

# 2021 NEWINGTON MEDAL AUSTRALIA

## MR GREG MITCHELL (ON 1970)

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Mr Greg Mitchell commenced his education at Newington College in 1963 at Wyvern House Preparatory School in Year 5. Throughout his time at the College, Greg excelled in his studies, sport, cadets and was a highly respected member of his cohort.

Greg was a valued member of the 2nd XI cricket team, winning the GPS competition in the 1969/1970 season. In his final year at Newington, Greg was a member of the 1st XV, playing in the position of five-eighth. He was awarded rugby 'blues' (a term used in this period for colours) for 1970.

In addition to academic and sporting pursuits, Greg was very active as a cadet. By 1969, he was a Cadet Under Officer (CUO), commanding the 1st Platoon of C Company. Discharging this responsibility with credit, he was made Commander of A Company, comprising the senior cadets, the following year.

In 1970 Greg was elected a prefect — indeed, he was described in his report card as an 'excellent prefect' — and was appointed School Vice Captain (the term used at the time for Deputy Senior Prefect). He also served as Captain of Kelynack-Johnstone House. Following his Higher School Certificate, Greg gained a Commonwealth University Scholarship and entry into a combined Arts/Law degree at the University of Sydney.

Greg graduated from university in 1976 and commenced a 12-month postgraduate articulated clerkship with the law firm Laurence & Laurence. He was admitted to practice as a solicitor in March 1977. Greg subsequently became a partner at Laurence & Laurence before moving on to become a founding partner in the firm Harris & Company in 1987.

In addition to general areas of law, such as family law, wills, estate planning, probate and conveyancing, the main focus of his work was always in the areas of property development, construction and leasing. In 2004 Greg became a partner in the long-established migration advisory firm Hitchcock & Associates. Greg retired from the law in 2014.

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Greg has maintained his connection with Newington through the Old Newingtonians' Union (ONU). He has served the ONU as Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Councillor and as a Metropolitan Vice President.

In addition, Greg served as a member of the College Council between 1994 and 2000. He became a Benefactor of the ONU Centennial Trust in 2000 and in 2011 Greg, along with his late wife Jeanne, became a member of the Founders Society. Greg currently serves as the Chairman of the Founders Society.

Newington College is proud of Greg's many achievements as a student and in his subsequent life, and is grateful for the many ways in which he has selflessly served our community. It is due to his commitment to Newington and the excellence he displayed in his professional career that it is an honour to name Greg Mitchell the Newington Medallist Australia for 2021.

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