

# THE KINGSMEN

## Old Boys Association active in Wellington



JULY 1998

During 1997 Adam Coxon (Staff 55-61) worked quietly away with the help of the KHSOB records in Dunedin and encouragement and assistance from Roger Mackie (56-60) establishing a record of Kingsmen thought to be living in the Wellington region. In November he sent an open letter to those on his address list seeking expressions of interest in maintaining KHS Old Boys links, and inviting attendance at a meeting in Lower Hutt in February 1998.

The response was excellent and a group of 44 attended. Norm Lust and Jack McFaul had been first day pupils, and the 40s, 50s and 60s were well represented with a couple who had attended Kings in the 70s. The programme included wine and cheese, much fellowship, and an address by Laurie Davies (42-45) on the workings of the NZ Qualification Authority, together with some personal thoughts on the direction the secondary education was heading. Jack McFaul reminisced on the first day in 1936.

A conclusion at the meeting was that there was sufficient enthusiasm to consolidate the interest created by the initial event. A Wellington Establishment Committee of the Kings High Old Boys Association was formed comprising:

Chairman	Adam Coxon	(staff 55-61)
Secretary	Brian Farrant	(52-55)
Treasurer	Bruce Thomas	(62-67)
Committee	John Kliem	(58-62)
	Chris Lusk	(57-60)
	Grant Moffat	(49-52)
	Alex Ross	(42-45)
	Lindsay Ruston	(52-54)
	Clark Simmonds	(55-57)

In addition Peter Holst (51-55), John Murray (43-47) and Russell Tregonning (58-62) offered support as corresponding members.

The second function was held on the 17th June, when a very successful evening for Kingsmen and partners was held at the premises of the Lower Hutt Club. Again the attendance was 44 who were entertained by Chairman Adam Coxon, followed by an address from Chris Laidlaw (57-61). With the



At the bar at the Wellington function, Bruce Thomas, John Pryde and Chris Laidlaw.

experience Chris has had as a sportsman, as a scholar, in the diplomatic service, and in politics there was no shortage of material. He ignored all this high profile activity and chose instead to reflect on his days at Kings, and the high standing that the school retains. The discussion that followed proved that his talk had been pitched appropriately.

Amongst the group in attendance was first day pupil Ray Watts. A video copy of 16 mm films had been shot of school activity 1949-1969 played during the period of fellowship.

The Wellington address list numbers 120 and growing, with 55 who could be described as active, having attended an event. The Committee plan to organise a least two events a year in the Wellington region with a dinner planned for October, and an AGM function early in 1999.

Kings' Old Boys living in the Wellington region who have not been contacted should contact either Adam Coxon (tel: 566 2792), Brian Farrant (tel: 385 6156) or Bruce Thomas (tel: 569 7507). Alternatively a note to KHSOB Wellington Committee, c/- Box 2195, Wellington.

## Golf in Auckland

King's High School Old Boys in Auckland held an inaugural golf day at the Gulf Harbour Country Club on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula just north of Auckland.

Fifteen Old Boys took part, with many others offering support for other events in the future.

The participants were Ian Stevens (1944-45), John Taylor (1954-58), Malcolm Arnold (1956-60), Scott Stevens (1979-80), Brent Stevens (1973-75), Graeme Swanson (1949-53), Russell Campbell (1949-52), Barry North (1943-46), David Christian (1952-56), Roger Craddock (1958-62), Russell Jones (1953-55), Richard Soloman (1956-60), Gordon Grant (1967-71), Mike Henderson (1968-72), and Greg Lay (1968-71).

Brent Stevens won the Gross and Roger Craddock the Stableford.

It is intended to hold the event annually and interested Old Boys could contact Ian Stevens on 09 575 5575 or John Taylor on 09 525 4056 (day).



*Copies of The Kingsmen Newsletter will soon be available on our website. We will advise you of the address in our next issue.*

### OFFICEBEARERS

<b>Patron:</b>	Lindsay Hocking (Rector) (1953-58, staff 1986-)
<b>President:</b>	Mack Stephens (1952-56)
<b>Vice Presidents:</b>	Bevan Coombes (1963-67), Irvine Duncan (1947-49)
<b>Secretary:</b>	David Horne (1954-58)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Bob Glass (1948-52)
<b>Registrar:</b>	Hugh Kidd (1950-54)
<b>Committee:</b>	John Barr (1957-62, staff 1971-), John Fitzgibbon (1973-75), Graham Geary (1953-56), Ken Harris (1967-70), Stuart Melville (1963-67)
<b>Auditor:</b>	Brian Cuthbertson (1952-55)

### Sub Committees

<b>Newsletter:</b>	Graham Geary (Editor and production), Hugh Kidd and Bob Glass (writers)
<b>Annual Dinner:</b>	Mack Stephens and Graham Geary
<b>Jubilee Fund:</b>	Graham Gosney (1950-55) and Graham Sinclair (1949-53)

### MEMBERSHIP

We wish to welcome the following who have joined the Association since July last year:

R. H. (Ray) Bennetts (1954-59) Queensland, R. G. (Graham) Hanson (1951-55) New South Wales, P. E. (Paul) Oestreicher (1945-49) Coventry, England, N. L. (Lester) Taylor (1942-46) formerly Napier now Queensland, J. M. (Johnathan) Adams (1970-74) Christchurch, M. J. (Malcolm) Arnold (1956-60) Auckland, W. G. (Bill) Clayton (1938-42) Paraparumu, W. A. (Wayne) Coomer (1963-64) Lower Hutt, M. J. B. (Murray) Deaker (1958-62) North Shore, R. M. (Roy) Dineen (1953-57) Dunedin, I. D. (Ian) Dittmer (1976-80) now Auckland from England, I. McG. (Ivan) Donaldson (1955-59) Christchurch, Sir Frank Holmes (1937-41) Eastbourne, Wellington, A. D. (David) Long (1948-52) Christchurch, I. R. (Ian) Lord (1972-76) Te Puke, A. D. (Alan) MacKenzie (1961-62) Wellington, W. A. (Bill) Mason (1955-60) Clyde, E. M. (Miles) Middlemass (1958-62) Wellington, G. J. (Jock) Muir (1972-76) Dunedin, G. R. (Ross) Notman (1965-69) Dunedin, R. A. (Robert) Smith (1960-63) Dunedin, D. B. (Bruce) Stewart (1946-51) Thames, T. (Terry) Tarapi (1981-85) Mosgiel, N. R. (Neil) Thomson (1958-62) Dunedin, A. J. (Tony) Warrington (1953-57) Wellington, M. D. (Murray) Weatherston (1966-70) Auckland, M. A. (Malcolm) Walker (1968-72) South Hillend, Southland, B. H. (Brian) Wilson (1951-54) Wellington.

### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

The home winter games have already taken place but the dates of the away series in up to a dozen activities are as follows:

July 28th (Tues) Southland Boys in Invercargill  
August 12th (Wed) Shirley Boys in Christchurch

We suggest that old boys in those cities get together and support our school.

Games with Otago, Southland and Waitaki in an increasing number of sports, etc, have been played since the early days of the school. The first interschool with Shirley was a rugby match played at Christchurch on 7th August 1962 at a time when a King's Old Boys branch existed there. This match was arranged through the influence of Norman Morris (1938-42) who was on the staff of Shirley Boys, and the executive of our Christchurch Branch. Also at the time Kings and Shirley were the last boys schools established in their cities.

### OLD BOYS V SCHOOL

A sports day with the school has been arranged for Friday 21st August in those games which have successfully fielded teams in the past.

Basketball at 12.30p.m., at Kings (John Barr 455 8910)  
Soccer at 2p.m., at Kings (Jim Muir 481 1989)  
Golf at 12.30p.m., Chisholm Park (Irvine Duncan 455 0229)

# OVER THE YEARS

## Where they are Now (as opposed to the question)

The previous two issues recorded the names plus cities, towns or countries of the 1936–85 Head Boys, Duxes, 1st Rugby XV and 1st Cricket XV Captains whose full addresses were currently known to us.

With some detective work and help from our friends we have obtained many more. We have traced the following Head Boys completing the first 39 years.

- 1942 A. L. (Lindsay) Carson, died 17/8/94 at Raglan (also Rugby 1941)
- 1948 I. H. (Ian) Barham, Queensland
- 1960 W. A. (Bill) Mason, Clyde (also Cricket 1960)
- 1961 I. R. (Ian) Burrow, Auckland
- 1971 C. J. (Chris) Graham, Wellington
- 1976 G. J. (Jock) Muir, Dunedin

Duxes proved more difficult with 12 not traced although 7 were known to be overseas and another possibly deceased.

- 1944 P. R. C. (Paul) Weaver, Canberra
- 1958 M. E. (M)Michael McIntyre, England
- 1968 R. G. (Ron) Ballantyne, Twizel
- 1969 C. J. (Chris) Mayhew, Auckland
- 1976 I. R. (Ian) Lord, Te Puke
- 1979 A. J. R. (James) Sneyd, U.S.A.
- 1981 S. A. (Steven) Godfrey, Dunedin
- 1984 S. D. (Stuart) Ryder, Hawaii

1st XV Rugby Captains have been located up to 1980 with only 2 missing.

- 1954 G. W. (Gerry) Stewart, Surfers Paradise, Australia (also Rugby 1953 and 54)
- 1966 P. R. (Peter) Smith, United Arab Emirates
- 1977 D. J. (Donald) McIntosh, Dunedin
- 1978 L. R. (Leonard) Ballantyne, Dunedin
- 1979/80 M. G. (Mervyn) Rae, Surfers Paradise, Australia
- 1983 R. E. B. (Ross) Mains, Ashburton
- 1984 T. P. (Tony) Herbert, Dunedin

1st XI Cricket Captains addresses are complete bar one.

- 1943 F. R. (Ray) Gordon, Western Australia
- 1959 R. H. (Ray) Bennetts, Queensland
- 1964 A. G. (Alan) Maskell, Queensland
- 1972 M. A. (Malcolm) Walker, South Hillend, Southland
- 1974 R. I. (Ronald) Campbell, Auckland
- 1975 B. A. E. (Barry) Stewart, Dunedin
- 1976/77 D. J. (Derek) Walker, England
- 1984/85 A. M. (Mark) Sinclair, Auckland

One of the above was advised by a member as living next door to him. Another previously domiciled in the North Island was found through a casual remark by an outsider and is actually now only two blocks away from the writer's abode.

## HONOURS

Old Boys from King's High School have featured in every Honours List in recent times, and our representative in the latest Queen's Birthday Honours List is the 'unofficial mayor of Ngongotaha,' C. A. (Andy) Burnett (1937–41), who was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for Public Services. After returning from war service with the Air Force, Andy shifted northwards to buy a grocery in Ngongotaha in 1946, and has been a town crusader ever since. He was a member of the County Town, and its successor the County Borough Council for 15 years. He battled against chlorination of the water supply, for the re-establishment of a bank in the town, for the rerouting underground of the unsightly power lines through the town centre, and for the reopening of the local police station—when the latter was unsuccessful, he organised fundraising for a police car. A past president of the Ngongotaha Business Association, he recently helped to establish the Ngongotaha Community Association. He is past president patron, and life member of the Rotorua Tramping and Skiing Club a sponsor of the Rotorua Youth Trust, and an active member of the Rotorua Promotion Society. Currently he is writing a history of the area.

I. J. (Ian) Farquhar (1945–49) has been awarded the Royal Order of the Polar Star by the Swedish government in recognition of his work as Honorary Consul since 1988. The medal was conferred by the Swedish Ambassador to Australia, who visited Dunedin especially for the occasion.

D. P. (Peter) Macdougall (1955–58), together with his wife and son, was judged winner of the Sir Geoffrey Peren Cup for 1998. The cup is presented at the Perendale Annual Conference to the best performing commercial breeder in the region holding the conference, and the Macdougalls were judged to be the best of seven competitors. When they took over Minzion Station, near Millers Flat, in 1977, it was a typical run block carrying 3500 stock units; today it is an integrated farming operation carrying 12,000 stock units on a 1800 hectare property ranging in altitude from 110 metres to 970 metres above sea level.

## RETIREMENTS

I. H. (Ian) Barham (1944–48) has retired as Vice Chancellor from Griffith University in Queensland, and now lives on the Sunshine Coast. He received an Honorary Doctorate from the University in recognition of his services.

W. J. (Bill) Fraser (1946–48), deputy mayor of Waitaki district, will not be seeking re-election at the October elections. He was first elected to the Oamaru borough council in 1986, and his expertise as a retired businessman was recognised with his appointment as deputy chairman of the finance committee. In 1989 he was elected to the district council, and was appointed finance chairman, and in 1992 deputy mayor as well.

H. B. (Henry) Gore (1942–43) has retired again, this time after four years as road safety coordinator for the Waitaki district council. He has been involved in traffic enforcement



for most of his working life, being at one time in charge of the traffic officer training college at Trentham, and when he originally retired in 1987, and received an MBE for his years of service, he was second in command of traffic enforcement in New Zealand.

**Canon P. E. (Paul) Oestreicher** (1945–49) retired at the end of 1997 after 11 years as director of the International Centre for Reconciliation at Coventry cathedral, England. Through many of the long years of the Cold War, he was East Europe Secretary of the British Council of Churches, and for his work in promoting European unity, he was recently awarded the Wartburg Prize, hitherto awarded solely to international statesmen. While spending a few weeks in Dunedin in April/May, preaching at Anglican churches and lecturing at the university, he took the opportunity to revisit King's where he addressed the assembly. Paul will continue to live in Coventry, and would be happy to welcome Old Boys visiting the UK to this historic industrial city—he's in the phone book!

**P. R. C. (Paul) Weaver** (1940–44) retired some 12 months ago as Professor of Classics at the University of Tasmania at Hobart. He now lives in Canberra.

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

A concert entitled 'Music New and Old' was held earlier this year in the Dunedin Public Art Gallery, featuring members of the Dunedin Sinfonia and the Southern Consort of Voices. The programme comprised mainly new compositions by local composers. Dr P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76) contributed 'Eloge', written in 1997 for horn and piano.

**A. F. (Alan) Brieseman** (Bandmaster 1962–82) was chairman of the committee which organised the successful 1998 Shell New Zealand brass band championships held in the city in April.

An exhibition at Fluxus Contemporary Jewellery entitled 'As the Crows Fly' featured the work of jeweller **Peter MacKay** and printmaker **B. V. (Barry) Cleavin** (1953–58), of Christchurch in what a reviewer described as 'a witty, incisive, and quite beautiful ... anti-war statement'.

When the original researcher died while completing preliminary research, **I. J. (Ian) Farquhar** (1945–49) combined with two other authors to produce a book entitled 'Crossed Flags', which contains the histories of the NZ Shipping Coy, the Federal Steam Navigation Coy, and their subsidiaries. After the triumvirate took over, the focus of the work shifted from the UK to emphasising the role which the ships played in the growth and expansion of Australia and New Zealand.

**A. J. V. (John) Hart** (1952–56) won a gold medal in the open slide section at the National Exhibition of Photography, organised by the Photographic Society of New Zealand. He had previously won gold in the same section in 1974, 1978, and 1993, and another in the NZ natural history section last year. This year's entry also won him the Robinson Cup for the champion slide. **R. K. (Reg) Graham** (1944–48, Staff 1955–56, 1958–66) won a silver medal in the open print section at the

same exhibition. Their awards were presented at the May meeting of the Dunedin Photographic by the patron of PSNZ, **N. M. (Matheson) Beaumont** (1941–44).

**C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw** (1957–61) has resigned after four years as chief executive of the NZ World Wide Fund for Nature 'to pursue ... interests in writing and other areas'. Since then, a weekly article entitled 'Laidlaws Letter' which comments on matters of topical interest has appeared in the ODT.

**J. M. (Jim) McCready** (1937–40, Staff 1950–80), of the Heraldry Society, recently organised an exhibition entitled 'Grants of Armorial Bearings by the Crown to Dunedin Institutions—1932 to 1976'. The exhibition of 20 framed documents was displayed in the Otago Settlers Museum, the number making the city the largest recipient of civic arms in New Zealand, and reflecting our Scottish connection.

**E. N. (Erik) Olssen** (1956–60), Professor of History at the University of Otago, has been granted \$360,000 for historical research from the Public Good Science Fund provided by the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology.

In March, Te Papa (i.e., the Museum of New Zealand) purchased from the artist, **G. C. (Grahame) Sydney** (1962–66), a 1978 study of his wife entitled 'Rozzie at Pisa'. Since then Grahame has been represented in a portfolio of regional artwork presented to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery to commemorate 150 years of organised European settlement in Otago/Southland. He is also represented in the 'Southern Lights' exhibition featuring 150 years of landscape art in Otago, to be held in Edinburgh as an Otago 150th anniversary project.

In 1894, Robert Hawcridge painted Dunedin as seen from Robin Hood Park, Belleknowes, and in 1946, Peter McIntyre was commissioned to paint an updated version from the same site. This year **K. J. (John) Toomer** (1970–73) was commissioned to paint the same vista—but because the trees in the foreground had grown so much, he had to hire a cherry-picker in order to obtain an unhindered view! King's already possessed a Hawcridge print, and was grateful to receive a print from John of his work. John McIndoe Ltd then stepped in and presented the school with a McIntyre print to complete the set. [It should be remembered that **J. H. (Jock) McIndoe** (1939–41, Staff 1942), the late **P. (Peter) McIndoe** (1939–43) and **M. M. ('Bill') McIndoe** (1945–46) all attended King's]. The Taieri Women's Club also commissioned John to commemorate the 150th anniversary by painting a view of the Taieri which included Saddle Hill; his painting entitled 'Evening on the Taieri', and painted from a viewpoint on the road to Mt Allan, now hangs in the Mosgiel Library.

## SPORTING TRIUMPHS

Prominent sports journalist **Ron Palenski**, recently selected 100 N.Z. 'champions of sport' for the 20th Century. He included **P. W. (Philip) Rush** (1977–80). The long distance swimmer first swam Cook Strait when aged 16, and his peak achievement in a list of amazing swims was probably his triple crossing of the English Channel, which included the fastest ever time for the France-English leg.

Recipients of grants from the Skeggs Foundation, of which the executive director is S. M. (Steve) Davie (1970-74) included: A. C. (Craig) Merrilees (1992-96) and B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988-92) track and field; P. E. (Eddie) Smith (1993-97) triathlon; M. G. (Manoli) Aerakis (1990-95) softball; M. S. (Matthew) Gillan (present boy) basketball; D. J. (Darryn) McKay (1991-95) volleyball; B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995-97) golf; T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992-97) rugby; J. L. (Lyn) Rayner (1938-41) track and field coach.

R. J. (Richard) Boock (1974-77), long-serving sports writer for the ODT but specialising in cricket, netball, and basketball, has taken up an appointment on the staff of the NZ Herald in Auckland. He succeeds revered cricket writer D. J. Cameron, who has retired after 47 years of service.

M. A. (Marc) Hinton (1978-82), also sometime staff journalist with the ODT is a sports journalist with the Sunday Star-Times.

The 1998 Westpac Trust Otago Sportsman of the Year dinner was held on 19 June. The award was presented (to Jeff Wilson) by H. M. (Harry) Price (1956-60), chief executive of the bank New Zealand. Two of the three media personalities participating at the occasion were P. J. (Pete) Montgomery (1956-60) and M. J. B. (Murray) Deaker (1958-62).

Murray Deaker had previously won the award for best sports presenter at the 1998 N.Z. Radio Awards.

S. M. (Steve) Davie (1970-74) has developed the 'Safety Sipper' drink bottles, in an attempt to combat meningitis. Since he began work on the project in August 1997, 3000 of the bottles, which have individual numbers on the caps, have been sold throughout New Zealand.

#### **Athletics**

J. L. (Lyn) Rayner (1938-41) was elected life-member of Athletics Otago at the annual meeting in June. He has been a successful coach of secondary school crosscountry athletes, and national championship events have been won by a Bayfield student (twice), M. D. (Michael) Marychurch (1976-78), N. J. (Nick) Lee (1991-95), and current senior champion T. M. (Tim) Dobier (his team won the bronze medal) who has been selected to represent N.Z. (again).

There were ten nominations for Otago Athlete of the Year and Competitor of the Year: they included Craig Merrilees, Blair Martin, and Tim Dobier.

#### **Basketball**

T. D. (Todd) Marshall (1978-83) has been appointed coach of the Otago Nuggets for the current season. He coached King's High for more than seven years, and various age-grade Otago teams—in 1995 his Under-20 team won the national championship.

It hasn't been a great year for G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977-82), who has played 155 internationals for New Zealand and who captained the Tall Blacks on their tour of Europe over the New Year. He parted company with the Otago Nuggets after failing to agree on contractual terms (he had been offered the position of player coach, but at a considerably reduced salary), and signed for the second division Southland Sharks.

Then because of work commitments, he was unavailable for the Tall Blacks' tour of China, and as a result missed selection for the internationals against Canada. These circumstances may jeopardise his future chances of representing New Zealand.

#### **Bowls**

K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960-63) was a member of the pairs team which helped the Fairfield Bowling Club win the National Bowls Club title in Auckland over Easter: the first Dunedin club to achieve the honour.

#### **Cricket**

G. A. (Grant) Ford (1972-76) a stalwart of the Albion club for 21 years, has retired as a player, during which time he represented Otago B. Club secretary for the past nine years, he has been awarded the prestigious Gordon McGregor Trophy for services to cricket.

K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979-82) has signed a contract with Gauteng (formerly Transvaal) as captain for a further two years.

S. J. (Scott) Waide (1991-96) and J. P. (Jeremy) Botting (1993-97) represented Dunedin Metro against Southland.

W. N. (Warwick) Larkins (1960-63) who toured England with the 1978 N.Z. cricket team as their official scorer (and who actually played for them against the Netherlands), recently organised a reunion in Wellington for them, and for a couple of others who had played in the test team which defeated England at the Basin Reserve later that same year.

#### **Cycling**

M. D. (Melvin) Tudor (1961-64) a prominent Otago cycling administrator, has been appointed by Cycling N.Z. to a four-person national coaching and competition commission.

#### **Hockey**

D. C. (Darren) Smith (1987-91), who has played in more than 60 internationals, has been conducting coaching sessions in Dunedin for promising secondary school players. He started in every game at the recent World Cup held in the Netherlands, and is a member of the squad currently preparing for the Commonwealth Games at Kuala Lumpur in September.

#### **Orienteering**

G. L. (George) McLeod (1956-58) won the aged-55 grade title at the N.Z. championships held near Dunedin (at Akatore and at Middlemarch) over Easter. His wife and their son won their respective events.

#### **Rugby**

D. (Dave) Johnston (1948-51) has been elected President of the N.Z. Rugby Football Union. As a player he was a member of the Southern club, and represented Otago at lock or number eight for 1955-61, captaining the team in 1960. In 1958, he was selected for the N.Z. Under 23 team, which toured Japan, and included future All Blacks Whineray, Meads, Tremain, Brown, Lineen, Watt, Briscoe, and Soper. He subsequently coached the Taieri senior team, and became a member of the club's management committee, ultimately

being elected to the ORFU executive in 1982, a role he still fulfils. He has managed Otago teams within and beyond New Zealand, and has been liaison officer for every international team which has played on Carisbrook since 1985. Formerly a surveyor with N&ES Paterson Ltd, Dave is currently senior partner in Johnston Whitney, resource management and surveying consultants. In 1994, he was presented with a distinguished service award for service to the planning profession. A director of several companies, he is a member of the Taieri sub-branch of the Order of St John, being the chairman for 21 years.

Selected for the following teams were:

New Zealand: J. A. (Josh) Kronfeld (Staff 1994-95)  
 New Zealand A: T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993)  
 N.Z. Maoris: Tony Brown  
 Highlanders: Josh Kronfeld, Tony Brown, K (Kupu) Vanisi (1990-91)  
 Chiefs: B. J. (Brett) McCormack (1985-89)  
 N.Z. Colts: C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993-97), assistant coach J. R. (John) Haggart (Staff 1987-94)  
 Otago: Kupu Vanisi  
 Southland: P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994-95)

T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992-97) is following in the footsteps of his father, E. M. (Eoin) Willis (1967-71) by captaining Southern, but much more precociously—at 18 he is the youngest captain in the history of the club! However, he shouldn't feel all that lonely, for supporting him in his hooking role are props C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993-97) and J. A. (Jim) Sinclair (1981-85), while other team-mates are K. (Kupu) Vanisi (1990-91), M. T. (Matt) Leach (1989-93), J. D. (John) Willis (1992-96), B. W. (Blair) Crawford (1984-88), A. J. (Ashley) Barron (1992-96), M. B. (Matthew) Waide (1991-95), S. M. (Stu) Williams (1984-88), L. M. (Luke) Herden (1991-96) and H. R. (Hamish) Caldwell (1992-96). The coach is W. T. (Bill) Somerville (1963-67), the assistant coach is S. E. (Steve) Hotton (1973-74), and the club captain is M. P. J. (Mike) Reggett (1969-72).

C. J. (Casey) Mee (1986-90), son of R. J. (Ross) Mee (Board of Trustees 1989-91), is captain of University A.

The school magazine for 1996 featured several photographs from the archives of the Camera Club. One of them featured the 1938 first fifteen which played Southland BHS at Carisbrook, and the last-named player in the caption underneath was given as John Nicolson. W. S. (Bill) Robertson (1936-38), now living in retirement in Nelson and retaining either his keen eyesight or a good memory (or both?) wrote in dispute, claiming that the player in question was George Williams. G. S. (George) Williams (1936-38), also in retirement but living in Concord was contacted, and he confirmed that he was indeed that player. We very much appreciate this matter being brought to our attention, for the purposes of historical accuracy.

#### Scrabble

K. M. (Kendall) Boyd (1981-85) won the N.Z. Masters tournament held at South Auckland over Easter. He gained

10,004 points (an average of 435 per game), and secured 18 wins from 23 games. He will represent N.Z. in a three-day Transstasman challenge in November.

#### Snooker

G. A. (Garry) Hale (1985-88) won all of his games while touring Fiji with the N.Z. team.

#### Surfing

G. S. (Greg) Bell (1985-87) will represent N.Z. in the knee boarding event at the world championships to be held in Portugal in October.

A. B. (Antony) Mason (1984-88) and D. M. (Darryl) Fairbairn (1985-89), representing St Clair, won the gold medal in the senior assisted rescue, and the silver medal in the senior tube rescue at the N.Z. championships held at New Brighton. Both had trained as drivers, and had expected to be in separate teams at the event, but injuries to their crewmen forced them to combine. M. J. (Mark) Weatherall (1989-93) and S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993-97), representing Brighton, won the bronze medal in the senior mass rescue.

Antony Mason, P. M. (Peter) Waide (1990-94), and K. (Karl) Purdie-Smith (1991-95) were members of the Otago iron man team which completed at the Kelloggs national surf league finals at Mt Maunganui.

## OBITUARIES

G. E. T. (George) Dale (1937-41) of Wellington, died c. 1986

K. D. (Keith) Mitchell (1936) of Wellington, died c. 1993

P. D. (Peter) Young (1936) of Wellington, died c. 1993

A. L. (Lindsay) Carson (1937-42) died at Raglan 17/8/94

G. B. (Gerald) Duff (1957-61) died at Christchurch 6/3/98

P. J. (Paul) Nicolaou (1978-79) died at Dunedin 21/3/98

R. H. (Bob) Smith (1938-40) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 22/3/98

M. G. (Murray) Newey (1966-69) died at Auckland 8/4/98

B. J. (Ben) Drake (1987-91) died at Dunedin 14/4/98

W. J. (Bill) Bryant (1948-49) died at Dunedin 18/4/98

A. C. (Alister) McConnell (1944-45) died at Dunedin 18/4/98

J. P. (John) Rowlatt (1953-55) died at Auckland 2/5/98

A. L. (Arthur) Rowe (1949-50) died at Dunedin 14/5/98

J. N. (Jason) Patchett (1983-85) died at Sydney 16/5/98

P. B. (Paul) Hutton (1984-87) died at Dunedin 17/5/98

C. C. (Colin) McNeill (1953-57) died at Dunedin 26/5/98

A. J. (Alan) Rockliff (1958-60) of Wollongong, died at Sydney 27/5/98

S. A. (Stephen) Smith (1966-69) died at Sydney 8/6/98



# THE SCHOOL

## Report for the 1997 School Year presented to the Annual Meeting on 2nd April 1998

Every year brings a highlight for the King's community. Once the excitement of the 60th anniversary had passed in 1996 it was of some moment for the Board of Trustees to be informed of Rector Ian Simpson's intention to retire from April 1997. Ian's accomplishments as Rector have been well documented previously but the attendance at his farewell function at the Metropolitan Club illustrated his influence on our community.

1997 opened with a number of new staff. Jeanene McPherson Japanese and English, Philip Maw assistant to H.O.D. English, Daryl Shields H.O.D. English, Darryl Paterson P.E. History and Social Studies, Justin Fields Accounting and Economics.

Long serving staff members to retire at the end of 1996 were Paul Aubin H.O.D. English and Harold (Hec) Browett formerly H.O.D. Economics. They were joined in retirement at the end of 1997 by Heather Aubin English and Languages, Tom Parkinson Physics and George Tofield formerly H.O.D. Special Programmes.

We expect that all the above will experience a long and enjoyable retirement.

Another significant loss was David Bell's move to the College of Education. Under his leadership King's have developed a national profile in art education.

The school now experiences a different management structure. King's has tended to lead educational change in recent years. It now has four associate principals. In my view this is more appropriate for the demands of running a large, high budget institution where virtually all administrative decisions are made internally. Messrs Bryan Frost and Ken Bishop concentrate on the curriculum aspects of school life. Messrs Daryl Shields and John Cushen are responsible for the day to day administration of all non curriculum events as well as staff professional development.

The pastoral responsibilities are shared by the four associate principals. Mr Shields has Form three, Mr Bishop Form four, Mr Cushen Form five and they will rotate annually in order to remain with their year group. Mr Frost looks after the Form six and Form seven students whose concerns are more academically centred.

All four have responsibility for each of the four houses Hanover, Stuart, Tudor and Windsor. To help them are two deans in each house.

Another staffing innovation is the contracted Careers specialist Mrs Elizabeth Deuchrass. The sophisticated

knowledge required nowadays far transcends the part time vocational guidance done by teachers in earlier days.

A noteworthy event was the appointment of two head prefects, Tom Willis (also Head Prefect 1996) and Bradley Scott. It was fitting that the largest school in Otago had two young men of such outstanding quality to share this important task.

The academic focus continued at King's. The examination results were again very pleasing and reflected the efforts made by staff to raise student standards. Although there are a number of very able students King's serves a large area with boys of very mixed abilities.

The 1997 Bursary results saw five scholarships achieved, eight 'A' bursaries and 22 'B' bursaries from the forty six students who undertook a full bursary entry. Altogether forty five students achieved University Entry.

Our new senior courses are well established. King's has taken a lead in providing opportunities for non university bound students at Form seven level or at the end of the Form seven year.

Our senior full time courses in Tourism & Hospitality (Catering), Fine & Visual Arts and Sports are very popular with our own students and senior students from other schools.

Although large numbers of students attend King's to take advantage of sporting opportunities we endeavour also to emphasize the cultural side of students development. A successful annual musical production was held with Queen's High School student assistance. The Big Band, Jazz Band and Concert Band continue to thrive with Mr Fairhurst's enthusiasm and choir work has re emerged. The Debating Team won the Otago Southland Championships for the first time and Public Speakers were highly placed in several competitions.

Of special note is the unselfish work done by our Special Needs department. Students with disabilities are given opportunities unthought of some years ago. It is a delight to see them experience ski excursions and trips to the tourist areas of Otago.

On the sports fields King's students were dominant. Twenty four students were New Zealand champions or New Zealand representatives in more than twelve different activities.

After winning all four sections in Otago Southland athletics in 1996 King's won three of the four in 1997.

The harriers won 14 Otago Southland titles during the year. The volleyballers were third in New Zealand, the basketballers third in New Zealand, soccer was seventh and hockey ninth. Our cricketers won the second grade title for the second consecutive year and performed with credit against adult teams. Its unbeaten interschool record is most impressive.

All the above teams had New Zealand representatives,

(three New Zealand reps in basketball and three New Zealand reps in volleyball). The 1st XV, potentially a top team, did not reach its true potential but had two New Zealand reps following the three in 1996. King's students won the "golden boot trophy" in consecutive years. The Australian Secondary Schools' Coach chooses the most valuable player in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' team. In 1996 it was Ashley Barron, in 1997 Carl Hayman who incidentally was also selected for the New Zealand U19 team although a schoolboy.

King's participates in every possible activity. Last year we won the trolley derby, the festival tug o war and the festival dragon boating. When promoted to the open final our dragon boaters lost narrowly to an adult crew who had trained for some months (our boys had one session of training only).

King's has two of New Zealand's finest wrestlers, motocross champions, ice hockey representatives, go kart champions, mountain biking experts, New Zealand rep triathletes, South Island champion orienteers, New Zealand champion surfers, surf lifesavers. (The talent is seemingly endless.)

Our building redevelopment has continued albeit less quickly than hoped. Our Technology Centre was completed for the beginning of this year 1998. It is a lighthouse for New Zealand schools and had its beginning in a visit to Adelaide by Neil Andrews (H.O.D.

Technical) and me. Some years later our plans have come to fruition.

It is fitting at this point to draw attention to the generosity of the Trustbank Community Trust who have subsidised technology purchases to all Otago secondary schools. In our case we have been allocated \$163,000, a magnificent gesture for the youth of Otago and King's High School especially.

All Old Boys' are welcome to call and see a building which reflects vision and provides unrivalled opportunities for our students and indeed our whole community.

I look forward to parents, pensioners and others enjoying "surfing the net".

No report would be complete without reference to all Old Boys who have provided support to the school. From some it is financial aid for disadvantaged students, from others donations of equipment, or time to help with school records. My special thanks to all Old Boys who continue to help make King's a better school. In this connection the dedication and contribution of Stuart Melville is quite remarkable.

Lindsay Hocking  
Rector

# **King's High Old Boys Annual Dinner Thursday 27th August 1998 7.00 p.m. for 8 p.m.**

**THIS YEAR TO BE HELD AT THE SOUTHERN CROSS HOTEL  
(THE HERITAGE ROOM) HIGH STREET DUNEDIN.**



Wives and partners of Old Boys are cordially invited to attend this years function at which Old Boy and former Rector Ian Simpson will be guest speaker.

*For Bookings phone (03) 476 1994  
or write P.O. Box 163, Dunedin  
Cost \$27.00 per person*



**Don't miss this once a year opportunity to meet and  
socialise with fellow Old Boys of the school.**