing competition. Then there was Jamie Riley who won a prize in the 1982 John Forrest Awards with his study of the Dryandra Forest. The following year, Philippa Everett in Year 10 won a trip along the Murray River with her essay in the State-wide competition sponsored by the Campaign to Save Native Forests. Year 11 student, Michelle Simcock, won the Open section of the 1984 Art Award sponsored by WACAE and the Art Gallery of W.A. for her painting "Single Man" on a theme suggested by Orwell's 1984. One of her prizes was the painting hanging on the wall of the front staircase. Narelle Akesson achieved a commendation in those same awards. Also in 1984, Stephen Pyne reached the finals of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. And then there were the students selected for Rotary Exchange - Kieran Noonan in 1981, Nerida Hockridge in 1982, Tim Robb in 1983 and Natalie Harris in 1984. All of them would probably echo Kieran's words when he wrote from Arizona in 1982: "I thank Rotary for

organizing and operating the Exchange Student Programme. It's one of the greatest for increasing world friendship and understanding. This programme is a beginning."

The lower-school Science Fair, encouraging an interest in science and its methods of investigation, was now a major feature of each year's activities and featured an enormously wide range of topics - mosquitoes, pyramid power, dental plaque ... Today the winners all have their names recorded on the fine honour board outside the science office. In 1981 and 1982 Science Fair entries were included in the annual Exhibition of Students' Work in October each year. However, as the years progressed this exhibition changed its focus. Inaugurated in 1981 to put all departments on show throughout the school, it became confined from 1982 to a display in the gym of the excellent, but less publicised, work in the practical arts - Business Education, Art, Home Economics and Manual Arts.

Fine achievements were also made in public speaking, with encouragement and coaching from Mrs Lorna Metzke and other teachers. In 1981, Sharon Keady won the Junior section of the Katanning District Speaking Competition. For two years running, 1981 and 1982, Joanne Shepherd - "Narrogin's star talker", as The Observer dubbed her in May 1982 - reached the State final of the Jaycees' "Youth Speaks for Australia" Competition. After coming runner-up in that second year, she was invited by the Narrogin Apex Club to be guest speaker at their change-over night and spoke warmly of Narrogin as a caring town. "It is easier," she said, "growing up in a town that cares ..." When the Narrogin Chapter of Jaycees ceased to function in 1983, NSHS students made their first appearance in the Rostrum "Voice of Youth" competition. Helen Lydon in 1983 and Debbie Yzerman and Tamara Graham in 1984 reached the State semi-finals. The big success in 1984 went to the Year 10 debating team coached by Mr Fryor. As the school's first entry in the Apex Debating Competition, the three boys - Ashley Wiese, Michael Maxwell and Thomas Walters - won the local division final held at Beverley, debating that "We should have licensed casinos", but were narrowly defeated in the State finals by the team from Gnowangerup High School. The boys then went on to gain second place in the senior 1984 Country Week Speech Awards, while Sharon Keady came third in the section. Back in 1981 Myra Lydon had also done well at Country Week, coming first in prepared reading and fourth overall.

In 1982 and 1983 the catchy acronym NAFTAC was on everyone's lips. The Narrogin Film and Theatre Appreciation Co-operative was begun by a group of students including Robert Harris and Joanne Shepherd, and directed by Mr I.Pawley and Ms P.Greaves. Their enthusiastic activities included film viewings and a dance-a-thon. With a video camera, for which the P. and C. contributed \$150, they made the film Next of Kin and entered it in the W.A. Young Film Makers Festival in November 1982. Earlier that year they organized an ambitious forum in the library on the theme of "Education and the Future" and secured as their guest speakers Dr Robert Vickery, Dr John Wood, Sister Veronica Brady, Matron Fricker and the 1981 Head Girl, Judith Baxter. For two brief years NAFTAC was highly active, but then, suddenly, it was gone.

Live drama also revived in this period. It began in 1981 when the Year 10 English classes of Ms P.Greaves and Ms M.Sayers combined for thirteen hectic weeks to research Shakespeare and the themes of ambition and the supernatural. In August this major learning experience resulted in a twofold production: a display in the library and a performance in the gym of the play The Coach, which the students had written by adapting Shakespeare's Machbeth to trace the career of an Australian Rules football player. Three years later, as a 30th Anniversary spectacular for 1984, two NSHS teachers (both ex-students) - Ms J.Waywood and Mrs L.Eckersley (previously Sims) - assisted by Mr Gary Morgan as stage manager, directed a memorable production of Oliver in the town hall. Reading through the rather original programme with its insights into rehearsal hassles and highlights, one senses the sheer exhilaration which they all shared. "Excellent acting, singing and music" was how The Observer summed

it up, giving special commendations to David Broadbent (Oliver), Robert Badger (Bill Sykes), Michael Maxwell (Fagin), Catherine Twaddle (Nancy) and Stephen Yuen (Mr Bumble). The video of the show is in the library collection.

Also earning praise for its part in Oliver was the school band which had developed considerably in the previous few years. After a final year with Mr Greg Kelly in 1981, during which they enjoyed playing with the Albany Senior High School band then on tour, the band was taken over in 1982 by Mrs Johanna Nordstrom. That year the band members competed in the W.A. Schools Band Festival for the first time and achieved a grade of "Very Good" in the Bizet Division. In 1984 a uniform was introduced and, with the introduction of flutes and clarinets, the transition was made from a brass band to a concert band. After listening to their performance at the Year 12 Presentation Night that year, The Observer's reporter commented that "their musical ability belied their age".

In July and August 1984, 25 Year 11 and 12 students enjoyed a unique course. It was the first of its kind in W.A. This was the seven-week Gun Safety Course run by level-one coaches, Mr Chris Johns and Mr Darrell Wiese. This popular addition to the curriculum emphasized fire-arm safety, etiquette and ethics. The top students that year were David Maxwell in Year 12 and Greg Easton in Year 11.

Driver education was still running in 1984, though it had been in danger of ceasing two years before. In 1981 the senior students from NSHS and NAC, with their teacher Mr Rob McAllister, were using a Datsun Sunny (NGN 5739), made available by local Datsun dealer, Mr Ross Dunkerton. However, later that year it was announced that owing to State Budget cutbacks, the scheme could no longer be funded in the usual way. By second term, 1982 the local community had come to their aid. With Dunkerton Motors supplying a dual-control Datsun Pulsar (NGN 5982), NECA donating \$800 and students paying a \$10 fee, the course revived and continued throughout 1983 and 1984.

There were many other notable memories and achievements in the early 1980s. One was the enthusiastic selection of a motto and crest for the new school following the break with the Ag.Wing. The previous motto "Be Thorough" was returned to the Ag.boys and during 1981 students voted for "Advance with Integrity", the rejected suggestions being "Progress and Concern", "Be Concerned" and "Advance with Dignity". By the end of 1981 a competition, for which the P. and C. provided prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5, resulted in the dryandra being chosen as the school emblem, and the fine new banner costing \$600, to which the students, P. and C. and school funds contributed \$200 each, had been obtained by early 1982.

In 1984 the House system was extended to include the newly created vertical form classes. These did away with the traditional practice of grouping students in forms on a year basis. From now on, each student would be allotted to one of the four houses and find himself or herself in a form class with a few students from each school year. This system had very positive advantages and has continued throughout the '80s.

Another development was the reorganization of the Student Council to provide full representation. Inaugural chairpersons in 1981 were Peter Donnelly and Judith Baxter, with Gay English as secretary, while the prefects provided Year 12 membership. The new council took over the running of the annual Anzac service, so that it was entirely run by students for the first time in 1981. The council also organized lunchtime activities. Each year councillors enjoyed a leadership training weekend and came back fired with enthusiasm. Running socials and balls was also part of their role, and they reintroduced a junior ball in 1982. In 1984 Mr Keith Stewart provided music (mostly old-time) for the lower-school ball, and things livened up when his daughter, Jenny, introduced a few rock-n'-roll numbers. That same

year the senior ball celebrated the school's 30th birthday, for which the gym was decorated in the school colours - green and gold candles, streamers and balloons - with an arch of dryandra at the door.

A regular feature in the early '80s was the celebration of W.A. Week. In addition to the annual tree planting, the lower school joined the primary school students in 1982 and helped to release more than 435 helium-filled balloons bearing envelopes of seeds. In 1983 students tried a meal made entirely from tree products, and in 1984, besides a colonial meal at the canteen, a fine tradition was begun by inviting local senior citizens to the school for morning tea.

However, perhaps the most impressive memory from those years was one which really underlined the school's philosophy of showing concern for others. This was the emphasis placed upon fundraising for charity. At many times over previous years there had been occasional bursts of enthusiasm in this direction, but never approaching this scale. Fundraising began in 1981 with a free dress day which raised \$126 for the Blind Appeal. In 1981 and 1982 students joined in Narrogin's 20-kilometre "Walk Against Want" and helped raise the \$7,452 in the two years which earned Narrogin the title of "most generous town". In 1983 students raised \$800 for the Bushfire Appeal, Freedom from Hunger and Community Aid Abroad, and in 1984 donated \$500 to the Dependent Persons' Bus Appeal. However, it was their participation in the World Vision 40-Hour Famine each year which earned NSHS four Certificates of Outstanding Achievement. Over the four years from 1981 to 1984, and under the direction of such teachers as Mr Graham Smith, Mr Gary Morgan and Mr Norm Kingwell, the students and teachers who took part raised no less than \$10,500. The \$3,500 in 1983 was said to have been the highest school total in W.A. and one of the highest in Australia.

Other memories which should not be forgotten include the energetic contributions made each year to Narrogin's entry in the Tidy Towns Competition, the first break from the eight-period day when the six-period day was introduced in 1982, the Work Experience Programme each year, and the first trip to the island of Reunion by NSHS French students in 1983 when Christina Walker and Jenny Jespersen made the trip, along with another ex-NSHS student, Maria Melchiorre, who was then a teacher at Bunbury. The inaugural ten-kilometre Walkathon was organized as a 30th-year activity on 14 March, 1984. The "hard day's walk", as Dale Francis dubbed it in The Outlook, raised \$4,500 towards purchasing table tennis tables and subsidising camps and excursions, and ten Narrogin businesses donated generous prizes.

There was also the annual camp programme. Year 12s went to Perth for a Geography camp each year, with Biology camps at Yallingup in 1982 and 1984. The Year 11s began each year with their week at Point Walter. In 1982, besides producing a camp magazine, they completed a project in which they interviewed many celebrities of the day and published the text of the interviews in a booklet called Students in Question. Not to be outdone, the newly created Year 10 Outdoor Education course took its students on annual camps - to a site near Popyinning in 1981, to Bluff Point in 1982 and 1983, and to Mount Barker in 1984. During Country Week some 17 to 20 Year 12s each year headed for fun and exhaustion on the Blackwood River, though they substituted a camp at Moodiarrup in 1984, just for a change.

At Country Week NSHS gradually emerged as the champion school. With Gay English as captain, the girls' basketball won A grade in 1981, repeated this feat the following year, then came second in 1983 and 1984. The footballers, captained by Mark Duffield, won A grade in 1981, then came second for the next three years. The netball girls won B grade in 1982 and A grade in 1984. Girls' hockey held second place from 1981 to 1983, and boys' hockey won B grade in 1982. Captained by Craig Rowley, they won A grade in 1983 and came second in 1984. The biggest achievement came in 1984 when the six

teams (men's basketball had entered for the first time) appeared in the "No Smoking" windcheaters presented by Subiaco's Don Holmes and did so well that they won the inaugural TAA Shield for A grade. It was a proud moment for Head Boy and Girl, Robert Bantfield and Robyn Sprigg, when they received the shield on behalf of their school.

The lower-school winter carnival was also inaugurated in this period. Miss Rogers organized the first one in 1982, the highlight of which was an informal visit by the Premier, Mr Ray O'Connor. Pisces won that year and did so again in 1983 and 1984. After these carnivals in 1982 and 1984 teams were picked to compete in the Wagin Carnival, where boys' and girls' hockey won both years and the footballers in 1982. Three fairest and best awards in 1984 went to students whose names were already becoming famous - Richard Graham in football, Julie-Ann Sloan in netball and Paul Masson in hockey.

Meanwhile, the traditional Saturday morning football was continuing with Tigers as the school team, Rovers consisting of hostel boys and two teams from the Ag. College - Bulldogs and Saints. After fighting against the threat of disbanding in 1983, Tigers then broke the NAC grip on the premiership by defeating Bulldogs in the 1982 grand final and Saints in 1983 and 1984. Two innovations were made in 1982. One was the creation of a junior boys' competition between the school and the hostel; the other a "Powder Puff Derby" for the girls - a highly popular event in which each year the hostel girls proved too strong for the school team.

In addition, there were the introduction of the Lorna Metzke Patron's Perpetual Trophy at the athletics carnival in 1984 (won that year by Perry Trundle), the equestrian team's success in coming fourth at Gosnells in 1984, the NSHS team coming third (behind NAC) in the schools' section of the Blackwood Marathon that same year, and the annual trip for the lucky few each year with Mr Mortimer on the "Vivienne of Struan" ...

Each of these very active and successful years culminated after the TAE exams in the Farewell Presentation Evenings, inaugurated in 1981. From the beginning these were highly prestigious occasions and did much to underline the high standards of the school. Commencing with a band recital, the evening would include addresses by the Principal, Head Boy and Head Girl, the presentation of prizes and awards to Years 10, 11 and 12, certificates to Year 12 and both certificates and awards to Year 11 Business Education students. Each year the Regional Superintendent, Mr John Reid, the Mayor, Mr R.W. Farr, and the Shire President, Mr K.O'Dea, presented awards, and special guests also included the Hon. Peter Jones in 1981, 1983 and 1984, the Hon. Wilson Tuckey in 1982, the Assistant Director-General, Mr Harry Loudon, in 1984, and the 1955 Head Boy and Head Girl, Mr Ken Bailey and Mrs Yvonne Hehir, in 1982. A very welcome feature in 1983 was the revival of the Town of Narrogin Award, now substantially increased to \$250.

During the years 1981 to 1984 steady progress was made towards improving facilities. In 1981, for instance, the exterior of the school was repainted at a cost of \$60,000, and renovations included bitumencising the gravel area in front of the canteen and gravelling the Manual Arts area. Most classrooms were carpeted in 1982, and lights were installed along the front entrance drive in 1983. In July 1981, Kieran Noonan approached the P. and C. with a request that they purchase materials for Mr John Ryan and his Manual Arts students to build concrete steps down the banks at the side of the gym and behind the canteen. The steps and pipe railing were built in 1981 and 1983. In 1981 the P. and C. also contacted the Town Council about erecting the bus-stop shelter in Gray Street; this was built in 1982, the cost being shared between the P. and C. and the Town and various Shire Councils. In 1982 the P. and C. also agreed to pay \$600 to support a Student Council project to pave and landscape the area

around the transportable science lab. In 1983 the barbecue beside the gym was built by Manual Arts students using Transition to Work funds.

During the early 1980s several departments of the school were badly disadvantaged through lack of facilities. In particular, Manual Arts subjects could not be offered in upper school. In 1983 the P. and C. were successful in initiating positive action. Their letters brought a sympathetic response from Dr Vickery and led to the Hon. Peter Jones putting three questions to Mr Pearce, Minister for Education, in the Legislative Assembly on 11th October. These related to the Government's intentions in regard to Manual Arts facilities at NSHS. The result was that a brand-new transportable Woodwork room arrived in February 1984. It was soon fitted out by the Manual Arts staff who could then offer Furniture Woodwork to upper school - a very popular move! By December 1984 the school was informed that a second transportable - for Metalwork - would arrive early in 1985.

Although delighted with these additions, the school authorities were still very concerned about accommodation problems in general. As enrolments increased from 635 in 1981 to 765 in 1984, with predictions of 800 for 1985, the problems were reaching crisis point. Plans for major extensions had been expected in July 1981, but these did not eventuate because the State Government announced the funding cuts which led to the teachers' protest strike on 17th July that year. Letters stressing the urgent need were sent from the school and the P. and C. and the plans did arrive by July 1982, but these failed to attract funding in the Budgets for 1982-3 or 1983-4. Instead of extensions, a cluster of demountable classrooms arrived. Eventually, a deputation including Mr Walters, Mr Fairclough and Mr Humphreys waited on Mr Pearce, Minister for Education, in May 1984 to stress the need for extensions to school and hostel. The following month, Mr Pearce visited Narrogin. At the time he promised extensions to the hostel, and an announcement was made that October that additions to the school costing \$650,000 would be built in 1985-6. On 1st November, 1984 Mr Jones put six questions to Mr Pearce in State Parliament. The answers confirmed that \$200,000 had been allotted for school extensions in the 1984-5 Budget and a further \$650,000 would be allotted in 1985-6.

In December 1984 a jubilant Mr Walters was saying: "The upgrading of the school's facilities will make it equal to any Government school in the State." It was with eager anticipation that NSHS looked forward to the second half of the 1980s.

OTHER MEMORIES

On 13th July, 1983 The Narrogin Observer carried a dramatic photograph of Mr Walters gazing concernedly through a shattered window of the library. The accompanying report bore the headline: "School Ransacked as Thieves Run Riot in Senseless Spree". During the early hours of Monday, 10th July, young offenders had broken into the Principal's office, the canteen, the gym and the library. The library was the hardest hit for, apart from stealing equipment, the vandals had smashed windows, slashed chairs and overturned bookcases. It took some fifteen to twenty students about four hours to make the library presentable again.

On a more positive note, Mr Bruce Wheatland and his Physical Education staff conducted a very worthwhile anti-smoking campaign which placed the emphasis on students being responsible for their own health. The campaign culminated in State footballer Don Holmes visiting the school during Ouit Week 1984 to present non-smoker stickers and windcheaters to some of the Country Week athletes. "The onus", as Mr Wheatland told The Observer, was for "students to be honest with themselves and to

their team-mates" in their intention to quit the smoking habit before accepting a sticker and windcheater.

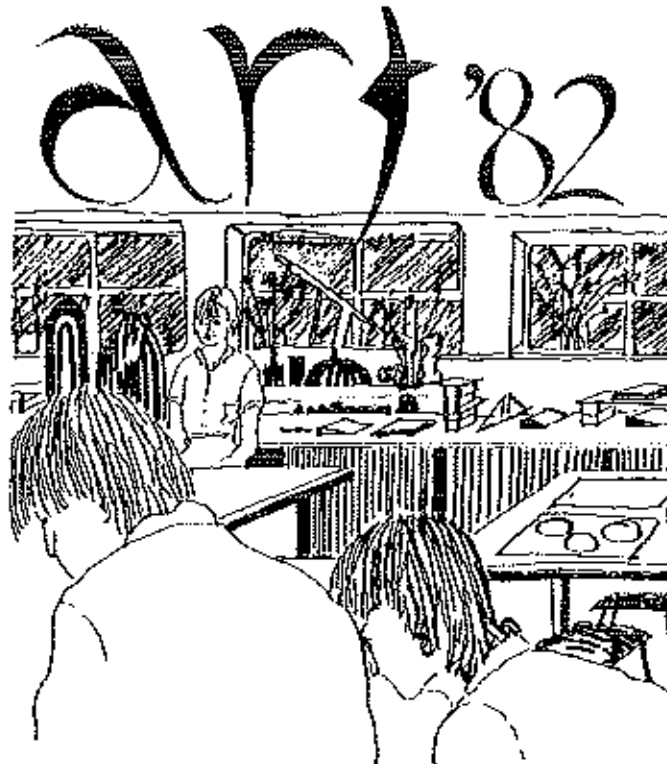
There was great excitement at NSHS in August 1983 when four students in Mr Trevor Drinkwater's Economics class were coming fourth in the State with one move to make in the Stock Market's "Share Game" competition. However, the hopes of the four - Sharon Hoskins, Mark Gill, Willem Pool and Michael Harris - of winning a trip to New Zealand evaporated when they made the wrong final move and ended up 17th!

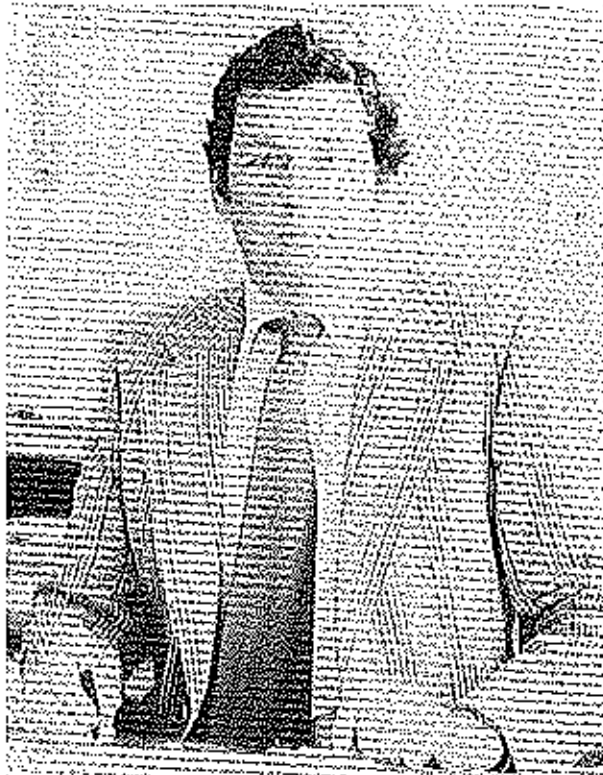
Tim Robb, now a Flying Officer in the RAAF, spent 1984 as a Rotary Exchange student in Belo Horizonte in Brazil. Later, Tim and another NSHS student, Dean Schopen, were among the inaugural graduates of the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra. However, back in the early '80s Tim was just another lower-school student:

"The earliest memories are those of my first days, donning my grey short-sleeved shirt, grey pants and black leather shoes. We had all been well versed in the formalities of melon indoctrination, but I must admit that my fears didn't eventuate.

I guess every first and second year remembers the great times they had in the bag shed near the woodwork room. As a first year, I remember the big third years coming in to sort us out. I am just glad that I had friends like Michael Kemp who used to stick up for us all. Many a recess break was filled with the viewing of a friendly exchange of fists.

Many teachers bring back fond memories, though John Stone and Greg Kelly do stand out as exceptional. John Stone had us all terrified in first year with his icy glare and his inherent dislike of melons. However, he and Greg Kelly used to entertain us all during lunchtime basketball matches with the visiting trainee teachers."





MR J. HAYNES, PRINCIPAL (1977-1980)



DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MR J. SMITH (1976-1980)
AND MISS J. DOWN (MRS J. HEPTINSTALL) (1979-1983)



DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MRS J. HEPTINSTALL (1979-1983)
AND MR F. CHAPMAN (1981-1983)



MR B.WALTERS, PRINCIPAL (1981-1986)
Mr Walters is pictured in the old principal's office, now a sick bay.



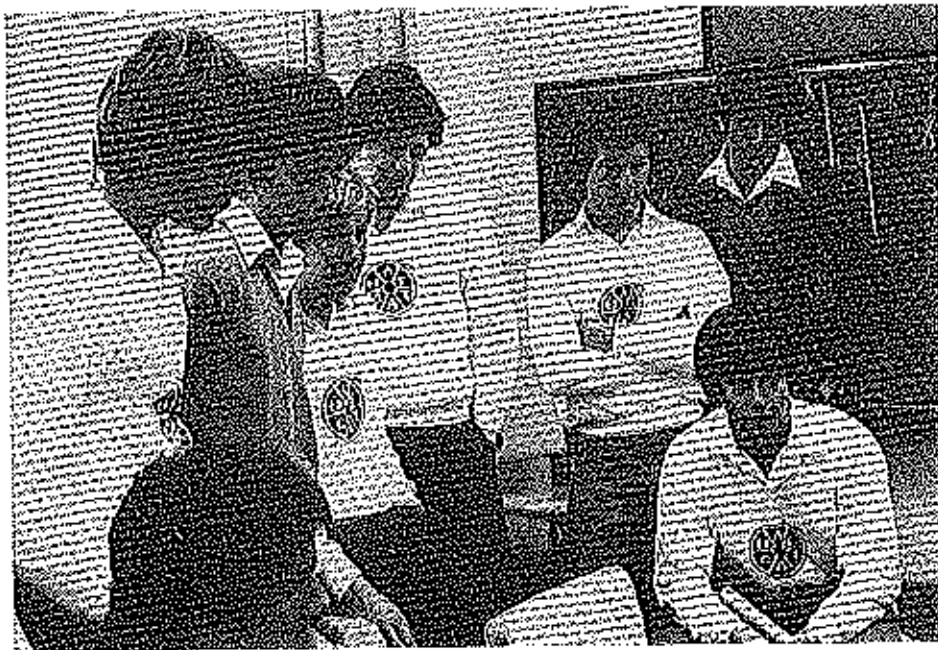
ANCILLARY STAFF, 1982
Back: Mrs M.Keady (Laboratory assistant), Mrs G.Zabajnik and Mrs S.Smith (Secretaries)
Front: Mrs M.Green (Laboratory assistant), Mrs A.Zabajnik and Mrs S.Hudson (Secretaries), Mrs M.Mellar (Library aide), Mrs S.Caulfield (Secretary)



MRS L. METZKER
Mrs Metzker retired in 1984
after service on this hill
in many capacities since 1954.



MRS J. RICH
Mrs Rich served on the Art
staff for 14 years, from
1972 to 1985.



MEMBERS OF NAFTAC, 1982
Among those pictured are (back, from second from left) Robert Harris,
Graham Holmes, Wayne Keady, Wilson Woolhead and Brad McGill.



COUNTRY WEEK, 1984

Head Boy and Girl, Robert Sanfield and Robyn Sprigg, receive the inaugural TAA Perpetual Trophy. Looking on is Mr R.Pearce, Minister for Education.



DRIVER EDUCATION, 1982

Pictured with instructors Mr L.Nairn (left) and Mr R.McAllister are Sue Fenton and Nicki Grant,



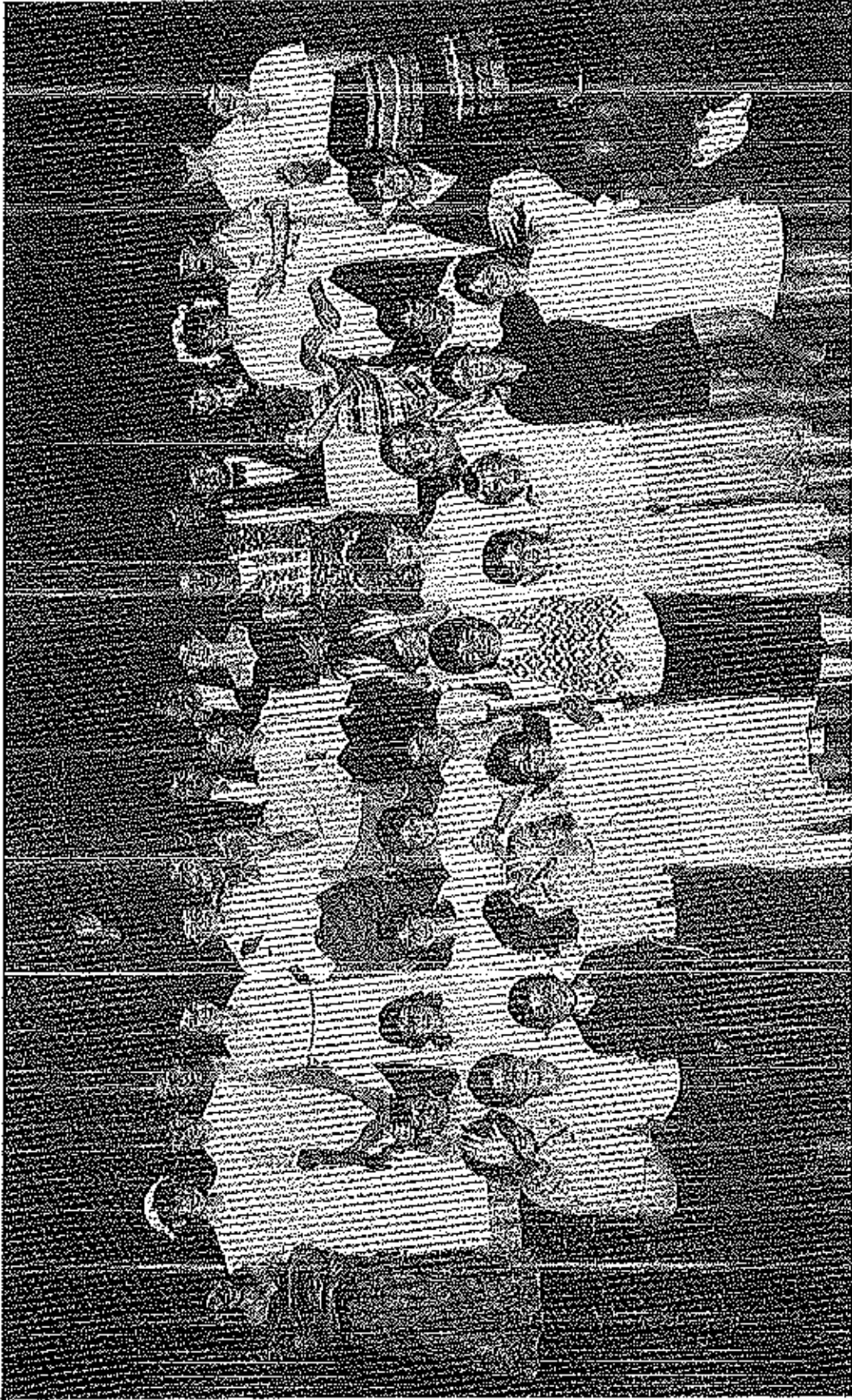
COUNTRY WEEK SPEECH TEAM, 1984

Back: Michael Maxwell, Justine Payne, Justine Taylor, Sharon Keady
Front: Ashley Wiese, Miss D.Green (Coach), Thomas Walters



WINNING A-GRADE NETBALL TEAM, 1984

Back: Marce Morgan, Leonie White, Catharine Twaddle, Yvette Young, Sally Sharp
Front: Marie Rowe, Donna Fleay (Captain), Mr G.Watson (Coach), Suzanne Brindley, Julie-Ann Sloan



THE JUBILANT CAST AND CREW OF "OLIVER", 1984

Among them are, centre back, David Broadbent (Oliver), Catherine Twaddle (Nancy) and, behind them, Mr G. Morgan (Mr Brownlow); centre front, Stephen Yuen (Mr Sumble); back, third from right, Mrs L. Eckersley (Musical Director); and, seated, extreme right, Ms J. Waywood (Director).

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30th YEAR BALL

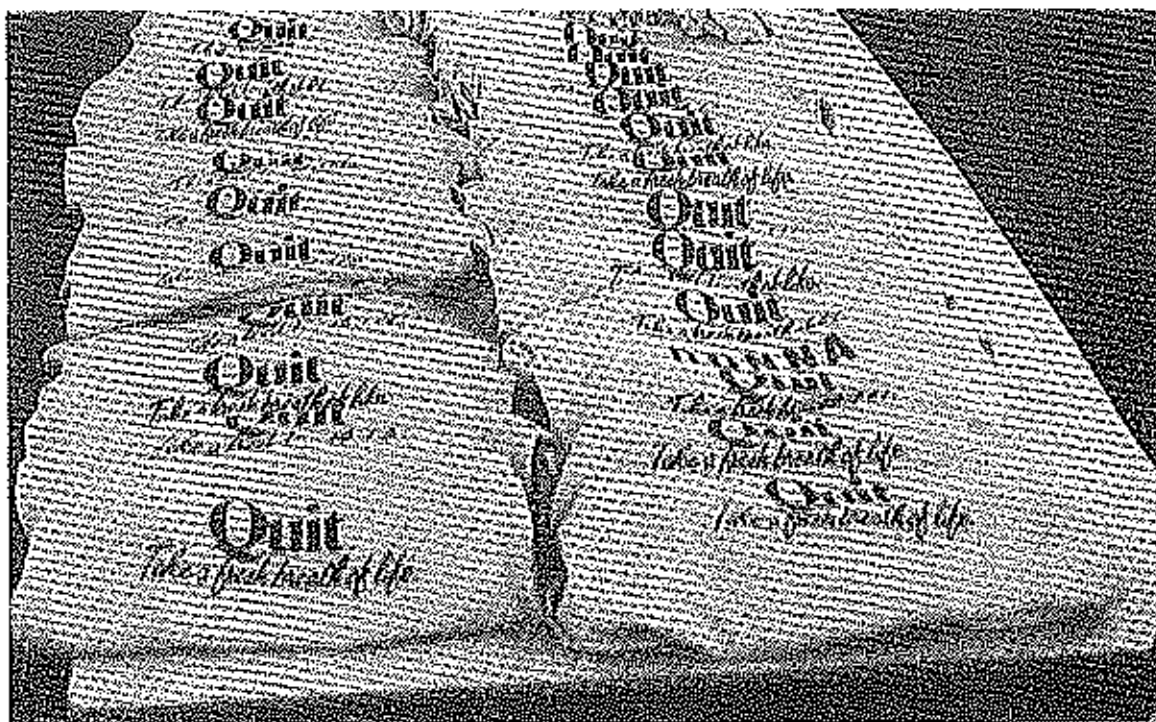


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THE FAMOUS 'QUIT' WINDCHEATERS, COUNTRY WEEK, 1984

1985 - 1989

With Mr Brian Walters continuing as Principal, 1985 and 1986 were a very real high point in the history of Narrogin Senior High School.

For one thing, the school's long tradition of excellence, which came to a peak under his administration, was officially recognized in the Perth Concert Hall on the evening of Tuesday, 2nd September, 1986 when the school community was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Director-General of Education, Dr Robert Vickery. This award was particularly commendable because it was not given to one person for achievement in some special project, but to the "Principal, Staff and Students of Narrogin Senior High School" for "attaining an excellent standard in all aspects of the school curriculum".

For another, the long-awaited extensions were finally built. Following the arrival of the new Metalwork transportable early in 1985, a start was made in September that year. Built by Keywest Pty Ltd, the extensions were completed in June 1986 at a cost of approximately \$1.4 million and constructed, as far as possible, in the same architectural style as the original buildings.

One important part of these extensions was the spacious administration wing built on what had been developed as a lawn area between the main building and the library. This provided more appropriate accommodation for the three principal staff members and released the secretaries from their cramped quarters under the stairs where Mrs Shirley Smith had once sat typing with the machine on her knees before she was allotted a room in the girls' toilet wing. The rooms beneath the front stairs were now turned into a much-needed medical centre, complete with sister's office and sickbays, and the locker- and cloakrooms of the girls' wing were put to new use as offices for year leaders, guidance officer and youth education officer.

To the south of the main school building, Business Education and Art blocks, together with yet another science laboratory (its outer walls later decorated by Miss Munsel's Year 11 students) were erected around a paved courtyard. The latter was developed as a memorial to Miss Julie King, a popular young Social Studies teacher, who died in a car accident on Williams Road when blinded by the early-morning sun on Monday, 17th June, 1985. Access to these new buildings was gained by means of new concrete paths and a covered way leading to a door cut into what had been the second classroom on the ground floor. This room was converted to a passage and a new science office.

The rooms upstairs vacated by Business Education (including the original library) now provided extra Social Studies classrooms and a much roomier office for the Social Studies staff. At last, after many, many years, they emerged from that "black hole" of a store cupboard next door! Meanwhile, the previous art room now became a spacious staffroom and the small rooms nearby the new staff toilets. Miss Bridget Leggett, a Deputy in 1985 and 1986, remembers interviewing a parent in her old office the day the builders tested the plumbing in the men's toilet above:

"Through a substantial hole in the ceiling," she writes, "came showers of plaster and drips of water. The parent, somewhat alarmed, shifted her chair instantly. I spent the next week with a bucket strategically placed!"

Other extensions included a computing laboratory (in which there soon appeared an eleven-station network system) built onto the western end of the library, an extensive awning and protective brick wall to provide shelter in front of the canteen, and a new carpark on the slope below the canteen and Manual Arts buildings.

Great was the enthusiasm as each of these new facilities came into use, and great was the excitement when the rain cleared on Friday, 17th October, 1986 in time for the Hon. Bob Pearce, Minister for Education, to declare the extensions officially open. On that happy occasion the large crowd in the carpark before the main entrance included past Principals, Mr Appleton and Mr Haynes, previous Deputies, Mr Raynor, Mrs Comini, Miss Nadebaum, Mrs Metzke, Mrs Heptinstall and Mrs Bawden, as well as many other ex-staff members. Mrs Metzke, who had announced her retirement after the 1984 school year, also made a valuable donation to the school at this time - the second magnificent trophy cabinet which now stands - overflowing - in the front foyer.

Many accolades have been accorded to Mr Walters. On the personal level, for instance, both the well-respected Miss Leggett and champion public speaker, Brian Pontifex, recall his ability to be able to greet every student in the school by name - no mean feat when there were over 800! On the other hand, at the official level, Mr John Reid, Regional Superintendent of Education, said at the 1986 Farewell Presentation Evening that "the surge in our school is attributable to our Principal, Brian Walters".

Mr Walters concluded his own speech that evening with the following tribute:

"We have here a very special school, in some ways unique, where parents have high expectations of their students and give them every encouragement; where the values of hard work, pursuit of excellence and pride in achievement of high standards are striven for by all students; where teachers and support staff have an exceedingly high level of commitment towards their students; where we have an excellent hostel; and where we have a community which takes pride in and continually supports this school.

This high reputation and good name have not come by accident, but by the hard work, good example and high standards of the thousands of students and hundreds of teachers who have learnt and taught at Narrogin Senior High School since 1955."

At the same time, however, Mr Walters' speech also contained a note of prophetic warning:

"For a number of reasons and in this age of rapid change, it is becoming more difficult each year to maintain these high standards. I sincerely urge all ... who remain next year to strive, whatever the odds, to ensure that this fine school ... continues to maintain its high standards."

His plea was most timely, for the rapid changes resulting mainly from the recommendations contained in the McGaw and Beazley Reports were beginning to be felt. They had begun in 1985 when the SEA took over the administration of Year 12 final examinations. Then, in 1986, when the change was made to the four-term year, the Year 12s first sat for the Tertiary Entrance Examinations (TEE). This move was seen as educationally sound in that, whereas a student's TAE score had been determined entirely by examination performance, the new TEE score was a combination of examination marks and the school's assessment of the student's progress in each subject. In the early stages at least, this bred a high degree of confusion because of the mathematical processes of moderation, scaling and standardization to which students' raw scores and school assessments were subjected.

At the same time, the Education Department as teachers had known it for very many years was abolished and control of State education was assumed directly by the Ministry of Education. Schools were now expected to start implementing the initial steps towards what would eventually be a large degree of autonomy under the terms of the "Better Schools" Report. Added to this, the Ministry was determined that high schools should restructure their lower-school courses ready to replace the

Achievement Certificate with the Unit Curriculum in 1988. This change to a system of semester courses with equal emphasis on the seven components of the syllabus, a high level of student choice of subjects and hoped-for provision of vertical timetabling called for great organizational skills and dedication on the part of the school staffs.

NSHS was particularly fortunate to have Mrs Betty Cockman, the school's first-ever female Principal, at the helm in 1987. A lady of great vivacity and energy, and - very importantly - a trained psychologist, she fired her staff with enthusiasm. Not only was the Unit Curriculum preparation completed by all the subject areas and the timetable organized for first-day operation by that computer expert, Deputy Mr Brian Martin, but a fine start was made on determining the goals of the school. Led by Mrs Cockman and the efficient Mr Ron Chalmers, reassured by the smiling efficiency of Deputy Mrs Doreen Hall and jollied along many times by that effervescent Canadian, Mr Bruce Wright, the staff of 1987 evolved a Statement of School Goals under the heading of "Our School Exists for Students". By the end of the year, too, the text of a new school creed was developed by students under the direction of Mr Chris Yates in time for the words to be emblazoned on the fine shield which now hangs over the front stairs. This shield was presented to the school by Miss Nancy Richards on behalf of the students of 1957-1961 at their reunion late in 1987. At the same time, much excellent planning went into the creation of a school-based decision-making group, or School Council, which began to operate in 1988. Among her memories of 1987, Mrs Cockman pays tribute to the part played by parents, teachers and students, in particular Mrs Jenny Wnuk, "a parent on the School Council Steering Committee who brought a very balanced, logical approach to the question of devising a School Council constitution which protected the rights of teachers, students and parents". Mrs Cockman went on to say that she had never before "encountered such strong unified support in the community and parental body of what the school was aiming to achieve" and paid tribute to Narrogin Senior High "which is widely recognized as being a leading high school in terms of its school tone and ethos".

In 1988, under the very competent and calmly reassuring guidance of the new Principal, Mr Brian Lange, the Unit Curriculum was introduced. The School Council was formed with Mr Lange as Principal, Mr George Paulds, Mrs Lois Eckersley and Mr Adrian Penistan as the staff representatives, and Mrs Jenny Wnuk, Mr Ray Smith, Mrs Vicki Chadwick and Mr Murray Pfitzner as parent representatives. Definite progress was also made in drawing up policy guidelines in many areas of school life. Committees began to plan for major new developments, such as Enterprise Education and the Managing Student Behaviour Programme.

But then, in the second half of 1989, the school staff was caught up in the State-wide industrial unrest. The rapid changes of the previous few years, attended by greatly increased workloads and insignificant remuneration, had developed in teachers what many observers recognized as the classic symptoms of Toffler's "Future Shock" syndrome. It was a time for cool hands at the helm, and again the school was fortunate in having the calm efficiency of Mrs Leila Bothams and Mr George Paulds as Deputies to support Mr Lange at this time of crisis. For some weeks, stop-work meetings, strikes and working a 6 1/2-hour day caused some disruption to normal school life. However, most teachers at NSHS showed a high degree of professional integrity in striking a responsible balance between the demands of their union and the needs of the students, so that disruption was kept to a minimum. Following the ratification in the Industrial Commission on 31st October, 1989 of the agreement between the Ministry and the Teachers' Union, life at NSHS returned to normal in time for the traditional Year 12 farewell ceremonies and end-of-year planning. The storm had been weathered with little apparent damage to student attitudes or activities, but the long-term effects on staff morale, though masked at present by the teachers' professionalism, may well play an important part in the future development of NSHS and of all State schools in W.A.

However, returning to the developments of the second half of the 1980's, many of the demountables have been removed, the previous caretaker's house has been taken over by the Special Class, the gardeners have continued the landscaping programme and, after the lawn near the library disappeared when the administration wing was built, a new lawn was created in the boys' quadrangle - but not with student labour this time!

Another significant development came in 1987 when the Manual Arts staff carried out Mr Alan West's bright idea of enclosing the old lunch shed to form a room for Photography, which Mr Chris Rowett had first introduced in 1985. Gone for-ever was the "testing ground for the future boxers of the world", as Tim Robb remembers the old lunch shed in his lower-school days. The shed's new use gave the Photography students a real home at last and freed the enlarger from its position on the seat of the Manual Arts toilet where, as Mr Rod Slater recalls, the frequent cry was: "I want to go. All out!" The next year the staff also did much of the work in converting a previous passageway into a Manual Arts office.

One other development must be mentioned. Besides converting Room 1 and the adjacent cleaner's store and duplicating room into a media centre, Mr Gary Mutton inspired the idea that the old changerooms on the oval - unused since the gymnasium had been built in 1979 - could be turned into a Year-12 common room and other facilities, largely as a student self-help project. The Utopia Committee was formed and, assisted by donations and help from such groups as the P. and C., the Regional Office, Apex, Lions and other organizations, raised the many thousands of dollars needed to remodel the old changerooms. Money flowed in from many sources - the 1986 Walkathon, the 1987 etc, the 1986 Open Air Rock Concert and a second rock concert the following year at which the immensely popular Yilliminning Rockers, featuring Greg Watt, Paul Frisina, Tony Tascone and Geoff Rowe, made their final appearance. There were also the annual stage productions in the gym. In 1985 Mr Mutton had already made his name as a director with a production of Your Town, an adaptation starring Michael Maxwell as George Gibbs and Robyn Brick as Emily Webb of Thornton Wilder's Our Town, with Grovers Corners becoming the recognizable Coolagin. (At the same time, Year 9's had performed Harry Farjeon's Exit, causing some people to scream at the climax!) To raise funds for Utopia, Mr Mutton directed The Magic Mirror Radio Show in 1986, being productions of Stoppard's If You're Glad I'll Be Frank and The Real Inspector Hound. The latter starred Thomas Walters and Michael Maxwell as drama critics against the crowd backdrop which now graces the wall of the media room. In 1987 he also directed his own play, Adam's Year, which was based on school life and in which Mr Paul Jeffery made his first appearance in a NSHS play. By early 1988 the conversion of the old changerooms was complete and Mr Mutton cut the ribbon and declared the rooms open on Thursday, 14th April.

Drama has been a feature of school life in this period. In 1986 a number of students, including Jenny Stewart, Peta Carew-Reid, Louise Clery, Rachel Riley and Karen Maxwell, joined the Narrogin Repertory Club to take part in a production of Fiddler on the Roof. Their performance was excellent, but deep sadness struck when Jenny died of leukaemia after the first weekend. This was a very distressing time for her classmates at school, eased to a degree by the exemplary Christian acceptance displayed by Jenny's parents at the packed funeral service and by the careful handling of such teachers as Mr Rob Healy. He stays in John Paulds' memory for the manner in which "he gave us a talk which, I think, helped a lot of people come to terms with the sad occasion". In 1987 another thirteen students joined Repertory again to add charm and vigour to a production of The Pirates of Penzance. Up at school, Mr Mutton was still very active, writing and directing two more plays: Visitors, which explored the relationships between Aboriginal and white people, and Stop the World I Want to Get

Norm, which developed from students' impromptu stagework on an environmental theme. These plays were performed in the gym, with Mr Mutton's characteristic two stages connected by a catwalk, in 1988 and 1989.

Visitors was particularly significant for the school as the production included student and adult members from the local Nyoongah community. For many people in the audience this symbolized the definite improvement in relationships at the school. Mrs Cockman recalls how saddened she had been to find that most of the fifteen Aboriginal students at NSHS in 1987 "were not fulfilling their potential because of a complicated combination of social and school factors". However, with the appointment of Ms Geri Walley as liaison officer for the schools in the region in July 1987 and such moves as the introduction of homework classes on Monday evenings, the willingness of Aboriginal workers from many fields to come to the school to each year since August 1987 to speak to classes during Careers Week, the introduction of an Aboriginal Studies course in 1989 and the appointment of Mr Francis Bolton as Aboriginal Education Officer, definite progress has been made.

Other commendable aspects of school life are so plentiful in this period that it is impossible to include them all in the space available. A brief mention of a few must suffice.

Academically, NSHS students have continued to shine each year. In 1985, for instance, no fewer than nine students were in the top 1% of the State in individual TAE subjects, and Geraldine Squires achieved an aggregate of 479 out of a possible 500. In 1986, Guy Robins and Thomas Walters won Certificates of Merit in Biology and Economics respectively, whilst seven students gained Certificates of Excellence for obtaining at least ten grades of A in the Year 11 and 12 studies in the new TEE course. In 1988, ten students achieved a TEE score of better than 350, Sharon Francis coming first with 450 and gaining a Certificate of Distinction in Biology. 1989 saw seven students gain TEE aggregates over 400, with Roger Thomson being awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Accounting. He and Jo-Anne Sims also achieved Certificates of Excellence. Results have been similarly commendable in the annual Westpac Mathematics Competitions - 23 distinctions in 1985, followed by 26 in 1986, 21 in 1987, 20 in 1988 and 16 in 1989. Significant numbers of those were in the top 5% of the State each year. In addition, there were the first prize won by Brett Herbert in the 1985 Maths Talent Quest, Michelle Simcock's triumph for the second year in succession in the 1985 Art Awards (with her painting "Heart Transplant" inspired by her younger brother), Louise Clery gaining equal 1st prize in the Roy Grace Scholarship in 1986 (she also reached the State finals of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest), the students who gained three of the available twelve merit certificates in the John Forrest Award geographical competition in 1987...

In public speaking NSHS students continued to fare very well under the direction of several teachers, notably Mr Chris Yates, who won a district education award in 1989 and who, as Brian Pontifex recalls, "inspired ANZAC services which combined music with war film footage to tug at the heart strings" and ensured that "younger generations would not forget the effects of war, the atrocities and those countrymen who didn't return to their homeland". In the Plain English Speaking Award, Sharon Keady came second in 1985 and Louise Clery reached the preliminary final in 1986. In the Rostrum "Voice of Youth" competition, Brian Pontifex reached the State semi-final in 1986 and was the only male at the Senior Section final in 1987. Thomas Walters came second in the senior section at Country Week in 1986. Meanwhile, Lisa Boothey began to show her skill, reaching the semi-finals in the "Voice of Youth" junior section in 1987. She was invited to give the address at the town's Anzac Service in 1988, as was Kathy Webber in 1989.

During the evening of 14th December, 1989, the English Department achieved another school "first" when Year 8 students, very capably trained by Mrs Carolyn Grainger and Mrs Milne-Peters, held an audience spellbound with a dramatized performance in the gym of poems they had written that semester on the general theme of technology.

The progress of the bands also deserves special commendation. The Narrogin Schools Concert Band, under the baton of Mrs Johanna Nordstrom, has emerged as the top country high school band in the State. After achieving an "Outstanding" grade in Bizet Division at the band festival in 1987, they were promoted to Berlioz Division and have maintained a grade of "Excellent" at this higher level in both 1988 and 1989.

The many honours and achievements for this band include performing at the Perth Royal Show and having Sir Charles Court as guest conductor in 1985, the performance in Adelaide as guests of the Mitchell Park Band and the invitation to play at the Shell Concert in the Perth Concert Hall in 1987, and the combined concert with the visiting Hollywood Senior High School Concert Band in 1989. That same year they acquired their \$7,000 timpani as a result of some energetic fundraising which included a music hall and the memorable performance of the "Men in Harmony" whose visit to Narrogin for the purpose was sponsored by Mr John Proud and The Observer. Meanwhile, the Junior Band, formed in 1986 and comprising mostly primary school students, achieved the grade of "Excellent" at its first two appearances in the Brahms Division when conducted by Miss Elizabeth Foley in 1988 and Miss Caryn Charleston in 1989.

Science is another school department which has attained prominence during these years. Besides having Thomas Walters (1985), Sioban Twaddle (1986) and Marcia Evans (1988) chosen to attend the National Science Summer School in Canberra, organizing the visit of the Shell Questacon Science Circus in July 1988, and having run successful Science Fair and Science Week activities each year, they had no fewer than fourteen lower-school students come within the top 20% of the State's entrants in the University of New South Wales Science Competition in 1989. Julian Armstrong and Susan Naisbitt both finished within the top 1% and gained Certificates of High Distinction and Honour. Science teachers also emerged in the technology field. First, in 1986-87, Mr Ken Rogers co-ordinated a NOAA satellite ground receiving station, the first school-based satellite remote-sensing station in W.A. - and only the second in Australia. This was followed in May 1988 by the news that the submission from Mr Norm Kingwell had been successful in securing a grant of \$34,000 to make NSHS one of six "technology high schools" in the State. Concentrating on developing awareness in students of the impact of technology in modern life, the activities of the Technology Committee created under Mr Kingwell's supervision culminated in October 1989 in Technology Week, which featured such aspects as computer-aided drafting, reaction timing for physical fitness, desktop publishing, a television show produced by Theatre Arts students and a writers' competition on the theme of technology.

Other noteworthy features of school life in this period include the Careers Expos introduced in August 1985 by the Guidance Officer, Mrs Anne Latham (later Mrs Mead), the spectacular annual Art and Photography displays held each October since 1987, the impressive art work (especially that of Jean Astbury) displayed in the local art gallery in 1989, the "coffee-shop type of set up" called Milliways which was run by the I.S.C.F. in 1985 and 1986, the running of World Vision 40-Hour Famine weekends again in 1985 and 1987, the Gun Safety Awareness courses from which many students benefited again in 1985 and 1986, the impressive writing competitions run by the English Department in 1989, the announcement each year of Rotary Exchange students and State sporting representatives, and the trips to Reunion by John Faulds and Debbie Yzerman in 1986 and by Sharon Smal in 1987. Annual camps continued to flourish. In fact, by 1988 there were so many of them distributed throughout the year that

the decision was made to restrict most of them to a Camps Week in the 3rd week of 2nd term, so that they would not be run to the detriment of other teaching areas.

The P. and C. continued to provide invaluable support in many ways, one of which was to ensure that driver education was revived. They approached the Lions Club who co-ordinated generous financial assistance from local councils, clubs and associations and purchased a Camira Sedan. Lions presented this vehicle to the NSHS P. and C. at the Narrogin Expo in 1986. It was replaced by a second Camira in June 1988.

Miss Jenny Shepherd, the Youth Education Officer, did a fine job each year organizing the popular Work Experience programme and the Walkathon. The athletic prowess of such staff members as Mr Brian Martin, Mr John Ryan, Mr Adrian Penistan and Mrs Anna Zabajnik added tremendous enthusiasm to the Walkathon and stirred the students on to meet the challenge. An extra stimulus was provided in 1989 when the event was sponsored by the Jesus People and attractive prizes were offered. \$5,000 was raised that year.

The annual Farewell Presentation Night for senior students continued to be a fitting and dignified climax to each year. The ceremony was limited to Years 11 and 12 from 1986, the year in which audio-visual presentations were first included.

School balls, both senior and junior, also continued to be highlights. In 1987 Mrs Cockman, concerned about private parties, wrote to parents before the upper-school ball. This caused a degree of consternation in certain quarters, but, as she says, "in true Narrogin fashion the issue was sorted out with open and mutually respectful communication". Parents co-operated to the full, with the result that, at the end of the year, "an excellent graduation ceremony of Year 12s was followed by a party on a private farming property, which was thoroughly safe and enjoyed by all." Similar responsible action was taken by Mr Lange in 1988, so that it was all the more distressing when Peta O'Loughlin died in a car accident on the way to a small celebratory gathering after the mock-TBE in September 1988. Barely a month before, Peta and another student, Andrew Lecce, had been selected as Lions Club Exchange students for 1989. It is in the context of this deep concern for student welfare on the part of the school administration that one should consider the much-publicised decision to cancel the final school day for Year 12s in 1989.

Finally, let us glance at the significant sporting achievements by NSHS in this period.

On the local scene, the lower-school winter carnival has become a firm tradition, with Taurus finally breaking Pisces' stranglehold on the shield in 1986. Swimming and athletics carnivals are also fine annual events. In 1985 and 1986 they continued in the traditional pattern, but in 1987 Mr Peter Lewington and his staff introduced a new pattern - half traditional events by top athletes and half fun house games in which the whole school takes part. This happy innovation has turned them into real carnivals, with full participation and enjoyment.

In interschool sport, NSHS has achieved great success. In July 1985, for instance, Narrogin won the debate and all six sporting contests against visiting teams from Balcatta Senior High School. Julie-Ann Sloan and Charmaine Downing were fairest and best in netball and Shyrelle Moore and Steven Thorpe in basketball. A month later, NSHS lower-school teams beat those from other local high schools in all sports except netball in the winter carnival held in Narrogin. On that day Kara Rowley and Drew Pearce (basketball) and Andrew Corner (hockey) were our best players. In 1989 the NSHS girls' Country Week hockey team, captained by Joanne Sims, put up a fine performance while representing

the Upper Great Southern Hockey Association at the Junior girls' carnival at Yokine. They lost narrowly to Collie in the final by just one goal in extra time. A week later, an exceptionally strong football side, captained by Roger Taylor and comprising 17 NSHS players and eight boys from the Agricultural College, defeated an Albany regional team 9-11 to 4-8. This was the final of the Challenge Shield played at Subiaco before the Eagles-Hawthorn game on 4th June. Wayne Herraaman was voted fairest and best. Then came the turn of the lower-school football team. Captained by Adam Farrail, coached by Mr Paul Cook and given an inspiring pep talk before the game by no less an ex-Narrogin student than the great Barry Cable, they won the C.I.G. competition by defeating Carine Senior High School 10.14 to 3.2 at the WACA on 18th August. This game was also a curtain raiser to a VFL match, when the Eagles played Geelong. And as if all of this was not enough glory for one year, the very next week the boys' Country Week hockey team, coached by Mr Mark Davis, defeated Bunbury Senior High School 3-2 in the Commonwealth Bank Hockey Trophy. That was a great day for their captain, Brian Tombleson, who scored the winning goal in extra time with a converted penalty stroke.

It just remains to add that in that same year, 1989, NSHS also won the TAA Shield at Country Week for the fifth time in the six years of the shield's history. In 1985 and 1986 NSHS sent seven teams to Perth - football, netball, girls' and boys' hockey, girls' and boys' basketball, and speech. They won the trophy in 1985, but when the rules were changed in 1986 they found themselves disadvantaged through lacking teams in volleyball and a water sport. That year they lost the shield to Busselton Senior High School. For 1987 boys' and girls' volleyball teams were added and Mr Peter Godfrey, an ex-student from the 1960s, trained a sailing team skippered by his son, David. As a result, the ten teams in 1987 won back the trophy, with the inaugural boys' volleyball team winning the A Division. In 1988 NSHS did it again, although there had been some misgivings about the fact that the footballers would be drawn from NSHS alone, the NAC having decided to field its own team for the first time. In the event these worries were without foundation, for the NSHS boys won the A grade competition. 1989 saw teams in the same ten sports bring back the shield for the fifth time, with the boys' football and hockey teams achieving the best performances in terms of results.

Even more important than their successes, however, was the continuing reputation for sportsmanship and excellent personal conduct which the team members brought back with them each year. Glancing through the Country Week reports in The Outlook, for instance, one comes across such remarks as:

"It gives a coach a great deal of pride and satisfaction to see a team combine unselfishly, with each individual aspiring to her personal best." (Mrs S. Anderson, basketball, 1985)

"The nine girls selected proved to be a talented side who impressed both the umpires and opposition alike with their determination, team spirit and most sportsmanlike behaviour." (Miss K. Johnson, netball, 1985)

"I would like to praise the team, not only on their on-field performance, but also on their conduct at the various social functions and activities in which they participated." (Mr B. Wheatland, football, 1986)

"Whether you win or lose, though, really is of little consequence - it is the contribution that the team makes to the total school team that counts, and our contribution was without doubt a valuable one." (Mrs S. Anderson, basketball 1987)

These comments bring to mind those made by Mr Ray Omodoi in a letter to Mr Walters after a party of senior English students had visited The Hole in the Wall Theatre to see Blithe Spirit in 1986:

"What a credit to the school they were! Their behaviour and conduct were exemplary and they kept a lively and intelligent discussion going with us for a good hour afterwards."

It is particularly reassuring to hear such accolades because, as we prepare to enter the 1990s, it has become almost fashionable to denigrate the standard of education in our schools.

It is reassuring, too, to know that NSHS is still guided by Principals who believe in encouraging the highest ideals in their students, by people who place human values above all else. In 1987 Mrs Cockman's parting advice to the Year 12s was to remember that, in the words of Carl Rogers, the secret of happiness or the real task of a lifetime is "to become that self which you truly are". In June 1989 Mr Lange spoke to the whole school at an assembly on the qualities of consistency, fairness, commitment, courage, sportsmanship and integrity. A few months later, his address to the Year 12s during their farewell evening stressed "the need to balance the perils of high technology against the human needs of human contact, respect, compassion and caring". The first paragraph of the school's document Plans and Priorities 1990 states: "Narrogin Senior High School is committed to assisting students realize their full potential in intellectual, personal, physical, social and spiritual development." While such ideals are fostered, the school will continue to enjoy an excellent reputation.

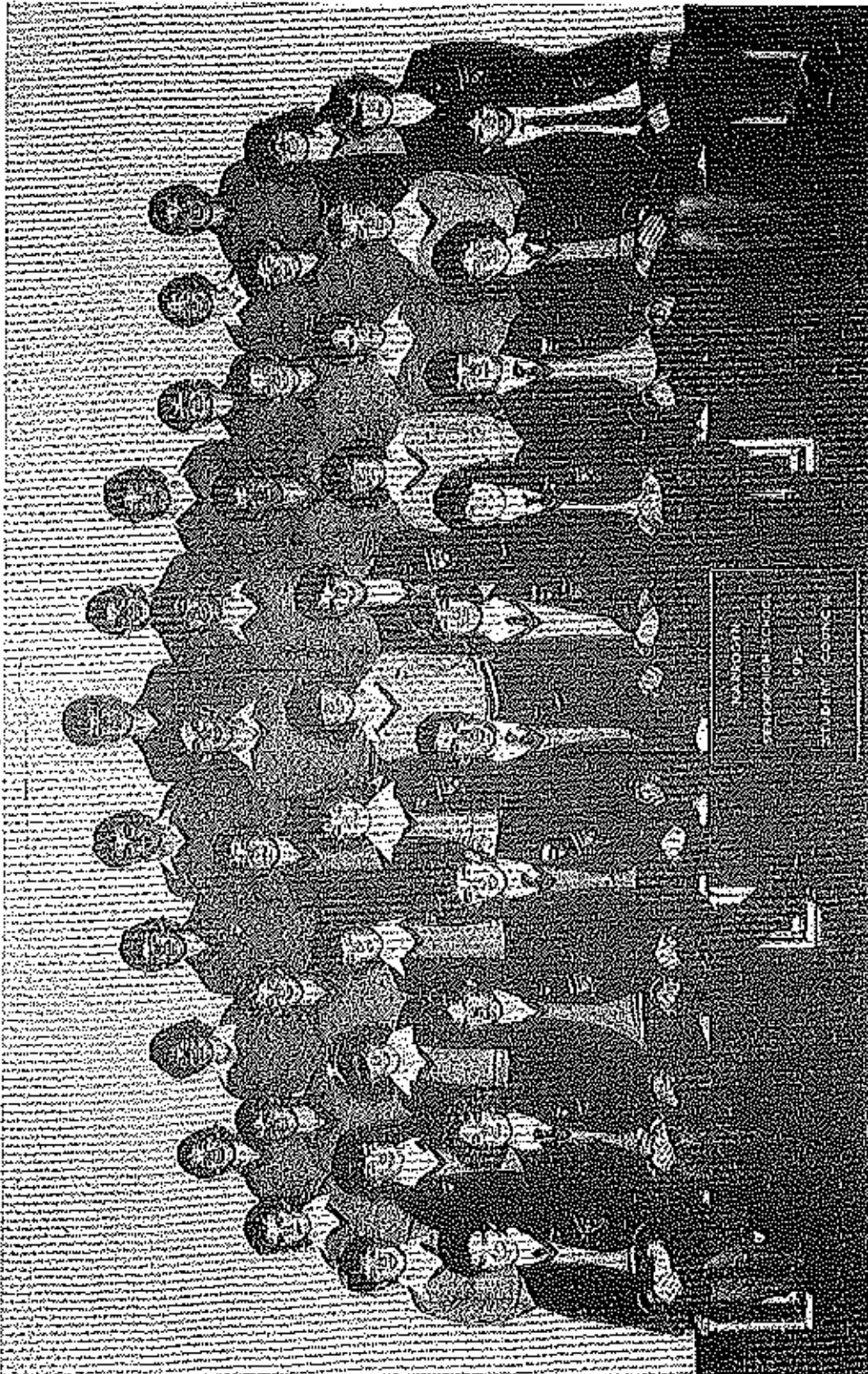
In his Principal's Address in The Outlook for 1989, Mr Lange summed up this reputation particularly well:

"People like Narrogin Senior High School. Some have described it as the 'Pearl of the South-West'. Others have called it the 'Jewel in the Ministry's Crown'.

"People like Narrogin and remember it because it has that elusive quality called 'school spirit'. It is a good school to be in. There is friendship and a fellowship made up from striving together to advance. There is respect for each other and an enthusiastic endeavour. There is integrity."

The only sadness is that most of those who struggled so hard in the early days to have our school established cannot enjoy the satisfaction of seeing their vision brought to such a fine reality.





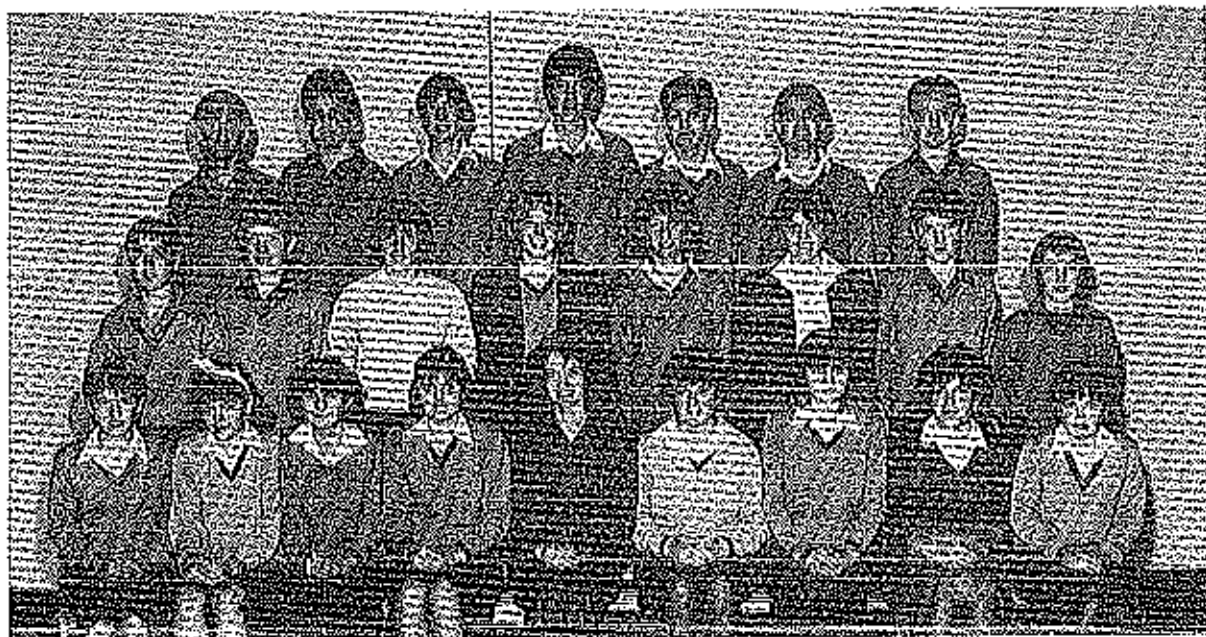
STUDENT COUNCIL, 1985

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 2nd row: J. Dawes, D. Park, D. Broadbent, B. McPherson, T. Dowdell, N. Riches, P. Messon, D. Growden, P. Growden, S. Nicholas
 3rd row: M. Alcock, T. Francis, A. Kemp, K. Breeze, K. Dawson, N. Hill, J. Barber, K. Rowley, R. Arnett, B. Growden, K. Maxwell
 Front: K. Grant, J. Timleris, S. Riley, S. Pyne, T. Robb (Head Boy), A. Hill (Head Girl), C. Wiese, E. Walker, I. Brown, D. Banfield



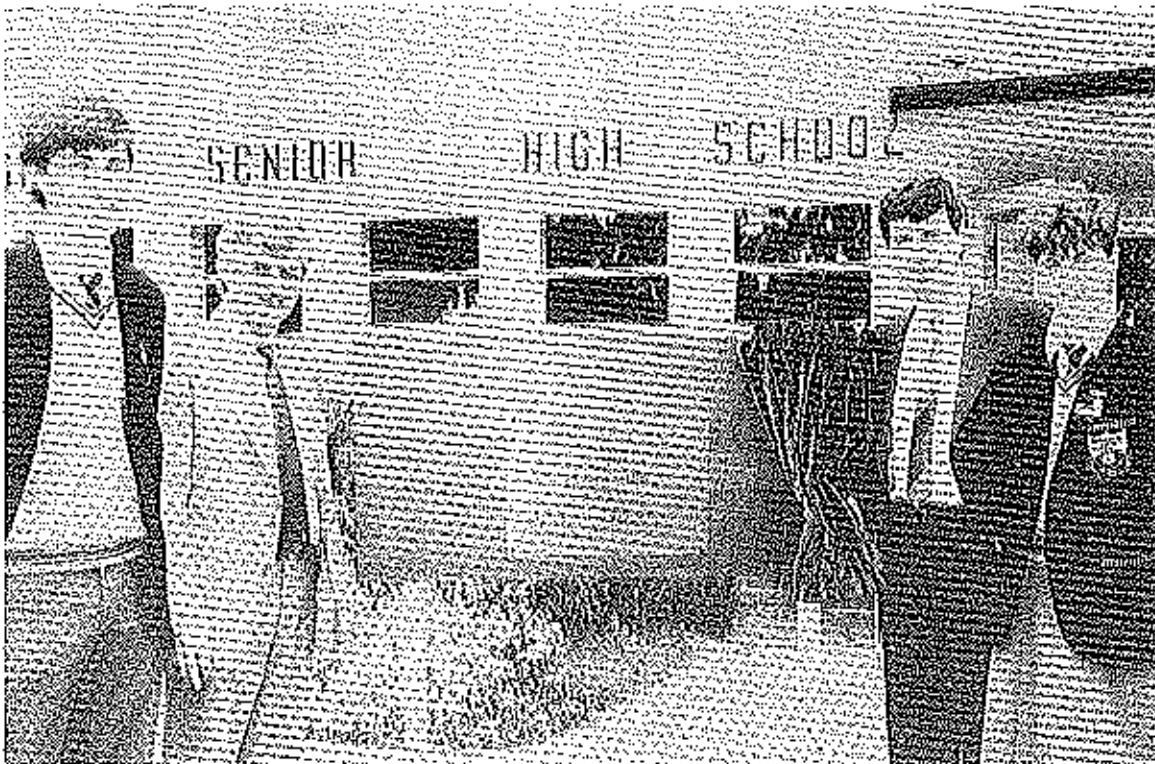
TAURUS 1, 1985

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P.Dillon, C.Parry Front: K.O'Connor, N.Sorensen, P.Walton, Miss D.Rice (Form
teacher), R.Arnott, M.Green, A.Jenks



SCORPIO 1, 1985

Back: S.Eisler, D.McAullay, D.English, G.Easton, C.Trivella, R.Gors, J.Paulds
Centre: A.Corner, G.Wilson, T.Tink, D.Wilson, T.Van Goor, J.Watts, P.Furness,
R.Thomson Front: M.Alcock, M.Bowron, K.Dowsett, R.Riley, Ms N.Stoffanelli
(Form teacher), J.Doig, M.Beacham, J.Milentis, J.Sims



OFFICIAL OPENING OF EXTENSIONS, 17th OCTOBER, 1986
 (l. to r.) Neil Riches (Head Boy), Mr B. Walters (Principal), Mr R. Pearce
 (Minister for Education), Julie Barbex (Head Girl)



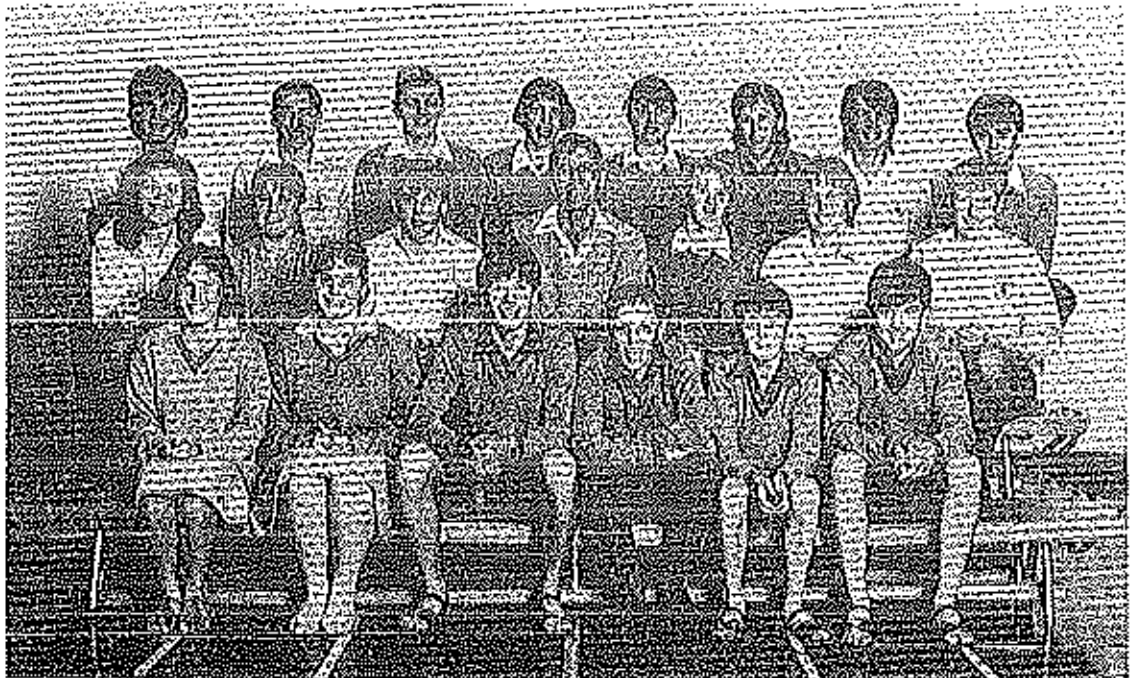
THE TRIUMPHANT C.I.G. FOOTBALL TEAM, 1989

Back: D. Warren, N. Ramage, A. Farrali (Captain), T. Duckworth, T. Milbourne,
 P. Alight, S. Bayley, L. Hayden, B. Meiners, R. Bates, J. Eaton (Vice-captain), M. Grout
 Front: S. Davidson, C. McGree, D. Kirby, S. Gannaway, C. Kickett, A. Eades, W. Abraham,
 G. Tilbrook, D. Hunter, A. Steere



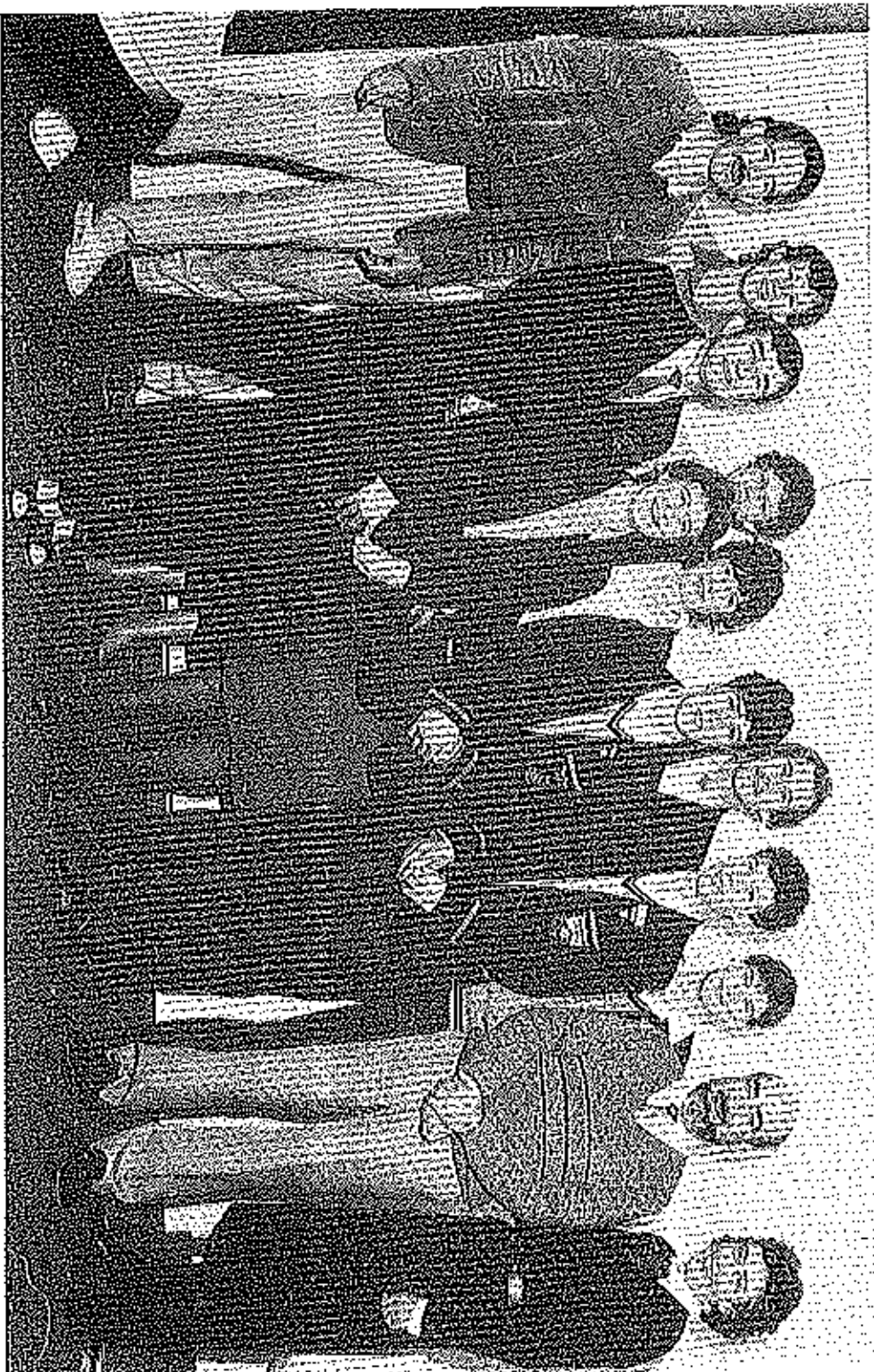
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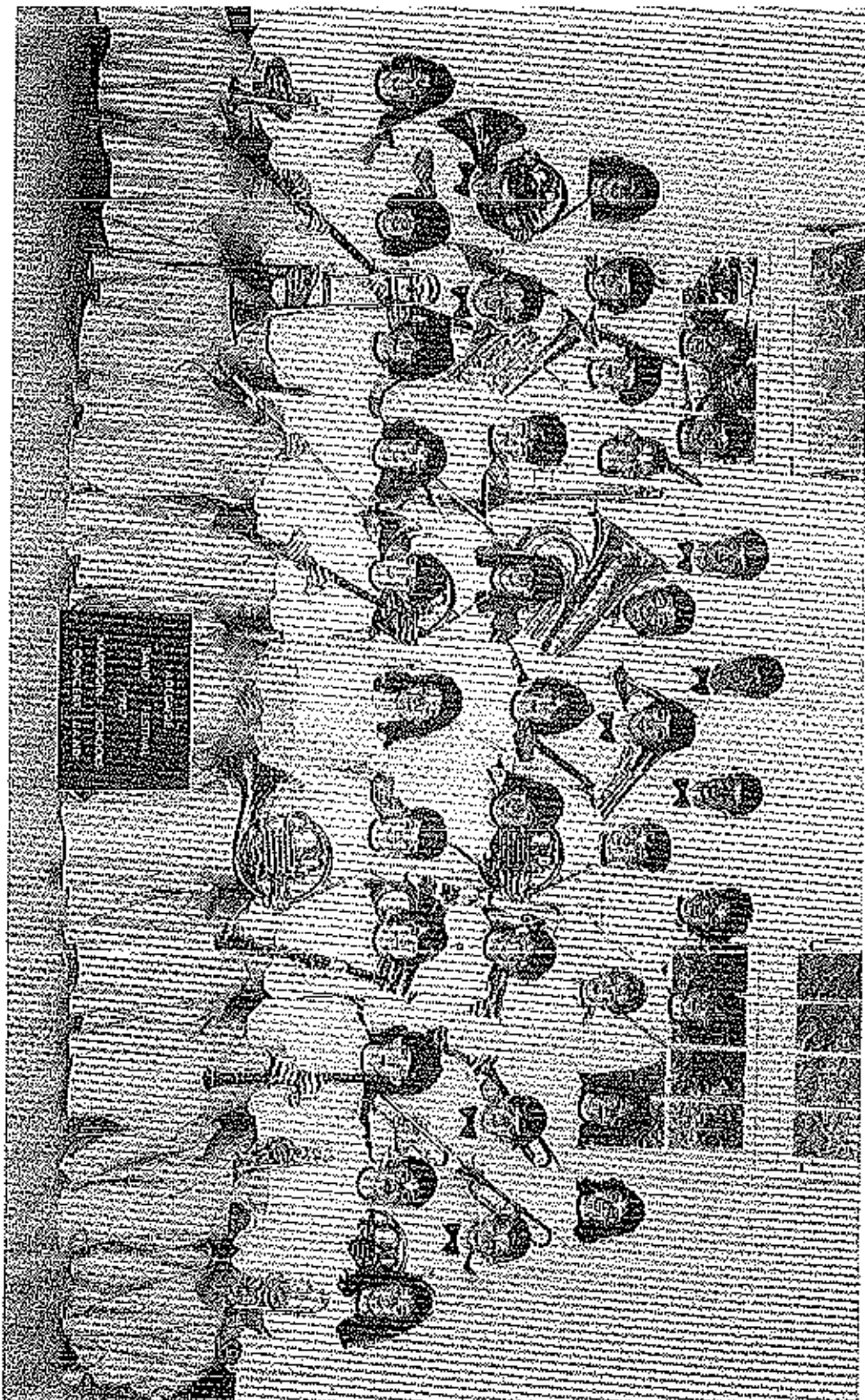


LEO 5, 1988

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EDUCATION WEEK AWARD WINNERS, 1987
(l. to r.) Mr G. Mutton (Utopia), Mr C. Rowett (Photography), Mr J. Reid (District Superintendent),
Mr C. Yates (Anzac Services), Mrs J. Paulds (School Council Steering Committee), Sister D. Pritchard
(AIDS Prevention Seminars), D. Vonditti (Head Girl), Mr L. Richards (Hostel Warden), A. Carruthers
(Head Boy), B. Pontifex (Citizenship), Mr J. Proud (Editor of "The Observer"), Mrs B. Cockman (Principal)
Absent: Mrs J. Nordstrom (Band Mistress)



NARROGIN SCHOOLS CONCERT BAND IN ADELAIDE, 1987

Back: P. Lock, N. Latham, B. Tombleson, S. Hayes, J. Tombleson, P. Suentl, M. McCallum 2nd row: L. Hancock,
 J. Herzmann, X. Moulds, D. Gribble, S. Oakey, M. O'Reilly, K. Nottle, W. Page, G. Kichan, J. Curnow
 3rd row: P. Barnes, A. Stevens, R. Titko, J. Curnow, J. Graham, J. Kichan, L. Dent, M. Sims, A. Broadbent
 Front: J. Eckerstley, K. Rodgers, D. McSkimming, K. Maxwell, J. Sims, Mrs J. Nordstrom (Band Mistress),
 M. McDougall, I. Twaddle, C. Moulds, M. Andel, L. Bradford



AERIAL PHOTO, 26th JUEY, 1988

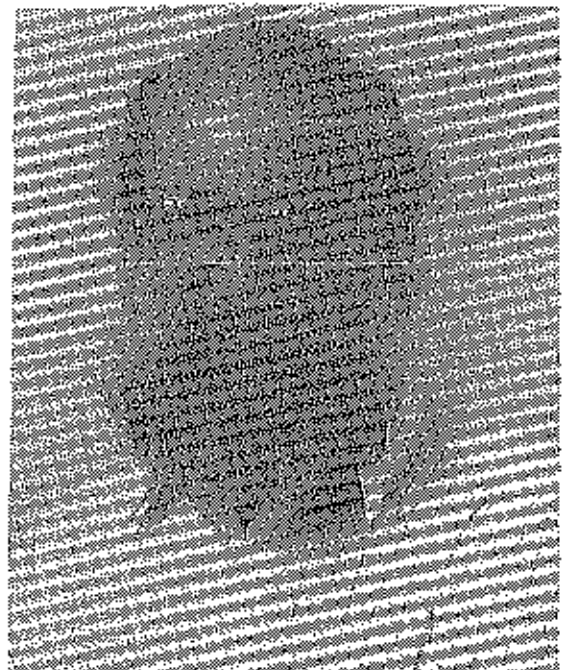
To commemorate the Australian Bicentenary, most of the school population assembled on the oval to spell out the school initials while a photograph was taken by Mr C. Rowett from an aircraft piloted by Mr W. Hoffman.



MR B. LANGE, PRINCIPAL (1988-1989)



MRS L. BOTHAMS
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, 1988-1989



MR G. FAULDS
RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, 1989

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING STAFF 1955 - 1989

PRINCIPALS:

Mr J. Barton (1955), Mr W. Walker (1955-56), Mr J. Tulloch (1957-59), Mr J. West (1960-63),
Mr G. Appleton (1964-73), Mr F. Harding (1974- 76), Mr J. Haynes (1977-80),
Mr B. Walters (1981-86), Mrs B. Cockman (1987), Mr B. Lange(1988-89)

TEACHERS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS:

Miss L. Agostino (1967-70)	Mr A. Bolas (1974)	Mr J. Charles (1957-59)
Miss M. Ainsworth (See Mrs M. McManus)	Mr F. Bolton (1989)	Ms C. Charleston (1989)
Mr E. Alcock (1966-68)	Miss T. Boothey (1970)	Mr R. Cheeseman (1965-66)
Mr I. Allardyce (1966-68)	Mrs L. Bothams (1989)	Mr C. Chester (1955)
Mr M. Anderson (1962)	Miss N. Bourne (1970)	Mr J. Chivers (1964)
Miss M. Anderson (1977)	Mr J. Boyle (1982-85)	Mrs G. Clarke (1973-74)
Mrs M. Anderson (1982-85)	Mr P. Bracania (1964)	Mr B. Clayton (1966-68)
Mrs S. Anderson (1983-88)	Ms L. Braddock (1988-89)	Miss J. Clifton (1968-70)
Mr E. Anthony (1961-63)	Mrs L. Brayn (1988)	Mr R. Coad (1977-80)
Mr M. Anthony (1981-82)	Mr D. Brennan (1965-66)	Mr W. Cohen (1956-63)
Mrs A. Appleby (1989)	Miss L. Bright (1977-78)	Miss H. Colquhoun (1965-67)
Ms K. Armin-Grimm (1985-87)	Mrs L. Bromell (1981)	Mrs R. Comini (1965-67 1969-71)
Miss J. Astbury (1965)	Mrs P. Brooksbank (1969)	Mr J. Cook (1971)
Mrs H. Astbury (1971-74, 1983,1985)	Mrs D. Brown (1971)	Mr P. Cook (1987-89)
Miss H. Baigent (1968)	Ms J. Brown (1975)	Mr J. Cooper (1961-62)
Mr G. Baker (1969-70)	Miss K. Brown (1973-74)	Mrs K. Criddle (1986-89)
Miss P. Baker (See Mrs P. Gillard)	Mr R. Brown (1970)	Mrs N. Cruse (1955, 1967-82)
Mr A. Balzarelli (1965)	Mr T. Brown (1975)	Mr P. Crute (1963-64)
Miss C. Bannasch (1978)	Mrs V. Brown (1980-84)	Mr W. Cullen (1955-56)
Miss A. Barnes (1968)	Mr D. Bruce (1967)	Mr M. Curtis (1974-76)
Miss M. Barone (1981)	Mr D. Buck (1955-64)	Miss R. Dama (1975)
Mr A. Barrett (1988-89)	Miss M. Bullen (1968-69)	Mr B. Davis (1976-78)
Mrs G. Barrett (1989)	Miss F. Bunce (1956)	Mr M. Davis (1986-89)
Mr C. Barry (1982)	Miss S. Bunney (1980-81)	Mr H. De Jonge (1981-82)
Mrs A. Bawden (1982-84)	Miss E. Burns (1973)	Miss J. De Passey (1980-81)
Mr P. Bawden (1982-84)	Miss G. Burns (1961-66)	Mr G. Defrenne (1980)
Mrs S. Baxter (1988-89)	Mrs J. Burton (1987-88)	Miss G. Dennis (1966-68)
Miss H. Beatty (1964-65)	Mr P. Burton (1987-89)	Mr H. Dennis (1975-76)
Mr G. Bedo (1970-71)	Mr K. Buswell (1981-84)	Mr R. Dettman (1962-63)
Mr C. Bentz (1976)	Mr M. Buttfield(1957-68) (mostly at Ag.Wing)	Mr G. Dick (1968-70)
Mr B. Betts (1966-67)	Mr B. Byrne (1958)	Mrs L. Dick (1970)
Mr P. Betts (1980-83)	Miss H. Carroll (1989)	Mr E. Dittmer (1973)
Mrs V. Betts (1980-81)	Mrs E. Carter (1970-71)	Mr P. Doherty (1974)
Mr F. Boyer (1957-61)	Miss M. Casella (1979-80)	Miss H. Dohle (1975-76)
Miss L. Bladen (1970-71)	Mr J. Casey (1955-56)	Mr R. Dorn (1965-69)
Mr R. Boelen (1986-88)	Miss G. Catherall (See Mrs G. Marsh)	Miss A. Dorozenko (1975)
	Mr F. Chapman (1981-83)	

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING STAFF

- Miss J. Down
(See Mrs J. Heptinstall)
- Mr J. Downie (1965)
- Mrs A. Drago (1968-74)
- Mr T. Drinkwater (1983-84)
- Miss A. Duckett (1989)
- Mr L. Dudley (1982-83)
- Miss A. Eadie (1966)
- Mr B. Eckersley (1983)
- Mrs L. Eckersley (1983-89)
- Mr D. Eddington (1977)
- Mr A. Egginton (1960-62)
- Miss R. Elliot (1973)
- Mrs B. Elliott (1978-81)
- Mr J. Elliott (1979-82)
- Mr R. Emmett (1968-71)
- Mrs C. Fennis (1977)
- Miss J. Esbercy (1961)
- Mr C. Evans (1955-56,1969)
- Miss L. Evans (1971)
- Mr D. Everingham (1971-72)
- Mrs L. Everingham (1971-72)
- Mr F. Falconer (1985-86)
- Mr P. Farmer (1972-74)
- Mr G. Paulds (1983-89)
- Mrs J. Paulds (1984)
- Miss M. Felipe (1989)
- Mrs A. Fergie (1981-83)
- Mr P. Fergie (1978-83)
- Miss P. Filsohl (1974)
- Mr G. Fischer (1971-78)
- Ms R. Flanagan (1978-79)
- Mr P. Flanigan (1961-62,
1969-71)
- Mrs J. Fleay (1978-79)
- Ms E. Foley (1987-88)
- Mrs C. Fortescue (1976-81)
- Mr G. Fortescue (1976-81)
- Mrs S. Fox (1973)
- Mr F. Franklin (1956)
- Mr P. Frisina (1984-88)
- Mrs H. Gabbedy (1970)
- Mr M. Gable (1976)
- Miss C. Galante (1986-87)
- Mr L. Gannaway (1969-80,
1987-89)
- Mr B. Gardner (1962-63)
- Miss C. Gaudet (1986-88)
- Mr R. Geijsman (1977-78)
- Mr I. Gibbon (1977-82)
- Miss E. Gibson (1982)
- Miss M. Giles (1974)
- Mr G. Gillard (1964-67)
- Mrs P. Gillard (1964-67)
- Mr A. Gillespie (1986-88)
- Mrs C. Gilmore (1982)
- Miss L. Glass (1972)
- Miss B. Gleeson (1965-66)
- Mrs K. Goldsmith (1969-70)
- Miss J. Gollan (1959)
- Mrs L. Goodfield (1986-88)
- Mr D. Gorton (1974)
- Mr K. Gosling (1956-57)
- Mr F. Gould (1984-85)
- Ms S. Govers (1989)
- Mr P. Gow (1989)
- Mr M. Graham (1978)
- Mr R. Graham (1961-63)
- Mrs C. Grainger (1989)
- Miss M. Grantham (1970)
- Mrs M. Gratte (1971-72)
- Mr N. Gratte (1971-72)
- Mr E. Gravenall (1962-66)
- Miss N. Gray (1970-71)
- Ms P. Greaves (1980-82)
- Miss D. Green
(See Mrs D. Rice)
- Mr M. Greenfield (1983)
- Mr N. Griffiths (1973-75)
- Miss W. Griffiths (1970-71)
- Miss K. Grimshaw (1970)
- Mr N. Groom (1957-58)
- Miss L. Grosvenor (1956)
- Miss S. Grubelich (1961-64)
- Mrs E. Guilbert (1985-89)
- Miss G. Gurr (1958-59)
- Miss D. Guthrie (1955)
- Miss A. Haack
(See Mrs N. Cruse)
- Mr H. Hadlow (1988)
- Miss L. Hale (1955)
- Mr A. Hall (1980-89)
- Mrs D. Hall (1985-89)
- Mrs P. Hall (1974)
- Miss I. Hanas (1971-72)
- Miss A. Hardacre (1968)
- Miss R. Hardacre (1972-73)
- Miss B. Hardy
(See Mrs B. Elliott)
- Mr A. Harris (1972-73)
- Miss D. Harris
(See Mrs D. Ryan)
- Miss S. Harris (1971)
- Mr B. Hart (1985)
- Mr T. Hartigan (1974)
- Mrs S. Haslam (1989)
- Mr G. Hatch (1979)
- Mr L. Haughey (1975)
- Miss I. Hawkins (1976)
- Miss G. Haworth (1965)
- Mr E. Hayes (1958)
- Miss D. Hayward (1967)
- Miss M. Hayward (1973)
- Mr R. Healy (1984-86)
- Mr B. Hehir (1973-81)
- Mrs Y. Hehir (1961-62,1982)
- Ms E. Helmar (1984-85)
- Mrs J. Heptinstall (1979-83)
- Mr M. Hewson (1977)
- Mrs D. Higgins (1960-62)
- Miss C. Hogan (1972)
- Miss K. Holdsworth (1988)
- Mrs W. Hollett (1975-77)
- Mr R. Hosken (1978-79)
- Mr J. Hoskin (1989)
- Mr V. Howland (1977-79)
- Mr P. Hudson (1960-61)
- Miss K. Hudson (1981)
- Mr C. Humphrey (1965-67)
- Mr I. Hunt (1963)
- Miss J. Hurse (1958)
- Miss A. Hutchinson (1971)
- Mr J. Hutchinson (1977-79)
- Mr N. Hutchinson (1963-65)
- Mr P. Ibbotson (1955-57)
- Mr S. Isopenko (1966-68)
- Mr D. Italiano (1969-71)
- Mr P. Jarvis (1974)
- Mrs R. Jarvis (1981)
- Mr P. Jeffery (1986-89)
- Mr B. Jenkins (1985)
- Mrs L. Jenkins (1985)
- Miss B. Jenkyn (1957)
- Miss R. Jenning (1959)
- Mrs C. Johnson (1985-87)
- Miss K. Johnson (1985-87)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING STAFF

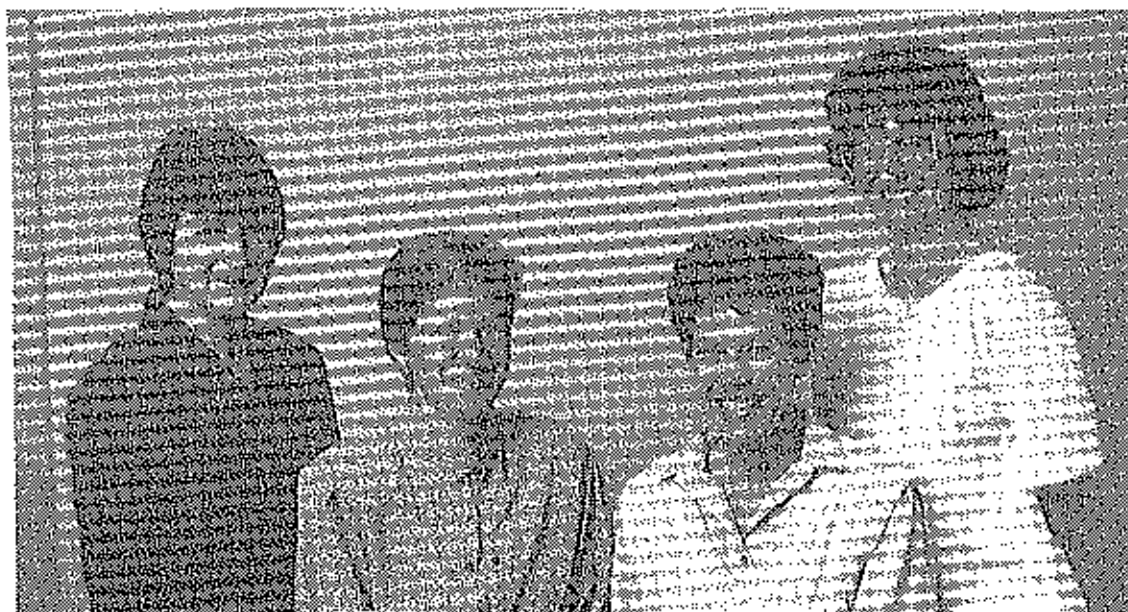
- Mr W. Johnson (1966-67)
 Miss D. Jones (1956)
 Mr E. Jones (1973-74)
 Ms M. Kamen (1984)
 Mr G. Kelly (1977-81)
 Miss M. Kelly (1960)
 Miss A. Kemcny (1973)
 Mr K. Kendell (1985-88)
 Mr C. Kendrick (1962-64)
 Mrs C. Kerr (1974)
 Mr A. Kershaw (1976)
 Miss J. King (1984-85)
 Mr N. Kingwell (1980-89)
 Miss I. Kohlagen (1973-74)
 Mrs A. Kruger (1984-86)
 Ms J. Kruger (1989)
 Mrs D. Lake (1974)
 Mr J. Lake (1974)
 Mr P. Lambe (1973-74)
 Mr L. Lambert (1964-65)
 Miss Landro (1982)
 Mr D. Lane (1972)
 Mr S. Langdon (1982)
 Miss M. Lapins (1965)
 Miss S. Laroux (1972)
 Mr R. Larsen (1976)
 Miss V. Laskewicz (1976-79)
 Mr A. (Paul) Latham (1955-59)
 Mrs A. Latham
 (See Mrs A. Mcad)
 Mr R. Lawson (1957-58)
 Mr R. Lawson (1978-80)
 Miss B. Leggett (1985-86)
 Mrs J. Leroy (1980)
 Mr P. Lewington (1987-89)
 Mr G. Lilly (1978-79)
 Mrs V. Lilly (1978-79)
 Mr J. Lingard (1968)
 Mr G. Livingstone (1977-79)
 Mrs P. Lisman (1973)
 Mr D. Liversidge (1983)
 Mr B. Loftus (1960-61)
 Mrs M. Logan (1958-60)
 Miss W. Lonergan (1968-69)
 Miss G. Lorek (1974-75)
 Mr H. Loudon (1958-61)
 Mr J. Louis (1966)
 Mrs D. Love (1960)
 Mr J. Love (1960-65)
- Mr G. Lowe (1989)
 Mr R. Lucas (1977-80)
 Mr R. Luckman (1977-79)
 Miss M. Lucisano (1983-85)
 Mr R. Lugg (1955-56)
 Ms I. Lyons
 (See Mrs I. Vickers)
 Miss J. Lysaght (1980)
 Mrs J. McAllister (1982-85)
 Mr R. McAllister (1978-85)
 Mrs K. McAuliffe (1966-67)
 Ms P. McCarthy (1987-89)
 Mr J. McCaughley (1968)
 Miss Y. McDougall
 (See Mrs Y. Hehir)
 Mr M. McGarry (1969-70)
 Mrs J. McIlhie (1972-75)
 Mrs T. McGowan (1972,
 1975-77)
 Mrs C. McKenzie (1975-76)
 Mr V. McKenzie (1971-74, 1977)
 Miss M. MacLagan (1972-74)
 Miss M. McLaren (1958-59)
 Mrs M. McManus (1962-65)
 Mr P. McManus (1962-64)
 Mr M. McNair (1967, 1975)
 Mrs D. Main (1976)
 Mrs P. Malaspina (1987-88)
 Mr G. Mander (1972)
 Mr J. Mariotti (1985-86)
 Miss A. Marsh (1979)
 Mr C. Marsh (1962-64)
 Mr F. Marsh (1964-65)
 Mrs G. Marsh (1960-64)
 Mr B. Martin (1976,
 1984-87)
 Mr G. Martin (1979-80)
 Mrs S. Martin (1984, 1988)
 Mr J. Masters (1959-60)
 Mr M. Mayne (1976)
 Mr J. Meacock (1985-86)
 Mrs A. Mead (1984-87)
 Mrs B. Meadows (1975-76)
 Mr C. Meadows (1975-76)
 Miss B. Mearns (1977)
 Mr J. Medcalf (1984-88)
 Mrs. N. Meston (1988-89)
 Mrs L. Metzke (1961,
 1963, 1965-84)
- Mr E. Mezger (1962)
 Mr P. Mills (1955-56)
 Mrs V. Milne-Peters (1989)
 Mr W. Moir (1957)
 Mr P. Mony de Kerloy (1968)
 Mrs L. Moore (1989)
 Mr M. Moore (1989)
 Miss D. Moran (1985-86)
 Mr D. Morcombe (1971-75)
 Mrs M. Morcombe (1971)
 Mr G. Morgan (1980-86)
 Miss D. Morris (1976)
 Mrs M. Morris (1962, 1972)
 Mr J. Mortimer (1975-85)
 Mr J. Mumme (1959)
 Miss C. Munsel (1986-89)
 Mrs K. Murphy (1965)
 Miss P. Murphy (1957-58)
 Mr R. Murphy (1965)
 Mr G. Mutton (1983-89)
 Miss M. Nadebaum (1970)
 Mr L. Nairn (1981-82)
 Mr R. Namestnik (1986-88)
 Mrs P. Negus (1970-75)
 Miss R. Nenke (1963-64)
 Mr J. Nettleton (1983-84)
 Mrs E. Newman (1989)
 Mr T. Nielsen (1989)
 Mrs J. Nordstrom (1982-89)
 Mr J. Norwood (1955)
 Mr M. Novakovich (1983)
 Mrs V. Novakovic (1983)
 Mr A. Nuich (1970-71)
 Mr N. Obern (1981-83)
 Mr G. O'Brien (1985-88)
 Miss S. O'Brien
 (See Mrs S. Anderson)
 Mr P. Okely (1989)
 Mrs E. Oliver (1984)
 Mr W. Oliver (1984)
 Mrs P. O'Neill (1969)
 Mrs M. O'Reilly (1969,
 1982, 1984)
 Mr R. Overbeck (1976)
 Mr J. Overman (1976-84)
 Mrs J. Overman (1976-77)
 Ms A. Padovan (1985-86)
 Mrs H. Paganoni (1974)
 Mr J. Paganoni (1973-74)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING STAFF

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| Miss M. Pannell
(See Mrs M. Logan) | Miss I. Rocca (1983-84) | Miss J. Smolinski (1973-74) |
| Miss K. Papadopoulos
(See Mrs K. Criddle) | Mr. M. Rouger (1975-77) | Miss E. Solly (1964-66) |
| Miss A. Papas (1970-71) | Mr W. Roestenburg (1978) | Miss A. Souness (1982-83) |
| Mr S. Parke (1973-75) | Miss A. Rogers (1982) | Mrs N. Spalding (1970-75) |
| Miss H. Parkin (1975-76) | Mr K. Rogers (1977-88) | Miss J. Sparrow (1981-82) |
| Miss J. Parkin (1959) | Miss J. Rose (1959-60) | Mr P. Speyers (1968-69) |
| Mr D. Parry (1955) | Mr J. Rowberry (1959) | Miss L. Spiers (1989) |
| Mr R. Pascoe (1989) | Mr C. Rowett (1985-89) | Miss R. Spurling (1956) |
| Mr G. Paterson (1964) | Mr R. Rudkin (1959-62) | Mr H. Staubury (1962-63) |
| Mr L. Pavy (1960) | Mr A. Ruhayel (1989) | Mr R. Stanger (1976-82) |
| Mr I. Pawley (1980-82) | Mrs D. Ryan (1982-83) | Mr M. Starr (1981-84) |
| Mrs P. Pawley (1980) | Mr J. Ryan (1980-87) | Miss C. Steel (1981-82) |
| Mr J. Peers (1956-65) | Miss R. Sallustio (1981) | Ms N. Stefanelli (1984-85) |
| Mr A. Penistan (1984-89) | Miss S. Salter (1964) | Mr G. Stephens (1972-73) |
| Mr G. Perkins (1984-89) | Mr J. Sambell (1960-61) | Mr R. Stewart (1975-76) |
| Mr R. Perpoli (1976-79) | Mr J. Sanders (1960-61) | Mrs V. Stewart (1983) |
| Mrs R. Perpoli (1976-79) | Mr V. Saunders (1969) | Mr G. Stinton (1968) |
| Mr M. Pestell (1972-84) | Mr W. Saunders (1975-76) | Mrs J. Stokes (1971) |
| Mrs M. Pfitzner (1985-89) | Miss M. Sayers (1980-81) | Mr L. Stokes (1971-75) |
| Miss P. Philson (1969) | Mr P. Sayers (1975) | Mr J. Stone (1976-82) |
| Miss N. Pianta (1955) | Miss R. Scanlon (1962-63) | Mr J. Stuart (1966) |
| Ms M. Pickford (1985) | Mr R. Schock (1969-70) | Mrs E. Stubbs (1974-89) |
| Miss A. Politis (1978-80) | Ms B. Schramm (1983-85) | Miss D. Sullivan (1966-67) |
| Mr I. Poole (1985) | Mr K. Scott (1986) | Miss J. Sullivan (1967) |
| Mrs D. Pooley (1977-80) | Mrs R. Sellers (1955) | Mr G. Sullivan (1969-71) |
| Mr L. Pope (1962-79) | Mrs D. Shadgett (1987-88) | Miss A. Sutton (1960-61) |
| Mr B. Pratt (1960-61) | Mr G. Shaw (1980-81) | Miss A. Swallow (1987-88) |
| Mr T. Pryde (1967) | Miss A. Shea (1981) | Mr G. Swingle (1970-71) |
| Mr T. Pryor (1983-84) | Miss J. Shepherd (1983-89) | Mr I. Sydney-Smith (1967) |
| Miss V. Rakich (1975-76) | Miss J. Sherris (1976) | Mrs R. Sydney-Smith (1966-67) |
| Miss S. Randall (1977) | Mr G. Sherwood (1963-70) | Mr P. Sylwestruk (1973-80) |
| Mr I. Ranson (1961) | Mrs G. Sherwood (1969) | Mr T. Tascone (1985-86) |
| Mr R. Raynor (1969-74) | Ms J. Silbert (1979-80) | Miss J. Taylor (1957) |
| Mr W. Reid (1960) | Mr P. Silinger (1971-75) | Miss M. Thackrah
(See Mrs M. Smith) |
| Mr P. Reiffer (1974) | Mr D. Simmons (1989) | Miss J. Thompson (1972-73) |
| Mr G. Renwick (1972) | Mrs C. Sims (1970-71,
1988-89) | Miss P. Thompson (1974) |
| Mr M. Reynolds (1980) | Mr R. Slater (1986-89) | Mr G. Thorne (1983-88) |
| Mrs D. Rice (1983-85) | Mr R. Slipper (1989) | Mrs C. Toct (1976) |
| Mrs J. Rich (1972-85) | Mr F. Smargiassi (1972-78) | Mr L. Tonkin (1974) |
| Miss N. Richards (1956-60) | Miss A. Smith (1986-88) | Mr A. Torr (1967-68) |
| Mr S. Richards (1964) | Mr G. Smith (1968-70,
1975-82) | Miss J. Train (1957) |
| Miss V. Richards (1983-84) | Mr J. Smith (1967-74,
1976-80) | Miss R. Travicich (1969-70) |
| Miss F. Roberts (1961) | Mr L. Smith (1964) | Mr N. Tredrea (1955-56) |
| Mr M. Roberts (1970) | Mrs M. Smith (1964-66) | Mrs J. Trigg (1973) |
| Mrs M. Roberts (1971) | Ms M. Smith (1978) | Mr J. Tsangaris (1957) |
| Mr J. Robertson (1974-75) | Mrs V. Smith (1978) | Mrs S. Turnbull (1987-89) |
| Mrs K. Robertson (1974) | | Mr D. Turton (1963-67) |
| | | Miss B. Tweedie (1958-60) |

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING STAFF

Miss G. Urani (See Mrs G. Barrell)	Miss A. Walker (1976-79)	Miss J. Wilhelm (1967)
Mrs A. Utting (1974-75)	Mr R. Walker (1970)	Miss J. Wilkins (1963)
Mr D. Utting (1973-75)	Miss R. Walkington (1980)	Mrs J. Williams (1989)
Miss R. Van Boven (1962-63)	Miss M. Wallace (1965-67)	Miss L. Williams (1962-63)
Mrs R. Van der Linde (1982-1984)	Mr A. Walsh (1961-62)	Miss D. Williamson (1967)
Miss J. Van Dijk (See Mrs J. McAllister)	Mr B. Walters (1966-72)	Miss T. Willison (1971-73)
Ms T. Van Zaanen (1986-88)	Mr T. Wan (1977)	Miss R. Willock (See Mrs R. van der Linde)
Miss R. Vick (See Mrs R. Sydney-Smith)	Mrs J. Ward (1972-73)	Miss A. Wilson (1977-78)
Mrs I. Vickers (1987-88)	Mr K. Waterhouse (1963-73) (mostly at Ag. Wing)	Mr D. Wimming (1988-89)
Mr R. Vickers (1987-88)	Mr G. Watson (1982-85)	Mr R. Winston (1989)
Mr R. Vickery (1955)	Mr G. Watt (1985-87)	Mrs J. Witney (1982-88)
Mr J. Vincent (1962)	Miss N. Watts (1955)	Miss A. Wong (1989)
Ms T. Vincent (1986-88)	Ms J. Waywood (1984-85)	Mr G. Wong (1975-77)
Mr M. Vinciguerra (1988-89)	Miss J. Weir (1980-81)	Mr P. Wood (1984-86)
Mr S. Vlahov (1979-80)	Mr A. West (1988)	Mrs J. Worthington (1987-88)
Miss T. Vogel (1968)	Mrs J. Weston (1983-84)	Mr D. Wray (1976-77)
Miss A. Waddell (1979-81)	Mr B. Wheatland (1984-86)	Mr B. Wright (1987-88)
Mr K. Wadley (1979-89)	Miss C. Walker (1988-89)	Mr C. Yates (1985-89)
Mrs Y. Wadley (1988)	Miss J. White (1989)	Miss J. Young (1961)
Mr P. Wait (1981-83)	Mr M. White (1959-72, 1986-89)	Mr J. Young (1963-64)
	Ms T. White (1987-88)	Mr J. Yukich (1968)



SECRETARIAL STAFF, 1989
(l. to r.) Mrs P. Beacham, Mrs N. Boothey, Mrs I. Johnson, Mrs V. Chadwick
Absent: Mrs S. Smith

SUPPORT STAFF

1955 - 1989

SCHOOL HEALTH SISTER:

Sister H. Kelly (1978-85), Sister D. Pritchard (1985-89)

SECRETARIAL STAFF:

Mrs P. Armitage (1980), Mrs P. Beacham (1989), Mrs T. Boothby (1965-79), Mrs S. Caulfield (1973-89), Mrs V. Chadwick (1987-89), Miss E. Darby (1980-81), Mrs J. Doak (1986-88), Mrs S. Hudson (1982-83), Mrs E. Illingworth (1960), Mrs I. Johnson (1989), Mrs M. Raynor (1970-74), Miss C. Sim (1955-59), Mrs J. Smith (1973-79), Mrs S. Smith (1973-89), Mrs M. Turner (1989), Mrs J. White (1961-73), Mrs A. Zabajnik (1981-88), Mrs G. Zabajnik (1982-86)

LIBRARY AIDES:

Mrs F. Carden (1984-89), Mrs M. Mellor (1973-83), Mrs M. Silverman (1974)

LABORATORY ASSISTANTS:

Mr G. Barrett (1986-89), Mrs B. Blagrove (1978-79), Mrs J. Fischer (1980-81), Mrs M. Green (1982-89), Mrs N. Harris (1973), Mrs M. Keady (1974-85), Miss E. Nurich (1974), Mrs R. Quartermaine (1975-77)

HOME ECONOMICS ASSISTANTS:

Mrs M. Edgley (1982-89), Mrs G. Hastie, Miss K. McAuliffe (1974- 81), Mrs Moyle (1973-77), Mrs G. Paull (1977-89)

CARETAKERS:

Mr Dodd, Mr G. Drew (1955-), Mr A. Harvey (1974-89), Mr J. Mann, Mr D. Williams

GARDENERS:

Mr L. Den Boer (1954-77), Mr H. Klimas (1981-89), Mr C. Vitafone (1986-89), Mr J. Zazulski (1979-86)

STUDENT HONOUR ROLL

1955 - 1989

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL:

1955 Ken Bailey, Yvonne McDougall	1973 Greg Robertson, Kathy Gecan
1956 Richard Embury, Yvonne McDougall	1974 Greg Lonergan, Dallas Smith
1957 John Mackinlay, Dorothy Lullfitz	1975 Michael Burges, Jill Hancock
1958 Roy Ford, Julie McDougall	1976 Kim Noske, Jenny Ryan
1959 Ian Manning, Maxine Fox	1977 Brad Keyser, Lee-Anne Donaldson
1960 Colin Logie, Kathy Moore	1978 Graham Broad, Janice Adams
1961 Peter Alcock, Kath Bird	1979 Adrian Charlesworth, Sharon O'Brien
1962 Robert Cruse, Janice Page	1980 Lance Sambell, Maurcen Hogg
1963 Ross Hill, Joy Kelly	1981 Peter Donnelly, Judith Baxter
1964 Geoff Blackman, Penny Watson	1982 Ken Green, Sharon Cunningham
1965 Barry Illingworth, Marilyn Hall	1983 Craig Rowley, Andrea Hill
1966 Barry Sargeant, Alison Whittington	1984 Robert Banfield, Robyn Sprigg
1967 John Cresswell, Robyn Hardacre	1985 Tim Robb, Anthea Hill
1968 John Rintoul, Pam Lofthouse	1986 Neil Riches, Julie Barber
1969 Ron Warden, Chris Hennig	1987 Andrew Carruthers, Diana Venditti
1970 Graham Baxter, Julie Pederick	1988 Michael Gillett, Debbie Johnston
1971 Michael Louwen, Margaret McRae	1989 Shane Mitchell, Karin Patten
1972 Geoff Rich, Vivienne Lonergan	

OTHER PREFECTS:

1955	Rae Plumb, Faye Becker, Peggy Webse, Marion Currie, Margaret Evans, Richard Embury, Wesley Holmes, Gilbert Broadley, Kevin Keevil, Peter Walker
1956	Rae Plumb, Faye Becker, Peggy Webse, Marion Currie, Margaret Evans, Ken Bailey, Wesley Holmes, Gilbert Broadley, Kevin Keevil, Peter Walker
1957	Pat Broun, Diane Berson, Dawn Kirkwood, Kath Myles, Kath Spanswick, Roy Criddle, Michael Detiuk, Colin Keevil, Bert Kravovich, Barry Loftus
1958	Daphne Jessup, Norma Mullineux, Pat Rolfe, Phyllis Starke, Jean Walker, Robert Dowling, Ian Kidd, Ben Koppejan, Ian Manning, Bob Sharp
1959	Norma Page, Vanda Wood, Jean Innocent, Beryl Pederick, Hulda Busch, Robert Dowling, Laurence Evans, Jim Sully, Ron Adams, Geoff Matthews
1960	Jennifer Clifton, Nina Dyke, Edith Edwards, Jennifer Hatt, Pat Taylor, Harley Beeck, Rodney Bird, Doug Lambert, Murray Little, Ken Mutton
1961	June Astbury, Jill Clayton, Elizabeth Matthews, Janice Mavor, Margaret Mullan, Ron Durell, Bill Cebula, Terry McLernon, Stephen Rogers, Emil Zabajnik
1962	Janet Bell, Maureen Capps, Lorraine Duffield, Mary Frizzell, Mary Jorritsma, John Barker, Michael O'Neill, Graeme Prosser, David Webster, Phillip White
1963	Erica Bosworth, Janet McBurney, Laurel Astbury, Kaye Sims, Marian Reilly, Murray Slavin, Alan West, Peter Brankewitsch, Joe Wnuk, Alan Albany
1964	Joy Bevan, Yvonne Cameron, Krystyna Jendrzejczak, Margaret Kidd, Kathleen Rose, Roberta Sim, Clyde Evans, Ross Fulford, Doug McGay, Lui Pinto, Rodney Sims
1965	Iris Dunn, Tessa Dyke, Adele Woolhead, Jonica Currie, Marilyn Lowry, Sue Wiese, Gavin Baker, Colin Meadows, Robin Wood, Alan McGregor, John Masters
1966	Wendy Astbury, Aileen Hardacre, Peta-Anne Noske, Angelina Petkovic, Rhonda Potts, Teresa Smid, David Legge, John Masters, Terry Moore, Alan Plumb, Richard Reynolds, Ken Smith, Bruce Walker

STUDENT HONOUR ROLL

- 1971 Delys Warnock, Graham Gath, Geoff Tancock, Heather Dawes, Denis Mahar, Robert Towers, Lynette Cavanagh, Michael Louwen, Keith Meadows
- 1972 Rod Astbury, Steven Gilman, Kerry Bowen, Philip Sandford, Frank Wittwer, Chris Beard, Allan Storey, Ian Wilson
- 1973 Kathy Gecan, Karen Lange, Kaye Blight, Alison Kelly, Geoff Hall, Maria Melchiorre, Beatrice Motacki, Tim Rigden, Terrie Waywood
- 1974 Philip Thompson, Janie Curtis, Neil Brick, Phillip Blight, Bevan Fancote, Greg Lonergan, Maureen Manning, Julie Flynn, Julie Baddeley
- 1975 Paul Miller, Barbara Capper, Ian Edwards, Ron Furness, Dianne Marshall, Judith Reynolds, Gillian Young, Linda Sturges
- 1976 Susan Stevens, Kerry Whittington, Vicki Grigson, Jeffrey Turner, Wendy Woodward, Gail Wansbrough, Jo-Ann Waywood, Michael Gavrilovic, Jo-Anne Crowley
- 1977 Kerry Baxter, Deborah Cowcher, Vicki Gath, Jannine Lange, Leanne Lange, Maxine Lewis, Suzanne Major, Robin Heaysman, Neil Davies
- 1978 Pia Lebeck, Liane Hughes, Jacki West, Georgina Nelson, Carolyn Barrett, Bill Hawkes, Brett Reeves, Janice Adams, Julie Watts
- 1979 James Swainston, Cathy Rigden, Sharon O'Brien, Nesno Gecan, Andrew Kelly, Russell O'Callaghan, Graham Furness, Terri McCubbing, Pauline Dew
- 1980 Pamela Dew, Raymond Treloar, Lance Sambell, Sharon Williams, Mary Wittwer, Mark Bojanjac, Regina Parsons, Noela Woodward, Judith Telfer
- 1981 Judith Baxter, Ned Coten, Mark Duffield, Valerie Jensen, Kieran Noonan, Cherry Wilson, Gay English, Stuart Spalding, Paul Hughes
- 1982 Gail Davies, Ken Green, Karina Kemp, William Mudd, Sharon Cunningham, James Riley, Wayne Keady, Lindsay Stirling, Paul Kain
- 1983 Catherine Walters, Sharron Unstead, Sally Negus, Desirce Hooper, Geraldine Goedhart, Peter West, Christina Walker, Vicki Pianta, Helen Sherwood
- 1984 Michael Kemp, Patrick Carden, Wendy Cheney, Andrew Harris, Angela O'Connell, Janice Hall, Patrick Page, Sharne Park, Natalie Harris
- 1985 Anita Fleming, Vicki Fisher, Tim Robb, Leanne Chown, Tracy Barker, Anthea Hill, Joanne Littleton, Jocelyn Huisman, Ingrid Moore
- 1986 Ashley Wiese, Chris Harris, Joanne Ferguson, Dale Francis, Michael Maxwell, Mark Schinzig, Neil Riches, Mark Edgley, Tracy Jacobs
- 1987 Peter Oliver, Joanna Curnow, Peter Forman, Rhonda Smart, Brian Pontifex, Enid Moore, Josie Ritson, Siobhan Twaddle, John Faulds
- 1988 Anne Larkin, Jo Alcock, Kerryn O'Connell, Kristy Dewson, Bronwyn Page, Helen Waldoek, Cherie Hazlitt, Narelle Mullau, Sharon Beecroft
- 1989 Roger Thomson, Peter Fleming, Melanie Alcock, Daniel Kain, Brian Tombleson, Katherine Nottle, Tamara Rhoden, Aminya Koch, Tamara Hoysted.

TOWN OF NARROGIN AWARD:

1964	Lui Pinto	1971	Wally Knezevic	1983	Andrea Hill
1965	Jonica Currie	1972	Rod Astbury	1984	Theresa Duffield
1966	Teresa Smid	1973	Kathy Gecan	1985	Stephen Pync
1967	Brian Johnson	1974	Dallas Smith	1986	Thomas Walters
1968	Pam Lofthouse	1975	Richard Sallie	1987	Brian Pontifex
1969	Chris Hennig	1976	David Swainston	1988	Kerryn O'Connell
1970	Julie Pederick	1977	Chris Lloyd	1989	Karin Patten

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BP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS IN MATHEMATICS:

1967 Pam Lange
Pam Lofthouse

1969 Julie Pederick
1970 Wally Knezevic

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS (NARROGIN):

1971 Glenda James (Nogata, Japan, 1972)
1974 David Porter (Oklahoma, United States, 1975)
1978 Carmel Moran (New York, United States, 1979)
1981 Kieran Noonan (Arizona, United States, 1982)
1982 Nerida Hockridge (Tokyo, Japan, 1983)
1983 Tim Robb (Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 1984)
1984 Natalie Harris (Bokaro, India, 1985)
1985 Michelle Green (Ontario, Canada, 1986)
Tracy Barker (Finland, 1986)
1986 Michael Maxwell (Ry, near Aarhus, Denmark, 1987)
1988 Kristy Dowson (Vantaa, Finland, 1989)
1989 Katherine Nottle (Nara, Japan, 1990)

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS (FROM OVERSEAS):

1970-71 Betsy Racoosia (Alamogordo, New Mexico, United States)
1972-73 Jose ("Joey") Lopez (Manila, Philippines)
1974-75 Robert Kelly (Ada, Oklahoma, United States)
1977 Danny Seaver (Cooperstown, New York, United States)
1978-79 Lee Petrovitz (Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, United States)
1980 Yuka Tomishige (Fukuoka, Japan)
1983 Moira Coulter (Edenvale, South Africa)
1985-86 Chawal ("Pop") Sintbukiow (Lampang, Thailand)
1985-86 Yuzo Nishikawa (Nagasaki, Japan)
1987-88 Jo Jo Koeberle (Anacortes, Washington, United States)
1988-89 Matthew Dellbridge (London, England)
1988-89 Annika Nielson (Ry, Denmark)

INTERACT CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES:

1970-71 President:	Darryl Guest	Secretary:	Lynette Cavanagh
1971-72	Russell Park		Penny Robinson
	Greg Robertson		
1972-73	Maureen Cavanagh		Ruth Goldsmith
1973-74	David Porter		Philip Towers
1974-75	Michael Burges		Lynette Martin
1975-76	Lance Stacr		Jenny Culleton
1976-77	John Winchcombe		Jenny Culleton
1977-78	Richard Barrett		Stephen Hope

WINNERS OF ROTARY-SPONSORED TRIP TO KALGOORLIE, September 1959:

Keith Growden (best in workshops), Barbara Sim (best in Home Science),
Bruce McDougall and Shirley Orchard (most service to school),
Rodney Brockman (best agricultural student),
Doug Lambert and Vanda Wood (outstanding English students),
Beryl Pederick (outstanding 5th year)

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STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

- 1955 Stuart Graham (football)
 1971 Neil Fotheringham (football)
 1972 Peter Robertson (hockey), Stephen Baxter (hockey),
 David Francis (hockey), Richard Pickford (hockey),
 Michael Pickford (hockey)
 1973 Michelle Keeley (basketball)
 1979 Sandra Pegrum (hockey)
 1980 Darren White (football), Sandra Pegrum (hockey),
 Mark Bojanjac (cycling)
 1981 Sandra Pegrum (hockey), Ned Coten (basketball),
 Katrina Keeley (basketball), Grant Bojanjac (cycling)
 1982 Grant Bojanjac (cycling)
 1983 Tim Growden (hockey), Grant Bojanjac (cycling)
 1984 Tim Growden (hockey), Richard Graham (football)
 1985 Paul Masson (hockey), Julie-Ann Sloan (netball)
 1986 Paul Masson (hockey), Andrew Corner (hockey),
 Travis Linaker (basketball), James Coll (basketball),
 Bradley Counsel (basketball)
 1987 Paul Masson (hockey), Andrew Corner (hockey), James Coll
 (basketball), Bradley Counsel (basketball),
 Monique Boucher (basketball), Darren Kowal (football)
 1988 Paul Masson (hockey), Joanne Hayes (netball),
 Brian Tombleson (hockey), Candy Winmar (basketball),
 James Coll (basketball), Bradley Counsel (basketball),
 Robert Coll (basketball)
 1989 Joanne Hayes (netball), Brian Tombleson (hockey),
 Tania Masson (hockey), Roger Taylor (football),
 Wayne Hernaman (football), Candy Winmar (basketball),
 Joanne Kirby (golf)

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS:

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| 1958 | Senior boy: Ian Manning
Junior boy: Doug Sims
Sub-junior boy: Bill Ilberry | Senior girl: Maxine Fox
Junior girl: Yvonne Harrold
Sub-junior girl: Lesley Fox
Sue Parry |
| 1959 | (Names of champions not available) | |
| 1960 | Open champion boy: Eddy Smeding
Junior boy: Bill Ilberry | Open champion girl: Lesley Fox
Junior girl: Janet Lee |
| 1961 | Open champion boy: Peter Sedlarczyk
Junior boy: Bill Moore
Sub-junior boy: Graham Esmond | Open champion girl: Janet Lee
Junior girl: Janet Lee, Robyn Fox
Sub-junior girl: Robyn Fox |
| 1962 | Open champion boy: Terry Kinsella
Junior boy: Terry Kinsella
Sub-junior boy: Jon Ilbery | Open champion girl: Robyn Fox
Junior girl: Robyn Fox
Sub-junior girl: Karen Hansen |
| 1963 | Open champion boy: Peter Gibbs
U/16 champion boy: Richard
Sniogowski
Junior boy: Bruce Walker | Open champion girl: Robyn Fox
U/16 champion girl: Margaret Kidd
Junior girl: Margo Speed |

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1964	Open champion boy: Peter Gibbs Intermediate boy: Bruce Walker Junior boy: Redmond Berson	Open champion girl: Robyn Fox Intermediate girl: Isabel Flcay Junior girl: Judy Fox
1965	Open champion boy: Bruce Walker U/16 boy: Henry Miskiewicz U/15 boy: Richard Pochroj U/14 boy: Laurie Eltridge U/13 boy: Alan Dawson	Open champion girl: Judy Fox U/16 girl: Denise Norwell U/15 girl: Denise Smith U/14 girl: Olga Staphorst U/13 girl: Karen Saare
1966	Open champion boy: Bruce Walker U/16 boy: Richard Pochroj U/15 boy: Laurie Eltridge U/14 boy: Richard Rintoul U/13 boy: Ron Staphorst	Open champion girl: Olga Staphorst U/16 girl: Leah Nicholls U/15 girl: Olga Staphorst U/14 girl: Colleen Drage Randy Baker U/13 girl: Barbara Leahy
1967	Open champion boy: Richard Pochroj U/16 boy: Billy Rybareczyk U/15 boy: Richard Rintoul U/14 boy: Ron Staphorst U/13 boy: Karl Hennig	Open champion girl: Olga Staphorst U/16 girl: Kim McAuslane U/15 girl: Randy Baker U/14 girl: Janet Munro U/13 girl: Susan Beasley
1968	Open champion boy: Gary Lings U/16 boy: Richard Rintoul U/15 boy: John Zalopa U/14 boy: Karl Hennig U/13 boy: Eric Saare	Open champion girl: Olga Staphorst U/16 girl: Alma Johnston U/15 girl: Susan Beasley U/14 girl: Janet Munro U/13 girl: Ruth Manning
1969	Open champion boy: Ron Warden U/16 boy: Greg Bulich U/15 boy: Michael Louwen U/14 boy: Eric Saare Peter Kulker U/13 boy: Michael Kulker	Open champion girl: Susan Beasley U/16 girl: Debbie Norman U/15 girl: Ruth Manning U/14 girl: Debra Donald U/13 girl: Nerria Winchcombe
1970	Open champion boy: Richard Rintoul U/16 boy: Michael Louwen U/15 boy: Eddie Staphorst U/14 boy: Geoff Louwen U/13 boy: Barry Rick	Open champion girl: Frances Nelligan U/16 girl: Frances Nelligan U/15 girl: Ruth Manning U/14 girl: Janet Gilbert U/13 girl: Sandra Staphorst
1971	Open champion boy: Karl Hennig U/16 boy: John Flynn U/15 boy: Geoff Louwen U/14 boy: Noel Burton U/13 boy: Kevin Abbott	Open champion girl: Debra Donald U/16 girl: Debra Donald U/15 girl: Janet Gilbert U/14 girl: Julie Flynn U/13 girl: Michelle Keeley
1972	Open champion boy: Geoff Louwen U/16 boy: John Archer U/15 boy: Lance Collins U/14 boy: Kevin Abbott	Open champion girl: Debra Donald U/16 girl: Janet Gilbert U/15 girl: Julie Flynn U/14 girl: Maxine Mead
1973	Open champion boy: Geoff Louwen U/16 boy: Peter Hennig U/15 boy: Kevin Abbott U/14 boy: Gary Mills	Open champion girl: Jenny Frost U/16 girl: Julie Flynn U/15 girl: Maxine Mead U/14 girl: Kathy Rich

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1974	Open Champion Boy: Graham Davis U/16 boy: Kevin Abbott U/15 boy: Colin Duzovich U/14 boy: David Batey	Open champion girl: Julie Flynn U/16 girl: Linda Sturges U/15 girl: Kathy Rich U/14 girl: Tracey Hart
1975	Open champion boy: David Batey U/16 boy: Garry Mills U/15 boy: John Sarich U/14 boy: David Batey	Open champion girl: Linda Sturges U/16 girl: Christine Roads U/15 girl: Tracey Hart U/14 girl: Mary Hawkes
1976	U/16 boy: Garry Mills 15 years boy: John Sarich 14 years boy: David Batey 13 years boy: Larry Green	U/16 girl: Kathy Rich 15 years girl: S. Coleman 14 years girl: Marce Whittington 13 years girl: Teresa Melchiorre
1977	16 and over boy: John Sarich 15 years boy: David Batey 14 years boy: Phillip Jermy 13 and under boy: Larry Green	16 and over girl: Dee Walters 15 years girl: Donna Coleman 14 years girl: Sharon Hartley 13 and under girl: Joanne Pearmine
1978	Open champion boy: David Batey 15 years boy: Phillip Jermy 14 years boy: Larry Green 13 and under boy: Greg Fletcher	Open champion girl: Robyn Winfield Debbie Praetz 15 years girl: Jenny Kelliher 14 years girl: Kellie Waywood 13 and under girl: Jean Cunningham
1979	16 and over boy: Mark Keyser 15 years boy: Larry Green 14 years boy: Greg Fletcher 13 and under boy: Mark Timleris	16 and over girl: Debbie Praetz 15 years girl: Kellie Waywood 14 years girl: Tania Growden 13 and under girl: Jean Cunningham
1980	16 and over boy: Gavin Riches 15 years boy: Trevor Blight 14 years boy: Geoff Brindley 13 years boy: Mark Timleris 12 years boy: Brendan Lynch	16 and over girl: Kellie Waywood 15 years girl: Jannette Hallett 14 years girl: Nicki Grant 13 years girl: Sandra Tarandetti 12 years girl: Lisa Peden
1981	16 and over boy: Paul Hughes 15 years boy: Gary Gill 14 years boy: Mark Timleris 13 and under boy: Mitchell Harmer	16 and over girl: Jannette Hallett 15 years girl: Nicki Grant 14 years girl: Sandra Tarandetti 13 and under girl: Suzanne Brindley Philippa Everett
1982	15 years boy: Michael Parry 14 years boy: Craig Smith 13 and under boy: Mitchell Harmer	15 years girl: Joanne McLeish 14 years girl: Lisa Peden Philippa Everett 13 and under girl: Suzanne Brindley
1983	16 and over boy: Mark Timleris 15 years boy: Patrick Page 14 years boy: Brent Pritchard 13 and under boy: Mitchell Peden	16 and over girl: Viv Gilman Lee Hughes 15 years girl: Philippa Everett 14 years girl: Suzanne Brindley 13 and under girl: Siobhan Twaddle
1984	16 and over boy: Stephen Pyne 15 years boy: David Blight 14 years boy: Mitchell Peden 13 and under boy: Jason Hastie	16 and over girl: Tracey Downing 15 years girl: Suzanne Brindley 14 years girl: Siobhan Twaddle 13 and under girl: Josephine Symonds

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1985	16 and over boy: Robert Badger 15 years boy: Mitchell Peden 14 years boy: Stephen Yuen 13 years boy: Brian Tombleson 12 years boy: David Park	16 and over girl: Melanie Neville 15 years girl: Siobhan Twaddle 14 years girl: Samantha Moulds 13 years girl: Rachel Greaves 12 years girl: Robyn Smal
1986	16 and over boy: Mitchell Peden 15 years boy: Stephen Yuen 14 years boy: Shane Milbourne 13 years boy: Andrew Zabajnik 12 years boy: Jason Steer	16 and over girl: Siobhan Twaddle 15 years girl: Kylie Ward 14 years girl: Rachel Greaves 13 years girl: Robyn Smal 12 years girl: Nicole Greaves
1987	Year 12 boy: Bruce Sharp Year 11 boy: Stephen Yuen Year 10 boy: David Park Year 9 boy: Andrew Zabajnik Year 8 boy: Peter Blight	Year 12 girl: Siobhan Twaddle Year 11 girl: Bronwyn Page Year 10 girl: Kathy Webber Year 9 girl: Joanne Hayes Year 8 girl: Jodie Hawkesford
1988	Year 12 boy: Stephen Yuen Year 11 boy: Brett Matters Year 10 boy: Andrew Zabajnik Year 9 boy: Peter Blight Year 8 boy: Darren Allinson	Year 12 girl: Bronwyn Page Year 11 girl: Kathy Webber Year 10 girl: Tania Masson Year 9 girl: Wendy Page Year 8 girl: Jemma Hayes
1989	Year 12 boy: Darren Connor Year 11 boy: Edward Ioannisci Year 10 boy: Peter Blight Year 9 boy: Darren Allinson Year 8 boy: Linton Batt	Year 12 girl: Kathy Webber Year 11 girl: Tania Masson Year 10 girl: Wendy Page Year 9 girl: Christine Silvester Year 8 girl: Denise Langley

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS:

1955	Senior boy: Ken Bailey Junior boy: Stuart Dunne Sub-junior boy: Frank Gow	Senior girl: Lida Prawosud Junior girl: Alison Hockridge Sub-junior girl: Hilary Parton
1956	Senior boy: Michael Detiuk Junior boy: Syd Kaszabowski Sub-junior boy: R. Adams	Senior girl: Lida Prawosud Junior girl: Kath Myles Sub-junior girl: Margaret Nadchaum
1957	Senior boy: Michael Detiuk (Names of other champions not available)	Senior girl: Kath Myles
1958	Senior boy: Albert Wing (from Ag Wing) Junior boy: Ken Mutton Sub-junior boy: Roger Watson	Senior girl: Joy Sewell Yvonne Harrold Beryl Parsons Junior girl: Kay Boothey Sub-junior girl: Pauline George
1959	Senior boy: Rodney Bird Junior boy: Billy Ugle Sub-junior boy: Barry Graham	Senior girl: Helen Graham Junior girl: Pauline George Sub-junior girl: Christine Dart
1960	Open champion boy: Rodney Bird Junior boy: Roy Baggs Sub-junior boy: Barry Graham	Open champion girl: Jill Clayton Junior girl: Helen Thompson Sub-junior girl: Christine Dart Marie Sanosko

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1961	Open champion boy: Ron Durell Junior boy: Graeme Boothey Sub-junior boy: Graham Esmond	Open champion girl: Christine Dart Junior girl: Joy Kelly Sub-junior girl: Marie Sanoske
1962	Open champion boy: John Barker Intermediate boy: David Giles Junior boy: John Duckworth	Open champion girl: Joy Kelly Intermediate girl: Maxine Hastie Junior girl: Isabel Fleay
1963	Open champion boy: Joe Wauk Geoff Blackman Intermediate boy: Graham Esmond Junior boy: John Mullan	Open champion girl: Joy Kelly Intermediate girl: Kaye Pitchers Junior girl: Lyn Broun
1964	Open champion boy: Wally Alexandrow Intermediate boy: Alan Plumb Junior boy: Darell Shaddick	Open champion girl: Kaye Pitchers Intermediate girl: Dianne Watson Junior girl: Mavis Williams
1965	Open champion boy: Alan Plumb U/16 boy: Garry Fairhead U/15 boy: Chris Meikle U/14 boy: Robert Beecroft	Open champion girl: Janette Little U/16 girl: Lyn Broun U/15 girl: Mavis Williams U/14 girl: Helen Orr
1966	Open champion boy: Alan Plumb U/16 boy: Chris Meikle U/15 boy: Charles Burnett U/14 boy: Rodney Boehm	Open champion girl: Janette Little U/16 girl: Dianne White U/15 girl: Helen Orr U/14 girl: Wendy Giles
1967	Open champion boy: Glen Buck U/16 boy: Charles Burnett U/15 boy: Rodney Boehm U/14 boy: Lindsay Scott	Open champion girl: Dianne White U/16 girl: Helen Orr U/15 girl: Dianne Gillett U/14 girl: Julie Knight
1968	Open champion boy: R. Hall U/16 boy: Rodney Boehm U/15 boy: Kevin Fox U/14 boy: Don Boothey	Open champion girl: Dianne White U/16 girl: Lucy Hitsert U/15 girl: Julie Knight U/14 girl: Lydia Bulich
1969	Open champion boy: Chris Meikle U/16 boy: Kevin Fox U/15 boy: Gerald Saunders U/14 boy: Stewart Clark U/13 boy: Peter Miskiewicz	Open champion girl: Helen Orr U/16 girl: Julie Knight U/15 girl: Janette McDougall U/14 girl: Vivienne Lonergan U/13 girl: Alison Lange
1970	Open champion boy: Vern Bolt Kevin Fox U/16 boy: Graeme Johns U/15 boy: Stewart Clark U/14 boy: Craig Mead U/13 boy: Neil Brick	Open champion girl: Lynne Rintoul U/16 girl: Judith Tolland U/15 girl: Kerry Shalders U/14 girl: Dianne Brown U/13 girl: Irena Rychal
1971	Open champion boy: Alan Whittome U/16 boy: Paul Miskiewicz U/15 boy: Craig Mead U/14 boy: Kim Drage U/13 boy: Stephen Cole	Open champion girl: Helen Frost U/16 girl: Kerry Shalders U/15 girl: Linley English U/14 girl: Julie Flynn U/13 girl: Marion Kemp
1972	Open champion boy: Graeme Johns U/16 boy: Johnnie Richardson U/15 boy: Kim Drage U/14 boy: Geoff Reynolds	Open champion girl: Helen Frost U/16 girl: Linley English U/15 girl: (not recorded) U/14 girl: Coral English

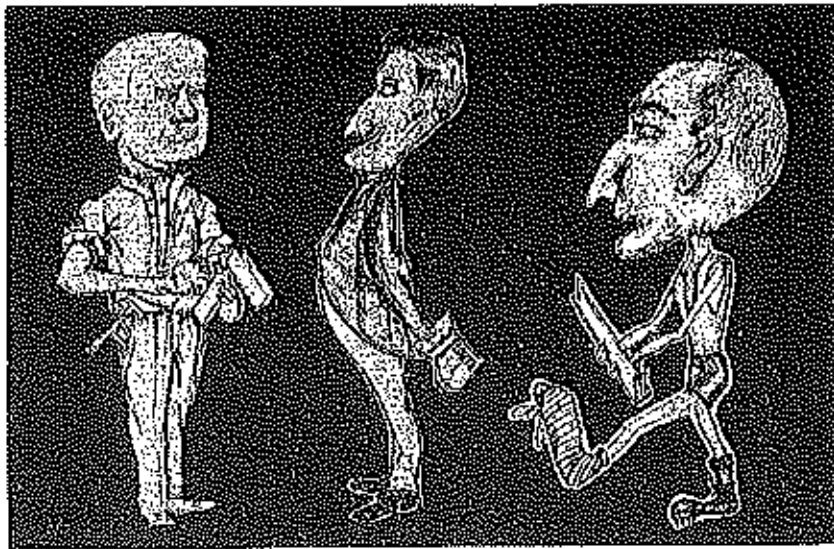
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1973	Open Champion boy: Tim Rigden U/16 boy: Kim Drage U/15 boy: Geoff Reynolds U/14 boy: Ray Ugle	Open Champion girl: Alice Hathaway U/16 girl: Julie Flynn U/15 girl: Wendy Bailey U/14 girl: Sue Rosenthal Sharon Kemp
1974	Open champion boy: Michael Pickford U/16 boy: Paul Stott U/15 boy: Stephen Lonergan U/14 boy: Ray Ugle	Open champion girl: Julie Flynn U/16 girl: Wendy Bailey U/15 girl: Sharon Kemp U/14 girl: Sue Rosenthal
1975	Open champion boy: Barry Jefferson (Names of other champions not available)	Open champion girl: Wendy Bailey
1976	16 years boy: Gary Lonergan 15 years boy: Stephen Lonergan 14 years boy: Les Reynolds 13 and under boy: Clifford Howe	16 years girl: Gillian Robinson 15 years girl: Sue Rosenthal 14 years girl: Jenni Page 13 and under girl: Susan Grover
1977	16 years boy: Trevor Hail 15 years boy: Mark Keyser 14 years boy: Clifford Howe 13 and under boy: Mark Baddeley	16 years girl: Sue Rosenthal 15 years girl: Jenni Page 14 years girl: Carolyn Hathaway 13 and under girl: Tania Growden
1978	16 and over boy: Mervyn Davis 15 years boy: Peter Denholm 14 years boy: Gavin Haslam 13 and under boy: Ken Green	16 and over girl: Jenni Page 15 years girl: Carolyn Hathaway 14 years girl: Tania Growden 13 and under girl: Nicki Grant
1979	16 and over boy: Mark Keyser 15 years boy: Gavin Whittington Craig Bain 14 years boy: Ken Green Darren White 13 and under boy: Andrew Nairn	16 and over girl: Jenni Page 15 years girl: Tania Growden 14 years girl: Nicki Grant
1980	16 and over boy: Lance Sambell (Names of other champions not available)	16 and over girl: Anne Bulkeley
1981	16 and over boy: Darren White 15 years boy: Michael Green 14 years boy: Michael Kemp 13 and under boy: Stephen Park	16 and over girl: Gay English 16 and over girl: Tania Growden 15 years girl: Anne Bulkeley 14 years girl: Francene Strange 13 and under girl: Donna Copping
1982	16 and over boy: Michael Sandilands 15 years boy: Michael Kemp 14 years boy: Peter Mudge 13 and under boy: Richard Graham	16 and over girl: Debbie Doney 15 years girl: Francene Strange 14 years girl: Donna Copping 13 and under girl: Suzanne Brindley
1983	16 and over boy: Michael Sandilands (Names of other champions not available)	16 and over girl: Francene Strange Dianne Brick
1984	16 and over boy: Tim Growden 15 years boy: Richard Graham 14 years boy: Robbie Fleay 13 and under boy: Michael Gillett	16 and over girl: Donna Copping 15 years girl: Kellie Grant 14 years girl: Julie-Ann Sloan 13 and under girl: Melissa Hamilton

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1985	16 and over boy: Tim Robb 15 years boy: Ian Hitsert 14 years boy: Bradley Counsel 13 and under boy: Darren Kowal	16 and over girl: Robin Brick 15 years girl: Debbie Mellows 14 years girl: Melissa Hamilton 13 and under girl: Renae Poot
1986	16 and over boy: Thomas Walters 15 years boy: Michael Gillett 14 years boy: Darren Kowal 13 and under boy: Michael Husband	16 and over girl: Julie Barber 15 years girl: Melissa Hamilton 14 years girl: Renae Poot 13 and under girl: Jane Counsel Eve Reitmajer
1987	Year 12 boy: Ian Hitsert Year 11 boy: Bradley Counsel Year 10 boy: Darren Kowal Year 9 boy: Sheldon Hayden Year 8 boy: Brad Chilcott	Year 12 girl: Julie Watson Year 11 girl: Renae Poot Year 10 girl: Paula Furphy Year 9 girl: Kirsti Bradshaw Year 8 girl: Candy Winmar
1988	Year 12 boy: Bradley Counsel Year 11 boy: Paul Morrison Year 10 boy: Wayne Meiners Sheldon Hayden Year 9 boy: Shannon Kirby Year 8 boy: Shane Bayley	Year 12 girl: Renae Poot Year 11 girl: Louise Forsyth Year 10 girl: Kirsti Bradshaw Year 9 girl: Candy Winmar Year 8 girl: Tara Fairhead
1989	Year 12 boy: Sean Barnes Year 11 boy: Wayne Meiners Year 10 boy: Shannon Kirby Year 9 boy: Shane Bayley Year 8 boy: Leon Abraham	Year 12 girl: Louise Forsyth Year 11 girl: Kirsti Bradshaw Year 10 girl: Candy Winmar Year 9 girl: Jemma Hayes Year 8 girl: Chantelle Lock

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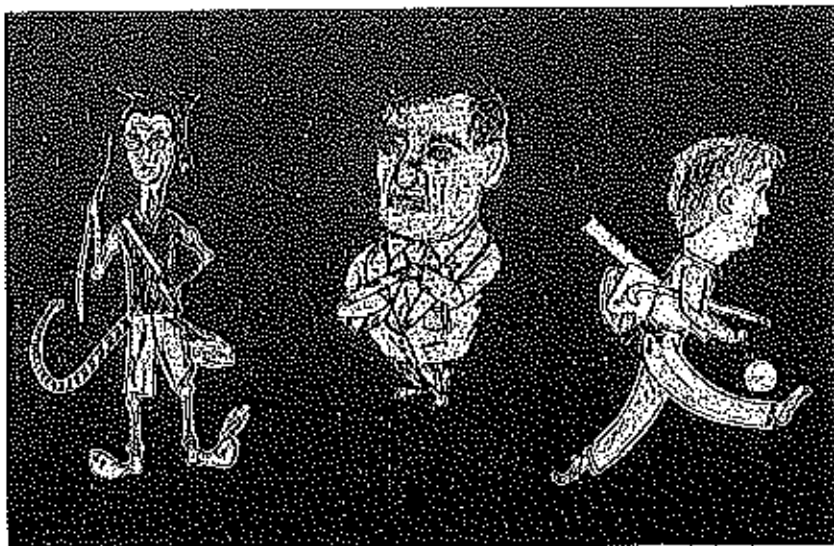
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(Social Studies
and Football)

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Mr W. Johnson
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and coach
of Tigers)

Mr E. Gravenall
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