Mullumbimby High School Ex-Students Association Inc.
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PROJECT UPDATE Target $2500

The shopping list presented far right, is what our support project for the High School is all about. Thanks to Tricia Allen (Bailey) and Ed Wilson for their recent generous donations which have added nicely to the total. We are making progress, but we still have a way to go before we can tick it off and say “That’s done.”

It began when Principal Ian Graham had a transparent lectern at the top of his wish list. He had no information about it or where it could be obtained. Member Nic Van Horton found out about those things, but when some of us attended a school assembly last year, he (and others in our ex-student party) was able to see how useless a new lectern would be, connected to the old and crotchetty sound system that serves the John Pearce Auditorium. For those who know about these things, they are vintage 1970s. No wonder it takes a while to call to order 400-odd students filling the hall - its hard to hear what’s coming from the stage, wherever you might be sitting. When we swapped notes, we realised that it wasn’t hearing loss that we were all suffering (well, not entirely), but the poor equipment which was failing the audience.

This hall is used by the school for all sorts of presentations. The sound system is one you have to struggle with. Watching the teachers make it work, somehow, is a lesson in patience. Assemblies really test the system, as they often encompass not only talks, speeches by a variety of people including students, and essential school housekeeping matters, but very often musical items by school, and sometimes guest performers. Mullum High musicians have been very successful in competitions, and it’s an area they want to develop. Their own concert venue would be a great bonus, not only for experience, but also as a fund raiser for their activities. But, it’s not a real option.

It is also used for community activities which often require the sound system. The hall is a good venue, but you wouldn’t hire it for its technology.

Last year, the organisers of the highly regarded Mullumbimby Music Festival used the hall as a venue for one of its concerts. They praised the hall, but provided their own sound system.

The equipment now being held for us (awaiting payment and installation) will make the auditorium a much more desirable place for all its current uses - school, community and it is hoped, as a commercial performance venue. It is of very high (professional) quality, so the school will have an asset marketable in the commercial world.

That’s what is transforming the apparently simple request for a lectern, into something of considerable significance for the school. Help us if you can: direct deposit to the Mullumbimby High School Ex-Students Association account at the Mullumbimby Branch of the Commonwealth Bank (BSB 062 578, a/n 1022 4915). All donations will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

SHOPPING LIST
1. Transparent lectern
2. Microphone
3. Speakers generating up to 500 watts
4. Amplifier capable of producing 550 watts per channel
5. Sound mixer - able to connect microphones, instruments, foldback speakers.
6. Cables, not shown.
REMINDER:
Mufti Bowls Day Mullumbimby Bowling Club
Sunday 16 May from 9.00 a.m.

Ever wondered what lawns bowls is all about?
Ever thought you’d like to try your hand?
Why not now? With people you have something in common...

We guarantee a relaxed opportunity to have your questions answered.
Bowelos and non bowlers welcome.
When the bowls are done, enjoy a simple BBQ lunch and talk over old school times.

$10 includes entry fee and lunch.
Proceeds to the upgrade of the sound system of the John Pearce auditorium at Mullumbimby High School, a project of the Mullumbimby High School Ex-Students Association.

Contact Robyn to book:
phone 02 6688 4356 or email mh.exassn@bigpond.com

NOTICE BOARD
Make up a party for the bowls day, and have some fun.
mh.exassn@bigpond.com
If you think it’s time for a reunion, don’t just think about it.
Do something, and let us know, too.
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School Holidays
Time to Dry Clean

PHONE 277
STUART ST.
MULLUMBIMBY
TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAYS TO HAVE YOUR TUNICS, BLAZERS AND ALL SCHOOL WEAR EXPERTLY PROCESSED BY The BRUNSWICK DRY CLEANERS.
Remember, for all your Dry Cleaning problems consult The Brunswick Dry Cleaners

Star Advocate, Friday August 26, 1955.
(The year the school became a “High School”.)
I was born in Bangalow in 1949. Educated at Mullum Primary and Mullum High, I was in top grades at High School. Our class, 1962-1965 was the first to go through under the new Wyndham Scheme, i.e. we could still do the Intermediate in 3rd year and leave school or continue to 4th year and do the School Certificate as it is today.

I left school in November 1965 after the School Certificate and started working in a take-away shop in Ballina. Then in September ’66 I began work in the Commonwealth Bank in Mullum, a job I continued for 10 years during which I married local Main Arm lad, Ray Towers. We had three children.

In 1982 Ray and I opened “Ray Towers Carpets” in Dalley Street and in 1992 we moved into our current, purpose built showroom and warehouse in the Mullum Industrial Estate we developed. (This is near the current football grounds at the eastern boundary of town, near Mann’s mill - Ed.)

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