Brittany McDonald was named our Sports Person of the year, 2015, at the recent Year 12 Presentation night at MHS. Keith Wood and Chris Wakely Boyd represented us, with Keith making a speech and Chris presenting the perpetual award and a personal award plus a cash prize of $250.

This inaugural award dovetailed beautifully with an innovative Sporting Excellence Program at the school which provides opportunities for talented sport achievers to polish their performance on and off the field. As Principal Donna Pearson said: “Sport is an important aspect of school life for a significant number of our students. Our Sporting Excellence program has been an absolute hit this year and we are looking forward to continuing this program next year.” She added that the Association award was a great addition to the end of year celebrations, and one appreciated by both parents and students. “We really value the ex-students close association with the school,” she said.

Brittany's sporting success is not confined to one discipline, but her two major streams now are soccer and netball. She has been a high achiever in all sports however, and despite her frequent successes, Keith describes her as appreciative and humble as she accepted her cheque from Chris.

The Association award was made possible by members who pay an annual subscription to become voting members, from generous occasional donations, and from the sale of merchandise, which this year includes a 2016 wall calendar.

As this was the inaugural year of the award, the cost was greater than it will be next year. The perpetual trophy is shown with the individual trophy left and right, respectively. The perpetual trophy has been set up for ten years and each yearly winner will have their name and their class (e.g., Yr. 12) added. We expect it to be displayed in a trophy cabinet in the school reception area. The $250 cash award is for Brittany to spend as she wishes, but if she continues her competitive sporting life, there will be no shortage of things to spend it on.

It was a great honour to be invited to present the award, the only sponsor to be so invited. The night was conducted in a very professional way and there was much genuine good will between staff and students, with Year 12 students presenting themselves very well in every way. James Clarke, the school representative on our committee and great helper in all things, ran a smooth program to ensure an enjoyable evening.
CALENDARS

Thanks to members who have already ordered or bought calendars which will help us to support MHS students in some way. As you will have read on page 1, our funds come from annual subs, and also the sale of merchandise as we produce it, so these calendars will go towards projects we will be assessing for next year. Buying them is easy, and here’s how you do it:

1. Contact the merchandising co-ordinator, Keith Wood on keith.woods@bigpond.com, phone 075 5244 014 or mobile 0417623008, or write to 4 Oakland Parade Banora Point, 2486.
2. Place your order and provide your name, your membership status and posting details if necessary. Keith will discuss the best payment options for you - cheque or direct deposit.
3. COST: for Voting Members who have paid their annual $10 sub, the cost including postage is $10. For Associate Members who receive newsletters but who have not paid an annual sub the cost is $12.50 including postage. For non members, the cost is $12.50 including postage.

The calendar is A4 size, wall hanging, with space on the calendar grid for notes. The facing pages are guaranteed to bring back memories of school days over many years. The covers are in full colour. The end of the year is closer than you realise, so don't miss out. Contact Keith right now.

WHAT MEMBERS ARE DOING

Kurt Brereton continues to be busy, most recently with the launch of the V-Space Gallery in the Shoalhaven area. This is a new artist sponsored non-profit virtual art gallery, supporting artists far and wide. Kurt invites you to check out http://www.v-spacegallery.org for exhibition and artist submission details.

Welcome to new members Jenny Botrell (Harrison) and Helen Gosbee (Bashforth) who have joined us as Voting members. Their friendship has endured since the 1950s and we are very happy to have them as our members.

SUBS CAN NOW BE RENEWED. If you are already a financial, Voting member, all you need to do to renew is to deposit your $10 at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, in the MHS Ex-Students Assn Inc. account, BSB 062 578, A/N 1022 4915. Please note your name and add 'sub' so we can identify the payment. Post cheques to the Treasurer, 1/19 Cassidy Crescent, Bogangar, 2488. Chris can also clarify your status if you are unsure.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS 2015

Our Aims
We aim to provide social opportunities for ex-students and staff, and to support the school with special projects.

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AGM ALERT 13 November
We are preparing for the annual general meeting of all financial members. Formal notification will be sent soon. In the meantime, please consider what you can do for the Association as we seek to fill a committee vacancy. For more information contact President Neville nmarks@optusnet.com.au or Secretary Robyn mh.exassn@bigpond.com

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Eligibility
Voting membership is open to all ex-students and staff (teaching and non-teaching) who have spent one year or more at the Mullumbimby High School.

Membership opportunities are also available for others. For more information about all the choices, contact the Secretary, or Judy Hill.

Please tell us if your contact details change

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