Searching for interesting material for the calendar we are preparing had us at the MHS library archive and what treasures we found. Amongst the cache was a 1935 punishment book with the policy for corporal punishment (last entry 1963), old photos, the school magazine – Nor’ Easter 1950-1969 – the Caldwell bowl, and a shield from the first Ex-Students Union as it was called, formed in 1960.

The Caldwell bowl honours Arthur Caldwell, Head Master from 1945-1948, a nice memorial. Perhaps it’s hidden away because he was Head Master of the Intermediate High School.

It was also interesting to see a trophy with a number of engraved shields (1960, 1961 and 1962, with others unused), and a headline scroll naming it as the MHS Ex-Students Union trophy, and showing its motto – For Life and Tolerance.

In 1961 David Cornelius was the president, Peter Gordon the treasurer and Pam Dundas (now Morris) was secretary. Sporting events including football, softball, hockey (women and men), basketball and debating were held in the August school holidays, with MHS victorious in all but the men’s hockey and basketball. The victors, represented by the school captains, received their trophy at a dance in the Presbyterian hall at the end of the tournament.

Also of interest are the diagrams of school ground layouts from 1955 through to 1983. How it has changed since 1955.

The search for material for the calendar was very productive, and some of what we have found will certainly find its way to the calendar. Stay tuned for details of its availability.

This year’s support for students will be in the form of two senior sporting achievement awards valued at $250, one each for girls and boys. Gordon Green (see his story below) has plenty of successors in the sporting arena, so if you would like to help us in this effort, direct deposits can be made to the MHS Ex-Students Association Inc. account at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, BSB 062 578, A/N 1022 4915. Please note your name so we can thank you.

Post cheques to the Treasurer, 1/19 Cassidy Crescent, Bogangar, 2488.

Other programs, Chrysalis, supporting vulnerable girls continues to need financial support, as does the literacy and numeracy program LANDE. Help if you can, and identify your choice if you DD.

**Sporting Hero**

One of the discoveries made in an old Nor’ Easter was the record of achievement by the sports champ of 1968, Gordon Green. From his start at MHS in 1963, Gordon was soon playing in the First XI cricket team and the Kearney Cup tennis squad. By 1965, outside school, he was playing inter district tennis, selected as a top FNC junior to play in New Zealand. He was successful in Kearney Cup athletics and XIII League, playing in a district team in a curtain raiser at the SCG. He also

competed in Sydney as the FNC sprint champion. Still outside school he was the State beach sprint champion, reflecting his value to the local Surf Club.

He was a modest competitor whose success was not confined to the sporting field. He achieved 6A passes in the School Certificate plus a bursary and also had impressive results in the Higher School Certificate.

Where is he now? If you know where Gordon is, and what he has been doing since he left school, let the secretary know on mh.exassn@bigpond.com
**NEWS OF PEOPLE**

**Joan Towers** – congratulations on taking up the office of President of the Brunswick Mullumbimby Lions Club. It’s a busy Club with a fine tradition of community service to continue. All the best for your term, Joan.

**Narelle Jarrett** – a new member, thanks to Val Staff (née Elliott). Welcome and thank you for your interest, Narelle. Narelle’s name was on the list of people in the school group whose reunion is coming up next month. She left the area in 1969 and after a career in nursing, for many years in Cairns, and later in Queenbeyan, she has come back to home territory. Narelle’s family has deep roots in the Brunswick district, so she has plenty of threads to weave back into her life in retirement.

**Barrie Blackman** – Amongst the archive we recently searched was a box of black and white photographs taken by Barrie Blackman and used in the Nor’ Easter of 1968. There were good pictures of the Cadets on parade and the School Ag. plot, with students at work. Barrie died in Lismore this month, no doubt remembered by older members, as will be his sister Yvonne. A Condolence Book is open on the Northern Star website until the end of the month.

Don’t forget the **reunion for the years 1961-1965**, being organised by Heather Smith (née Johnston) at **Ocean Shores Country Club on Saturday 15 August 2015 at 6.00 p.m.** with a recovery session at the Brunswick Hotel the following day commencing at 10.00 a.m. Cost of the reunion dinner is $45 per person and partners are most welcome. Heather asks if you are in contact with classmates from this era, to contact her on **Phone**: 0427579703 OR **Email**: smithho311@gmail.com

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**POSITION VACANT**

We have a vacancy on the Association committee. Members interested must be currently financial and have access to a computer they can manage. Communications are mostly by email, but the committee meets face to face before the AGM at the school, usually in November. For more information please contact the President **nmarks@optusnet.com.au** or Secretary **mh.exassn@bigpond.com**

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**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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**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.