NEWS SHEET OF THE SYDNEY BRANCH
THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL OLD BOYS UNION

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INTRODUCING "BINGHI"

Our Sydney Branch news sheet in its new form.

Considerable thought was given to this subject by your enterprising committee in view of the success of the September issue and we are sure you will acknowledge it an improvement on the hackneyed duplicated sheet of the past.

We selected "Binghi" because it is a name indigenous to Australia; an Aboriginal word meaning "brother". It is in keeping with the tradition and sentiment of the School and a nickname many earned at school and still carry with them in all walks of life. It is believed this word was used in particular by the tribes in what is now the New England district and thus has a local association for the School as the old and particularly the older old boys will tell you.

Let us have your comments and support. We need the help of some of the earlier "vintage" old boys to help us along until the present younger members acquire a little more of the "sands of time" on their shoes!

What about some notes and contributions and so help to make this sheet more permanent and worthwhile? Next issue 30th September.

Membership - Are there any old boys you can interest in joining up. Life or Annual? Let us have their names please!
We wish to take this opportunity of congratulating Sydney Grammar on their centenary and with this go our best wishes for the future.

**Memorial Hall**  Work on the Memorial Hall is nearing completion and plans are being made to open the Hall on Wednesday 1st May but we are awaiting confirmation of this date. Old Boys wishing to go or considering going should keep in touch with Barton Browne (FM3248) for details.

We would remind you that there is still a large sum of money to be raised to finish the Hall after completion. The response to the appeal for chairs has so far been disappointing and we remind you again that chairs may be donated at a cost of £5 10 0 each. Curtains and stage fittings, lights and windows are a few of the other things necessary to complete the Hall and for which donations are being received.

**Fixtures 1957**  A complete list of sporting and other fixtures of interest to Old Boys is being printed in Armidale and should be in members hands before the end of March.

**MAKE A NOTE**

**Old Boys "Easter Reunion"**  The committee is arranging a 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Easter Reunion at the Hotel Metropole on Wednesday 17th April. This will be similar to the one held last October prior to the G.P.S. Athletics. Cost of the evening will be 7/6 per head plus what you drink.

Main object is to introduce new Old Boys to the Branch and at the same time, we hope that country Old Boys visiting Sydney for the Show will come along.

If you are coming fill in the form enclosed and return by 15th April. If you know of a new Old Boy or country Old Boy bring him (or them) along.
T.A.S. - N.E.G.S. Annual Ball  Don't forget this date - Saturday 29th June at the Hotel Australia.

NOTE: - A SATURDAY night - more details to follow.

N.E.G.S.O.G.U. Showtime Roundup  N.E.G.S. Old Girls are arranging a show time Roundup at the Dungowan, Martin Place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Wednesday, 17th April. This should be a good "follow on" to our own reunion at the Metropole. Tickets are £1 0 0 each, proceeds in aid of T.A.S. - N.E.G.S. Ball. You can either buy your beer at Dungowan (4/6 per bottle) or take it along (there is no corkage).

Enquiries can be made from Pat Wearn YY1786 or Virginia Walker JB4723.

By the way you need not take a partner.

PAST EVENTS

At 5 p.m. on 12th October an Old Boys reunion was held at the Hotel Metropole. Among the forty odd present were Mr. G. A. Fisher and Armidale Secretary Paul Johnstone.

Our Golf Day last November at Muirfield was a big success and our golfers and "not so good" golfers are eagerly awaiting the next "hit off". Our thanks to our evergreen Jack Makinson for organising the day as only Jack could, complete with portable barbecue! Congratulations to Mr. Denis Shaw on winning the stableford competition.

The Christmas Dinner was held on 6th December at the Hotel Plaza. This was most enjoyable but we are still in need of larger numbers and more support at this function.
SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the school on their recent efforts at the Leaving Certificate examination.

This year the school swimming sports were won by Abbott House who "swept the pool", with White second and Tyrrell third.

Senior records went to MacWilliam and Francis.

In the Associated School's swimming T.A.S. did exceptionally well to win the Monckton Shield together with the Senior and Minor Cups. We also broke the Senior relay record.

This year 1st XI has been competing in the Armidale A Grade competition and is reported to be doing very well having won a few matches.

The football season is again near. First match of interest to Sydney Old Boys is T.A.S. v Newington on Wednesday April, 17th at Stanmore.

There are five matches set down for us to play in the G. P. S., one game in Sydney during April, and four games in Armidale in May and June. The team coach is expected to be Reverend Jago of T.A.S. staff.

DID YOU KNOW?

Will Wentworth is jackarooing in Queensland where he will stay for a year before leaving for Oxford.

Warwick Vyner has come down to Sydney from Armidale and is now working with Qantas.

John Lennox, Dick Vyner and David Pike are three new comers to the accountancy world.

John C. Moore is on his way back from England.
Our breezy Jim Somerville is on a business trip to India. Brother Bill is holidaying in Australia after a long stretch in India.

Among those in the National Service call up this summer were: Russel Lander, Terry MacKenzie, Donald Cameron, Peter Chauvel, Ian Johnstone, John Brotchie, Michael Burnett and Campell Swan.

John Brotchie (1952) is doing his fatigue in the Air Force (Air Crew). He is enjoying the flying and hopes to get his "solo" soon.

Warwick Lewarne (1949) has passed his accountancy finals and is now having a well earned rest on Lord How Island with Haille Smith who is doing Law.

Barry Jakins is keeping up his cricket in the summer months with a little bit of polo during the winter. He writes from Tallwood, Queensland, his home town.

John Chapman (1952) passed his Pharmacy finals and has moved to Orange. We hope he'll be down for our reunions.

John Stockdale (1952) entered the Blake Prize Competition again this year and received Press mention for his painting.

Hawkesbury College graduate Tony Braund (1952) is in Sydney for a couple of months.

Keith Lawrance (1956) is very ill in St. Vincents Hospital. We do hope for a complete recovery and send him our best wishes.

Congratulations to Barton Browne on the birth of a son David on 19th January.
John (Willy) Wagstaff (1952) writes from 57 McKillop Street, Geelong Victoria and encloses his life membership. John is keen to keep contact with Old Boys and would be pleased to hear from any of his Vintage.

Bob Chappell (1953) and Donald P. Downes (1953) will be down in Sydney during Easter.

We congratulate John Loseby on his recent engagement to Leigh Marryatt of Auckland.

Douglas Morton has recently returned from yet another trip to Scandinavian countries.

SOME VARSITY NOTES

Peter Gordon (1954), is doing arts after some time in Share Broking.

Dennis Magoffin (1956) is at Pauls this year studying Architecture. As a member of Manly Rifle club Dennis has been shooting extremely well.

Peter Vale (1956) and Ross Whitefield are in Engineering I.

Barry Brookes (1954) of Tenterfield is doing Pharmacy.