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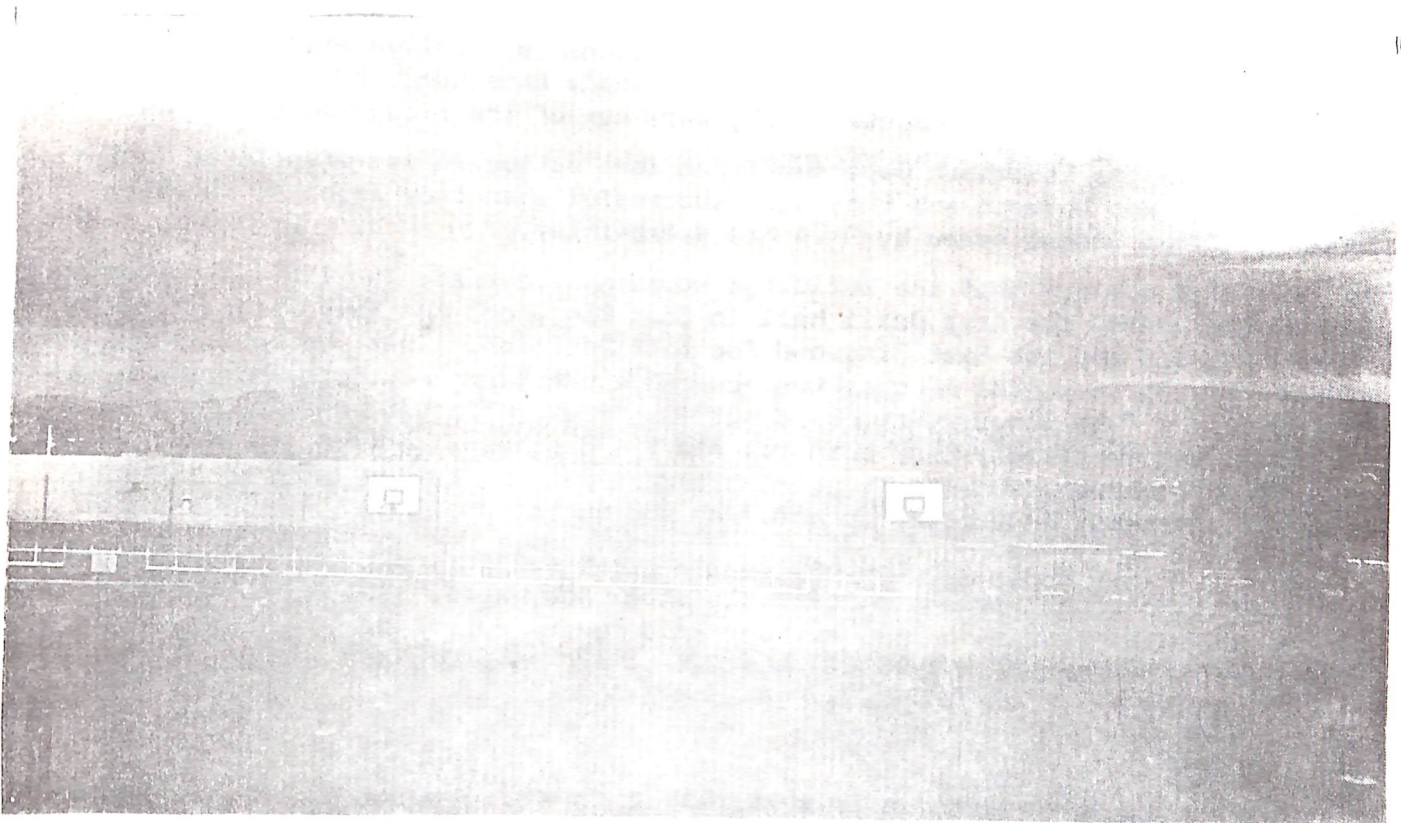
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NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
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In the beginning

After the Second World War there was a population explosion and this, coupled with the population increase due to migration resulted in new housing areas being opened and new schools being built at a very rapid rate.

North Ringwood was not immuned from the phenomena and in 1957 the Education Department became aware of the need for an additional secondary school in the area.

In the fifties, whether for philosophical reasons or for just pure economics, new schools were developed in the buildings or grounds of established schools and for this reason Norwood High School started in the Boronia High School in three classrooms on the first of February 1958.

One hundred and seventeen students (fifty two boys and sixty five girls) were divided into three forms at the first form level of approximately equal ability. The Department had promoted Mr.J.A.Gibson B.A.,B.Ed., from Cohuna High School to be the Headmaster of the new school and he was assisted by a staff of five teachers, Mr.R. Avison (Senior Master and Art and Craft teacher, Mr.J.Collins (English, Maths and Music) Mr.D.Stolk (French, History and English), Mrs.Molenaar (Needlework,Art), and Mrs.B.Methven (Science and Maths). Mrs.Wong was in charge of the office.

The children were drawn from East Ringwood, North Ringwood, Norwood, Mitcham, Park Orchards and Warrandyte and the daily travel to Boronia must have been an added burden for both parents and students.

Curriculum in early days was along traditional lines and our first students studied English, French, History, Geography, Science, Arithmetic, Mathematics, Art, Music, Woodwork, Metalcraft, Mechanical Drawing (Boys), Needlecraft, Home Management (Girls), Physical Education, Sport and Religious Instruction.

Academic excellence was encouraged by the issue of pass and honours certificates and at the first Speech Night held in the Ringwood Town Hall in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress Cr.& Mrs.R.O.Spencer, eighty two students received pass certificates, eleven students received Honours Certificates while Anne Luscombe (1A), Arne Haernerle (1B) and Marilyn Robertson (1C) were dux of their particular forms.

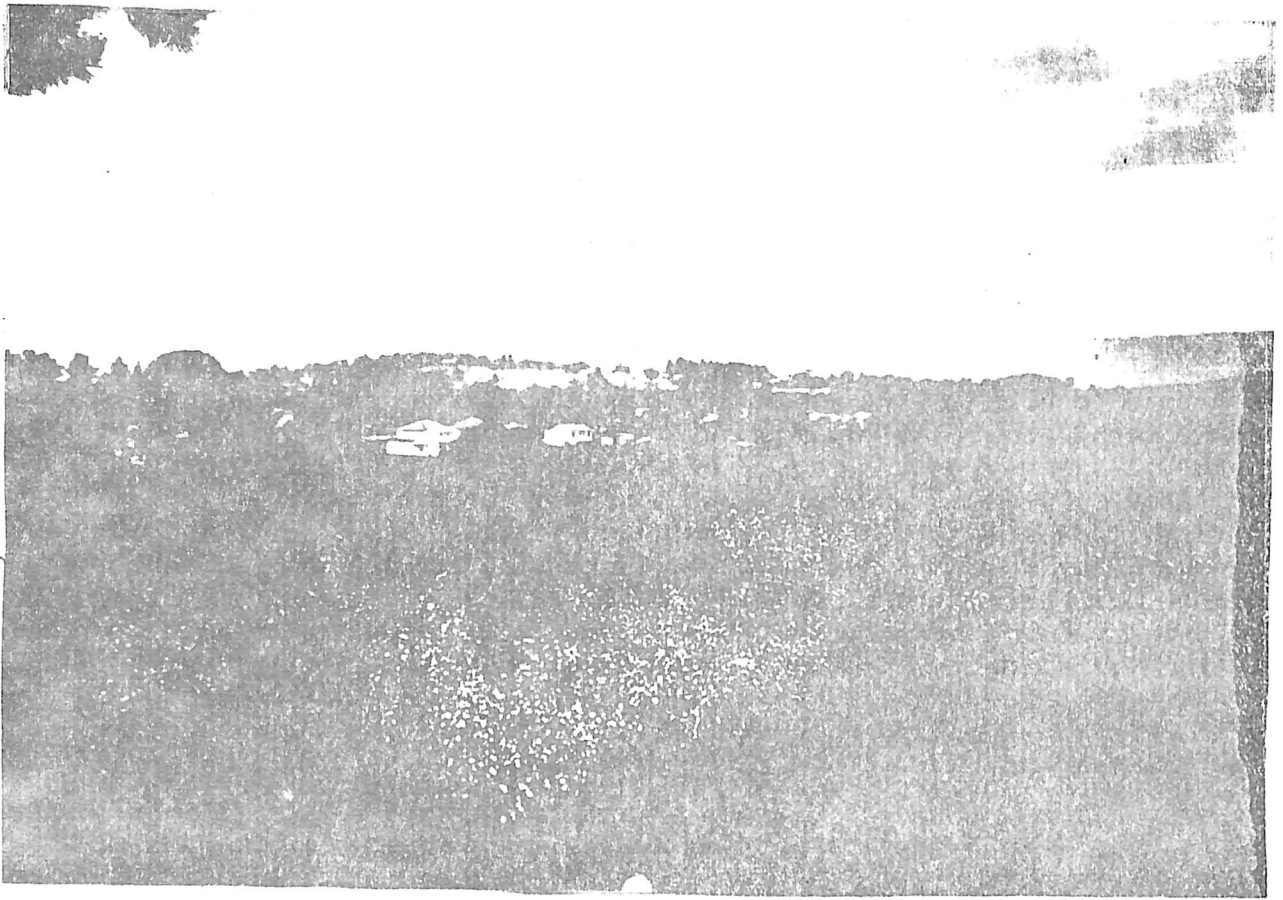
During the year the Education Department had been active in its efforts to find a permanent home for Norwood and they were successful when they acquired the pear orchard in Byron Street owned by Mr.& Mrs.W.MacKinley.

When it became obvious that the buildings would not be ready for 1959 the Department obtained the use of the Army Drill Hall in East Ringwood, the Holy Trinity Church Hall in East Ringwood and the East Ringwood Football Pavilion. This was most unsatisfactory accommodation for a school of over two hundred students in six forms and their teachers Under a heading "the School that could not laugh" the Melbourne Herald wrote "Conditions were extremely bad, both for staff and pupils. Before and after school and in the lunch hour, a large group of children walking two by two could be seen crossing the railway line going to and from the halls."

Finally on the 16th June 1959 the new building was sufficiently advanced to receive students and the School moved to it "lock, stock and barrel" and for the rest of the year the School continued in its new home amid "muddy surroundings and the noise of workmen around the area".

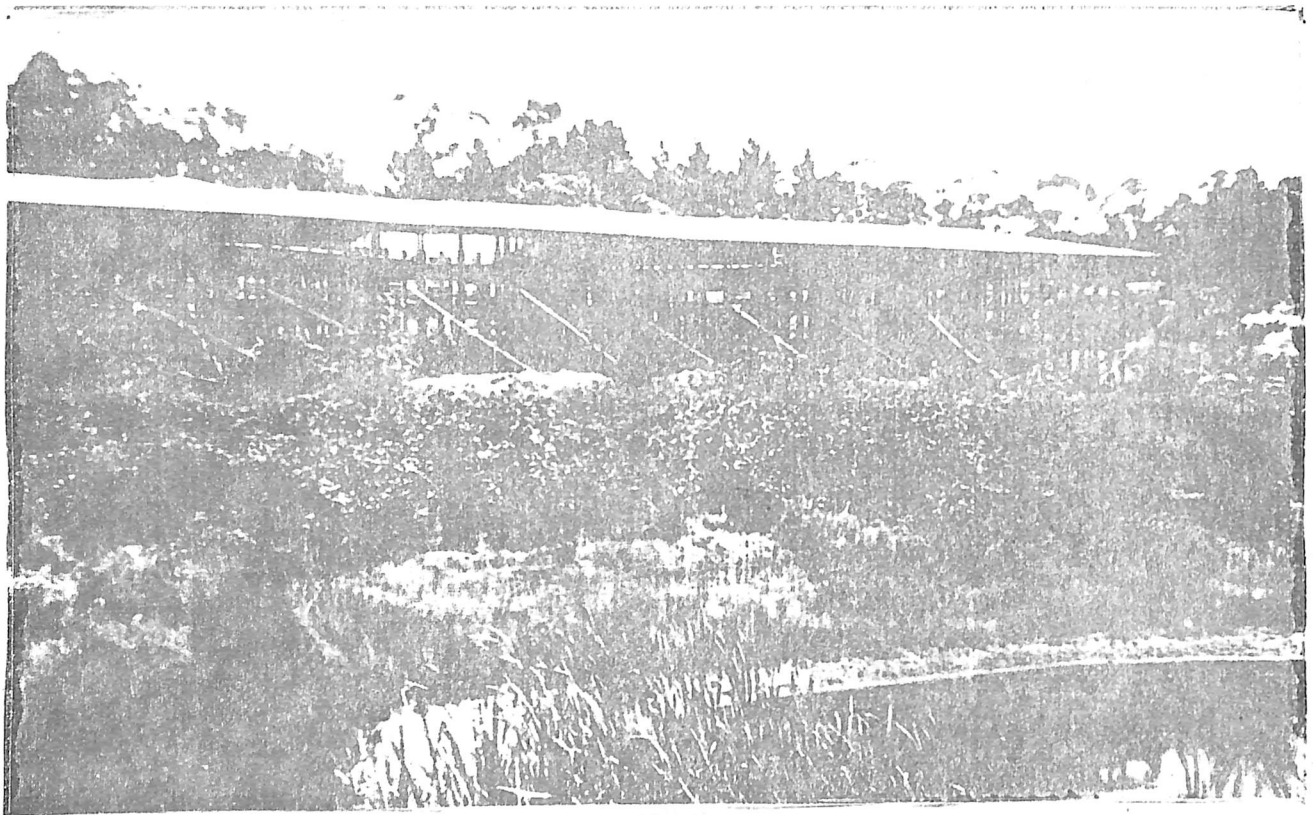
From the Editor

Our apologies for any omissions in this rather sketchy History of the "Old School". The task was a little more than anticipated and had to be hurried to meet dead lines. We hope that someone will write a more complete history in the not to distant future and perhaps this effort will provide a basis to do this.



SITE OF NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Orchard Leased by Peter Vergers, owned by
AIRDS.



NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

(Dam in foreground)

Development around Norwood

Bike Sheds

In September 1959 the School Council erected bike sheds near Byron Street. W.J.F. Pryor was the contractor and his quotation for the work was £498. The bike sheds stood in this area until 1975 when the Commonwealth Library was erected just behind the bike sheds and they were removed. An area in the vicinity of the Administration section of the School was then fenced off to make a compound for the bikes.

Canteen

It is hard to find out the exact date when the Canteen facilities were established in the School but it would appear that temporary canteen facilities, probably in the School building started early in the life of the School with Mrs.Marley as manageress. The first actual canteen building was started in early 1961 when a building sited between two shelter sheds, on a similar pattern to the canteen at Ringwood High School was constructed. Originally it was intended that the canteen would be built by voluntary labour but this idea was replaced by a plan to build it by sub contracts. The actual canteen was built by J.Jewkes for £670. Mr.J.Owens made the furniture and fittings as an estimated cost of £200, plumbing cost £105.7.7. and £47.5.6. was paid to Stoneys for a sink and heater. The concrete floor was covered with rubber tiles at a cost of £135. By the time the canteen was completed it had cost £1460.

Mrs.Betty Wilkins took over the managing of the School Canteen from Mrs.Marley in 1962 and remained in that position until her retirement in 1980 - some 18 years of service to our students. Mrs.Betty Shandley followed Mrs.Wilkins and is the current manageress.

The original building stayed until 1974. With the erection of the Commonwealth Library the sheltersheds and canteen were pulled down and a temporary canteen was set up in the Hall Foyer. It was not until August 1976 that a new brick canteen at the front of the School was commenced. The building was constructed with the assistance of the Public Works Department at the cost of \$25,000. The canteen itself is 32ft x 20ft with a glassed in serving area of a similar size.

The success of the canteen over the past twenty five years has been due to the careful and imaginative management of our three Canteen Managers and the generous support of the parents. At present more than 150 mothers give at least one morning a month to the canteen.



The hungry hordes!
Students line up at the canteen which during 1974 has been located in the foyer of the school hall.

The School Oval

No sooner was the school in its permanent quarters than those in authority began to consider the development of the area. In May 1960 £55 worth of grading was carried out with the idea of providing a level area for playing basketball (net ball). In August 1960 discussion began with reference to the construction of an oval although there was quite a deal of support for the building of an Assembly Hall. There was possibly two reasons why the oval was given the priority - first was the fact that there was quite an amount of road construction taking place in the area - in particular Mullum Road - and the road contractors were anxious to find a suitable area to dump filling and secondly on enquiry it was found that the Education Department had more than 100 applicants for subsidy for the building of Assembly Halls.

It was realised that additional funding would be required to build the oval and the Norwood High School Co-operative was formed. This Co-operative which is still in existence had as its foundation directors Cr.P.Vergers, Dr.Matthews, Cr.Hubbard, Mrs.Coombs and Cr.Spencer, Cr.Manson M.L.A. who appeared to be a very good friend of Norwood at this time arranged for a special subsidy of £5000 for the oval and a loan for £4000 was obtained from the State Savings Bank. In November when finance seemed secure a Mr.Taylor was engaged to make a survey, draw up plans and specifications and estimate costs. This he did and the estimate was £10,248. In December, the Council called tenders for the work. Tenders were received, Theiss Bros.£9012, Excavations Ltd, £9256, Kingston £10,482 and Roche Bros.£13,788. In February 1962 the tender of Theiss Bros. was accepted and work started immediately. By the end of March the work was completed but because of the dry season the germination of grass seed over the oval was reduced by 30%. This required the oval to be reseeded - it required the oval to be harrowed, re-sown and then watered. When the oval was completed the Education Department made a further grant of £4866 towards the project - so all in all the School Council did quite well as far as funding the project was concerned.

Although the new grass germinated well there was quite a deal of scouring on the oval banks caused by bikes being ridden on them. Notices forbidding this activity were placed on the Mullum Road side and consideration was given to the erection of a 3 ft 6 inch fence along the top bank.

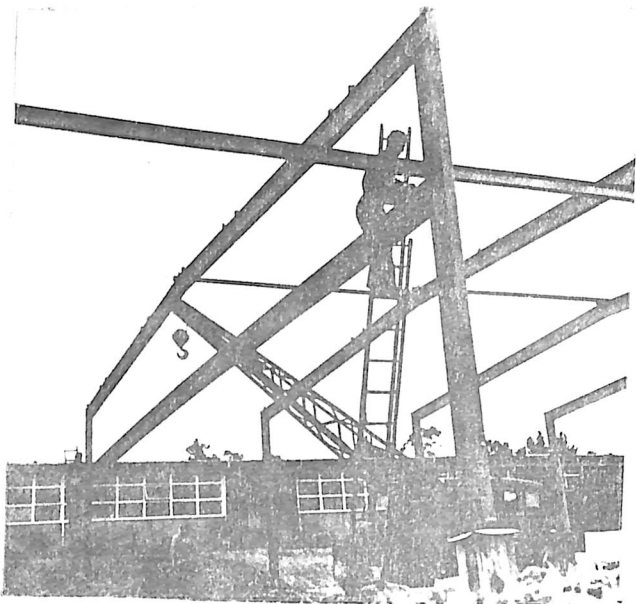
Cricket has always been a popular pastime at Norwood and in September 1962 a concrete wicket was laid for the cost of £60. In 1964 two practice pitches were laid on the oval edge near Byron Street.

It soon became evident that steps would be necessary to give access to the oval down the steep bank from the School and in November 1965 School Council accepted a tender from the Maroondah Paving Co of £720 to construct two sets of steps down to the oval.

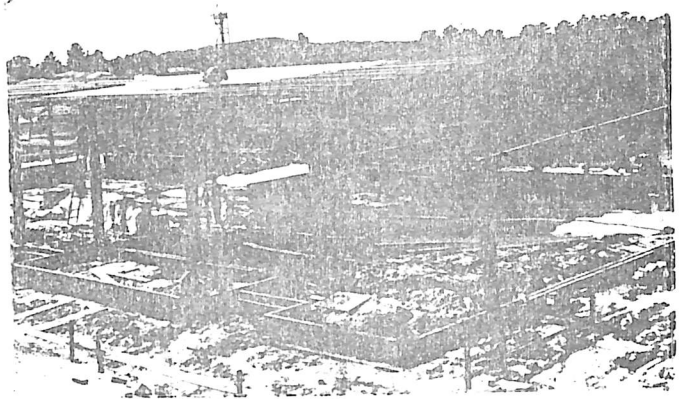
The oval has proved a valuable asset to the School and at present it provides the major grassed playing area for the students in the School. In addition it is used regularly each Saturday during the summer by the Norwood Cricket Club. Drainage has always been a problem and during winter it frequently can become too wet to use. The Engineers Department at the Ringwood City Council and parents who are Civil Engineers have been very helpful and as a result of their advice mole draining was effected in 1978. This has been effective but the mole draining does have a limited life span and further work in this direction might become necessary. In 1977 three asphalt netball courts were constructed at the eastern end of the School oval to provide a much needed facility for our girls. In addition they also provided a dry area for play when the oval was too wet for use.

Changing and toilet facilities for people using the School oval outside school hours has always been a problem and in 1977 School Council had a small amenities block constructed at the side of the oval for this purpose at a cost of some \$11,000. Although it has provided for this need the problem of vandalism has been a great cause of concern to School Council.

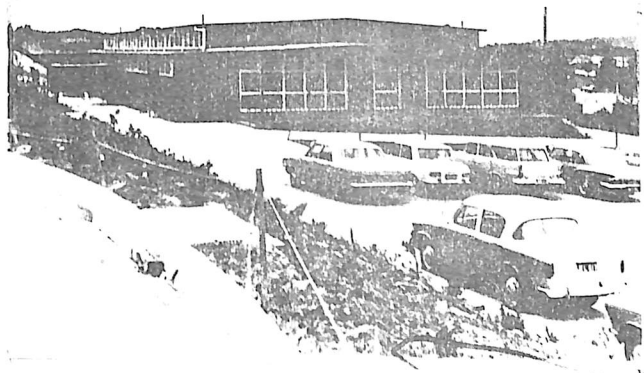
The building of the School Hall



The first girders



Rising out of "The Hole in the Ground"



Completion

Norwood School Hall

Early in Norwood's history the possible construction of a School Hall was discussed. Indeed in 1961 when the oval was first discussed it was touch and go as to the possibility of the building of the Hall being given priority. What possibly turned the scale was the fact that the Education Department had applications from some 100 schools for assistance to construct an Assembly Hall and the School Council realised that there would be considerable delay in the building of the Halls.

However as soon as the oval was completed the School Council again directed its attention to the building of a Hall.

The School Council obtained information about halls at Ringwood High School, Karingal High School, Blackburn High School, St.Albans High School and by April 1966 Council decided that a type 800 Hall similar to that at Blackburn would best suit the purpose of this school. Council found that this type of Hall would cost approximately \$104,000 and that the Education Department would contribute \$72,000 towards the building. To help bridge the gap the Norwood High School Co-operative was reformed with the intention of borrowing \$26,000 from the Commonwealth Bank.

So great was the support for the Hall that Council had little difficulty in securing the necessary shareholders amongst the parents to establish the Co-operative.

Tenders for the Hall were called in June 1967 and the successful tenderers for the building was W.J.Cody and Quinn Pty Ltd and R.J.Allen secured the tender for the electrical work.

The Hall was to be built to accommodate 900 people. There was to be sound and lighting equipment for stage presentations and the Hall would serve as a gymnasium. There must have been quite a deal of excavation required for the building of Hall as the School Fete which took place at the end of July 1967 was dubbed the "hole-in-the-ground" fete.

Although the furnishing for the Hall was still being delivered the School Council decided that the first official function in the Hall should be the Investiture of Prefects in April 1968.

Since the Hall has been built it has served the school well in both capacities - as a Hall and as a gymnasium. From 1973 on the School has staged at least one musical production each year and to facilitate this concertina doors between the Hall and the foyer were removed in 1979 and replaced by a bio box and wooden wall. In 1982 the curtains on the Hall stage and on the clearstore windows were replaced by the Ladies Auxiliary.



The first Assembly in new Hall April 1968



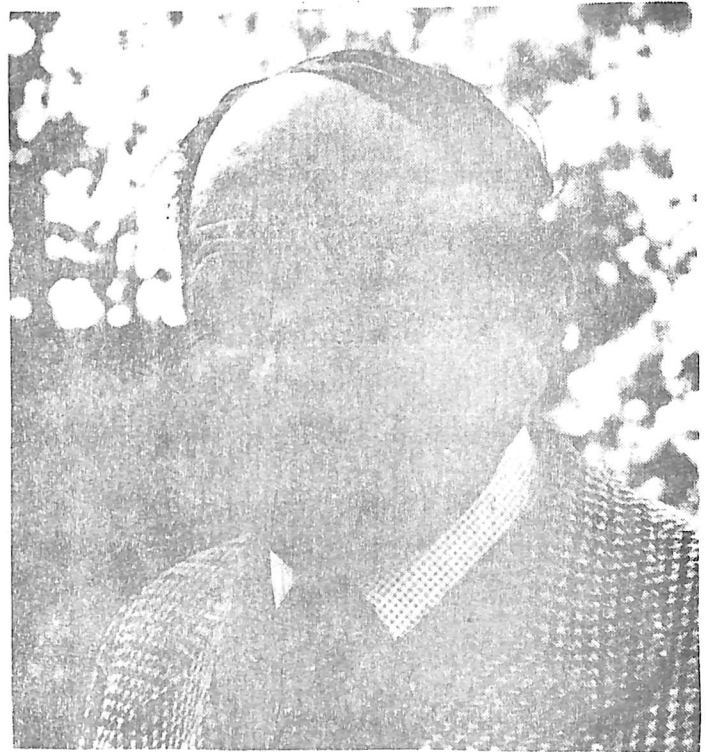
Mr. J. A. GIBSON, Headmaster



Mr. A.H. STUCHBERY



Mr. R.K. CORDING



Mr. S.L. WATERSON

Deputy Principals of Norwood (A photo of Mr. Avison was not available)



Mr. Ingwersen



Mr. Samblebe



Mr. McCarthy



Mr. Cousins

Principals at Norwood

The First Principal

The first principal at Norwood High was Mr.J.A.Gibson, B.A., B.Ed., T.P.T.C. Mr.Gibson moved to Norwood from Cohuna High School in February 1958 and cared for the School from 1958 to 1961. In 1961 he accepted promotion to become Principal of Princes Hill High School. He retired from Princes Hill High School and is living in retirement at Lamb Island, Queensland. Mr.Gibson was an able organisor and his energy in seeing a task through was reflected in the school he had developed.

The Second Principal

The second principal at Norwood High was Mr.A.H.Stuchbery, B.A., Dip.Ed., T.P.T.C. Mr.Stuchbery transferred from Principal at Maribyrnong High School to become Principal of Norwood High School in 1962. Mr.Stuchbery was to stay at Norwood for only one year before he received promotion to become the Principal of Mitcham High school where he remained until his retirement. Mr.Stuchbery is living in retirement in Wantirna Road, Ringwood.

The Third Principal

The third principal at Norwood High School was Mr.R.K.Cording, B.A., B.Ed. Mr.Cording transferred from Principal at Mirboo North High School to become Principal at Norwood High in 1963 where he was to stay until he retired from teaching in 1973. In an article in the 1972 Weemala Mrs.Rosewarne who was on the staff with Mr.Cording noted that he had always taken a deep interest in the development and progress of each individual student and again "thanks to your direction and leadership it has gained the reputation of being a 'good school' both for its staff and students." Mr.Cording is living in retirement in Bayswater.

The Fourth Principal

The fourth principal at Norwood was Mr.S.L.Waterson, B.A., B.Ed., who had previously been Principal at Kyneton High School, Newborough High School and Purtoe High School. He took over from Mr.Cording in March 1973 and he will retire at the end of 1983 from the position of Principal at Norwood High School. He too intends to live in retirement in Ringwood.

The Principal Elect

The Education Department has appointed Mr.L.Toscano, B.Sc., Dip.Ed., to be the fifth Principal at Norwood High School. Mr.Toscano is the present Principal of Coburg High School and will take over his position at Norwood High School in 1984.

Vice Principals at Norwood

1958 - 1961	Mr.Avison
1962	Mr.Ingwersen
1963 - 1965	Mr.Samblebe
1966 - 1975	Mr.D.McCarthy
1976	Mr.S.Cousins

Parent Bodies associated with Norwood High School

School Council

The first Advisory Council was elected in June 1959 when over 100 parents met in the Lower Town Hall to elect their representatives. The five parent representatives on the first Council were Mr.C.R.Badger, Mr.A.Harding, Dr.P.Matthews, Mr.R.W.Holt and Mr.A.R.Wilkins. The Education Department nominees were Mrs.W.Coombs, Mr.J.Fullerton, Mr.D.Purdie, Cr.P.Vergers and Cr.R.Spencer. Cr.Hubbard and Cr.Wilson represented the municipal interests in the District and Mr.H.Hopkins was the District Inspector of Schools and Mr.A.Gibson the School Headmaster. The President of the School Council was Cr.Spencer, Mr.Gibson was Secretary and Mr.D.Purdie was Treasurer.

Norwood High School always had a competent and interested Advisory Council and this fact was probably the reason why the overall planning of the School development was very orderly and well structured.

In 1975 moves were made in the Education Department to give more power to parent bodies and the School Advisory Council was constituted, a School Council with greater authority over the School organisation. Once again the School was fortunate to have parents and teachers with the expertise to carry out this rather demanding task.

Presidents of the Norwood High School Council in the past 25 years were -

1959 - 1965	Cr. K.O. Spencer
1965 - 1968	Mr. Ian Lloyd
1968 - 1971	Cr. Ron Hamilton
1971 - 1974	Mr. Stuart Burns
1974 - 1976	Mr. Keith Irving
1977 - 1979	Mr. Fred Hill
1979 - 1983	Mr. Ron Anstee

Parent and Citizens Association

The parent interest in the development of the school was keen and on Thursday, February 20th, 1958, some seventy parents attended a meeting in the Ringwood Town Hall at which it was agreed that a Parent and Citizens Association should be formed. At this meeting it was agreed that all parents should be asked to contribute regularly to school funds through an envelope system. The first School Fair raised a very commendable amount of £105 while two street stalls raised over £90 towards school funds. However the body was not to be merely a fund raising group and their minutes note that they should arrange for addresses to parents by visiting speakers, make representations to our parliamentary representatives, approach the Ringwood Council on various matters concerning the School and spend time considering school uniform. Already the body was discussing the possibility of organising a canteen to provide lunches for students.

At the beginning of 1959 when the School was in temporary accommodation a deputation of ten led by Mr.Manson M.L.A., waited on the Minister to protest about the unhygienic conditions in the temporary accommodation. The absence of educational facilities and the gross inconvenience of having the School spread over three buildings, nearly a mile apart and the suspicious absence of activity on the permanent school site. It must have been a good deputation because one of the staff wrote "The next day you could not get into Byron Street for the cars that were there and the hammering and other activity was of a fervour not seen previously."

With the appointment of the Advisory Council late in 1959 many of the tasks previously carried out by the Parent and Citizens Committee naturally passed over to the Council.

However the minute books showed that the Parent and Citizens Committee did play an important part in the fund raising in particular the annual school fair and that some very good informative discussions on educational matters took place.



MR. R. SPENCER

First President of School Council

Fete Scenes

1965



Mrs. Twisse, Mrs. Blackie and Mrs. Bryce seem quite happy with their well-stocked Fancy Goods Stall.



Mrs. Dawson and Wendy Young serve Chinese food to appreciative customers.

Meetings took place regularly up till 1967 when the idea of increasing the voluntary levy to avoid the necessity of running a fete was adopted. This seemed to have been the death knell for the Parent and Citizens Association, no matter what is said, people are more interested in working for an organisation than enjoying its priveledges and a noticeable drop off in attendances and regularity in the meetings became evident. The last meeting of the Parent and Citizens Association was the Annual Meeting on 18th November 1971 when Mr.Cording, the then Principal, announced that formal meetings had been abandoned. In 1975 the School Council formally disbanded the Parent and Citizens Association.

Presidents of the Parent and Citizens Association were -

1958	Mr.Purdie
1959	
1960	
1961	E.V.Pullen
1962	P.Hickinbotham
1963	
1964	R.A.Hamilton
1965	
1966	A.Giles Peters
1967	L.K.Irving
1968	G.Rance
1969	J.Jordon
1970	J.Jones
1971	J.Jones

Ladies Auxiliary

The first mention of a Ladies Auxiliary at Norwood appears in the 1961 Magazine where it is reported that the ladies under the leadership of Mrs.Blackmore had been busy raising money by the usual methods (cake stalls, clothing stalls, and the Barn Dance) to furnish the Headmaster's office but the impression gained from reading the report was that the Auxiliary was well established in 1961 and had probably been in existence from 1959. Mention is made of the countless aprons made for the work stall at the fete, and it would appear that the Auxiliary was an extremely busy group in the early years of the School.

With the demise of the fets and the introduction of the voluntary levy the focus of the Auxiliary changed from money raising to a more educational approach around 1968. However this did not mean that the Auxiliary ceased to be a working group and the 1968 report mentioned book repair in the library, canteen duty, the staff luncheon and the matriculation dinner. This seemed to be the tenor of the Auxiliary meetings up till about 1978.

In that year the Executive of the Auxiliary, concerned with the rising cost of school books, established a book exchange and later followed this with a uniform exchange. The funds raised from these efforts were used to finance a particular project each year - some of these projects were the carpeting of the four staffrooms, the upgrading of the Chaplain's room, new curtains for the hall stage, carpeting the Year 12 room, purchasing video equipment.

In 1983 the Ladies Auxiliary is still a very vital and important group under the leadership of Mrs.Jean Nixon.

Canteen Committee

From the very early days of Norwood the Canteen has helped provide for the physical needs of the students. Early minutes indicate that there was a Canteen Committee appointed in 1960 to support the Manageress and to make decisions in this area on behalf of the School. The Committee reported regularly to School Council and the Parent and Citizens Committee, and consisted of representatives from the Advisory Council, Parent and Citizens Association, Ladies Auxiliary and Canteen Manageress. Succeeding Canteen Committees have taken over the complete management of the Canteen reporting regularly to the School Council and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Camp Committee

In 1977 when the School had first acquired the old Gooram Primary School it was decided to form a Camp Committee to facilitate the development of the property. The first Camp Committee under the leadership of Mr. Barry Moore with the Rev. D. McKechnie as Secretary was elected on the 22nd March 1977 and immediately set to work to create a camp for the School. It would be fair to say that without the enthusiasm of this Committee the development of the camp would have been slower and not to the same standard of completion.

In 1978 Mr. Phil Elsbury was elected Chairman of the Committee and he held this position until 1982 when the completed camp was opened and the Committee disbanded.

Friends of Gooram

During the development of the School camp at Gooram it was decided to ask parents who had specialist training in the building area to volunteer their services for one week-end per year to go to Gooram and work on the camp. Forty nine parents offered this help and they were known as Friends of Gooram.



Norwood Office Staff 1974

Mrs. Lloyd Mrs. Kelk Mrs. Gryst Mrs. Angwin



Norwood's No. 1. Support
Mrs. Geddes

Interschool Sport

Norwood has always taken a prominent part in Interschool Sport. In 1958 and 1959 it was a member of the B Section of the Eastern Division of the Metropolitan High Schools Interschool Competitions. This was a group of new High Schools where there were students in junior forms only. In 1958 Norwood won the swimming and came second in the athletics in this group.

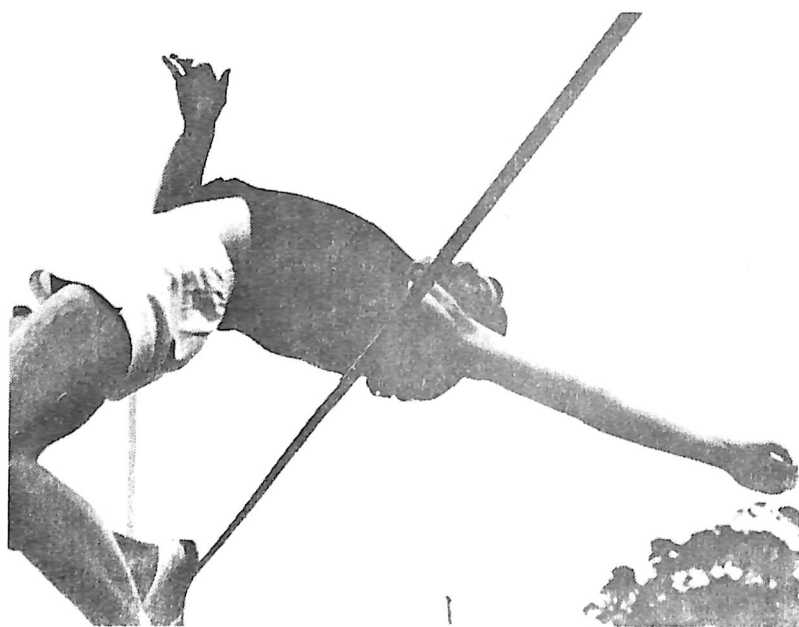
In 1960 Norwood joined the Mountain Division of the Metropolitan High Schools Sports Association. The other schools in this group were Upwey, Ringwood, Boronia, Mitcham, Lilydale and Croydon. In this group Norwood soon started to win its share of the competition particularly in swimming, athletics, tennis and basketball.

In 1974 the number of schools in the area having increased it was decided to form the Maroondah Division of the Metropolitan High Schools Sports Association. The members in the Division were Maroondah, Ringwood, Norwood, Mitcham, Vermont and Donvale High Schools. Later in 1978 Parkwood High and Doncaster East High were to be admitted to the Maroondah Division to make one of the largest and possibly one of the most successful divisions in the Association. In 1978 the Metropolitan High School Sports Association was to become the Victorian High Schools Sports Association. This move meant that country high schools could compete at the All High School level thus greatly increasing the Competition - in 1983, 343 secondary schools were eligible to compete for the honour of All High Champion.

Teams or individual sportspersons from Norwood who have achieved the honour of being an All High Champion are as follows -

- 1971 Jenny Morgan 100 mts Under 16 Athletics Jenny Orr Open 400 mts Athletics
1974 Ian Goodochkin (U16 High Jump) Mark Venables (U13 800 mtrs)
U13 Boys Swimming Relay U13 Girls Swimming Relay
Steven Anstee (U14 Boys Breaststroke 100 mts)
1975 Senior Girls Tennis Team
U14 Girls Medley Relay Team (Swimming) U13 Girls Freestyle Swimming Relay Team
Steven Anstee U15 Breaststroke 100 mts Karen Anstee U13 Breaststroke U13 50mts
1976 Junior Girls Hockey Team Intermediate Girls Softball Team
Athletics U13 Boys Relay, F.Henderson U13 Girls Long Jump
Claire Richards U13 Girls Shot Putt Frank Grandi U13 Boys Long Jump
Philip Ross U14 Boys Long Jump
Swimming Steven Anstee U16 Breaststroke 100 mts
U15 Girls Medley Relay and U14 Girls Freestyle Relay
1977 Seniors Boys Tennis Junior Boys Tennis Senior Girls Tennis
Athletics Fiona Henderson U14 Long Jump Janine McFadzean 800 mtrs open
Andrew Bartlett U13 Boys 400 mts Frank Grandi U14 Triple Jump
Gary O'Donnell U13 800 mts
Swimming U16 Girls Medley Relay U16 Girls Freestyle
Karen Anstee U14 Breaststroke 50 mts Steven Anstee U17 Breaststroke 100 mts
1978 Athletics U14 Girls Relay Frank Grandi U15 Triple Jump Frank Grandi U15
Long Jump Peter Power Open Boys Discus
Swimming Steven Anstee Open Freestyle 400 mts Steven Anstee Open Freestyle
100 mts Steven Anstee Open Breaststroke 100 mts U14 Girls Medley Relay
Boys Open Medley Relay Boys Open Freestyle Relay
1979 Intermediate Girls Netball
Athletics U18 Girls Relay K.Nicholls U16 400 mts
Swimming Steven Anstee 400 mts Freestyle Open Steven Anstee 100 mtrs
Breaststroke Open Kevin Williamson U14 Breaststroke 50 mts
1980 Junior Boys Tennis Junior Boys Cricket Team
Athletics U14 Girls Relay Team
Swimming Lynne Anstee U15 Breaststroke 50 mts
1981 Intermediate Girls Tennis Team Junior Boys Tennis
Athletics U17 Girls Relay Team Kerrie Nicholls 800 mts
1982 Intermediate Girls Tennis Team Intermediate Boys Cricket Team
Athletics Open Girls Relay Team
Swimming Lynne Anstee U17 Breaststroke 100 mts Lynne Anstee U17 200 mts

Inter-school Athletics 1977



1983 Senior Girls Tennis Team

** At the time of writing the following teams have reached the final four in the All High Competition -

Junior Boys Football Intermediate Boys Football Senior Boys Football
Intermediate Boys Cricket Team Seniors Boys Cricket Team
Intermediate Girls Hockey Team

The Mirboo North Visits

When Mr. Cording became Principal of Norwood High School in 1963 he established a tradition of sporting competition with his old school Mirboo North High School. The teams alternated each year the home teams billeting the visitors in their homes for the week of competition. As well as sporting competition there were also competition in debating as well as social interaction.

As Norwood increased in size the competition became rather one sided and finally in 1971 the interschool visits were abandoned.

Some of the staff behind the exceptional Interschool Sporting Results between 1973 - 1983



Mrs. Jurey
Netball



Mr. Webb and Mr. Wilson, Football, Cricket, Swimming



Mrs. Morello
Swimming & Athletics



An ex-Norwoodian and
now a teacher -
Mrs. Webb - Tennis



Mrs. Penderoast
Hockey

We can't find photos of a number of others.

The Norwood High School Sporting Club

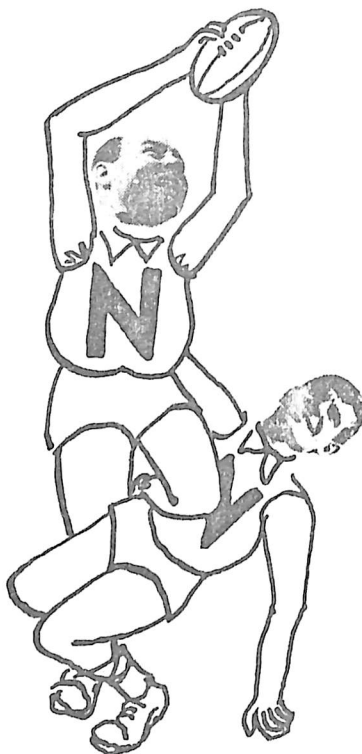
One of the most important events in the sporting life of Norwood took place in 1959 with the formation of the Norwood High School Sporting Club. This Club was interested in playing Norwood High School student teams in Saturday sporting competitions. In 1959 the Club entered a basketball (now netball) team in the Eastern High Schools Saturday Basketball Association, a cricket team in the C Grade of the Ringwood District Cricket Association and in 1960 a football team in the Under 16 division of the Croydon Ferntree Gully League. Three Enthusiasts Miss Methven (basketball), Mr.O'Bryan (cricket) and Mr.Jamieson (football and later cricket) supported by a very active parent group were the drive behind this Club.

By 1962 the Club had 170 registered players with a senior and two junior teams in the Ringwood District Cricket Association (one junior team won the Division 2 Premiership), 4 basketball teams in the Eastern Suburban Womens Basketball Teams (A team were premiers and C team runners up) a junior tennis team in the Eastern Metropolitan Tennis Association and two football teams, a senior and a junior team, in the Eastern Districts Football League. Each year saw an increased number of competitors in the Club. 1963 saw two more basketball teams and a senior tennis team with premierships in the senior A basketball team, junior tennis and senior cricket.

By 1965 there were seven basketball teams in the Eastern Suburban Womens Basketball Association, four teams in the Ringwood District Cricket Association, two senior teams in the tennis and a senior and junior football team.

By this time a number of ex students, staff and parents were playing in these Saturday teams and already the logical change to independent sports clubs associated with the area was unfolding. Miss Methven, Mr.Peckham and Mr.Jamieson together with Mrs.Meyland who organised the tennis were still prominent in the Club. There was a certain reluctance to drop the "High School" from the names of the teams and it wasn't until 1972 that the cricket and football clubs became the Norwood Cricket Club and the Norwood Football Club. These Clubs have become very strong in their varying sports and in 1983 Norwood had a number of cricket teams with the seniors playing Chandler Shield and the football club too had a number of teams in the Eastern Suburbs Football League with the senior team playing in B division.

Both Clubs kept the familiar purple and gold as their Club colours. The basketball section of the Sporting Club was integrated into the newly formed Mullum Netball Club and as a result three very strong sporting groups were nurtured from the Norwood High School Sporting Club.



The Jamieson, Peckham combination

Sportsmen and Women from Norwood

When we think of the sportspersons from Norwood possibly the most famous would be the Orr sisters. Jenny was the only student to take part in the Olympic games representing Australia in the 800 metres and the 1500 metres events. Her sister Sue was more interested in walking and achieved international status in this sport.

However there have been many students at Norwood who have represented either their Country or their State in their chosen sport.

Mark Linger 1975/6 represented Australia in his age group in baseball, Janine McFadzean 1975/78 represented Australia in athletics, Frank Grandi 1976 Australian Triple Jump Champion for his age group, Steven Anstee 1979 represented Australia in the International Surf Carnival as well as swimming a number of Victorian championships as did his sisters Karen and Lynne. Neil Howlett 1979 won the Schoolboy Orienteering title and Phillip McKenzie 1979 was the Australian Under 16 Orienteering title holder. In 1980 Paul Salmon was selected in the Under 16 Australian Football team and in 1982 Geoff Parker was selected in the Australian Under 16 Cricket team and Paula Sayers was a Gold medal winner in the Pacific Area Orienteering Competition.

Students who have played for Victoria in either School or age groups have been -

Cricket - Adrian Brush 1976, Graeme Ewart 1975, Gary O'Donnell 1980, Dean Bailey 1982, Geoff Parker 1982.

Tennis - Greg Harris 1975, Sue Saliba 1973, Karen Weybury 1982/3, Natalie Rose 1982/3, Lisa Keller 1983.

Football - Wayne Farquhar 1973, Paul Salmon 1980, Dean Bailey 1982, Geoff Parker 1982/3.

Hockey - Simon Lew 1979, Karen Nicholls 1980, Richard Gange 1980.

Netball - Kerri Dick 1979.

Ice Skating - Peter Hartshorne 1975

Ice Hockey - Simon Quinn 1977, Stuart MacDonald 1983

Fencing - Yvonne Wallace 1977

Soccer - Paul Jevtovic 1980

Canoeing - Jenny Corser 1980/81

Boomerang Throwing - Andrew Lewis 1983

However there are many sportspeople from Norwood who probably represented either Victoria or Australia and the School does not have any record of them having done so or again could have if they wished.

In the 60's we find quite a number of names at Norwood who played an important part in local sport and probably were involved in sport at interstate level but unfortunately there is no record in the School of their sporting career.

Since the writing of this paragraph Natalie Rose has been selected in the Australian Schoolgirls Tennis team and Geoffrey Parker was selected in the Australian Football team (Under 16) and was awarded the J. Williams medal for the best footballer in the 1983 Interstate Schoolboy Carnival.



Margaret Beale 1969
Lions Girl of the Year



Jenny Orr
Olympic Athlete



Our hostesses at the Premiers' Conference. 1974



Jane Worley 1970
District Final
Youth Speaks for Australia

PARLIAMENT OF YOUTH



Since the beginning Norwood High School has always been conscious of the need for academic excellence by its students and the results at the High School Certificate examination and earlier at the Leaving Certificate examination have justified this concern. Indeed many attribute this as being the major reason for the success and popularity of the School.

However besides the purely academic needs of the students the School has always taken great pride in the success of students in the social and academically orientated competitions that seem so prevalent.

Looking through old magazines and other school records we note that in -

- 1968 Margaret Ford represented Victoria in Jaycees Youth Speaks for Australia
- 1969 That the Norwood team of Margaret Beale, Mark Weller and John Holmes reached the final in "Its Academic"
- 1970 Jane Worley won the District Final of Youth Speaks for Australia
- 1971 Mark Weller represented Ringwood Lions in the Youth of the Year Contest and was also made a Queens Scout.
Margaret Beale was selected by Ringwood Lions as their "Girl of the Year"
- 1973 Neil Stafford and Karen McGeachie were members of the Victorian Youth Orchestra and Elizabeth Westlake won the Jessie Glover prize in Home Economics
- 1974 Norwood High School designed the cover for the Agenda of the Premiers Conference in Melbourne and seven Form 6 Girls were invited to be hostesses at the Conference.
Sue Deeds won a distinction in HSC Biology and Julie Greness (1970) was awarded the Leper Medal for Classic by Melbourne University
- 1975 Colin McKenzie won a distinction in Pure Maths, Applied Maths and a General Distinction, Mark Heyning won a distinction in Applied Maths.
David Stafford and Andrew Steer were selected in the Southern Cross Boys Choir and Wendy Prohasky was awarded the Marion Trevitt Scott Scholarship
- 1976 Ian McKenzie (1968) was awarded the Australian National University Gold Medal for Economics
- 1977 Amanda Mendes won the Eastern Zone Award for Lions Club Youth of the Year
Mark Studd Ringwood District Lions Youth of the Year and scholarship to Royal Military College Duntroon
Lyndell Brown Record Cover Design Competition
- 1978 Steven Hyde General Distinction for HSC
- 1979 Kerrie Stewart Lions Club Girl Youth of the Year for Eastern Victoria
Michelle Unsworth ANZ Bank Essay Competition Under 16
Michael Irving and Paul Wilson Duke of Edinburgh Adventure Award
Paul Davey Queens Scout
- 1980 Grant Marshall, Amanda Hall, Andrea Fairfull, Rotary Exchange Scholarships
Jenny Currey Distinction in English HSC
- 1981 Andrew Parker Thomas Cherry Prize in Mathematics, Melbourne University Maths Competition
Elizabeth McFarlane Distinction in Australian History HSC
- 1982 Year 11 Geography students won \$60 for their investigation into transport problems in Park Orchards area
Louise Todd Walter Lindrum Scholarship
- 1983 Jason Thomas Royal Military College scholarship
Carolyn Unsworth Guide Representative to Commemorative Celebrations of Guiding in Great Britain
Angela Wooles Rotary Exchange Scholarship
Jane Simmons Soloist in the presentation of "Elijah" in Melbourne Concert Hall

Music in Norwood

Music has always played a prominent part in the life at Norwood. In the very early days the school had a small girls choir under the direction of Mr. Collins who specialised in Australian Folk songs.

With the appointment of Mrs. Rosewarne in 1959 music really came to its own. Separate boys and girls choirs were formed and a girls madrigal group started. In 1961 saw the start of instrumental music in the school - this was a private arrangement between the parents and the instrumental teachers although the Advisory Council donated £100 for the purchase of instruments - two flutes, one trombone and a second-hand trumpet were bought with this money. The first teachers were Mrs. Barton violin and Mrs. Gelbart flute.

In 1965 the Education Department appointed Mr. C. Boon and Mr. A. Brookes as instrumental teachers of woodwind and brass and Mr. Davis of the R.A.A.F. band was appointed to teach percussion. Mr. S. Fasinos taught guitar under a private arrangement with the parents. At this time over hundred students in the School were being taught an instrument.

After the 1965 Concert in the Ringwood Town Hall the Advisory Council made a loan of £250 to the music department. This money was used to buy a double bass, a pair of timpani, a trombone, cello, cymbals, side drum, tuba and tambourine.

1965 saw the first big concert to be given by the students in the Ringwood Town Hall when an operetta "With Jocky to the Fair" was performed. From then on public performances became a regular occurrence - in 1966 the concert was in the Box Hill High School Hall and this was the first time that the School performed a combined work of voice and orchestra - in 1967 the Concert was held at the Blackburn High School Hall and on this occasion there was a very successful performance of Verdi's Grand Chorus from Aida. In 1968 the Annual Concert was held in the Norwood High School Hall. On this occasion the orchestra numbered sixty and it played modern pieces.

While these concerts were developing into regular events the choral side of the music programme continued to develop. The madrigal group had prepared sensitive and refined work under the direction of Miss L. Rosewarne and the choir itself in 1966 started successfully in the Dandenong Music and Art Festivals coming third only two marks behind the winners.

Small instrumental groups were also developing - a string group under the direction of Mrs. Barton, a woodwind group which was to perform on radio in 1967 under Mr. Boon and a double bass quartet.

Not only was there playing but also music was being written at Norwood. In 1967 Mr. Boon wrote a Jazz Suite and then in 1968 a new School song "We are from Norwood" words by Terry Morgan music by Lynette Milne was produced.

In 1968 twenty members of the Orchestra together with the percussion group performed in the combined band at the Secondary Schools Concert in the Melbourne Town Hall.

In 1969 the instrumental music staff had grown by two with the appointment of Mr. Doomernik (cello) and Mr. Abbot (flute), the first musical "Reedy River" was performed and the House Choral competitions were in full swing. The R.A.A.F. Southern Command Band gave a performance for the students in the School hall and Mrs. Rosewarne received a new assistant Mr. E. Jenkins.

In 1970 two of the pioneers of instrumental music at Norwood left, Mr. Brookes to return to the Melbourne Conservatorium and Mr. Boon to go to Perth to carry out similar work. The Annual Concert in July was most successful and a number of the instrumental students were presenting in practical music at H.S.C.

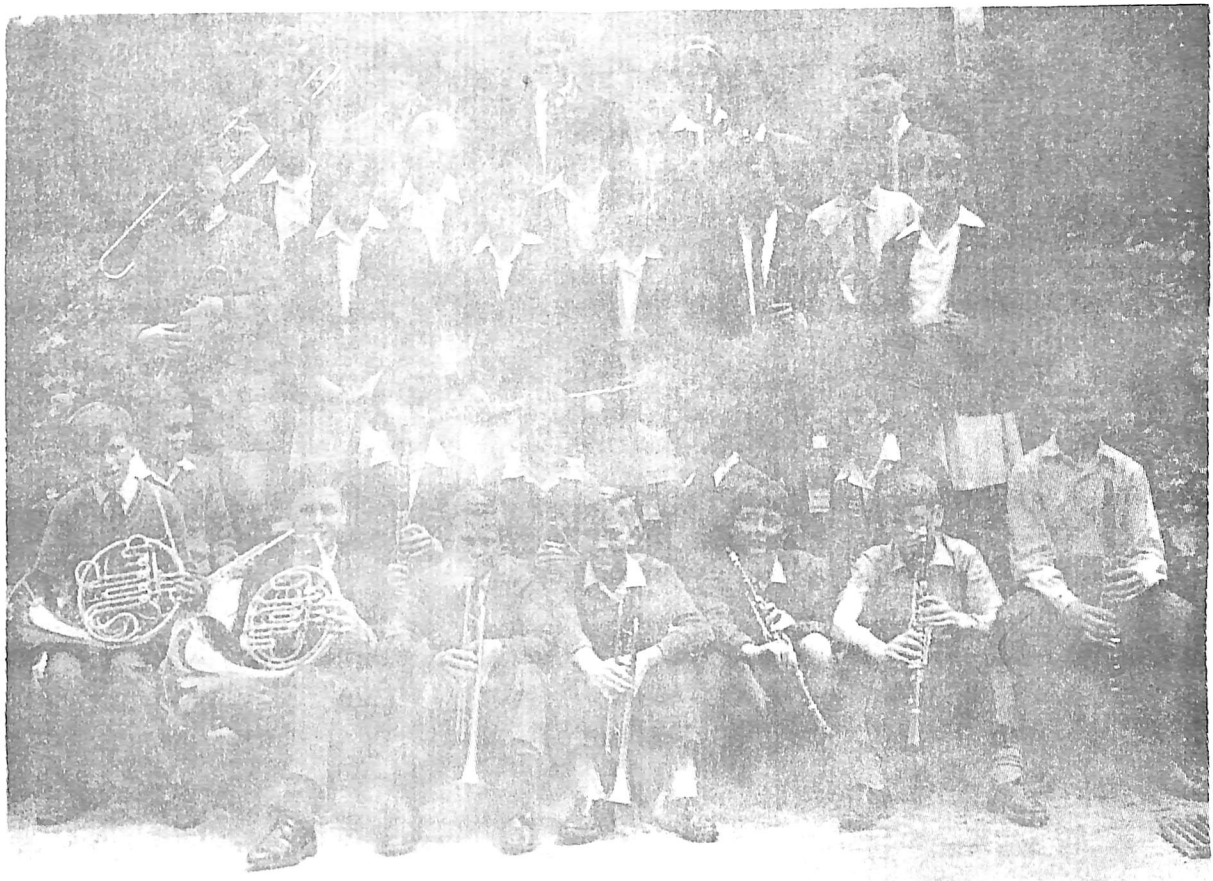


Mrs. Rosewaine



Mr. Heywood

Orchestra 1965

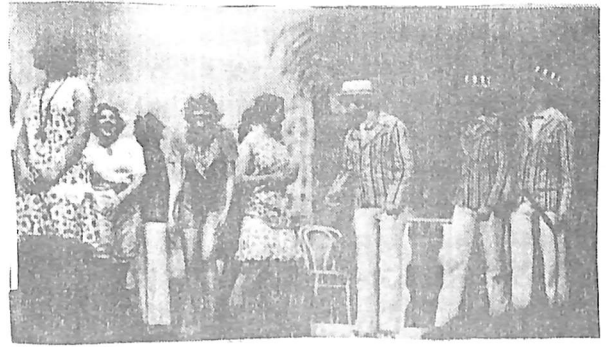


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 Fourth Row: C. Fitzgerald, J. Worley, G. Short, J. Simmonds, G. McCainsh,
 Third Row: C. Lawrence, C. De Silva, W. Moore, P. Arqall, P. Fielding, C. Brown,
 Second Row: J. Simmons, G. Lowe, H. Flentje, J. Badgson, M. Coldwell,
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School Productions



South Pacific 1973



The Girl Friend 1980



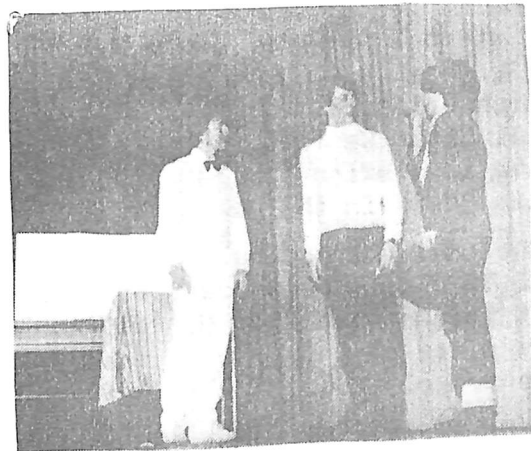
Bye Bye Birdie 1977



Oklahoma 1979



Charlie Girl 1978 and 1983



Dodnadatta 1982

Oliver 1975 and 1978



Already the era of the Musicals at Norwood was starting to appear and in late 1972 ex students, students and staff began preparing for a performance of South Pacific by Rogers and Hammerstein for early 1973 to coincide with the retirement of Mr. R. Cording as School Principal. This most successful production was to run for four nights with very favourable comment. 1973 was also to see the retirement of Mrs. Rosewarne who had done so much for music at Norwood. To perpetuate her work for music the recently completed music centre was named the P.J. Rosewarne Music Centre in 1974. The School was fortunate in getting Mr. Douglas Heywood as her replacement and as a result the development of music in the School did not falter. Mr. Heywood's advent heralded the era of the musicals at Norwood High.

In 1974 the students presented the opera "Dido and Aeneas" - although this presentation of a difficult work was excellent even by adult standards it was quite evident that this was not the type of production that people in the area enjoyed. For this reason in 1975 the School presented "Oliver" in the School hall.

Although several staff principally Mr. Lee and Mr. Moore joined the cast in two of the leading roles it was clear that there was sufficient talent amongst the students both singing and dancing to present these musicals annually with great success. In 1976 "Calamity Jane" was presented and in 1977 "Bye Bye Birdie". When "Bye Bye Birdie" was staged there were up to 220 students anxious to take part and for that reason it was decided that there should be two productions each year, a junior production and a senior production. In 1978 the Junior Production was "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat" and the Senior Production was "Charlie Girl". The senior productions by this stage were becoming very professional. Some students had become interested in theatre lighting and sound and displayed their expertise at production time, the instrumentalists had put together a very fine production orchestra while the dancers and singers displayed an almost professional competence and confidence.

In 1979 the Junior Production was "The Wizard of Oz" while the seniors did "Oklahoma" both for a season of six productions, in 1980 the juniors did "Oliver" again and once again Mr. Moore was a very convincing "Fagin" while the seniors did "The Boy Friend". In 1981 the juniors did "Scenes from Dickensian London" while the seniors presented "Annie get your gun". In 1982 the productions were two Australian scripts "Dr. Pimples" for the juniors while the seniors produced "Oodnadatta". For the School Jubilee in 1983 the seniors are producing "Charlie Girl" again while the juniors are preparing "Noahs Flude".

Although the main emphasis appeared to lie along the line of the productions the School Concert Band and other instrumental groups also figured prominently in public performances. As early as 1969 the Band had played in Eastland and nearby shopping areas and in to the 70's the Band began to play to wider audiences. Amongst these were the "Opening of Garden Week" in the Fitzroy Gardens 1978-1982, Centenary of the Ferntree Gully National Park 1982, the V.S.S.M.A. Concerts in the Camberwell Civic Centre 1978-1982, the C.A.B. Concert at Box Hill in 1980. In 1981 the Concert Band received the "Arch Wright Memorial Trophy" for its playing at the V.S.S.M.A. Concert at the Camberwell Civic Centre. Perhaps the highlight of our instrumental music programme was the invitation to the Saxophone Group to entertain at the State Reception for the Queen in the Great Hall of the Art Gallery in 1981.

As far as our choirs are concerned the School took part regularly in the Dandenong Festival up till 1976 with quite reasonable success but as production fever took hold of the School it became more and more difficult to prepare our choirs adequately for competition. In place of this the "Carol Service of 9 Lessons" was given each Christmas in the School hall and this was well received.

In 1980 the Senior Girls Choir sang parts of "The Pilgrim's Progress" by Vaughan Williams with the Camberwell Chorale in the Camberwell Civic Centre and in 1983 we hope that our Choir will again join the Chorale in a performance of "Elijah" in the Concert Hall of the National Gallery.

Chaplaincy at Norwood

The first definite move to bring a School Chaplain to Ringwood was a meeting held at Scots Church, Adelaide Street, called by the convenors of Religious Instruction Committees from the three Ringwood Secondary Schools on the 30th November 1967 to discuss with the Council of Christian Education in Schools the possibility of appointing a Chaplain to one of these schools. The Rev.A.Stamp was the chairman of this Committee and Mr.Taylor was the Secretary. As neither Ringwood High or Ringwood Tech were in a position to make any financial contribution to a Chaplaincy appointment it was decided at the meeting in May 1968 that Norwood High School should be offered a Chaplain from the beginning of 1969. On the 30th September 1968 the Council of Christian Education in Schools notified the Chaplaincy Committee that the Rev.Des Shinkfield would be appointed Chaplain at Norwood from the beginning of 1969.

On March 12th 1969 the Dean of Melbourne Dean Thomas inducted the Rev.Des Shinkfield as the first chaplain of Norwood High School in the School Hall in the presence of Representatives from the Ministers Fraternal, Ringwood City Council, parents, staff and students. The address on this occasion was given by the Chaplain at Heidelberg High School.

The Rev.Des Shinkfield was to minister to Norwood High School until the end of 1973 as at that time he accepted a Lectureship at the Burwood State College.

His successor was to be the Rev.David McKechnie, the Minister in Charge of the Bentleigh East Presbyterian Church and he was commissioned as Chaplain at Norwood High School on Sunday June 30th 1974 by the Rev.John Howells Director of the Council of Christian Education in Schools in Scots Presbyterian Church, Ringwood.

At this service the Rev.G.Barnett Chaplain of the Box Hill High School and former Minister of the Ringwood Church of Christ preached the sermon. The Norwood High School Senior Girls Choir sang the Anthem "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mendelssohn and various members of the Ministers Fraternal took part in the Service. At the time of writing the Rev.D.McKechnie is still ministering to Norwood High School.



Induction of the first Chaplain at Norwood
Rev.D.Shinkfield by the Dean of Melbourne Dean Thomas

Cadets

For a number of years some boys at Norwood had talked about Army Cadets and the possibility of forming a unit at Norwood High.

In June 1977 the School Council decided to test the interest and with the permission of Colonel Whitehead O.C. 3rd Cadet Brigade a meeting was called to ascertain the actual interest. Four parents Mr.J.Irving, Mr.D.Ford, Mr.Kaukas and Mr.Kelk offered to care for the unit if formed and some fifty boys indicated an interest.

The first parade for the Cadets took place on Thursday 29th September 1977 and after several weeks a second parade found forty boys on parade and all concerned felt that the Cadets could be a going concern.

In March 1978 the Unit was officially recognised with Captain John Irving in charge with Mr.Kaukas and Mr.Kelk as his Lieutenants. With the Cadets now in uniform we felt that the Unit had arrived and preparation was made for our first important occasion the Annual Camp in the Puckapunyal Forest between August 7th and August 14th. The boys went into camp with Captain Irving and Lieutenant McLeod and in addition Mr.Lee (Senior Master) and Mr.McKechnie (Chaplain) went with them. To begin with Mr.Lee was left behind by the bus and the camp was plagued with endless rain and primitive camping conditions. However the boys were keen and eight of them spent their term holidays at an N.C.O. Camp organised by Melbourne High School.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the Inaugural Parade on October 8th. This was the first public appearance of the unit which included an inspection by Colonel Whitehead.

1979 saw the start of a new tradition - that of the Cadets parading with the R.S.L. and 7th Field Engineers on Anzac Day. This public appearance brought about enquiries from students of other schools for membership of the Unit. Although the Unit had been founded for Norwood students it was decided that we would admit some of these students into the Unit. This was a good move as it allowed the Unit to reach the minimum number required by the Army without admitting cadets of poor quality. The Annual Camp in August and again at Puckapunyal was plagued by rain but the Unit had learned much from our previous camp and the cadets were able to cope much better with the wintery conditions. Lieutenant O'Malley and Lieutenant Gough and Lieutenant Carter had joined Captain Irving in charge of the Unit and a structured training programme was more evident.

Cadets were gaining promotion and awards the most important being "The Duke of Edinburgh Adventure Awards" to C.U.O. M. Irving and Sgt.P.Wilson.

1980 saw the Unit through its growing pains and Brigade officers at the Annual Camp were most impressed with the efficiency of the Cadets. Two of the senior cadets M.Irving and J.Quinlan had been promoted to Cadet Under Officers and other cadets were being promoted up the N.C.O. ladder.

Numbers in the Unit were beginning to grow principally through enquiries from boys in schools other than Norwood until the concern was not obtaining the minimum number required by the Army to maintain the Unit but to see that we did not exceed the maximum allowed by the Army. Training camps were being held at the School Camp at Gooram and in a bush camp in the Toolangi Forest near Glenburn. The growth of the Unit has continued well and at present it consists of four officers, sixty cadets and a number of boys on the waiting list. The 7th Field Engineers situated at Dublin Road have taken a very practical interest in the cadets and groups of up to twelve cadets have accompanied the Engineers on their field exercises. One of the original cadets Michael Irving has returned to the Unit as an Officer of Cadets, and a number of our cadets have joined the C.M.F. and this year 1983 C.U.O. Thomas has been awarded a scholarship to Duntroon.

Social Service

Social Service has always had a place at Norwood. In the report of the first Speech Night we note that £36.7.3. was raised by the Social Service League and distributed to the Anti Council campaign, the Lord Mayor's Appeal and Yoralla.

In the early days of the School all sorts of methods were used to raise money and in 1962 we note that each student pledged 3d a week and in that fashion £300 was raised and distributed to Victorian Society for Crippled Children, Legscy, Hillside Special School and the Victorian School for Deaf Children.

In 1969 the project was to provide a Seeing Eye Dog and the photo of "Byron the Seeing Eye Dog" still hangs in the School Hall and we note that \$1200 was raised by the students to train him. In 1971 the Walkathons were started principally through the efforts of Mr.O'Connor and these have proved to be the main money raiser each year.

However the Mr.Social Service at Norwood was Mr.Sterling. When he arrived at the School in 1974 he took over the Social Service Committee with an aim of raising at least \$10,000 each year. Although everyone believed this was an impossible dream he soon showed that it could be done and by 1977 the students were raising up to \$12,000 each year. The principal ways that the money was raised was through the Danceathons, Readathons, Bowlathons, Charity Concerts, Out of Uniform Day, 40 Hour Famine, Give a Meal Appeal. The money was distributed to charities, as many as thirty in a year, and soon Norwood High School was noted for its charitable efforts. On eight occasions between 1976 and 1983 students were invited to Government House to receive Community Service awards from the Governor for their work for the Deserted Childrens Association while a number of Certificates of Appreciation from the Childrens Hospital, World Vision and Monkami attest to the work of the Social Service League under Mr.Sterling's direction.

Another Social Service innovation was the Annual Social Service Presentation Afternoon. The highlight of these afternoons was in 1978 when Johnny Farnham presented awards to the students who had worked well for Social Services. It was the only occasion when the Guest of Honour kissed every young lady who received an award.

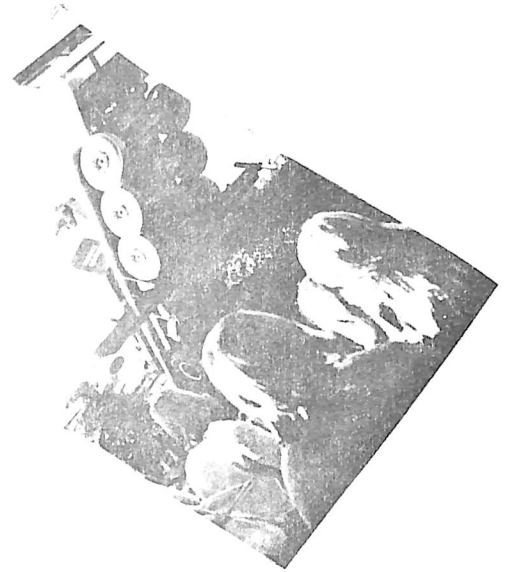
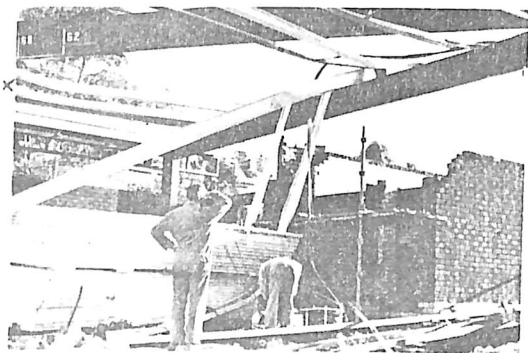
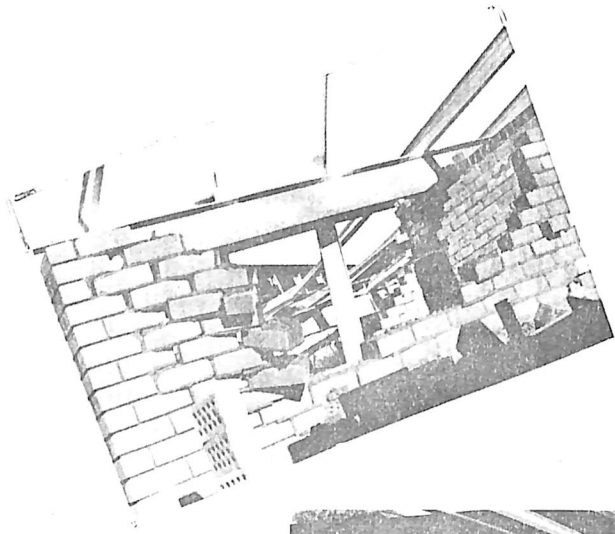
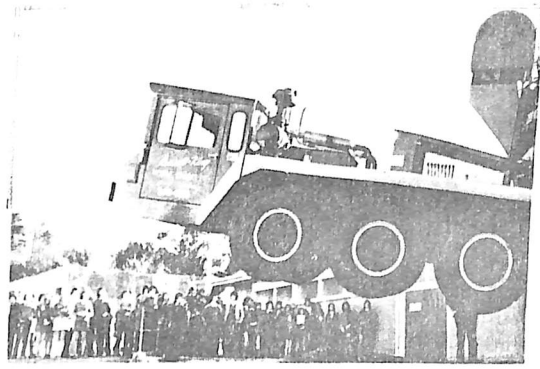
When Mr.Sterling left in 1983 Mrs.Williams and Miss Liddy took over the direction of the Social Service Committee.



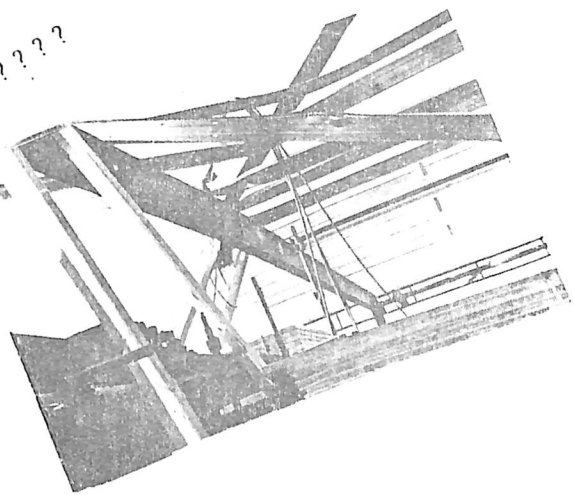
Mr.Social Service 1974 - 1983
Mr. L. Sterling



John Farnham at the Social
Service Assembly 1978



COMMONWEALTH LIBRARY BLOCK PROGRESSES ? ? ? ?



Library Facilities at Norwood

Although Norwood High School was in a borrowed building in 1958 and 1958 it was evident that parents as well as teachers believed that there was a need for library facilities and at the Open Day on Thursday August 25th, 1958, parents responded well to an Appeal to donate books to the library.

When the School moved into their own buildings in June 1959 the library was sited in a large class room 36 feet by 24 feet at the far end of the main wing.

Students were to be involved in the establishment of the permanent library in this room and a Library Committee worked enthusiastically to process fiction books and catalogue cards were being typed by the typing class. Early records of the School show that Mrs.K.E.Eason was the librarian at this stage. She was succeeded in 1962 by Mrs.Grainger and at this stage the library owned 3200 books and plans were afoot to brighten the room with paint and pot plants.

As the library grew it became necessary to take over the classroom next door as a senior library and this was a situation that stayed until 1975 when students started to use the Commonwealth Library which had been constructed in the front of the school on the area previously occupied by the canteen and shelter sheds. By this time it was necessary to increase the number of staff in the library.

The new Commonwealth library began to become a reality in February 1974. The canteen was reestablished in the hall foyer, the old shelter sheds and canteen were removed and a tender from Con Driel Pty Ltd of \$137,000 was accepted for the erection of the new library. Everything was proceeding swimmingly until a fateful day in June when a large crane lifting girders onto the roof capsized destroying a large amount of the brick work. Although considerable damage was done to the building the contractors rapidly repaired the damage and by the end of 1974 the building was ready for occupancy for the beginning of 1975. The building was officially opened by the then Premier of Victoria, the Hon.R.Hamer, E.O.,M.P., on 10th October 1975.

The current library contains some 30,000 books, tapes and slides mainly reference although a very adequate fictional section caters for those students who wish to make use of the library for recreational purposes.

The original library was subdivided into a classroom 24 x 24 for the English Department and a room 24 feet x 12 feet as a computer room.



Students in Commonwealth Library 1982

The School Camp at Gooram

Early in 1975 interest started to circulate in Norwood High School as to the possibility of the School acquiring a School Camp. Following the famous Faraday School kidnapping the Education Department began to close more and more small isolated one teacher schools and many of these schools were ideal for school camps. In 1976 two of these, Gooram near Euroa and Arawata near Korrumburra became available and after inspecting both it was decided to apply for Gooram and late in 1976 Gooram was allotted to Norwood High School as a school camp on condition that the school community immediately began a planned development.

Gooram, which had been closed by the Department some two years earlier consisted of a school house 24ft x 21ft and an old shelter shed 16ft x 12ft and a toilet block consisting of two pans for the girls, one pan and a urinal for boys separated by a storage area - the buildings were in a dilapidated condition, windows broken, light fittings removed, tanks leaking and some boards rotten and in need of replacement.

The first working party visited Gooram in March 1977 and by March 1978 we had a functional camp site for up to twenty people to stay for up to three days. The reason for this rapid progress was the fact that a Camp Committee of some fifteen to twenty enthusiastic parents and teachers had taken up the challenge to develop a camp for the School in five years. The original school building had vinyl floor covering, plus two squares of carpet, benches, a stove, a sink and adequate kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery. The old shelter shed had been converted into a two room bunk house with accommodation for sixteen people. The Camp Committee now had the "bit between their teeth" and during the next year we saw the building of a 21ft x 10ft extension on the school to make a very functional kitchen. The storage area between the toilets were converted into a shower area with hot water and several tanks were installed to provide an adequate water supply. The new kitchen area was lined and painted mainly by the ladies, and through the generosity of the parents, Auxiliary and School Council, was equipped with two electric stoves, a new refrigerator and freezer, two stainless steel sinks, two by four slice toasters and two electric crepe makers. Students soon made contact with the local farmers and soon we had a resource file of exciting things to do around Gooram. The Connors, McCormacks and Barretts made the children welcome on their farms on all occasions and these people played a big part in the success of Gooram.

The final effort of the Camp Committee was the construction of a further bunk house in 1981 so that all students who visited Gooram would be accommodated indoors and by the end of 1981 we were able to pronounce the Gooram project complete.

All that was required now was an official opening and this took place on June 17th, 1983, when the then President of the Camp Committee, Mr. Phil Elsbury, unveiled a plaque in the old school room in the presence of some fifty people many of whom had travelled up from Melbourne for the occasion.



Members of the Camp Committee with the President of the School Council at the opening of Gooram June 1982

The School Colours

The School colours of purple and gold were most appropriate. When the School was established North Ringwood was still a rural area and the golden wattle and the purple sareaparilla grew prolifically throughout the district.

The School Badge and School Motto

The School Badge design was a transition of Norwood to Northward and a symbolic representation of the magnetic compass formed the central motif of the badge. The fact that the compass was used by travellers as a reliable guide gave the school the motto "Fidelis" which combined the ideas of faithfulness, trustworthiness and dependability.

During the first year a school song was written entitled Fidelis but unfortunately this song seems to have disappeared into the limbo of twenty years.

(You will note that the above statement is not quite true. Thanks to the memory of Mrs. Rosewarne "Fidelis" has been resurrected and you will find the words printed elsewhere in this booklet).

The School Magazine "Weemala"

According to the Editor of the first Weemala Helen Morris suggested the name. The name was submitted in response to a request for a suitable name for the new magazine and it was selected because "the name rolls off your tongue. It has a flowing musical sound, bringing to our minds visions of mystic ritual, the origin of which is lost in the hazy dawn of history, the dreamtime of our aboriginal lore. It is the sensation we feel when we look from the site of our new school through the valley, towards the Dandenongs, when our gaze drifts further away, when details merge to form the grotesque scenery that makes us feel small and unimportant, the way we are made to feel by scenes of imposing grandeur and distant views."

The Sculpture in the front garden

This piece was given to the School by Mr. Charles Miller - a local artist who was noted for his work in 1965. The following is an extract from a letter written by Mr. Miller in 1965.

The sculpture is called "Witenagemot". Websters Dictionary defines this term as "A meeting of wise men, the national council or legislature, in the days of the Anglo Saxons before the Norman Conquest." We are expected to name our works of art for the Catalogue and as this piece reminded me of Stonehenge I found this name suitable.

The design was first worked out in clay as an exercise in line and forms in space. This small model was finally cast in iron and worked up to a satisfactory piece of sculpture.

As this small sculpture seemed to have a largeness in its proportions I decided to enlarge it up to monumental proportions. This was a job of multiplying each edge and plane up twelve times welding it together (this stage was a heart break) covering it with chicken wire and finally with matted fibre glass.

It got to Mildura and although not the best piece was the largest there. It was also on show at this years (1965) Moomba."

Other works by Charles Miller include the "Christus Rex" in St. Pauls Church, Warrandyte Road, Ringwood, and one at the back of Latrobe Court through from 153 Latrobe Street, City.

School Songs at Norwood

In early years students at Norwood were keen to have a School Song to be sung at Assembly and on excursions.

The very first one was written by Mr. Gibson in 1958 - the music was written by Mr. John Collins, the first Mathematics and Music teacher at Norwood.

Here are the words - the music has become lost.

FIDELIS

V1. "Now lift we our hearts and voices together
Joining in praise of our school on the hill
Home of our youth and source of our learning
Wherever we go we'll remember her still."

Chorus "Constant and true in all we do
Norwood expects it constant and true.

V2. "Purple of distant hills gold of the wattle
These royal colours inspire us each day
Yarra and Mullum, Marrondah, Kalinda
We'll each do our utmost at work and at play."

Chorus

About 1965-66 the song did not seem to be fitting with the current school development and it was decided to sing a school song that could be sung. This led to the singing of the traditional school song "The Best School of All"

"Its good to see the school we knew
The land of youth and dreams
To greet again the rule we knew
Before we took the stream".

However there were those who felt that Norwood should have its own song and by 1968 students were singing a new School Song

WE ARE FROM NORWOOD

"We are from Norwood, the school on the hill,
Strong in tradition and deep in each heart.
Proudly we sing as we think of our school,
We are her students and doing our part.
We have a motto - Fidelis - Be True,
Teaching us daily the way to progress,
Proudly displayed with the purple and gold,
Colours so royal inspire our success.
We are from Norwood, a compass our guide,
Pointing our way for our life to unfold.
And as the future we've earned takes its course,
Gratefully we will her teachings uphold.
We are from Norwood and all of us know
One dream we share and make part of our song:
No matter what lies in our later years
May we to Norwood forwever belong.

(Words by Terry Morgan & John Gough)

Names behind the School Awards

William and Elizabeth Mackinley Prize for the Dux of the School

The Mackinleys owned the fruit orchard on which the Norwood High School was built. When the property was bought by the Education Department the family placed money in trust to provide an Academic Award to commemorate this fact.

Katherine Peters Memorial Prize

Katherine Peters taught English and History for a number of years at Norwood High School. In 1974 she was involved in a fatal car accident in Deep Creek Road on her way to school. As a token of the respect in which she was held staff, students and friends established a trust fund to perpetuate her memory. This is done by an Award to the senior student in English Literature and by the establishment of special collection of rare books in English and History in the School Library.

Robert Buchanan Memorial Prize

Robert was a student at Norwood High School between 1970 and 1977. In 1980 Robert died as a result of a motor cycle accident and his family, who had a long standing involvement with the school established a trust fund to provide an Annual Award. As Robert was well remembered at Norwood High School for his outstanding contribution in the areas of sport and dramatic art, the Memorial Prize is awarded each year to the senior student who shows the greatest promise in dramatic art. The first award was made to Cathy Crawford in 1980.

The Bert Prior Sportsman Award

The Prior family had a long association with Norwood High School from early days of Norwood through to 1974. Bert Prior was a very able sportsman, a league footballer (Hawthorn 1941-1950) who always played within the highest code of sportsmanship. He died in January 1971 after a long illness and to perpetuate his memory a trust fund was established by his friends to provide an award for the sportsperson of the year at Norwood. The first award was made to Jenny Morgan in 1972.

Two handsome cups for sport the Warrandyte Cup for House Sports and the Couche cup for Swimming were both presented by Mr. & Mrs. Couche of Warrandyte in 1958. Mr. & Mrs. Couche were both actively connected with Norwood High School Mrs. Couche being the President of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1963. Maroondah House won both of these cups in 1958.

The Norwood Cup for Athletics was presented to the School by Mr. & Mrs. Avison in 1958. Mr. Avison was the first Senior Master at Norwood and taught Craftwork, Art and Physical Education. Mullum House won the Norwood Cup for Athletics in 1958.

The Gibson Trophy for Cross Country Running

This trophy was donated by the first Principal at Norwood High School Mr. Arch Gibson. The trophy was first won in 1961 by Mullum House.



Miss Katherine Peters

The School Captains

For many years the School Captains were known at Norwood as the Senior Prefects. Since 1975 they have performed a number of tasks - besides being School Captains they have also been the President and Vice President of the Student Representative Council and the student representatives on the School Council.

Since 1963 the School Captains have been -

1963	A.Haemmerle	P.Northausen
1964	C.Standfield	B.Beissel
1965	C.Fox	C.Wilkins
1966	P.Pridmore	J.Fitzgerald
1967	P.Roberts	A.Hare
1968	P.Karghin	K.Hare
1969	L.Ahern	I.Van Abel
1970	P.Johnstone	H.Flentje
1971	P.Johnstone	R.Sloan
1972	G.Pollock	H.Fitzgerald
1973	G.Steart	J.Meyland
1974	W.Blair	C.Corbet
1975	R.Davey	G.Hill
1976	M.McCarthy	M.Emerson
1977	J.Mann D.Hyde	H.Simpson
1978	W.Rothnie	Y.Wells
1979	P.Davey	J.MacFarlane
1980	D.Gardiner	R.McCully
1981	F.Grandi	J.Lisle
1982	N.Greenwood	S.Nye
1983	B.Cunningham	L.McCully



Ringwood's Mayor, Cr. Hubbard, congratulates Christine Wilkins and Colin Fox on their appointment as Senior Prefects.

School Captains 1965



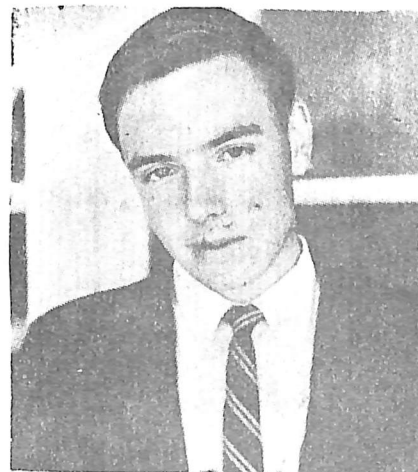
School Captains 1980

The Dux of the School

It has been the tradition of the School to award the William and Elizabeth Mackinlay Prize to the Dux of the School. The selection of the Dux of the School is made on the results of the Higher School Certificate examination. The recipients of the Williams and Elizabeth Mackinlay Prize since its inception in 1963 are -



1963



1964

- 1963 A.Haemerrle
- 1964 A.Giles-Peters
- 1965 I.Bedford
- 1966 J.Jones
- 1967 M.Moore
- 1968 I.McKenzie
- 1969 S.Rance
- 1970 L.Cheel
- 1971 M.Beale
- 1972 D.Buckley
- 1973 D.Hawes
- 1974 G.Fox
- 1975 C.McKenzie
- 1976 D.Beilby
- 1977 R.Duke
- 1978 S.Hyde
- 1979 J.Currey
- 1980 S.Bertei
- 1981 K.Dobson & M.Unsworth
- 1982 L.Todd



1965



1966



1979