

Hello fellow Mureskian

The Muresk Old Collegians' Association (MOCA) Board has developed some exciting new initiatives aimed at keeping you better connected with the Muresk community.

MOCA Has A Website! https://mureskoca.org.au If you do nothing else in response to this newsletter, please spend five minutes updating your contact details so that MOCA can ensure you receive future information about year group reunions and catch-ups, Muresk anniversary events and MOCA functions – just click the tab 'Contact Update'.

We'd love your feedback on the website, plus your contributions to share with the wider MOCA community of former students, staff, graduates and supporters. Click on the yellow 'Contact Us' button at the bottom of any page and send us an email with your ideas or news.

MOCA has also updated its logo and developed some branding to help promote our purpose and future MOCA activities. Tell us what you think.

MOCA's Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/groups/muresk.moca/ You'll find discussion about current agri-affairs, MOCA updates, recent graduate achievements and links to employment, agrieducation and industry training workshops shared here. Please get involved.

MOCA Annual General Meeting The MOCA 2018 AGM will commence at 6pm Tuesday 9 October 2018 at Bayer, 197 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA. All positions will be declared vacant and elections of Board members held on the night. Here's your chance to contribute to the future of MOCA. Nominations forms are available to download from the website https://mureskoca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/MOCA-Board-Nomination-Form-2018.pdf

Queries and completed nomination forms are to be emailed to Trish Slee secretary@mureskoca.org.au before 6pm on Monday 8 October 2018. Any questions please call 0427 330 103.

MOCA Strategic Plan During the past year the Board has achieved several key objectives from the strategic plan (as outlined above), but there are a number of others that we'd invite you to contribute to. Contact the Secretary if you have some time, resources or skills to contribute.

Visit the website https://mureskoca.org.au/strategic-planning/ for details of MOCA's Vision, Mission, Values and Objectives. Thank you to Muresk graduates Peter Cooke and Nicole Taylor of AgKnowledge for donating their expertise to facilitate the development of the strategic plan with the Board.

Coming MOCA Events Muresk alumni from **1974-1975** are invited to gather at Taunton Farm on the weekend of 16 and 17 March 2019. Good time guaranteed! For further details, please contact either Graham Fry, 0417 994 827 or Peter Cooke, 0417 953 957.

VALE Professor Murray Hector HAWKINS, August 2, 1930 - July 18, 2018

Murray Hawkins was born in Lansing, Ontario. He graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1953. In 1961 Murray obtained his Master's Degree from the University of Alberta in 1964. From there, he went onto obtain his PhD in 1967 from the Ohio State University. He taught at the University of Alberta until 1989, when he moved to take up an appointment as the Wesfarmers Professor of Agribusiness at Curtin University's Muresk Institute of Agriculture in 1989. He went on to become the second Director of the Muresk Institute 1990-1994.

Our sympathy to Pauline, his wife of 64 years; and the Hawkins family.

Where Are They Now?

Julianne Hill, AssDipAgric 1988 Regional Cropping Solutions Co-ordinator, GRDC

Glenn Bryant, BBusAgric 1988 Principal, Mullewa Farm Supplies

Royce Taylor, AssDipAgric 1991 Owner/Manager, Hakuna Matata Farms

Jonathon Worner, BBus (Agric) 1992 Group General Manager, Pressform Group

Anthony Wilkes, BBus (Agric) 1996 Chief Executive Officer, Burch Family Wines

Matt Rutter, BAgribus 1998 Chief Executive Officer, Geraldton Fishermen's Co-op

Steve Kelly, BAgribus 2000 Head of Relationship Management, Robo Bank

Emma Graham, BAgribus 2008 Executive Officer, ASHEEP

Hannah Franz, BAgribus 2012 Graduate Project Consultant, Planfarm

Let us know the details if you are holding a get-together or reunion, or if you or one of your colleagues moves into a new role, develops a new business or is recognised for an achievement in the industry or community. Let's celebrate the news with the wider Muresk community.