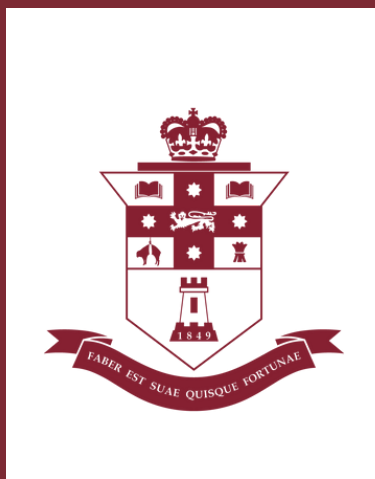


The Fortians Union

FOUNDED 1894



TAKEAWAYS

1. Use the enclosed form (Fortians Union Membership Details) to update your membership and your up-to-date email address.
2. If you are not a Life Member, \$50 will get you there! Act now.
3. Let us know about your year reunions and how we can assist you. Reunions at The Annual Dinner is a great way to celebrate. Book your tables. The dinner is set as the 3rd Friday in October. Communicate any thoughts/suggestions/feedback for an active and effective Fortians Union.
4. Mark up in your diaries for 2024
 - Speech Day and Lunch (Friday, 23 February 2024)
 - The Fort Fest at the school (Friday, 20 September 2024)
 - The Annual Dinner (Friday, 15 October 2024)

A Bulletin from the President's Desk

Colin Long



GREETINGS TO FORTIAN UNION MEMBERS

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Fortians Union Committee had not met since 2021 due mainly to Covid.

In August this year (2023) a meeting of the existing committee members plus other interested Fortians met to discuss the future of the Union (established in 1894).

In line with the objective and aims of The Fortians Union.

- a. To promote amongst its members a social fellowship
- b. To render assistance to the Fort Street High School
- c. To encourage generally appreciation of the traditions of Fort Street

It was decided to:

- Fill vacant committee positions
- Conduct an Annual Dinner in October 2023 , even at short notice!
- Reinvigorate the Union function and activity, and
- Give great attention to succession planning of younger Fortians (that have interest and potential to take over the running of the union into the future)
- Clear lines of communication with members via the Fortian Union face book page, the school 'Lost Fortians', and "From the President's desk" Bulletin
- 'Faber Est' continues its regular distribution as well.

Fortians volunteered and were subsequently confirmed by nomination and vote at the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 30 September 2023.

NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2023/24

1. Colin LONG (1965 Captain)* **President**

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Sydney

2. Glenn MADDOCK (1977)* **Vice President**

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Melbourne

3. Liz ALDERSON (1969)* **Vice President**

lizalderson@hotmail.com

Sydney

4. Don NEWBY (1967)* **Secretary and Public Officer**

(M) 0438 798 884 | don.newby@bigpond.com

Sydney

5. Robert VINE (1969)* **Treasurer**

robvine51@gmail.com

Sydney

6. Alan ALLISON (1967)* **Committee Member**

alanallison@gmail.com

Sydney

7. Gordon HILL (1962)* **Committee Member**

gordohill@hotmail.com

Sydney

8. John YOUNG (1969)* **Committee Member**

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Sydney

9. Julie IVISON (1965 Captain)* **Committee Member** (After the AGM

October 2023). jivison2@bigpond.com

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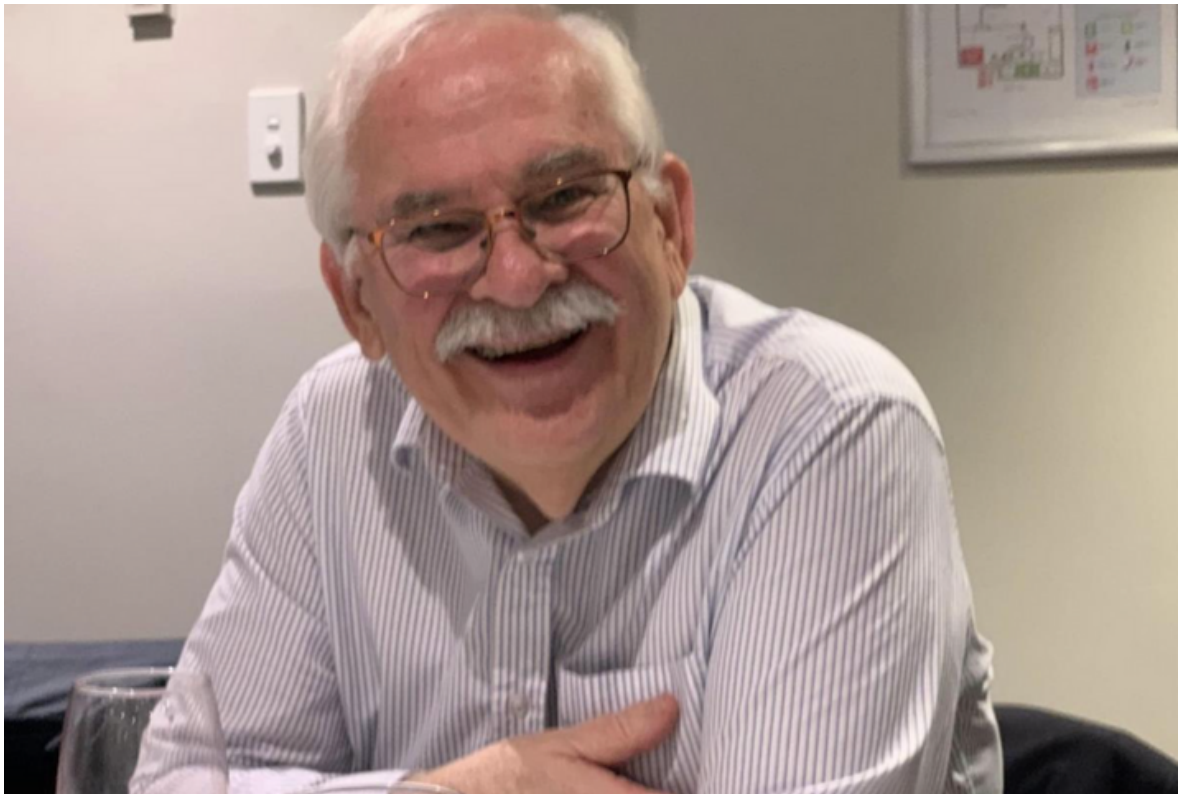
**Leaving school year*

CONSTITUTION CHANGES FROM THE AGM

Simplified membership

- A new Life Membership \$50 as a one-off payment
- No more single annual membership
- Students enrolled in a university or TAFE course and pensioners, can opt to pay in 2 payments of \$25 each
- No more conducting the AGM at the annual dinner

Photos from The Fortians Union Annual Dinner held on Friday the 20 October 2023 at the Mecure Hotel Central Railway Sydney.



Stephen Duckett- Guest Speaker Annual Dinner, 20 October 2023





Great to see at this month's Fortian Union Dinner our oldest Fortian, Tom Halbert from the Class of 1949, chatting with our youngest Fortians, Savannah Pradhan and Kalanie Prabakhar, President and Vice President of the Students Representative Council.

MOVING FORWARD

175th Anniversary of Fort Street School

2024 is the 175th birthday, the quartoseptcentennial.

EVENTS 2024

- Speech Day Sydney Town Hall in February, Friday the 23rd, followed by city lunch of Fortian Union Members at near by club.
- A 'Fort Fest' Celebration at the School on Friday the 20th September 2024, afternoon and evening. A fete atmosphere with food, tours, music, celebratory toasts/speeches, Ron Horan Museum and more.

- The Fortians Union annual dinner is planned to be at Sydney University on Friday 15th October 2024.
- Fort Street principal Juliette McMurray has indicated she will be attending and participating in the Fortians Union committee meetings commencing the 22nd November at the school.
- N.B. Having the School Principal of the day participation in Fortians Union committee is something that has not occurred for decades!
- We thank Principal Juliette Mc Murray for her commitment and to and support of the Fortians Union.
- Colin Long to speak at the Speech Day, Friday 23 February 2024 at the Sydney Town Hall.

- Get the award-winning Fort Street Tours app at the Apple App Store or Google Play
- Check out LOST FORT STREET Facebook and Instagram
- Book in a visit to the award-winning Ron Horan Museum
- To make a tax deductible donations to the School go to ONLINE PAYMENTS. (Select add item select.
- Lookup all Fort Street Year Magazines. Digitised at www.fortstreet-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

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