Voting members by now will have received formal advice of the AGM to be held at the MHS library on November 13 at 3.00 p.m. All voting members are welcome to attend, and we hope that some of you will be able to do so.

Associate members are welcome as observers, but if you would like to convert your non-voting membership to a full membership to allow you to take part in the decisions being made, please complete the membership application form without delay. This can be done by going to the MHS website, clicking the “OUR COMMUNITY” heading from the main menu and finding us there, with links to the application forms. If you are a lapsed voting member, that is, one who has been a voting member but who didn't renew a subscription this year, all you need to do is pay your sub for 2015-2016 before the AGM.

AGM AND OTHER HOUSE KEEPING MATTERS

NEWSLETTERS
With increasing postage costs, we now ask members who require posted copies of newsletters to contribute $10 for their postage. This is especially important for non-voting members who pay no annual sub.

CALENDARS
We have reached a point with sales of the calendars where we have to decide about whether or not to print more. Using the old maxim that a sale is not a sale until the dough is on the table, if you have inquired or think you have ordered a calendar, please confirm the sale by paying for it. Our merchandise co-ordinator, Keith Wood is reluctant to hold stock for inquiries more than a couple of days old, so don't delay if you want one. Contact Keith on keith.wood5@bigpond.com, phone 0417 623 008 or 075 524 4014, or write to 4 Oakland Parade Banora Point 2486. Feedback has been good about their content and usefulness. A good buy that includes postage, $10 for voting members and $12.50 for non-voting members.

THE FUTURE
We go to the AGM with a committee vacancy. We also go to the AGM with commitments to support school programs in 2016. This year we became sponsor of an annual generous financial award for excellence in sport, complementing the MHS initiative in this stream of school life. To maintain and expand this and other projects, we do need an active and complete committee. We have an excellent leader in current president Neville Marks who has agreed to accept nomination for the position again. If he continues in the chair, there will be new projects to consider, ones that will confirm the sound relationship we have established with the school.

There are also reunions from classes of the past we can and do support, as contacts are re-established through our newsletters and our network.

Subs
Annual subs ($10) are now due, and thanks to those who have already sent cheques or made direct deposits. Details of how direct deposits can be made are below.

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 clarify your membership status if you are unsure.
MHS SCHOLARSHIPS

At MHS there are currently two scholarships on offer named for family donors. You can see them on the school www – look for FORMS AND DOWNLOADS. This is a fine way to remember the families and school supporters who have made memorable contributions in the past. It could be a convenient way for sibling groups to offer scholarships of varying value to worthy students. The conditions are carefully elaborated, the selection criteria appear rigorous, and they are offered to students who have to demonstrate commitment to their education. If you would like to consider making such a contribution to the school, please let the president know, and we will see about negotiating a path towards this end, with the school principal with whom we enjoy a cordial and co-operative relationship.

MORE OF WHAT MEMBERS ARE DOING

Les Reddacliff (at MHS 1965-1969) was so impressed to read about what members are doing, he let us know what he has been up to. Plenty. With 46 years in the automotive industry behind him, Les has recently opened his third workshop in Campbelltown, south west Sydney. He says he doesn't do much hard labour anymore, but plays a role in mentoring and overseeing his employees. Sales of his previous two workshops allowed him to step up each time. Well done, Les.

Keith Wood is our merchandising co-ordinator, just one of his retirement interests. His recent great achievement has been to re-invigorate a Men's Shed near his home at Banora Point. Wood work for all kinds of people is on the agenda, right up Keith's alley, as a former teacher. It hasn't been easy, as the place was rather lacking on the compliance front. This past year has seen Keith take a professional hand to extend the workshop and storage areas, reorganise the whole place and even landscape the surrounding gardens, to make it comply on all fronts. The recent official opening of the vastly improved facility brought an end to months of planning and hard labour. Congratulations Keith.

Robyn Gray (Harkness) has been researching the history of the Laverty's Gap hydro electric power station for what she says is far too long, but has developed a manuscript with a beginning, a middle and an end. Now she is looking for photos of the engineers who ran the place and the municipal mayors who presided over this enterprising municipality. The years of interest are from 1926 to 1980, and if anyone has pictures of either engineers or mayors from those years, she would love to hear from you. Some names are: Hope, Stevens, Berry, McVea, Blair, Lehmann (engineers) and Selwood, Frost, Arnold, Ernie James, Smith, Davies, Bill James (mayors).

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
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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.
And another thing:

The Mullumbimby show is on during the two days following the AGM., 14-15 November. How long is it since you went to the show?

Is this another good reason to come to the AGM?