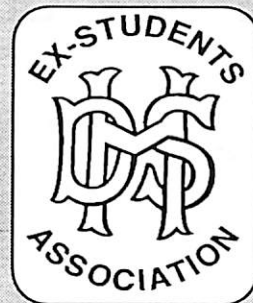


# DHS Newsletter



Dandenong High School Ex-Students  
Association Newsletter

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## DHSESA pays tribute to our beloved Edna

Most ex-students and former staff members within our still-close network of 'friends of DHS' were very quickly made aware of our great loss when Edna Vukmirovic (Dawson) died on Monday, 24 February 1997, aged 76 years.

The sad news spread fast through word of mouth. Those few scattered or isolated members of our community who are only now learning of Edna's death, perhaps in some cases through these

pages, will doubtless be experiencing what we others have already felt.

The loss of Edna was at once a source of real, heartfelt grief, as a person with whom so many of us had a

*By John Leah*

very personal student-teacher or colleague to colleague relationships, went from our lives. At the same time, along with the sadness, tinged with nostalgia, was a tender emotion that yes, here indeed was someone we had all loved and who would, in some indefinable, intangible way, be with us as long as we ourselves breathed.

It is not just fitting that we should pay our respects to Edna on these pages - it is an essential acknowledgement of her enormous contribution

to the school, to each of us and to the greater community. Many of us will slip away quietly from the public eye, when our time comes, but for Edna, there was a truly amazing upsurge of feeling that reflected her significance in the history of DHS.

This depth of feeling can best be understood when the length and quality of Edna's association with the school is explored. Her first known official contact with DHS was in August, 1933, when she

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*Edna Vukmirovic (Dawson) - a face, a spirit and a personality that none of us shall forget.*

### A daughter's thanks...

The newsletter received the following letter, based on a brief address at the Edna Dawson Vukmirovic Memorial Service, by Stana Sargood (nee Vukmirovic), Edna's daughter:

I wish to thank all the past students and past and current staff for the many tributes received on the loss of Edna, my mother.

The cards, the flowers and wishes were a comfort and showed great honour to her life and memory. During her

illness, Mum appreciated the visits and flowers sent from the Ex-students Association (mauve tones for orchid, of course!). The flowers at the Thanksgiving Services from the association and the current school, and the musical item from present-day students were also honours.

The school was always a special part of Mum's life and I thank you.

*Stana Sargood  
(nee Vukmirovic)  
DHS 1975 - 1980*

# DHSESA pays tribute to our beloved Edna

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was enrolled as a second form student. Prior to that, she had tackled her secondary education by correspondence.

Once at DHS, Edna attained a high standard, won a scholarship and obtained her Leaving Certificate with passes in seven subjects.

Edna then became a student teacher and it was not long - 1938 - before she was back at DHS. Those who were around in those days recall that she spent much of her time working in Mr Griffith's office.

After pursuing her qualifications as a secondary

teacher, Edna again returned to DHS in 1946 - this time, fully qualified. She had completed a Trained Primary Teachers Certificate, the greater part of an Arts degree at Melbourne University and then taught at Inglewood and for a brief period, Mirboo North.

Edna's employment at DHS spanned decades - she resigned in February, 1981. Altogether, her contact with the school, as student then student teacher

and finally as a staff member, lasted more than forty years. Those who had the privilege of being taught by her recall a gentle, kindly and helpful person with a vast knowledge of the families whose children had attended the school. She seemed to forget nothing and nobody and was always ready to recount amusing escapades she remembered about various of her former students.

Some recall her as their class teacher, others as their subject teacher, but practically all recall her brilliant work in the Music department at DHS.

For many years, massed classes would assemble in the two classrooms at the top of the stairs in the 'old building'. New kids entering the school always found these occasions very exciting, with so many of their peers jammed tightly into the double rooms. Folding doors between the two rooms would be pushed back to make a temporary 'hall'.

There frequently would be lots of noise and carrying on, in spite of the efforts of some of the teachers herding the lively group.

Then, Edna would enter. Those who saw this happen will recall it well. Tiny Edna would walk in with an expression on her face that was

the inevitable wags. I recall a certain 'Mousie' who was one to call out the occasional interjection and to sing the wrong words.

Having commanded our attention, ever so quietly, Edna would announce the song to be rehearsed, raise her hand (or was it a baton - the memories fade a little), nod to the accompanist (for many years Mollie Cowen, but there were others) and we would be away.

We sang our hearts out for her and enjoyed every minute. Even those of us not blessed with good singing voices nonetheless loved

goistic songs she had a part in teaching. She need not have chastised herself - they were the culture of the day and we, teachers and students alike, were prisoners of it, just as today's children are held to intellectual ransom over violent American cultural imports.

There was plenty she taught us that was quite delightful - The English Floral Dance for example. Those youthful voices even now ring in one's ears as if Edna was still there, in the backs of our minds, conducting, stopping, correcting and rehearsing us until it sounded just

perfect. Well, as perfect as Edna could make it with such a mixed bag of untutored voices.

They were the magic times that evoke Edna's memory - they will doubtless trigger memories of other songs and other moments in the minds of the students who Edna taught in other eras. She was many things to many people.

Small wonder she was so deeply appreciated in a thousand ways.

When the school newsletter of February 1981 announced the retirement of Edna

Vukmirovic, it foreshadowed a special school assembly to thank her for all she had done. The newsletter said:

"She has exerted an enormous influence throughout all those (40) years... Staff and students felt great affection for her and many sought her help and advice. "Mrs Vukmirovic has been an outstanding teacher, everyone's mother, everyone's friend and through her, the very fine aspects of the history of this school have come to life for us all."

It would be hard to express it better than that - especially the sentiments about "everyone's mother, everyone's friend".

Edna admitted in recent years that she was a little ashamed of some of the jin-

ties attending the meeting (school, ex-students and family) would have direct control of the funds and the administration of the scholarship. Immediate efforts would be made to raise money so that an early commencement of Awards under the scholarship could be made.

A donation form is enclosed with this newsletter and all ex-students are encouraged to help ensure the success of this worthy endeavour to create a fitting memorial to Edna. ■

## Memorial to Edna Vukmirovic planned by school & ex-students

At a meeting at Dandenong High School on 30 May 1997 it was decided to create a memorial to Edna Vukmirovic (Dawson).

Attended by the DHS Principal, Bruce van den Berg; Deputy Principal, Robyn Stevenson; Edna's daughter, Stana Sargood; and DHSESA President, Greta Jungwirth, the meeting focussed on an appropriate form for the memorial.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Ex-students Associa-

tion, ex-students and the school would jointly endow the Edna Dawson Vukmirovic Music Scholarship. Encouragement in the general area of music of a current student or students of the school was set as the aim of the scholarship.

Specifically, it is intended that the scholarship recognize and facilitate individual talent or encourage other musical experiences.

It was decided that a panel representing the par-

somewhere between determination and serenity.

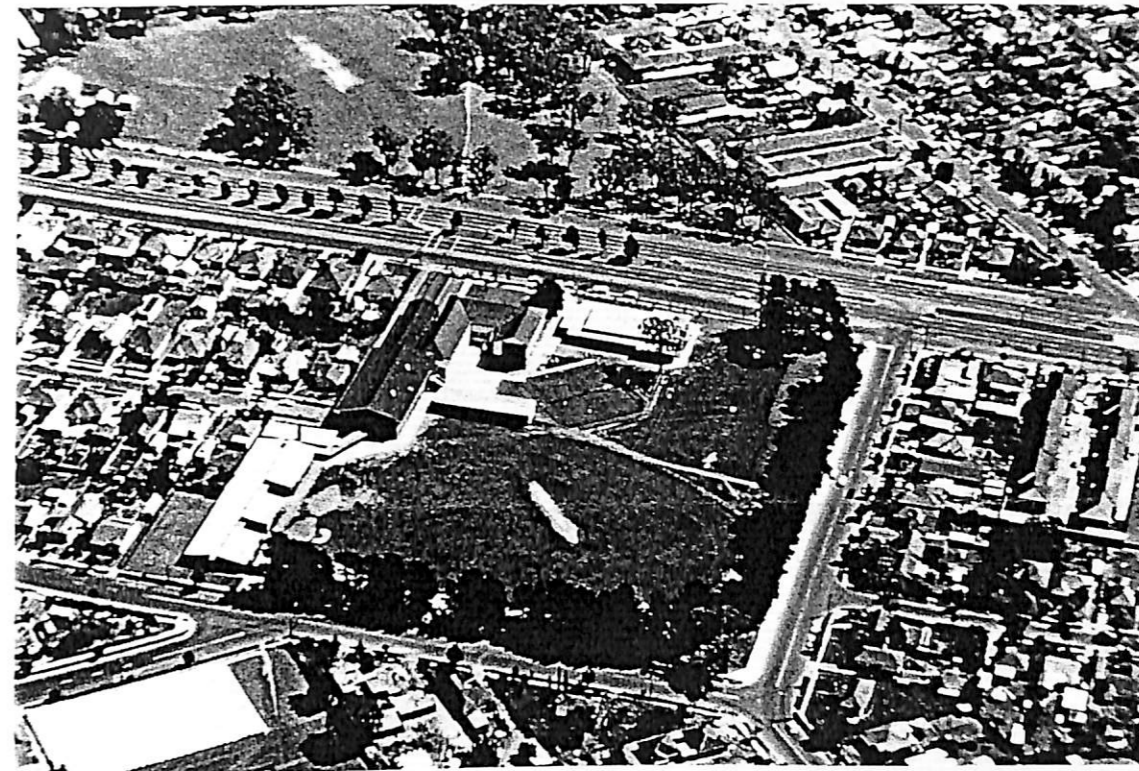
She would look straight at the hundreds of kids assembled, seemingly staring straight into each child's eyes.

We would fall silent. The hush was remarkable. Many large-framed male teachers with commanding postures and intimidating reputations had difficulty in obtaining the level of attention we gave this tiny speck of a woman.

She seemed to have a character that could not be refused, a presence that would not be denied. And of course, we loved her for it and always wanted to sing and sing and sing until we got it right for her. Well, most of us did, apart

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Wal Nelowkin, now living in Canberra, who previously contributed photos of DHS taken from the old pine trees, has now met our challenge to

produce an aerial shot. He has unearthed an aerial photo he himself took on 27 November, 1971. It is fascinating to compare Wal's

"Then" (1964) and "Now" (1996) photos of Dandenong High School with the aerial shot above.

Wal notes that the quality

is "good enough to show that the tennis courts were in use that day". Were you there?

Wal's new challenge? Perhaps a satellite shot of DHS?



From: Mrs E Treloar (nee Vincent - d.o.b. 2/10/1919):

Dear Greta,

Many thanks for the words of the old songs on the cassette. I really enjoy listening to them even though a lot of them are after my time at DHS.

I love a cassette by Peter Dawson, with two songs we learned at DHS - 'Waltzing Matilda' and 'Jogging along the Highway'.

I am not very good at describing my time at DHS, but I will give it a try.

Having just moved to Springvale over Christmas, my older sister (Ethel Vincent) and I began at Dandenong High School in

1924. She was two years ahead of me (Eunice Vincent as I was then known).

Students came on the trains from as far away as Carnegie and from the Gippsland lines. Everybody walked from the Dandenong Station to the High School, so we all had plenty of exercise before school. Any teachers on the train would lead the procession of pupils up to the school.

If it was raining when we arrived at Dandenong, we were able to get a ride in a cab. There were no buses in those days - until nearing the end of our time.

After sorting out our books and needs from our lockers, everybody congre-

gated in the quadrangle until the Headmaster, Percy Langford, welcomed everyone and then we went to our own classes.

When I first started, the school doctor had everyone measured and I was the smallest in the school!

If anyone misbehaved, they had to write 20, 40, 50 or 100 lines and produce them the next day. If you giggled (like I sometimes did) the lines would be doubled.

I was too small to play basketball or tennis, but after a couple of years I took up hockey. By the third year, I was playing in the DHS Hockey Team for which I played until I finished in the Leaving Certificate "B" Form.

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I was lucky in my third year, because it was decided to start a Commercial course, in which my mother enrolled me. It was the best thing that happened to all those who took the course. It was called "Commercial principles and Practice". Nearly half of the earlier classes took the new

course. We had a marvellous teacher - Miss Little - and everyone enjoyed it. We also did English, French and Arithmetic, which was enough to obtain the Leaving Certificate.

I really enjoyed my five years at DHS and my young sister Win started there two years later. My older sister, Ethel, finished two years before me. She was always near the top of the grade, even though she was younger than most of them. My younger sister, Win, also did the Commercial course.

I think this typewriter is packing up... I hope this will... (the letter fades out here).

Eunice Vincent,  
2/29 Gellibrand St,  
Portarlington, 3223.

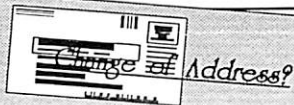
Thanks for sharing those entertaining memories with us, Eunice! A charming recollection. Your typewriter may be packing up, but clearly, your memories of DHS are not. Ed.

"And when through The Gate we enter on our journey..."

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### CORRECTION

We regret that in our last newsletter, Stephen McIntosh was shown as the recipient of the Class of '64 Award. This was incorrect. In fact, Stephen presented the award to Kylie Metelmann, Year 9 student.



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### CD NOW AVAILABLE!

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### WHOOPS!

You were right! On page 4 of the last newsletter, the 1996 photo was below the 1964 picture - not vice versa as captioned. But being DHS educated, you worked that out, did you not?

## FROM the CHAIR



This edition features a tribute to the late Edna Dawson Vukmirovic, who passed away on 23 February 1997.

Edna's love for, and commitment to the school, must surely stand alone in their quality and duration. She was a student from 1933-36, a student teacher from 1939-40 and a teacher from 1946-80.

After her retirement as Senior Mistress, she retained strong links with the school and with the ex-student body. She regularly attended functions at the school and almost unflinchingly made herself available for reunions.

Edna came to the first reunion of my class in 1984, as she had been our Form Teacher and Maths Teacher back in 1960. She told us such occasions were important because we were all part of each other and there would be ghosts to lay. She was wise as well as generous with her time.

Her prodigious memory came to the fore at the special anniversaries of the school. She knew generations of students and teachers: their characteristics, talents and progress through life. She was unerringly loyal and supportive in the memories she chose to share.

Edna exemplified the best of the spirit of DHS and her place in its history is unique.

We shall miss her.

Greta Jungwirth (de Vries)  
President.

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DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## FORTY (AND MORE) YEARS ON

by **MARGOT  
TITCHER**  
(1944-1948)

'We'll honour yet the school we knew'.

But would they? During the countdown to November 29th, the day set aside for the reuniting of pupils who attended DHS in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, the question predominated.

The small band of fewer than 20 exies led by an executive committee of three, had laboured throughout the year, with the assistance of members of the DHS Ex-students Association, and of Robin Stevenson - Deputy Principal, to ensure a successful outcome.

A collection of early photographs and Dandenong Historical displays were in readiness, signs drawn, registration points designated, registrars rostered.

Would the formal invitations, the word of mouth publicity, the media coverage, spark enthusiasm? Would the unpredictable Spring weather keep people away? Would it be too hot, too wet, too chilly? Had the Chaplaincy Committee, in charge of refreshments, over-catered? Under-catered? What if ...?

But they did arrive. They streamed through the gates, hundreds of

them. They had made their way to the old school from all points of the compass, on foot, by car, by plane, from local homes, from distant parts of regional Victoria, from interstate.

Left behind were day-to-day adult anxieties, financial stresses, broken relationships, unrealized ambitions. It was a day to return to childhood. Old mates were



**BARRY SIMON**

sought out, friendships renewed, confidences shared, schooldays hilariously revisited.

There were those who cupped an ear to hear or conversed from wheelchairs, some who knew they would not see another reunion. To the white-haired, the slightly stouter, the rather frail, it mattered

little: they were youngsters again as they reminisced.

Long-dead teachers were called to mind: 'Brum', Miss Carpenter and her fingernail inspections, 'Toss' McAughtrie with his 'Write out one hundred thirteen-letter Latin words for talking'. And everybody had an 'Old Sinny' tale to relate. Overheard: 'Geoff, you were my heart-throb'. Congratulations, Geoff, you handled it superbly with your gentle smile and charming 'Why didn't you tell me?'. How many small dramas were being played out within the throng?

Men were crushing women to their chests and women were planting multi-colored kisses upon each other's cheeks in genuine affection. For a brief spell, everybody felt loved.

It was undoubtedly 'a great day and a jolly day'.

Above the school songs, the rowdy chatter, the whoops of recognition, a sound drifted - a creaking sort of noise. Did anybody present hear it?

The old school, 'the best school of all', clearly recognizable despite the many facelifts, was squaring her shoulders and raising high her head in pride. She had watched the crowds of sixty-plus, former students filing into the grounds: they had, every one, remembered her.

**NOTE: PHOTOS INSIDE!**

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Noticed at DHS on November 29th 1997



Alan Corrigan and Henry Drake  
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Max Wenn, Reg Campbell and Frank Secomb



Les Monoffi, Trevor Grigg and Alex Burgess

### CHAPLAINCY CONTINUES AT DHS

The admirable tradition of pastoral care for our school community continues following the Commissioning Service held during 1997 at the school.

Mr Ed Eadon brings to the position of Chaplain, qualifications in the form of Diploma of Ministries from the Adelaide College of Ministries, S.A., and a Post Graduate Diploma Pastoral Counselling from Kingsley College, Glenroy. Ed previously held employment with the State Bank of Victoria, Box Hill Youth Services, Commonwealth Employment Centre - Box Hill and Youth Development worker/Counsellor - Manningham Youth Services. His Youth Work portfolio includes Youth Leader at Mitcham Baptist Church, Youth Leader at Frankston Forest Baptist Church, Youth Pastor - Bethel Baptist Church, S.A., and at the time of his appointment he was attending Truth Liberation and Concern.

This wide diversity would appear to amply qualify him to assume the challenging role filled competently by successive Chaplains at DHS. Among those participating in the Commissioning service were Mrs Vicki Collier, Chairperson of the Dandenong Chaplaincy Committee, Mr Neil Vague, a long term member of that Committee, Mrs Delwynne Wright, SWC, Dandenong High School, plus a former Chaplain, Megan Coote, now the Chaplain's Chaplain to the auspicing body, the Council for Christian Education in Schools. Members of the Minister's fraternal were present, the Guest Speaker was the Reverend Barrie Sutton, Chaplain - Victorian Cricket Team. The School Concert Band,

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co-ordinated by Katrina Vrisk, together with the School's Home Economics Class, contributed to a successful late afternoon function.

### FROM THE CHAIR

I have recently had cause to reflect on the state of the present incarnation of the Association. We evolved out of the organising Committee for the 70th Anniversary and became operational in 1992.

Since then we have initiated decade reunions for various year levels; more than a dozen in number. We took responsibility for much of the organisation of the 75th Anniversary, and last year a special reunion was held for past pupils of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s.

Our connection with the school over these years has been close and co-operative. Ex-students regularly attend assemblies on occasions such as anniversaries, Anzac Day, Awards Night and Presentation of School Badges. The Association, and its members, have set up a number of scholarships for students - the most recent being the Edna Dawson Vukmirovic Music Scholarship.

Through our initiative, school badges have been reproduced, and last year House Captain and School Captain badges were ordered, ready for presentation this year.

New House Banners were created for the 75th anniversary and two art exhibitions of ex-student works have been held. The recording of school songs in 1996 was an important and memorable undertaking.

Ideas and projects envisioned during the first meetings in 1992 have gradually taken shape. The

Association Newsletter was the first thing off the ground and it has developed and improved over the years. The History Unit was set up a few years ago and is functioning well. Its members catalogue and store archival material in a custodial role for the school community. At present a group of regional contacts is being organized in country Victoria and inter-state, and someone has agreed to take responsibility for developing a business network of ex-students.

### ALL THIS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITH VOLUNTARY LABOUR.

The ideas have always been there: it is just a matter of finding the person power to run with them. The main problems we have encountered have been too few helpers for too many jobs. Of great concern has been the ever fluctuating numbers of members: we have surges at reunions and then numbers drop off.

It has been suggested that members might want more for their \$10 a year, that we should entice them with discounts and privileges. I find this notion somewhat disturbing. It may well be part of modern practice but then I find much of modern practice offensive. **The crunch for me is the question of giving or taking. To misquote President Kennedy - "Ask not what your Association can do for you, but what you can do for your Association."** That sentiment is consistent with the school spirit engendered over the decades.

However, we are still saddled with the numbers problem and we are in the run-up to the 80th Anniversary celebrations. **I would therefore appreciate comments and suggestions on these matters, so please write.**

Greta Jungwirth

NEWS PARS

'The Barwon Grange' in Fernleigh Street, Newtown, Geelong, is an elegant, intact brick home, built in 1855, which has been restored and authentically furnished by its owners, the National Trust Of Australia (Victoria). It is now the home of **Jennifer Bantow (formerly Cummings)**. Jennifer and her husband Ray have the stewardship of this interesting architectural icon, and visitors are welcome.

**Lorraine Metcalfe (formerly Vincent)**, has authored a book to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Dandenong Festival of Music and Art for Youth. It has been written as a tribute to the artists, committee members, teachers, adjudicators and volunteers who have participated in its presentation over time. Copies of the book can be purchased, with full proceeds going to the Festival, by phoning Lorraine on 03 9704 7938.

Making news lately was Dandenong Fire Brigade member **Rick Owen**, who for the second time at a CFA demonstration, has won the one man marshall event, confirming his position as State Champion. Rick praised his teammates, recalling that Dandenong competed at five recent demonstrations, winning five aggregates, and bringing home some great trophies.

**Helen Katsos** was recently married to Jim Liapis in Dandenong. Helen was a student, (1985-1987), later a teacher at DHS in Maths and Science, and recently she has been engaged in the positions of treasurer and functions co-ordinator of our Ex-students Association. Congratulations Helen and Jim.

**MAYOR RETURNS TO DHS**



City of Casey Mayor, Wayne Smith, and Heatherton Ward councillor, Sam Afra, unleashed their musical talents on unsuspecting Dandenong High School Students during the donation of a \$1000 cheque to the school's Edna Dawson Vukmirovic Music Scholarship on Friday.

**Wayne Smith**, formerly a Councillor with the City of Cranbourne, has just completed his year as the first Mayor of the City of Casey, a city with a population of 155,000. Wayne, who has had a long interest in community affairs, resigned his position as a teacher, and proprietor of his own photography business, to take on the position in a full time capacity. Congratulations Wayne!

**Sue Jarvis** has added to her already high reputation by winning the Best Exhibit at the 1997 Yakkerboo Festival Art Show.

With the kind permission of 86 year old ex-student, Mr **Henry Drake**, we publish, *in toto*, his letter, recently received by the President **Greta Jungwirth (formerly de Vries)**

" I am now in my 87th year and I still hold fond recollections of my days at DHS (1922-1928). My close associate was **Alan Corrigan**. We shared the same desk for several years and I was 1st in form for 3 years. I still have my prize books 'Pickwick Papers' (Dickens) and 'Arabian Nights'. My first year prize 'Greek Myths' I have donated to the school library.

I pushed a bicycle from near Sandown Park (Lawn Road) for 5 years, (wore out numerous chains and sprocket wheels !) as I had to negotiate the steep incline between the creek and Dandenong Road. They were great days followed by my appointment as a Junior Teacher at Clayton State School for 2 years at the conclusion of which I joined my father who with a partner operated a furniture manufacturing business employing about 20 people.

I gained proficiency in wood machining and cabinet making, made most of my own furniture for our home and raised 3 healthy children, a daughter and two sons. The advent of the last war meant that we lost skilled tradesmen and the difficulties of recruiting new workers brought about the closure of our operations in 1949.

My father retired and with the help of my wife we took over a hardware store which we operated very successfully in Carlton.

We now live a quiet retired life and I can always find something interesting to do in my workshop - my neighbours call me "MR FIXIT"!

Alan and I still keep in touch from time to time".

Editors Note - **Alan Corrigan** attended the most recent Reunion, and can still be seen at stock and land auctions in the Dandenong and Cranbourne districts.

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 "...an organiser somewhere..."

With most of our ex-students spread widely across Australia and overseas, the task of getting our message to them becomes something of a challenge, particularly when special events are in the wind.

Although our Association membership is at a healthy level, most DHS ex-students/teachers are still non-members or remain unlocated, and many of them are probably keen to locate some of their peers and friends of yesteryear.

For this reason, and to blow some fresh breezes across the ex-student landscape, your committee wants to set up a simple support system to help our alumni in all areas to trace and maintain contact with each other.

Our goal is to appoint some **regional representatives** - locally, interstate, and overseas; existing members who would act as contact points for the Association on an informal and voluntary basis.

As a job advertisement, it might read something like this:

- The Task:** Is to act as an informal contact point in your own area for ex-students and ex-teachers of DHS; decide ways and means (if OK with the Committee) to achieve this; help to spread the word about reunions or activities being run by the Association; arrange occasional get-togethers for alumni in your area.
- The Commitment:** not too much time or effort (we wouldn't ask you to do something we can't);
- The Support:** hopefully, a job to be shared with one or two others in your region; lots of encouragement and support from the main Committee; someone interested in DHS and its people, both past and present;
- The Person:** No "Superpersons" needed here - just an interest in the task and satisfaction in doing it; a financial member of the Ex-students' Association.

Naturally, the level of success we have in making this concept work will depend on the degree of response from you, our members. Already several people have put up their hands to offer support within Victoria, with other offers in the wind.

**80th Anniversary:** With 1999 being the 80th Anniversary, (probably in March), and you small band of Committee members about to get into 'battle mode', we need as much help as we can muster throughout this year.

We need your ideas, your suggestions, and your support in general. With your help, we can achieve our goals. So, why not become a '**Regional Rep.**' for the Association? Or, persuade a friend to do so if your cannot.

If you would like more information before committing yourself, please contact us as follows:

- In writing to: The President, Ex-Students' Association. (Marked 'Regional Reps.')
- OR** Greta Jungwirth or Robyn Browne - (numbers available on request from DHS office staff).
- Phone:

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU !!**

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And remember, you have already paid for the Newsletter and postage...why waste it?

### INFORMATION PLEASE !

**We want news about careers, achievements and social lives of Exies of all eras. Just phone Don Metcalfe 039 704 7938**

# AWARDS

### Drama Festival

Saturday November 29th 1997 saw Dandenong High School rise to great heights at the Monash Drama Festival. Twelve Year 10 students competed in, AND WON, what is the most prestigious Drama competition in the State.

The students competed against 16 other schools, including Methodist Ladies College, Essendon Grammer and Warragul Regional College. *The \$1200 of lighting equipment will be used for the drama facility!*

### B. R. Rayment Award for Musical Excellence

(Sponsored by the DHS Ex-Students' Association)

Bruce Rayment was a former principal who supported and encouraged participation and development of musical activities. This award is presented to a student of any level who has achieved a high standard of musical ability.

The recipient in 1997 was MONICA JONG, who studied music as an elective subject, and achieved an 'A' grade. She also sat 2 AMEB exams, receiving an 'A' in the First Grade Violin, and 99% for her First Grade Theory.

**SCHOOL BADGES - NEXT EDITION !**

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