



THERE'S many well-known Dandenong names featured in this photo, a first-year Dandenong High School class of 1919 outside the school's original temporary premises — the Temperance Hall on the corner of Walker, Mason and Robinson Sts. Pictured are, back row, from left: Len Godfrey, Ted Strachan, Fred Searle, Merv Williams, Jack Ordish, Clive Figgins, Will Ryan, Jack Grogan, Ted Walker, George Alexander and Bill Spetts. Front: Bill McKinnon, Alex McInnes, Dave McCord, George Weetman, Jim Sharkie, principal Mr P. Langford, Charlie Buckley, Harvey Tharle, Allan Shannon, Austin Mehrens and Earl Tatham.

Looking back on 70 years

DANDENONG High School's first student on the 1919 role will head the speakers at the school's 70th anniversary celebrations next Saturday.

Mrs Jean Cussen (nee Abbott), will be one of five former students to relate the school's first six decades at a 2pm assembly.

Others will be a former teacher at the school and former local Parliamentarian, Max Oldmeadow (1930s and 1960s); the Right Rev Bishop of Tasmania, Phillip K. Newell (1940s); former Collingwood VFL premiership player

Ken Bennett (1950s); and Penny Meallin (nee Salmon) will discuss the 1970s.

The current year and the future of Dandenong High School will be discussed by this year's captains, Brooke Elliot and Adam Verrill.

The addresses will be given between 2pm and 2.45 and will be preceded by items by the school band and an introduction by the principal, Mr Bruce Rayment, at 1.50pm.

Afternoon tea will follow with music provided by Anne Earle, Lillian Rofe, Edna Vukmir-ovic, Fran Gas and Mollie Cowen.

The school's major fundraising efforts in its 70th anniversary year will help finance a combined gymnasium and music centre.

Under a joint-use agreement with Dandenong Council, it is proposed the centre will be used by students in school hours and community volleyball teams in the evening.

Mr Rayment said he believed everyone involved with the project would benefit.

He said: "The community will get a gym on a prime site and we will have a top-class sporting facility at far less than full cost.

"The project's inclusion of better teaching

and rehearsal facilities for music represents the school's commitment to music education right through to year 12."

● The Journal next Thursday will have a full coverage of Saturday's events.

● To add to the enjoyment of next Saturday's celebrations, the Government has announced it will no longer insist on re-classifying all State post-primary schools as secondary colleges, a decision which had upset Dandenong High School council and Dandenong Council (The Journal last Monday).

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70 YEARS at DANDENONG HIGH...



The best school of all...

MORE than 1000 people are expected to take part in Dandenong High School's 70th anniversary celebrations on Saturday, including present students, ex-students, past and present staff members and friends.

Dandenong School opened its doors in 1919, the year of the severe pneumonia influenza epidemic, and its first 80 students were accommodated in three buildings — the Temperance Hall, Church of Christ Hall and the fire station.

When in April 1960, Marion Trigg (nee Dawson) brought one of the school's "back to" magazines into The Journal to commemorate the school's 40th anniversary, it was like turning back the clock for me as I scanned the pages — I started at Dandenong High as a student 54 years ago.

A "looking back" segment by the third school principal, the late J.L. Griffiths, referred to the old goods train with two passenger carriages which was used to transport students from Kooweerup and stations en route to Dandenong.

During the Depression, getting up at 4.30am and hand-milking 14 cows on our Lyndhurst property, then rushing in for a bath and breakfast before cycling to Lyndhurst Railway Station. With fellow students, I left my bike with Mrs Bolton, the station mistress (it was mistress in those days, no equal opportunity then!) and joined the slow stop-and-start train to Dandenong.

It was worse for the Colvins, the Courtneys, the Koetsvels, and other students from "the Swamp" — they used to get up in the dark at 4am and during winter, get home in the dark. The train was supposed to leave Dandenong at 4pm for the homeward journey, but it seldom pulled out on time.

At one stage, subsidised buses brought students to and from the school from as far afield as Yan-nathan, and some students travelled 145km daily. No classes had more than 35 students, thus providing personalised attention at all times.

In his reminiscences, the first "head", Percy Langford, who was with the school for 16 years, spoke about the Education Department's acquisition of property (3ha) on Princes Hwy and said building of the school started almost immediately.

Like today, there were halts because of industrial problems, and it was not until the third term in 1920 the building was occupied. The school had been designed to accommodate 150 students, but there was an enrolment of 220, so to enlarge the school still further, the department built a new wing to cater for 250 pupils.

The enrolment soon grew to 450 and a second extension was built.

In the Depression, school numbers plummeted to under 300 and because Mr Langford then became "above the classification", he was transferred to Mildura. Dr A.V.G. James followed him for two years, then came Mr J.L. Griffiths.

"JL" was a wonderful man and everyone's favorite. He was at the helm at Dandenong High during all my years there and inspired his teachers and students to great achievements. He came to the school in 1937 and stayed for 16 years, before retiring in 1952 when the school had an enrolment of 450 with a leaving certificate form of 50 students.

During my years at the school, a polio epidemic struck and we did part of our studies by correspondence. Many students were stricken with the disease and



by MARG STORK

some Dandenong townspeople died. The Dandenong Baths were closed and all public places shunned.

In his history of the school, as well as referring to a pneumonic influenza epidemic, Mr Langford also spoke of the 1934 floods when hundreds of people, especially those in low-lying swampy areas around Dandenong and in South Gippsland, had to climb to the roofs of their homes to escape the torrents.

They were rescued by motor boat, and three trainloads of homeless people from Kooweerup were brought to Dandenong. Straw was spread on rooms, where the women and children slept, while the men were accommodated across the road in the Scout hall.

When Mr Langford opened the school, the property was covered with stumps and scrub and there was a large dam in the middle. The boys and male staff members grubbed the stumps, filled in the dam, and planted pine trees. Mr Langford said that because he wanted to save two imposing gums, the school hockey field was curtailed in size to 82m instead of the prescribed 91m.

At that particular stage, the school boasted a football ground,

hockey field, two tennis courts and four basketball courts.

The school began with a staff of four — Miss McKinnon (who became Mrs Roach) and who designed the school badge, Miss Kirkham, a student teacher named Stevens, and a Mr Brookes.

Mr Langford evolved the school motto of Faber Quisque Fortuna ("each man is the architect of his own future") after visiting the Public Library and the school colors of red and two blues reflected his involvement with the 4th Light Horse Regiment during the First World War.

Two former prefects, Jean Abbott (Mrs Cussen) and Jim Sharkey started the school's old pupils' association and early presidents of the school advisory council were Rev Hugh Buntine and Mr F. Singleton.

To list in full the progress of the school and its many successes would take pages; suffice to say that, like Topsy, it "just grew."

Dandenong High has produced some outstanding scholars who have gone on to make their mark in countries all around the world as professors, Parliamentarians, mayors, councillors, operatic singers, a world-famous violinist, doctors, clergymen, pharmacists, veterinary surgeons, scientists, lawyers, financiers, bankers, farmers, artists, teachers and sports stars.

● I'm certain that wherever they may now be, they would all agree with the words of the old school song: "They were great days and jolly days at the best school of all!"



PRINCIPAL of Dandenong High School, Mr Bruce Rayment, stands in front of the "best school of all."

Program for the celebrations

THE program for Dandenong High School's 70th anniversary celebrations next Saturday is:

11.30am: Registration commences. Barbecue starts and will run until the assembly. Gathering of the Decades to be held in the appropriate rooms.

Noon: Entertainment starts (in the quadrangle).

1pm: Performance by the school drama group.

1.50: School band performs in the hall.

2pm: Assembly in the school hall.

3pm: Gathering of the Decades.

5pm: Close.

Throughout the day there will be displays, videos and interviews for the Benga Oral History Museum will be held in the library.

A booklet commemorating the 70th anniversary of the school and souvenirs will be on sale, and memorabilia will be on display. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

The memorabilia will include the recently-recovered light horse insignia of the founding principal, Mr P.C.W. Langford, who gave the school uniform its colors of red and blue from the colors of the 4th Light Horse Regiment.

70 YEARS at DANDENONG HIGH...



A 1922 class outside the then new Dandenong High School. .back row: Arthur Swords, Fred McKay (?), Cyril Isaac, unknown, Master Kassel (?), Alan Hillard, Syd Harmer, Master Mills, unknown, unknown, Malcolm Hall, unknown, unknown, unknown. Middle: Maggie Norris, Molly Welch, unknown, Miss Clark, Hazel Whitbread, Niss Judd, Miss Clark, Janie Corrigan, Molly Brand, Ena Jennings and Gwen Wilson. Front: Murial Hill, Grace Boyd, Lizzie Clark, Miss Rendall, Alma Hall, Freda Bushell, Marjorie Butler, unknown, Violet Chapman, Ida O'Connell, unknown and Doreen Herrick.



DANDENONG High School cooking class, circa 1922, from left: Freda Bushell, Janie Corrigan, Marjorie Butler, Grace Clark, Olive Clark, Miss Ahern, Miss Conway, Doreen Herrick, Lizzie Clark, Violet Chapman, Ida O'Connell, Grace Boyd and Molly Brand.

DANDENONG High hockey team, about 1923. .Janie Corrigan, Margaret Freshney, Molly Brand, Emily Clark, Ruby Rhodes, Alma Gaunt, Hazel Whitbread, Molly Welch, Gwen Wilson, Naomi Whitelaw and Phylis Faulk.



THE F Forms from 1923. .(left), back row: Unknown, Miss Hansen, Nellie McDonald, Maisie Watkins, Claire Warren, unknown, Eva Brumley and Nell Bailey. Middle: Unknown, Mary Hassell, Ettie Polhner, Mabel McLellan, Linda Tackle, Edna Harrett, unknown, Betty Moran and Lottie Raulston. Front: Edna Press, Chrissie Woodscole, Lucy Bramick, Lillian McGeachin, unknown, Thelma Hanrahan and Edie Raulston. RIGHT, back row: Stan Tyres, Jack Monkhous, Charlie Cooper, Geoff Ahearn, Tom Rutzau and Jack Witteraun. Middle: Alan Corrigan, Geoff Crook, Arthur Butlen, Ken Facey, Henry Drake, Willie Beale, Syd Bailey and Johnny Randell. Front: Wally Seamer, Geoff Cox, Arthur Portbury, Alex Opperman and Ray Oliver.

A 1919 class. .back row: Darryl Harvey, Charlie Buckley, Jim Sharkie, Master Elmore and Master Randall. Front: Tasma Studdard, Madge Slater, Marie Facey and Dolly Traske.



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A SECTION of the crowd which packed the school hall for the "assembly."

'Tickets' mar the big event

DANDENONG Traffic Police had a field day during the 70th anniversary celebrations at the Dandenong High School last Saturday.

Many of the ex-students and teachers who parked on each side of Princes Hwy came out to find they had parking fines.

They thought they were "safe" by parking in "non-designated" spots as it was a Saturday and a celebration.

One red faced ex-student from Cranbourne

said he had received a \$30 fine and said: "It takes the shine off a happy day."

Answering a question from Cr Ian McDonald at Dandenong Council's meeting on Monday night, City Manager Mr Colin Dickie said: "We did not have officers on duty around the school last Saturday. I can only conclude it was police officers."

Cr McDonald: "The actions were certainly a pity. Numerous people were booked."



TO interview more than a handful of visitors to Dandenong High School's 70th anniversary celebrations last Saturday would have been well-nigh impossible — an estimated 4000 took part!

Suffice to say I caught up with just a few of the "oldsters", not the least of whom was former Parliamentarian and retired schoolteacher Max Oldmeadow, who has always fondly referred to DHS as "our family school."

Mr Oldmeadow said he regarded it as a great honor to speak about the 1930s era at the school, a time of the Great Depression and later the Second World War.

maths teacher, a man who chose his words carefully, and who illustrated this in his succinct report on Mr Oldmeadow: "Does not give sufficient attention to his work."

He spoke of Miss McLean (nicknamed Squaker by students) relieving him of his form captain's badge and also of his "hero", an older pupil named Dave Morris. He said: "For me, the student had to be a great sportsman and his achievements in the classroom were less important. Dave was a fine footballer, cricketer, athlete, and student."

Max Oldmeadow, 65, retired in 1985 after a 35-year career as a teacher and the MHR for Holt (1972-75) and was a

A day back

He said the school he attended in the 1930s was small, 270 pupils in 1926 when he started and had a low of 202. He spoke of the school being a huge catchment area and of being the only high school between Melbourne and Warragul and the long distances some students travelled by train leaving home in the dark and getting home at night in the dark.

He referred to the principals in the 1930s — Percy Langford, Dr James in 1935 and 1936, and the late J.L. Griffiths from 1937 for another 16 years. He said various staff members left an indelible mark on him, including "the boss JL" and he recalled when Mr Griffiths as form reports had been written, visiting every form and commenting on the reports. "I was petrified," said Mr Oldmeadow.

He talked about Mr Brumley, the talented

Dandenong councillor (1969-72). He was a commissioner with the Victorian Teaching Service Conciliation and Arbitration Commission and his wife Pam (nee Saunders) also attended Dandenong High, as did their sons Ian, Graeme, and Russell.

Mr Don Metcalfe and his wife Lorraine (nee Vincent) met at DHS where Don was a student from 1956 to 1958. Their children Wendy and Michael attended their "parents" school to HSC level.

Mr Metcalfe laughs: "I was the noisy student, just too raucous for words. Lorraine was the quiet one." Over the years, Mr Metcalfe has maintained a close association with the school council.

Present principal Bruce Rayment, who came to DHS in 1987, was a hard man to catch as he was rushing to and from his

70 YEARS at



LEFT: Joining in the old school song.

RIGHT: All smiles are original (1919) DHS pupils Lilly Mutton, of Pakenham (left) and Lena Oakley, of Armadale.



LEFT: Alan Barlee takes a photo of old school friends.



RIGHT: Lindsay Anderson (1930), Wallace Anderson (1928), Max James (1936) and ex-pupil (1936) and teacher Max Oldmeadow swap yarns.



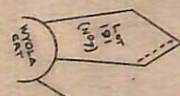
LEFT: Brothers Wilbur Croskell, 80 (left) and Leyton Croskell, 76, were at DHS in 1923 and 1927 respectively.



RIGHT: There were much reminiscing for Tess McNamara (1927), Sheila Brown (1927), Lavina Allan (1947) and Irene Marriott (1927).



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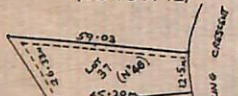
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office as well as attending to the official party.

When he stopped for breath, he told us: "I think there would be between 3000 to 4000 people here today. It's been a great day in the life of the school, and we hope to have a repeat on our 75th birthday. The attendance affirms what DHS means in the local community."

The Bishop of Tasmania, the Rt Rev Phillip K. Newell, of Sandy Bay in Hobart, performed the blessing of the school as well as speaking about the 1940s school era. Bishop Newell, 59, was a student between 1942-7 and taught there under the late J.L. Griffiths, before taking up the ministry.

He was alerted to the reunion by his sister-in-

law who lives in Springvale and said: "I met two former pupils here today in Keith Walker and Ken Dickinson. I hope to catch up with a lot more."

Greta Jungwirth (nee De Vries), of Upwey, who lived in Dandenong for many years and attended the high from 1957 to 1962, was the co-ordinator of the anniversary and had people on her committee for every decade of the school's life.

Eighty-year-old Wilbur Croskell, of East Malvern, was comfortably seated in the library viewing the crowd. He attended DHS from 1923-6 and he did commercial subjects in the first year the subjects were introduced to the school in 1926. He was living at Clyde when he attended the school's 40th

anniversary reunion which he also enjoyed.

Mr Fred Searle, 83, of Clayton, attended the school from 1919-22 and is proud to be a foundation student. He said: "There are only about four of us left from about 100 students." Another pupil to become a teacher, he began his career at Noble Park Primary School and was on the staff of the Education Department from 1922 to 1969.

Cr Maurice Jarvis and his wife Gwen (nee Miss McPhee) are both former high school students.

Cr Jarvis is Dandenong's longest-serving councillor with 35 years service to his credit, and he has been mayor three times. He attended the high school from 1929-

30 in the Depression days and said: "I was the most mischievous kid in the school."

Lack of money prevented him from continuing his secondary schooling and he had to go out to work. Cr Jarvis said he had been associated with his school for 30 years via the school Council and had just had his picture put up in the school's 'avenue of honor.'

Bertha Smith (nee Lawson), 80, came from Wheelers Hill for the celebration. She lived in Dandenong at the home of an aunt when she attended the high school

between 1923-26. She was a teacher and also did freelance journalism for The Age. She still writes and has a facile pen. Her daughter Felicity also attended DHS.

Norm Tulloch, 73, has lived in Dandenong since 1952, and attended the school between 1930-32. His daughters Julie and Barbara were also pupils. A print operator at Comeng during his working life, he said: "Percy Langford set very high and proud standards. DHS has always been considered a 'tough' school. The principals and teachers got results."



FORMER "old boy" the Rt Rev Phillip Newell, the Bishop of Tasmania, talks about his days at DHS.

to look on...



Photos: STUART PENBERTHY

JEAN Abbott (nee Cussen), the school's first student on the 1919 role, addresses the big gathering last Saturday.

DANDENONG HIGH...



The memories of yesteryear

ABOUT 4000 people last Saturday crowded Dandenong High School for the school's 70th birthday celebrations.

Threatening skies and a cold wind failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the former students who registered with name identification to be more easily recognised to old school friends, some of whom had not seen one another for more than 40 years.

Perhaps one of the most enjoyable features of the occasion was the "gallery of decades" where memorabilia of ex-staff and students from the school's opening year of 1919 to the present brought a flood of memories.

Following an opening by the school band, principal Bruce Rayment welcomed everyone, including the Mayor and Mayor's wife, Mrs Barry Powell, and the Mayor's wife, Mrs Barry Powell, and the Mayor's wife, Mrs Barry Powell.

ners; the State Treasurer, Mr Rob Jolly and his wife Christine, both former students; the Minister for Science, Mr Barry Jones, a former teacher; the MLC for Eumemmerring, Mr Bob Ives; the MLA for Dandenong, Mr Terry Norris; school council president Mrs Geraldine O'Dwyer; former principals Russell Williams and Basil Moss; Miss Marge Power, who frequently acted as a principal; and Mrs Joyce Mitchell, widow of former principal Ken Mitchell.

After Mr Rayment's speech, speakers covered the school's years from 1919 to the present and the gathering then joined in singing verses from the school song "The best school of all."

The speakers were 1919-1920s, Jean Cussen (nee Abbott); 1930s and 1960s, retired school

principal and former Parliamentarian Max Oldmeadow; 1940s, the Bishop of Tasmania, the Rt Rev Phillip K. Newell; 1950s, Ken Bennett; 1970s, Penny Meallin (nee Salmon); and 1989 "and beyond", school captains Brooke Elliott and Adam Verrell.

Background music was by Anne Earle, Lillian Rofe, Edna Vukmirovic, and Fran Gass with Mollie Cowen as accompanist.

Throughout the day displays and videos were seen and heard in the library, and Benga Oral Museum also interviewed ex-students and staff.

As former students and friends stood at the registration tables they were asked to sign a petition against the school possibly losing its historic name and being termed Dandenong Secondary College.

Dandenong businessman Don Metcalfe, a student at the school from 1956 to 1958, and who first met his wife, the former Miss Lorraine Vincent, at the school, was compere for the program.

During the day, souvenir glasses bearing the school badge were sold, the proceeds going toward the funding of the new school sporting complex.

Everywhere the organising committee was being complimented on its effort in just three months in getting the day to its successful fruition and among the organisers was Greta Jungwirth, Sue Campbell, Penny Meallon, Wendy Metcalfe, Don Metcalfe, Felicity Wolstenkamp, Eddie Wisniewsky, Wal Ritchie, Dennis De George, Russell Newton, Michelle Marshall, Tanya Edwards, Chris Smith, Edna Vukmirovic, and Marion Trigg.

Perhaps the comment of Mr Rayment best described the back-to. He said, simply: "It was a day to remember."

Stars out to play...

THREE former students of Dandenong High School, all renowned in the musical world, entertained at the school's 70th anniversary supper-dance in Dandenong Town Hall last Saturday night.

They are world-famous violinist Mary Nemet; David Eckstein, of the Victorian Opera Company; and singer-guitarist John Kimber.

The organising committee of the "back to" sold 450 tickets to the dance at which original recordings of music from all the decades were featured, as was art work by present-day students which featured each decade.

Former student Mark Thomas was MC.

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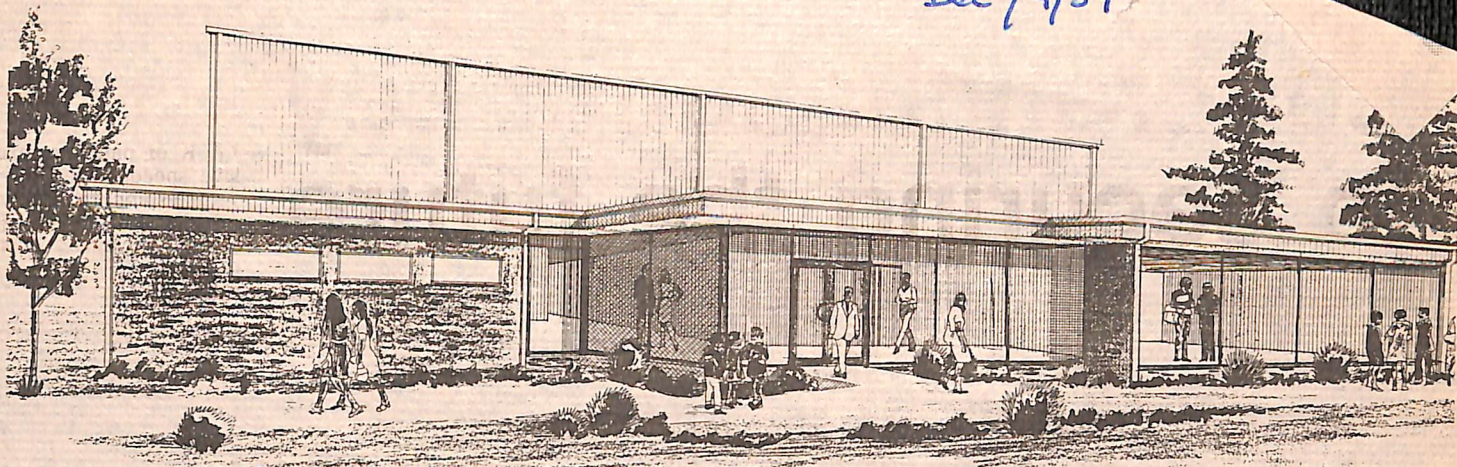
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AN artist's impression of the gym and music centre set behind the existing hall at Dandenong High School.

New complex for Dandenong HS

DANDENONG High school will outlay \$70,000 toward a combined gymnasium-music centre which will be operational by the end of next year.

The \$395,000 centre, to be built behind the existing

school hall, is a combined effort between the school and Volleyball Victoria.

Volleyball Victoria will raise the majority of the cost to pay for three full-size volleyball courts and physical education storage

space, with the school paying for a music classroom and practice rooms.

School principal Mr Bruce Rayment told The Journal: "It's making wonderful use of community resources. Volleyball Victoria needed a base and we needed more gym and music facilities."

The school will use all facilities in the centre dur-

ing school hours and the remainder of the time Volleyball Victoria will use the centre as a practice and tournament venue.

A school co-operative has been established to raise the \$70,000 and help co-ordinate all fundraising activities.

Mr Rayment said the school council had approved construction but

further discussions with the Ministry of Education would take place before plans were finalised.

"We've got some money but the majority will have to be raised and official permission from the Ministry will have to be obtained but we hope the much-needed centre will be operational by the end of next year," he said.

Update for old water laws

THE MLC for Eumemmering, Fred Van Buren, says the bill has taken four

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Those early pupils laid strong foundations at Dandenong H.S.

Dandenong High School today is a vastly different place to that which students attended in the twenties, thirties and forties.

Current principal Bruce Vandenberg made this comment during his welcome to more than 400 former students from that era, held on Saturday 29 November.

He said that today there are 1198 students at the school, representing something like 60 different ethnic groups.

"We are a multi cultural school," he said. "And I believe we are one of the best schools in the State."

Acknowledging the wonderful contributions made by former students and teachers, he said that strong foundation had put the school where it was today.

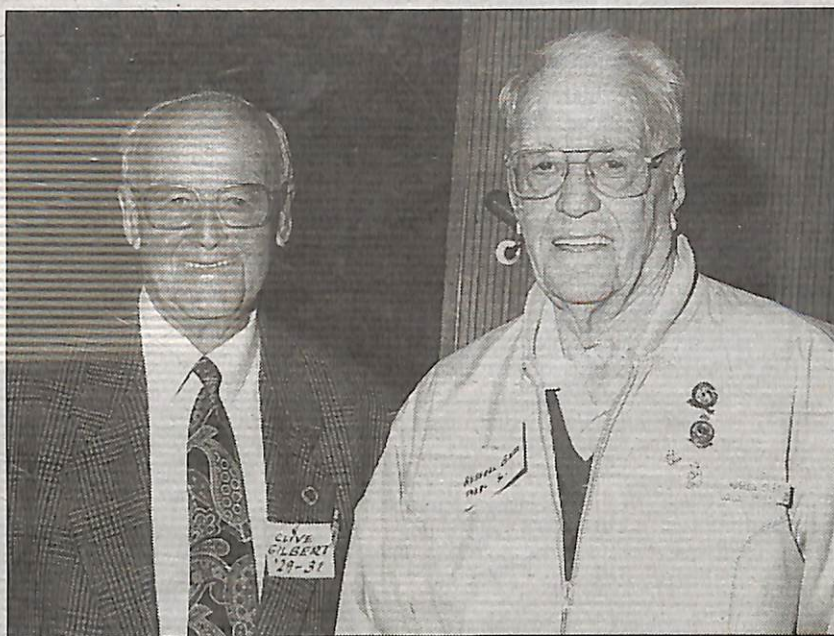
"We are reaping the benefits of that hard work and those decisions made years ago.

"We treasure the heritage you have given our school."

Master of ceremonies Barry Simon thanked all who had helped to organise the reunion.

He then invited all present to join in the singing of the school's best known songs - "The Best School of all" and "Faber Quisque Fortunae".

Whilst each song was started with little enthusiasm, the last verse in each case was resolute and meaningful - as if it had been sung only yesterday!



Clive Gilbert (from Officer) and Russell Giles (Narre Warren) were pupils at the school from 1928-1930 and they had a lot to catch up with as they chatted about "the good old days". Russell (formerly of Pakenham) and Clive, whilst not in the same form, travelled to school on the same train each day.

The assembly hall was packed for the official welcome.

Of the 400 who attended at least 20 had travelled from inter-state.

Hundreds of photos were on display, and as people gathered in groups they quickly re-lived the old times - "as if they were yesterday."

For easy identification the pupils from each 10-year span wore pink, blue and white name tags.

More than half came from the 40s-50s and naturally the pink (50s) had fewer.

Mr Jack Grogan, from Boronia, was the earliest pupil to return for the reunion.

An inaugural pupil at the school, he attended in 1919-20, when the school in its first years was at the Temperance Hall, opposite the old fire station.

There were others from the 1920s - some on walking frames, some on sticks, some in wheel chairs - but they all had one thing in common - they all had "a ball", recalling those wonderful days at Dandenong High School.

Peter Bruce, who flew

over from Tasmania for the weekend, proudly wore the old school tie. And he would have worn his old cap if he could have found it!

The reunion executive - Lesley Davidson, Max Oldmeadow and Barry Simon - were thrilled with the interest shown.

It seems that this 1997 reunion will now be the launchpad for the 80th birthday reunion which is being planned for March 1999.

An attendance of 1000 would not be out of the question on that occasion!



Jack Grogan, from Boronia (second from the left) was an original pupil of the Dandenong High School and he attended when the school operated out of the Temperance Hall, opposite the old fire station in 1919-1920. He is pictured at the reunion with the executive members who organised the reunion - Max Oldmeadow, a pupil from 1936-39 and later he joined the teaching staff; Mrs Lesley Davidson (nee Barnes), a pupil from 1946-1951 and Barry Simon, a pupil from 1946-1951.



ABOUT 5000 people last Saturday crammed Dandenong High School to celebrate the school's 70th birthday, among them Alan and Joan Corrigan, who were pupils in 1923 and 1929 respectively. Full details of the big day, with photos, are in a special feature on Pages 4 and 5 today.



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Welcome Back

* School Assembly *

Saturday August 19th, 1989

70 YEARS

1.50 p.m. Musical Opening - School Band

2.00 p.m. Introduction of Principal - Mr Bruce Rayment

"Best School of All" (together)
(verse 2 repeated after verse 5)

Speakers Through the Decades:-

1919-1920's * Jean Cussen (Abbott)

1930's * Max Oldmeadow

1940's * Phillip Newell

1950's * Ken Bennett

1960's * Max Oldmeadow

"Faber Quisque Fortuna" (together)

1970's * Penny Meallin (Salmon)

1989 & beyond * Brooke Elliott & Adam Verrell

Blessing * The Right Reverend Phillip K. Newell
Bishop of Tasmania

"We Are The School" (together)

CLOSE

Afternoon Tea

"Gathering of the Decades"

Music: Anne Earle, Lillian Rofe, Edna Vukmirovic, Fran Gass. **Accompanist:** Mollie Cowen

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Welcome Back

* Day Programme *

Saturday August 19th, 1989

70 YEARS

11.30 a.m. Registration Commences
(including memento sales)

B.B.Q. (until assembly)

Tea & Coffee (throughout day)

"Gathering of the Decades"

in appropriate rooms (Plan on back)

Noon Entertainment Commences

1.00 p.m. School Drama Group (*Quadrangle*)

1.50 p.m. School Band (*Hall*)

2.00 p.m. Assembly (*Assembly Hall*)

3.00 p.m. "Gathering of the Decades"

5.00 p.m. Close

NOTE: Throughout the day, displays, videos and the "Benga" oral history museum interviews will be taking place in the library.

70th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Autographs

SEVENTY YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIP 1919 — 1989

The Best School Of All.

Henry Newbolt

It's good to see the school we knew,
The land of youth and dream,
To greet again the rule we knew
Before we took the stream,
Though long we've missed the sight of her,
Our hearts may not forget;
We've lost the old delight of her,
We keep her honour yet.

We'll honour yet the school we knew,
The best school of all;
We'll honour yet the rule we knew,
Till the last bell call.
For, working days or holidays,
And glad or melancholy days,
They were great days and jolly days
At the best school of all.

The stars and sounding vanities
That half the crowd bewitch,
What are they but inanities
To him that treads the pitch?
And where's the wealth, I'm wondering
Could buy the cheers that roll,
When the last charge goes thundering
Toward the twilight goal?

We Shall Be Strong:

Music by
J.W. Menadue.

Words by
J.B. Robertson.

Dandenong High School gateway to the future,
Proudly borne in battle your colours flew,
The standard that led a regiment to conquer,
You give unto our keeping to win renown anew.

CHORUS:

"Faber Quisque Fortunae!"
Our faith and courage leading us along,
We give our pledge of loyalty,
"We shall be strong".

Architects of fortune labouring together,
Gaining inspiration from work and play,
The royal blue we bear has taught us truth
and loyalty;
The trust of our companions we would not
dare betray.

Heroines and Heroes wearing red for courage,
Forged a great tradition,
In days gone by,
We build for the future, proud of our
achievement,
We meet the greatest challenge,
Our courage ever high.

Dandenong High School, though the years
divide us,
Worthy sons and daughters we shall remain,
And when through the gate, we enter on our
journey,
Our courage, faith and loyalty,
Will build a greater name.

L.A. Adamson.

The men that tanned the hide of us,
Our daily foes and friends,
They shall not lose their pride in us
Howe'er the journey ends.
Their voice to us who sing of it
No more its message bears,
But the round world shall ring of it
And all we are be theirs.

To speak of fame a venture is,
There's little here can bide,
But we may face the centuries,
And dare the deepening tide;
For, though the dust that's part of us
To dust again be gone.
Yet here shall beat the heart of us-
The school we handed on.

We'll honour yet the school we knew,
The best school of all;
We'll honour yet the rule we knew,
Till the last bell call.
For, working days or holidays,
And glad or melancholy days,
They were great days and jolly days
At the best school of all.

Faber Quisque Fortunae.

Music:
Margaret Davey.

Words:
Eileen Mahoney.

VERSE 1.

We are the School, We make the rule
This is the song that we pass along
The word and the rhyme, The tune and the
time
That the School will sing forever.

CHORUS:

Work to win, Despair is sin,
The best may fall to rise again,
The team will win that tries again
Work conquers all.

VERSE 2.

This is the Gate to the way long and
straight,
That leads to the road where we carry
our load
With gladness or care, With courage to dare,
While we travel we'll sing forever.

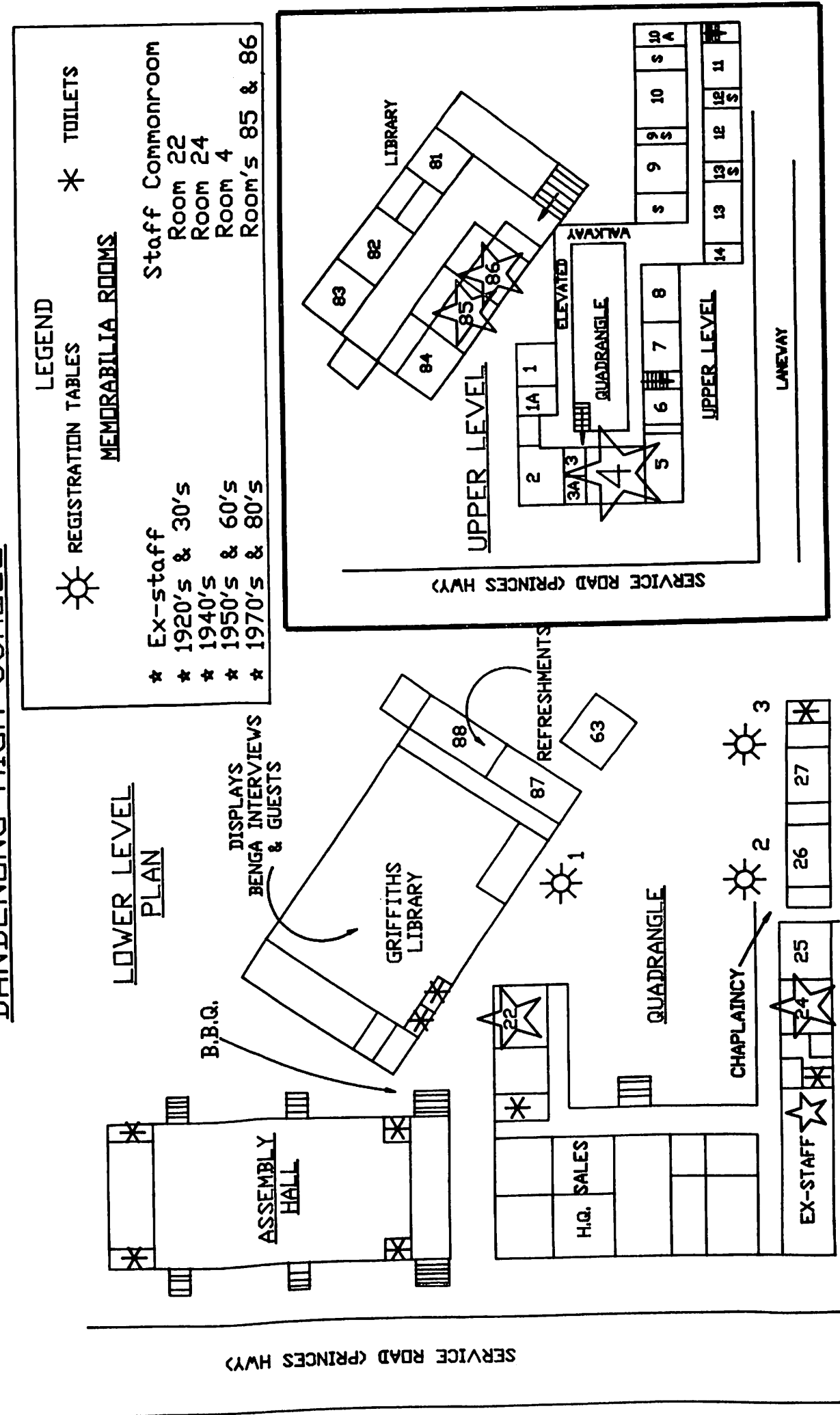
CHORUS: (Repeat).

VERSE 3.

Work is our aim, Till our fortune we frame,
Till we vanquish our foes, and forget all
our woes,
Till we win every game, And we earn the
fair name,
That the School will sing forever.

CHORUS: (Repeat).

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CALICA JORUM SLAR,
OOM BOOM BISH BANG ZOOM,
DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL YAH.

A. Westman