



Warwick Norwood Larkins—"The Fox"

It is with a heavy heart that we record the untimely passing of Old Boy stalwart, W. N. (Warwick) Larkins (1960–63, Board of Governors 1989, Staff 2001–12).

Warwick grew up in Andersons Bay, attending a local kindergarten, and Andersons Bay primary school prior to his secondary schooling at King's; he remained a "Bay boy" for most of the rest of his life, residing at 41 Silverton Street—"Fox Hall"—for more than three decades.

On leaving King's he pursued a variety of jobs, initially clerical in nature: for ten years he was a bank officer with ANZ Banking, followed by two stints totalling twelve years with the Otago Education Board in the 1970s and 1980s. He showed commendable versatility in obtaining "in-between" jobs, including field manager for *One World of Sport* on cricketing broadcasts, and as a locally-based grave-digger along with NZ spin bowler John Bracewell. In 2001 he began his dream job as sports administrator at King's, although co-ordinating some 30 teachers-in-charge of a variety of sports, and many other tasks did have some frustrating moments! He retired in 2012.

However, Warwick's name was mostly synonymous with cricket. He joined the Albion club after leaving King's, and his penchant for helping around the clubrooms led to an invitation to join the club's committee, and he was quickly made club captain (at age 18); he subsequently took on many roles such as secretary, two stints as treasurer, and president for 25 years. The friendships he made with those in the cricketing world to which he travelled frequently led to the accumulation of memorabilia which packed out the clubrooms at Culling Park, and provided an appropriate venue for after-match gatherings where Warwick, an accomplished raconteur and mimic with a dry sense of humour entertained an appreciative audience with well-received cricketing yarns. The clubrooms also became the venue for irregular meetings of the Otago Cricket Eccentrics which he co-founded with long-time sports broadcaster Iain Gallaway, and which featured an unlikely selection of speakers. Warwick accompanied the NZ cricket team which toured the UK in 1978 as official scorer: he proved so popular that the team members insisted that he be selected for the XI which played against the Netherlands—he made a brisk 2 runs, and only just failed to run out batting partner Richard Hadlee! For his commitment to the Albion club (ultimately 52 years!), Warwick was made a life member in 1981, and was twice recognised nationally, receiving the NZ 1990 Medal for services to sports administration, and being honoured by the Queen in 2000 with membership of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM).

From his parents, Warwick inherited a love of music, and seldom missed a performance by visiting companies and local operatic societies. He was little interested in modern crazes,



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such as rock and roll, preferring and enjoying the stylings of Irving Berlin, Bing Crosby, Noel Coward, and especially Al Jolson.

Warwick's dedication to community service led to him being appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1995, and he became a marriage celebrant the following year, ultimately officiating at some 60 weddings. He was involved with the establishment of the NZ Sports Hall of Fame at the Dunedin railway station, and served on the Carisbrook Museum Committee.

More recently Warwick pursued his interest in vexillology in a practical, fashion by flying a flag hopefully appropriate for each day from a pole outside "Fox Hall" in Silverton Street: this attracted much local interest and favourable comment. Like Bill Sykes he started small, but at the time of his death he had aggregated 303 flags! To celebrate Brendon McCullum's triple century in 2014, he flew three flags: a silver fern, the Albion club flag, and the King's High School flag. He displayed and described some two dozen from his collection when he addressed our AGM in April.

Warwick's contribution to the KHSOBA was massive. He joined the Association upon leaving school and was soon a committee member, being secretary from 1967–71, and

president in 1981–82. After the 1986 reunion he retired from the committee as he felt over-committed in other interests, but returned to be social convenor at the 1996 60th reunion. In 1999 he rejoined the committee, becoming president in 2001–2006, vice-president in 2007–12, and president again from 2013 until his death. For the 75th Reunion in 2010 he was co-convenor of the social function and dinner sub-committee, and convenor of the brunch sub-committee. He organised the construction of our archive room under the King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre and was responsible for displaying and storing the memorabilia which we have accumulated. He has been a regular contributor to the *Kingsmen*. Warwick was awarded life membership of the Association in 2003. Above all, Warwick related to people from all walks of life, and was genuinely interested in what they were doing. He maintained friendships which included such people as his kindergarten teacher who achieved centenarian status, and also a lasting friendship with Peter Sellars a fellow sports enthusiast. He usually put others before himself, and found it difficult to decline requests for assistance from others. Proof of the respect in which he was held was shown when some 800 supporters attended his funeral which was held at King's High School, by the eminence of those presenting eulogies, by the stirring haka from present pupils, by the guard of honour from Albion club members, and the fact that the Southern v Pirates match started half an hour later than other premier rugby matches that day in order that players from both clubs might attend.

The caricature accompanying this obituary is particularly appropriate: the artist is M. G. (Murray) Webb (Staff 1973), who not only taught at King's, but who knew Warwick, and was himself a NZ international fast bowler.

Administration

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Patron:	Dan Reddiex (2008–)
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Auditor	Colin Nicholls (1955–59)

Sub-committees

Newsletter:	Bob Glass, Hugh Kidd
Emailing Addresses	Murray Patterson (1962–65) see communications below
Website	John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008)

Communications

- Thanks to members who have sent in their email addresses.

The request has two purposes

A. For the *Kingsmen* to be sent in order to save costs.
and/or

B. Notification of events and possible notices.

Some members prefer to have the *Kingsmen* in the present form, but all who have email should have notification of events, or any other notices such as change of contact addresses.

This problem occurred with the passing of our President,

who was our official email contact. Any sent to wlarkins@xtra.co.nz since beginning of May, may not have been actioned.

Would those who have not registered and have email please email Murray Patterson at: murray@cruisingforyou.co.nz and advise what they want.

- With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: jackson3@pcconnect.co.nz
Please do not forward to the school.

Subscriptions

These remain at \$20, while Membership for Life is \$400 (20 years current subscription), with the amount for anyone over 60 years of age on or before 1st January 2015 \$200.

Please forward subscription payments to us at PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054, or Direct Credit our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin Branch, account number 020900-0062936-00. Please make it clear as to whom is paying, as we have a few members with similar names and also as to what is being paid.

To date our bank will accept a personal cheque drawn upon reputable overseas banks in recognised currencies (say sterling, US dollars, Australian dollars), subject to a period of time for clearance of cheques. Also a few forward Australian dollars.

Ties

Any orders by Association members should be forwarded and paid as under subscriptions.

The Mark III version tie is available for \$30 delivered within New Zealand. An extra \$10 is required for sending overseas. It has our shield and motto within two narrow diagonal light blue lines on a dark blue background.

Lost Members

Mail for David W. Kennedy (1954–55), who moved from Gore to Oamaru for a year or two, has been returned from the latter. Also we have been informed by North Shore/Hibiscus Coast that David J. Strong (1956–59) has gone to Australia and we have no change of address.

Website

As advised last issue the address is now www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz

Membership

Currently the membership is about 870 and as with many other organisations the average age is increasing as “younger” or even middle aged ex-pupils are not joining.

John Barr reports that the numbers viewing the website are good and that a notice encouraging people to join the Association and receive *The Kingsmen* is more prominent now.

We wish to welcome the following who have joined since the end of June last year.

R. A. (Reece) Aiken (1985–89) Dunedin, S. L. (Steven) Aitken (1965–66) Waimate, D. W. (David) Barnett (1969–72) Mosgiel, R. W. (Ross) Barnett (2003) Wellington, J. E. (John) Barnett (1966–70) Waitati, D. W. (Donald) Byers (1966–68) Oamaru, N. K. (Norman) Gamble (1965–67) Omakau, J. R. (John) Gardiner (1967–71) Dunedin, E. J. (Elliot) Hudson (1963–67) Hamilton, K. (Kelvin) Hunter (1966–69) Christchurch, W. J. (Bill) Lennox (1941–42) Dunedin, D. J. (Denis) McDermott (1967–71) Wellington, K. I. (Kim) McDonald (1966–71) Taieri, R. D. (Ross) Pridham (1965–69) Fairlie, T. R. J. (Trevor) Skilton (1955–56) Otorohanga, D. A. (Daryl) Soal (1967–70) Dunedin.

Activities Around the Country

Wellington

Report from Dennis Thompson (1966–70) “An informal meeting was held at the historic Thistle Inn, in Central Wellington on Thursday 30th April, with the ongoing plan to revive interest in the Wellington Branch. Eight ex-pupils attended, and a good night was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We remain keen to recruit more Wellingtonians for the next event which is likely to be another informal dinner later in the

year. Date and venue to be confirmed in a future edition of the Kingsmen.

Any Old Boys in the area who may be interested in attending please contact any of the below.”

Brian Farrant 04 562 010

Email: bandmfarrant@xtra.co.nz

Dennis Thompson 04 387 3812

Email: dennisthompson@clear.net.nz

Mike McGimpsey 04 475 9310

Email: mikem@paradise.net.nz



From left: Dennis Thompson (1966–70), Morris Barling (1961–63), Bruce Thomas (1962–67), Richard Maddren (1956–60), Mike McGimpsey (1966–70), Brian Farrant (1952–55), Brian Wilson (1951–54), Tim Curtis (1975–77).

Reunion

We gather that a group from the mid 1960s had a mini reunion out of Dunedin, late last year, but unfortunately we were not supplied with a report. Please remember us as others are interested.

Dunedin

1. Details of the Annual Dinner to be held Thursday 13th August are on a separate notice enclosed.
2. *Lawn Bowls*

In fine conditions on the 8th April OBHS Old Boys hosted our team at the Mornington Bowling Club. This match was again well attended with King's winning this sixteen a side 11½–4½ making it 11 wins in 12 years.

North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

Report from Grahame Howley

“It was great to see old school friends again on the 7th May at our favourite luncheon venue of the Bays Club, Browns Bay. Although the turnout was below what we have come to expect (everyone seems to be going overseas) there were two notable absences, our first day pupils Jack Kempthorne and Gordon Brent. Jack with an appointment of an operation and Gordon due to a prior commitment. We did however have a guest from Palmerston North, Graeme Bassett (52–55). He was welcomed by the group and had an enjoyable chat with many present, some of whom were at school about the same time as he was. Any Old Boys who are visiting the Auckland region may contact John Somerville 09 478 3487, email: tonyjaw@xtra.co.nz or Grahame Howley 09 486 5517, email: ghowley@ihug.co.nz to see if we are having a lunch gathering or perhaps to just to meet up with those in our area for whom we have contacts. Our next meeting date has yet to be determined but will probably be the second or third Thursday in August.”

Christchurch

Please help Richard Mitchell (1959–63) in his endeavours to resurrect some activity in the area.

Email: rwmitchell@xtra.co.nz or 40 Carruthers Street, Ilam

Nelson

Contact: Kevin St John (1957–62) 19 Bryant Road, Brightwater 7022. Email: kgstjohn@xtra.co.nz

The School

The Ministry of Education figures for all Otago schools (secondary, co-education, intermediate and primary show the top five rolls as:

King's High School	1044
Taieri College (co-ed and intermediate)	1029
Kavanagh College (co-ed and intermediate)	824
Otago Girls' High School	818
Otago Boys' High School	780

Our roll last year was the highest for the first time at 1008, up from 745 in 2006.

The rolls also show the expanding Otago lakes area with Wakatipu High School 826 and Wanaka's Mt Aspiring College 767.

It appears that the Ministry of Education has been concerned about declining secondary rolls in Dunedin. Between 2005 and 2015 they have dropped 743 pupils and are the lowest in 15 years.

On the other hand primary and intermediate school rolls are the highest they have been in six years. Primary rolls have been increasing the past eight years and have reached their highest point since 2001.

A letter to all parents and caregivers of pupils was sent informing them of the ministry's instruction to “undertake the steps that are necessary to implement an enrolment scheme.” King's will fight the Ministry of Education proposed enrolment scheme if that is what the community wants. “The board needs to discuss what steps it's willing to take if that's the final decision.”

The Ministry of Education reason for the proposed measures were to “manage the overcrowding.” But the school still had room to cater for extra pupils Dan Reddix said.

Board of Trustees Chairman David Booth said the school's latest Education Review Office report had provided a glowing assessment of the school and the quality of education remained high, despite the school's growing roll.

South Dunedin Flooding

The school was damaged by the June floodwaters in that two prefab classrooms had substantial water damage so needed cleaning and at last report possibly have floorboards and carpet replaced.



No need for socks ... A King's High School pupil wades across Bay View Road at the height of the flooding in South Dunedin on June 3.

Anzac Service

Most of the Assn executive attended. In remembrance 16 crosses were placed beforehand.



Over the Years

Once again we thank the few who have supplied information relating to Third form photos.

Help is again required for the 1969 Third form photos, as has happened mainly since the 1963 photographs.

We can supply copies of photos again, along with the class lists from the school magazine, which should help along with a process of elimination, when checking off with the class list, to make it easier.



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1969 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



Row 4: Alan Panting, Stuart Walker, Murray Weir, Bruce Ballantyne, Ross Lucas, Geoff Osborne, ????, Lyndon Braiden

Row 3: David Giddell, Glen Tompkins, Mark Chapman, Ian Scales, Stewart Tait, Murray Clark, Linden Hall, Merv Chave

Row 2: Colin Daley, Alan Jones, Richard McQueen, Mike Thompson, Steven Hawkins, David Bryant, Ashley Wingham, Nick Trevathan, Ewan Paterson, Philip Beamish, Robert Steiner

Row 1: George Orr, Peter Jones, Garry Brundell, Mr McKinley, Tony Paulin, Ted Andrews, Chris Martin, Grant Craigie

On roll but not named in photo: Kevin Burton, Alan Knox, Stephen Landreth, Greg Powell.



Row 4: ????, ????, Michael Sloper, Bruce Findlater, Neal Whiston, ????, Ian Rigby
 Row 3: Bill Caradus, ????, Colin Sasse, ????, Murray Lewis?, Gary Patterson, ????, ????
 Row 2: ????, ????, Poster Foster, ????, Murray Fisher, ????, ????, ????, ????
 Row 1: None named



Row 4: Alan Brownlie, Kevin Hellyer, John Pezet, Steven Rae, Chris Elliot, Stuart MacKay, Glenn Stuart, Graeme Johnston, Warren Wedge
 Row 3: Brian Seque, Murray Vial, George Clark, Ian Bartley, Harry Kong Tin, John Murray, Jeff Seymour, Ken Fielding
 Row 2: John Perkins, Theo Dons, James Galbraith, Robert Aberdeen, Kevin Johnston, William Ingram, Michael Camplin, James Graham, Graeme Cochrane
 Row 1: Lindsay Rowlands, Graeme Patterson, Scott Gray, Roland Storm, Mr P. J. Weuston (Form Teacher), Philip Neilson, Nigel Broad, Peter Fleming, Peter Mason, Peter McMann (Absent)



Row 4: ???? , John Besant, ???? , Lance Ruffell, David Hunter, Steven Marsh?, ????
 Row 3: ???? , Mark Rhodes, Michael van Plateringen, Lindsay Heal, Robert Zoutenbier, John Harrop, ???? , ????
 Row 2: Neville Cairdi, Noel Gilchrist, Paul Ritchie, ???? , David Chambers, ???? , Chris Thomson, Mike Krefit, ? Brown
 Row 1: Neil Buchanan, Peter Elmes, ? Brown, Bruce Innes, Form Master ?, Robert Swanney, Dennis Kennedy, Barry Dodds, Bill Miller
 On roll but not named in photo: William Brookes, David Crow, Russell Dickson, Stephen Ferguson, Russell Gunn, Craig Monroe, Gary Oliver, Doug Osborne, Gavin Searle, Geoff Smith, Gregor Stewart



Row 4: Trevor Timlin, ???? , Trevor Gaston, Chris Elliott, Ray Chilcott, John Griffin, Stuart Cameron
 Row 3: ???? , Paul McDowell, ???? , Alan Roberts, Andrew Kenneally, Greg Whelan, Stephen Tye, Dave Barnett
 Row 2: Neil MacAskill, ???? , Bruce Scoullar, Ian Clark, Garry Preston, Graeme Barbara, John Feron, Greg Longmore, Ken Wilson
 Row 1: Dennis Ham, Roy MacDonald, Peter Malcolmson, Robert Ravenwood, Mr Emslie, Allan Clark, ???? , John Harper, Keith Hollick
 On roll but not named in photo: Alan Airey, Chris Gouverneur, John Huther, Allistair McKinlay, Michael Reggett, David Sait, Allan Thomson, Keith Warwood, Graham Williamson. 5 not named as marked ????



School Roll from Magazine: Darryl Amalfitano, Ashley Barnes, Kevin Beardsmore, Neville Burrell, Ray Caddson, Paul Cowie, Wayne Cruden, Tony Cumberbeach, Sefton Davis, Allan Drysdale, Brian Duncan, Michael Evangelidis, Wayne Gutschlag, Alan Harvey, David Hewitson, Vernon Leckie, Ron McBride, Stuart McIvor, Chris Marsh, Robert Mason, Anthony Newall, Stephen Phillips, Alan Ross, Neal Sheppard, Chris Thompson, Allan Thomson, Noel Westland, Peter Williams, Geoff Womphrey, Thomas Wright.

Missing

Included in this Kingsmen are the class photographs of the 1969 intake, which with later inclusions totalled 227, of whom 10 are believed to have died. The circumstances of the following are unknown to us, are dated, or lack the required precision: Robert Norman Aberdeen, Alan James Airey, Paul Leslie Armstrong, Douglas Bruce Bell, Christopher Stanley Dennis Boberg, Lyndon Colin Braiden (was Wgtn), William Thomas Brookes, Garry Allan Brundell, David John Bryant (Perth?), Neville James Burrell, Frederick Thomas Burrows, Kevin John Burton, Stuart Murray Cameron, Jack Charles Camplin, Raymond Garry Chilcott (was Mornington), Allan William Clark (Aramoana?), George Eric Clark, James Stewart Clark (Tasmania?), Dale Patrick Clifford (was Dunedin), Wayne Ronald Cruden (Melbourne?), Colin John Daley, Allan Ross Drysdale, Peter James Francis Elmes (South Australia?), Karl Anthony Enright (was Waldronville), George Bruce Findlater (was Mosgiel), James Alexander Galbraith (was Ravensbourne), Scott William Gray (was St Clair), Wayne Alexander Gutschlag, Christopher Mabin Hall, William Linden Hall (was Whitby), Bruce Douglas Innes, Alan Lewis Jetson, Brent Arnold Jones (Sydney?), Peter Thornbury Jones, Andrew John Kenneally, Murray John Klee (Canberra?), Stephen George Landreth, David Wayne Langley (was Mosgiel), Ralph Francis Larkins, David Stephen Liddell (was New Lynn), Neil Angus Macaskill, Robert James McBride (was Chch), Darryl Wayne McGregor, Allistair Bruce McKinlay (was Abbotsford), Duncan Stewart McPherson, Richard John McQueen, Steven Allan Marsh, Christopher William Martin, Philip James Neilson (was Wgtn), George Anthony Orr (was Nth Taieri,

Alan Charles Panting, Kanu Bhai Patel, Antony Brett Paulin (was Helensburgh), Graeme Alexander Pearson, Edward John Pezet, Stephen Gordon Phillips, Andrew Parker Rapp, Mark Ernest Rhodes, Donald Paul Ritchie (was Brockville), Alan Louis Ross, Lindsay Albert Rowlands, Lance Philip Ruffle (was Tahuna), Paul Russell (St Albans? Rangiora?), Neal Peter Sadgrave (was St Kilda), David Leslie Sait, Ian David Scales (England?), Andrew Charles James Searle, Geoffrey Howard Smith, Roger Charles Smith, Allan Cecil Struthers (was BoP), Harald Rudolf Susbac, Robert Allan Swanney (Adelaide?), Edward Tambisari, Christopher Loris Thompson, Trevor Noel Tomlin, Glen Douglas Tomkins (overseas?), Stephen Kevin Anthony Tye (Wakefield? was Waldronville), Michael John van Plateringen (was Fielding), Murray Simpson Vial (was Chch), Michael John Watt, Warren Owen Wedge, Murray James Weir (was Chch), Neal Francis Whiston, Michael Raymond Williams, Geoffery Malcolm Womphrey, Brian Desmond Wright, Thomas Allen Wright.

Honours

Normal service was maintained when the Queen's Birthday Honours List for 2015 was revealed featuring three Old Boys.

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) became an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to cricket. This year NZ reached the final of the 2015 Cricket World Cup, ably led by Brendon (captain) and coached by Mike Hesson (also from Dunedin and who similarly was awarded an ONZM). The honours obviously reflect this feat, and

as a NZ columnist pointed out in a recent issue of the *ODT* “McCullum has led the Black Caps into a new life where as a world class team of crowd pleasers, they are also admired for [their] personal qualities;” and an English commentator has written “This is a NZ side full of decent people as well as decent cricketers: players with a healthy perspective on life.” In their recent tour of England, the Black Caps have been playing in front of delighted sell-out crowds—and even appear to have encouraged their English opponents to alter their tactics! [The writer couldn’t help but notice that when the teams adjourned for lunch at the University Oval during a recent test match, the NZ batsmen and West Indian fieldsmen were conversing amicably]. Formerly an athletic wicketkeeper and punishing middle-order batsman, physical circumstances have led to Brendon becoming a specialist batsman who entertains the world with his audacious stroke play, and who is an astute, aggressive, and innovative leader. He has scored more T20 runs than any other player, and is the sole NZ player to have scored a test triple-century. [It should not be forgotten that he was also selected for a South Island schoolboy XV first five eighth ahead of Dan Carter!]. Brendon and Mike have transformed the Black Caps into “a competitive test unit and a wonderful limited-overs side.”

A. M. (Allan) Rumble (1958–63) of Rotorua was awarded Membership of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to education. While at King’s, Allan achieved fastest time in a junior cross-country race and took up rowing: he and his partner gained a bronze medal in an event at an inter school regatta. A prefect in his final year, like many others he values the mentoring he received from R. K. (Reg) Graham (1944–48, Staff 1955–56, 1958–66). Allan then attended OU, graduating in 1967 with B.Sc in Chemistry and Zoology, and receiving the Inglis Memorial Prize. The following year he gained a Post-Graduate Diploma in Science with credit in Chemistry, and subsequently a Diploma in Education following extra-mural study through Massey University. After a year at Christchurch Teachers’ College he taught at Southland Boys High School before seeking warmer climes: country service at Thames High School, HoD Science at Tereora College in Rarotonga, HoD Science at Waihi College, before spending 22 years at Western Heights High School in Rotorua, where he was successively Senior Master, Deputy Principal, and Co-Principal. There he led the school’s high academic performance, and has positively impacted the lives of the thousands of teenagers. For the last decade he has been an interim principal at a number of “at risk” Bay of Plenty schools, working to address problems and rebuild community trust. Allan has enjoyed his more than 40 years in the educational field, although he feels that teaching, and especially when a principal, requires a certain level of resilience in what is an excellent career but which also has its ups and downs. He believes that while the job has changed markedly over the years, that the kids had not, and that “the best kids of today are equal to, or better than the best kids of the past.” Allan received his award when five weeks into his retirement, and declares that “there are plenty of others in the field equally as deserving.”

A. C. (Allen) Birchall (1950–51) of Dunedin received a Queen’s Service Medal (QSM) for services to landscape architecture. Apart from athletics it dawned on Allen that attending King’s was not really fulfilling his needs, so he reversed a trend by transferring to Mosgiel District High School where he enrolled in its agriculture course. After leaving school, he left his mark on many landscapes in Dunedin and further afield during his many years in the business. He designed and built the inner courtyard of Cherry Court Lodge (now Cargills Quality Hotel)

in George Street, landscaped many private gardens in Dunedin, developed Palmers Quarry Garden in North East Valley, and undertook projects around the OU campus. His landscaping may also be seen at Glenfalloch on Otago Peninsula, at the Port Chalmers cruise-ship terminal, at the Southern Institute of Technology in Invercargill, and at Dunedin and Wanaka airports. Allen planted more than 15,000 rhododendron plants around Dunedin, and founded the Rhododendrons for Dunedin Trust. He contributed to the community through public meetings, landscape design courses, and was the author of the book *Living in Landscape* published in 1972. Allen also co-founded the NZ Association of Landscape Designers (later known as the NZ Institute of Landscape Architects Inc. and the Landscape Industries Association of NZ Inc). Overseas he oversaw the landscape design at the Pacific Harbour development in Deuba, Fiji, during the 1970s, and has designed other Pacific Island resorts. Now retired, he lives in St Clair, just around the corner from where he grew up.

At a May graduation ceremony, I. F. (Ian) Farrant (1955–59) was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Commerce degree from OU thereby becoming only the second individual to receive this honour. Ian had graduated from OU in 1966 with a B.Com in accounting, finance, and marketing, and began a career in business as a taxation specialist, before becoming a professional director for public and private companies, State Owned Enterprises (SOE’s), Local Authority Trading Enterprises (LATE’s), Statutory Authorities, and farmer co-operatives, often in the role of chairman. He is a former chairman of Fulton Hogan, the NZ Refining Coy, the NZ Shipping Corporation, the Cardrona Ski Area, and the Skeggs Group, among others, and is a retired Fellow of the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants, and Distinguished Fellow of the NZ Institute of Directors. In 2007, Ian was made a Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (CNZM) for his contribution to business and the community, and in 2014 was inducted on to the King’s High School Wall of Fame. Ian presented the graduation address to conclude the ceremony, and told his fellow graduates that his B.Com had proved “a fantastic launching pad for his business career, and introduced him to many outstanding people.” He stressed the importance of ethics, teamwork, preparation, and self-discipline while having fun through work. He further emphasised the importance of persistence, and the need to never give up. He quoted former US President Calvin Coolidge, famed for his terse comments, who had said that “nothing in the world can take the place of persistence, Talent will not, [for] nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. And education itself would not suffice, because the world is full of educated derelicts!”

In March D. (Donald) Sew Hoy (1954–59) was adjudged Senior New Zealander of the Year at the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards 2015, “which recognise, encourage and reward NZ’s most vital asset—the people.” The Awards take nominations from all fields, including the arts, sport, community service, health, public service, the environment, volunteers, tourism, business, rural, education, entertainment, science, technology, innovation, and cultural development. Any member of the public may nominate an individual or community group for the Awards programme. Donald is the managing director and owner of Glacier Investments Ltd, a successful Auckland-based clothing supplier to major retail chains in NZ, and an exporter of NZ products, food and beverages to China. Drawing on his personal experience of hardship while growing up has made him “the compassionate and inspirational New Zealander he is today, he constantly reaches out to those less fortunate, and is hugely supportive of

community and charitable initiatives.” Over the years he has been a pillar of the NZ Chinese Association (NZCA), has been president of the NZ Underwear Manufacturers Association, president of the Otago Southland Garment and Textile Manufacturers’ Association, and a member of the Otago Association for Deaf Children. He and his wife Jennie each received the Queen’s Service Medal (QSM) in 2008 for services to the Chinese community, and each was made a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International.

Cultural Affairs

In February, an amped-up Southern Sinfonia presented *Tally Ho! Dunedin Sound Songs and Singers* to a capacity audience at the Dunedin Town Hall. The idea of such a concert was the brainchild of Dunedin Sound musician Graeme Downes, nowadays head of music at OU, and featured material from the Chills, the Clean, the Puddle, the Bats, Straitjacket Fits, the Expendables, the Verlaines among others, and also singers of the calibre of soprano Anna Leese! The sinfonia was under the baton of conductor Associate Professor P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76) who kept the energy high, and the transition from crowded pubs of yore to concert hall was deemed “fabulous” but the *ODT* music critic.

Philip Braithwaite, son of retired Hawkes Bay schoolteacher J. R. (Jack) Braithwaite (1947–51) wrote *The War Play*, which attempted to examine the circumstances surrounding the execution by the British Army of his great-uncle, also named Jack, during World War I. A few other Kiwi soldiers, also volunteers, shared his fate, the details have remained unclear and controversial, and the Braithwaite family, which included a former mayor of Dunedin and a world-famous conductor has not surprisingly felt some difficulty in coming to terms with what happened. The fact that these men have been pardoned more recently was also controversial, and did little to ameliorate a lingering sense of shame, and was rather cold comfort. *The War Play* was commissioned and presented by the Fortune Theatre and supported by the Lottery Grant’s Board WW100 funding. The sets were effective, and the depiction of war’s inhumanity was described by the *ODT* critic as “horrificing,” she stated that the play “makes a significant contribution to NZ artistic representations of World War I, and it’s appropriate that its world premiere should be [staged] in Jack’s home town.”

Recently an excellent biography of Dr T. M. Hocken entitled *Hocken: Prince of Collectors* has been written by D. J. Kerr of the OU Library and published by University of Otago Press. In it Kerr acknowledges the assistance he received from Dr C. J. R. (Christopher) de Hamel (1963–67), Donnelly Librarian at Corpus Christi, College, Cambridge University when he visited the UK to research Hocken’s early life.

I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) has written *By Students For Students: A History of the Otago Polytechnic Students’ Association 1964–2014*.

At the 2015 Canon Media Awards held in Auckland, S. S. (Shane) Gilchrist (1982–86), a feature writer for the *ODT* won the arts and entertainment category with his articles on Elvis Costello (“Still the Attraction”), Rod Stewart (“Sailing into Dunedin”) and Tim Finn (“Unclouded Memories”).

J. J. (Justin) Spiers (1977–81) was one of four Dunedin artists who have been named finalists in this year’s National Contemporary Art Award. Fifty two artists have been selected by judge Aaron Kriesler for the award which will be announced in July.

Business Sector

P. A. (Paul) Ayers (1974–75) who joined his father as an apprentice shoe repairer on leaving school has operated the 10 hours per day Upper Stuart Street business for more than 20 years. As a result of the quality craftsmanship he has maintained, his customer base is Otago-wide, and covers four generations. The two main facets of the business are the repair of used footwear, and fitting protection for new and often expensive shoes and boots which customers may have purchased overseas. The business has a special calf-stretching machine for boots which are often quite narrow, while Paul also continues to use an 80 year old manually-operated Singer sewing machine for stitching, although the vintage delivery bike which hangs on the wall above is strictly for show!

L. W. (Lindsay) Campbell (1971–75) doesn’t see why men should “box on” and battle the cold when he has them covered (literally) with basewear shirts, knitwear, trousers (especially 5 brands of moleskins), and jackets both warm and stylish. Alex Campbell Ltd has long had a South Dunedin retail outlet, a few years ago re-established a store in Mosgiel, operated by B. R. (Bevan) Campbell (1995–2000), and in May realised a dream by establishing a third store in the Mall at Cromwell when the preferred location became available.

It wasn’t a difficult decision in March for M. S. (Michael) Coughin (formerly Clydesdale, 1977–79) to return to a transformed Olivers at Clyde: he had spent part of his initially years as a chef under Fleur Sullivan’s tutelage, and she had been

Obituaries

- R. D. (Roderick) McLeod (1937–41) died at Melbourne, Oz 2014
- J. R. M. (Jack) Morris (1936–37) died at Dunedin 28.2.15
- H. F. (Hadden) Lowrey (1953–57) died at Havelock North 5.3.15
- P. C. (Peter) Gray (1942–45) died at Wanaka 7.3.15
- G. B. (Graham) Avery (1951–54) died at Dunedin 11.3.15
- A. (Andrew) Walker (1965–68) died at Dunedin 22.3.15
- W. G. (Bill) Bachop (1960–61) died at Dunedin 23.3.15
- D. J. (Darrell) Douglas (1973–75) died at Dunedin 23.3.15
- A. H. (Allan) Williams (1939–43) died at Christchurch 1.4.15
- L. H. C. (Les) Freeman (1951–54) died at Dunedin 2.4.15
- M. G. (Murray) Stapley (1978–79) died at Dunedin ?4.15
- K. J. (Kieran) Parsons (2010–14) died at Dunedin 7.4.15
- R. J. (Ron) Johnston (1968–71) died at Sydney, Oz 8.4.15
- S. J. (Scobie) McKenzie (1939–42) died at Nelson 11.4.15
- R. N. (Neil) Walker (1943–45) died at Dunedin 13.4.15
- B. L. (Bren) Nelson (1951–53) died at Dunedin 15.4.15
- P. J. P. (Peter) Clifford (1948–53) died at Christchurch 18.4.15
- R. P. (Rhys) Hodgson (1997–2001) died at Outram 23.4.15
- T. L. (Les) Reid (1936–41) died at Christchurch 23.4.15
- R. M. (Richard) Scott (1960–62) died at Outram 24.4.15
- A. N. (Norman) Ritchie (1947–50) died at Christchurch 24.4.15
- J. G. (Gill) Seymour (1967–71) died at Bannockburn 29.4.15
- W. N. (Warwick) Larkins (1960–63) died at Dunedin 16.5.15
- B. G. (Blair) Thomson (1940–42) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 19.5.15
- G. H. (George) Watson (1936–39) died at Christchurch 21.5.15
- T. C. (Craig) Lukeman (1954–58) died at Buleen, Victoria, Oz 3.6.15
- A. N. (Alan) Bremner (1951–54) died at Dunedin 6.6.15
- K. P. (Kerry) Kilcullen (1973–76) died a Mosgiel 7.6.15
- G. B. (Gordon) Cathro (1945–47) died at Dunedin 13.6.15
- A. L. (Larry) Scott (1941–42) died at Mosgiel ?6.15
- A. S. (Allan) Bathgate (1939–42) died at Mosgiel 22.6.15
- R. B. (Ray) Kindley (1943) died at Dunedin 25.6.15

a witness at his wedding when he was married on the premises! After owning Bell Pepper Blues restaurant in the former Prince of Wales Hotel for 18 years, he shifted to the luxury new Hotel St Clair on the Esplanade where he developed the restaurant, Pier 24, from the ground up. Five years later, it is time to move on, even though his projects seem to get more complicated with every move (this is his sixth). The new owners of Olivers have retained its soul, repurposing much of the old: it has just had “a breath of fresh air!” The complex now houses three businesses: a restaurant, a bakery/deli/cafe, and a brewery. Michael will oversee the kitchen which services them all, and requires bakers and pastry chefs as well as restaurant chefs—finding the right staff has not been easy, given the problem of tight permanent accommodation in the area. The food he is planning to serve will not be about breaking new territory, but “instead encompassing what the region had to offer,” and he hopes to develop relationships with local orchardists, and even set up his own restaurant garden to grow his own product. He also plans to develop a relationship with Otago Polytechnic’s Cromwell Campus, for their possible mutual benefit.

A. M. (Alan) Malcolmson (1971–75) is Foodstuffs South Island retail operations general manager, and is based in Christchurch.

The Southern Bar and Grill, formerly the Southern Hotel diagonally opposite the tram sheds, has joined the Shiel Hill Hotel, and previously the Fitzroy Hotel, in closing its doors. Co-owner C. D. (Corey) O’Leary (1990–93) blames stricter drink-driving laws, and competition from supermarkets among the pressures facing hostellers. However, it also comes at a time when primary schools in Southern Dunedin are closing: can this be the causal influence?!

W. (Wayne) Wright (1959–62) and his wife Chloe are the founders of Kidicorp, NZ’s biggest childcare group. They married young and soon had five children, with Chloe the main raiser, while Wayne endeavoured to raise the money to support the family. He started as a lawn mowing contractor in Lower Hutt, and progressed to a general contractor specialising in the manufacture and construction of cribwalls throughout the lower North Island. In 1975 they developed their first kiwifruit orchard in the Bay of Plenty, and Wayne became a main syndicator of kiwifruit orchards. In 1978 they had started a company in Escondido, southern California, making and building cribwalls, and when the rules were changed for tax deductability and with the kiwifruit industry apparently in dire straits, they sold up their business interests in NZ and shifted the family to Austin, Texas where they expanded their cribwall company across America and into Mexico. In 1990 they started a telecommunications company in Alabama at the beginning of VOIP technology, which is taken for granted nowadays. After Chloe had graduated from the University of Texas, they sold up all their US interests and moved back to their home in Omokoroa which Chloe had designed and retained when they shifted overseas. In time they discovered early childhood education, which has been their consuming passion ever since. Recently they transferred the company to a charitable not-for-profit foundation, where the focus will be on quality, and reinvestment in more centres, particularly in areas where the need is the greatest.

Bits and Pieces

The *Kingsmen* much prefers to write about the lives of the living, rather than wait until they die, and write an obituary. Recently we made contact with G. S. (Gordon) Roberts (1942–46), who supplied the following outline of his career. After leaving King’s he attended Otago University and then Canterbury University College, graduating BE (Civil) in 1952. He was an Elected Member of the NZ Institution of Engineers 1956, (now the Institution of Professional Engineers NZ),

and Fellow in 1972, and is a former member of the Société de Ingenieurs et Scientifiques de France. After 1½ years with NZR he was employed by the Christchurch Drainage Board for 11 years on sewerage and storm water works, at a time of rapid expansion of the City and suburban areas. He also taught engineering subjects to NZCE students at the evening school of Christchurch Technical College. In 1963 he was appointed as a Staff Engineer to the Rotorua City Council to advance a major extension of the sewerage system, and construction of a new sewage treatment plant, while in the following year he further studied water and drainage engineering in France on a French Government bursary. On return to Rotorua, he was appointed Deputy City Engineer. He became City Engineer, then on amalgamation of the City and County Councils in 1978, was appointed District Engineer, Water & Drainage, retiring in 1988. An interesting experience was appearing before the Waitangi Tribunal to give evidence on a case involving the proposed disposal of effluent to the Kaituna River. A very satisfactory resolution led to the implementation of disposal to land instead of the river. He has of course been involved at various times in other community activities. Vestry member and Synodsmen at St Luke’s Anglican Church for many years; The Hearing Association, both locally and nationally; The National Foundation for the Deaf; Round Table; Rotary and, since 1989, Probus. He also served a period on the Malfroy Primary School Committee, and for some forty years was a member of the Rotorua Golf Club. His principal hobbies are reading and woodwork, and he has travelled both within New Zealand (especially by campervan), and overseas. The family now comprises himself and Lesley, two married daughters, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Gordon’s brother, G. K. (Graham) Roberts (1950) only attended King’s for a short time, before shifting north with his parents, and has spent most of his life in Australia.

Gordon has also supplied an outline of his father’s career. C. C. (Bob) Roberts (Staff 1939–49) was born in Invercagill and educated at Southland Boys High School, Otago University, and Dunedin Teachers Training College, attaining the Degrees of BSc and MSc after gaining a Sir George Grey Senior Scholarship in Science. He was a Life Member of the Institute of Chemistry. After a year on Section in Napier, he taught at the King Edward Technical College for some 12 years until his appointment in 1939 as Head of the Science Department at King’s High School. He formed an active Camera Club, and was a Commissioned Officer in the ATC. While at King’s he was nicknamed Lord Roberts by the boys, and was much admired for his ownership of water-cooled Velocette motorbikes. In 1949 he was an Inspector of Secondary Schools, moving to Christchurch, Wellington and finally Auckland, where he retired in 1964. Mr Roberts spent six months in the United States on a Fullbright Scholarship, followed by six weeks in the UK with the British Council. From 1953 he had two years in the Philippines for UNESCO, training local science teachers. On retirement he took up a position in Afghanistan, again for UNESCO, setting up training colleges. This posting lasted for seven years. Annual home leave gave him and Mrs Roberts the opportunity for extensive travel. Mr Roberts was a capable and ingenious craftsman. He was an amateur radio operator until the outbreak of WW2, when such activities were prohibited. He turned his attention to photography, both still and movies, an interest that continued for the rest of his life. He was skilled at carpentry and cabinetmaking, and always maintained an extensive vegetable garden. He and his wife died in Auckland in the 1990s; they left six children, all married and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Diamond Weddings have been celebrated by E. F. (Evan) Browne (1945–48) and Noelene of Wanaka, and R. G. (Ron) Paterson (1948–50) and Grace of South Dunedin. Golden Weddings that we are aware of include G. L. (George) McLeod

(1956–58) and Eunice of Brighton, and B. G. (Barrie) Rutledge (1949–50) and Nancy of Roslyn.

The article in the March *Kingsmen*, written by R. J. (Jack) Rutherford (1945–47) which described dancing at King's (1940s style) has attracted much favourable comment. J. R. (Jack) Braithwaite (1947–50) wrote from Hastings, fondly remembering the tuition he received from Miss Wallace, and his enjoyment of the School Dance without the glitz, glamour and booze prevalent nowadays—living in Hargest Crescent, and with a nearby partner, they had walked to the function! However the writer has mixed views on a 1950s version: he was dragooned into attending the dance because the head prefect of OGHS had been invited to attend and required a partner. Being a train boy, I had been unable to attend the after school lessons, by then taught by Mr and Mrs Robinson, and while I was reasonably proficient in the more formal Old Time dancing learned at various Taieri halls, modern dancing was a bit of a mystery, requiring a hasty visit to the Robinson's venue in York Place. Another problem then arose: how to get my partner to the venue, for she lived at Mt Mera, and escorting her by tramcar from Normanby to Bay View Road and then walking seemed inappropriate. Fortunately I had an uncle living in North East Valley with whom I could stay overnight and so clad in my late father's suit and with a £1 banknote in my pocket, I ordered a taxi from there and set off to collect my partner. During the long journey to King's, my conversational prowess dwindled as I gazed in ever increasing horror at the taxi meter ticking remorselessly on. Fortunately I could afford the 17/6 when we finally arrived—but how to get her home afterwards, for the trams would have stopped running, and it seemed a long way to walk! Fortunately, a frantic appeal to one of my few classmates whose father owned a car and who had loaned it to his son saved the situation and I was able to relax and enjoy the dance. However I was not invited to the subsequent OGHS dance, and the trauma put me off hiring taxis for the rest of my life!

J. R. (Rex) Sim (1944–45) was able to quote the number of patients involved and the total kilometres travelled, when he was thanked recently by the Dunedin Cancer Society for transporting their members for treatment. He has retired after performing this service for 23 years, and a special morning tea was held in his honour.



Rex Sim

E. B. (Brian) Farrant (1952–55) has emailed to say that he was also in the photograph printed in *ODT* in 1947 of Mosgiel Wolf Cubs meeting Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery and described in the March *Kingsmen*. Although almost completely obscured, he remembers the occasion very clearly. His brother M. L. (Murray) Farrant (1953–57), a retired Nelson anaesthetist, has long been involved in the annual week-long Founders Park book sale, run along the lines of Dunedin's 24 hour Regent book sale, and the funds raised used to upgrade and maintain Founders Park's facilities.

Previously, H. G. (Harold) Masters (1943) main claim to fame was that he and his brother C. J. (Charles) Masters (1939–41) were the only King's boys known to have attended the school on horseback, riding each day from their farm at Green Island Bush! Recently Harold, a retired farmer from Hillend now resident in Balclutha, received publicity by being the first patient in the South Island to have an abdominal aortic aneurysm repaired solely under a local anaesthetic. Such aneurysms are difficult to detect, usually being diagnosed following post mortem investigation! Conventional repair surgery usually required a large incision, followed by up to three weeks in

hospital and long-term rehabilitation. The minimally invasive procedure merely involves two small incisions in the groin, then passing a stent graft through blood vessels to seal off the aneurysm. Harold was conscious, able to talk to his wife by telephone during the procedure, and discharged from hospital in four days!

N. W. (Norman) Bennetts (1958–60), a Dunedin South Rotarian for more than 25 years and a past president has been designated a Paul Harris Fellow at a recent meeting.

For sometime, P. J. (Philip) Craigie (1965–70), retired principal of Kaikorai Valley College, had been storing firewood in what had been half a railway carriage. The other half was also in the North Taieri district and used as a chicken coop. As the result of a visit from a rail enthusiast the two halves are now in Wellington being restored as a Gumdigger A255 railway carriage by the Rimutaka Railway Heritage Trust, one of only two survivors of the 34 built between 1882 and 1887.

For sometime the future of the National Poisons Centre, directed by Dr W. A. (Wayne) Temple (1962–67) has been uncertain—Based in the Dept of Preventive and Social Medicine in the OU Medical School, it has handled more than 33,000 poisoning inquiries each year for more than 50 years. The centre will now link with Auckland-based Homecare Medical to keep delivering the Poisoning Service 24/7. The future of the 14 staff is secure, which is great news for Wayne who recently retired after more than 35 years.

Long-term residents and beach walkers of St Clair, B. A. (Bart) Smaill (1954–56), G. P. (Graeme) Newton (1966–69) and P. T. (Peter) Haslemore (1967–72) have accused the DCC of “turning an iconic beach into a rock garden” and have blamed the way in which the Esplanade wall was built in 2004. DCC Roading Maintenance Engineer P. K. (Peter) Standring (1975–79) agrees with only part of the criticisms, but pointed out that June was not a suitable time of the year to carry out repairs. He also has the aftermath of the recent 100 year downpour to occupy his more pressing attention, not to mention the problems of establishing cycleways on the South Dunedin flat!

Sporting Triumphs

Athletics

B. G. B. (Ben) Anderson (2006–09) has continued to shine this season, following his promising start. At the Auckland track classic he ran a personal best time when gaining 4th place in the 800m, while at the Australian and Athletic Championships he qualified for the final of the 800m, and ran a further personal best (1 min 49.3 sec) when finishing 7th. He captained Caversham to their 5th win in 6 races in the Lovelock Relay. He then graduated B.Phys. Ed at OU before departing for the Northern Hemisphere, planning to spend eight weeks attempting to lower his best times at the 800m and 1500m levels: he won at both distances at the British Milers Club meeting at Manchester. While in the UK, Ben has been staying with L. C. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06), J. J. (Jesse) Muir (2005–09) and B. J. (Ben) Mackay. Ben may compete in Belgium, but otherwise just plans to take a break, sight-see around Europe, and be a spectator at the World Championships at Beijing before returning to NZ.

D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) is the NZ 3,000m steeplechase champion, and in May secured a bronze medal at the NZ half marathon championships

T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) achieved a personal best in a marathon held in Rotterdam, where he was accompanied and assisted by Lyndon Brown.

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) won the open men's half marathon from Cardrona to Wanaka.

It has been a sad year for Old Boys holding long-term records: not only was P. J. (Pete) Montgomery (1956–60) deprived of his sprint record, but B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) is no longer the youngest to have won the Edmond Cup, the new holder being Oli Chignell from John McGlashan College at 17 years 134 days, younger by 287 days! However R. S. (Stewart) Melville (1963–67) still sleeps easily with the 4 x 800m record he set with Steve Lunn, Dick Taylor and Bruce Hunter intact after 44 years. Four years later he, Dick Quax, John Walker and Rod Dixon set a record for the 4 x 1500m which still stands.

Current Year 12 pupil F. (Felix) McDonald (2012–) is an athlete to watch, being one of only five athletes selected to represent NZ at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa in September. He is the national youth long jump and 100m hurdles champion, and has won a raft of medals at lesser meets. He will also compete in the 400m hurdles, but having to peak three times in the coming season may be a problem.

Bowls

K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) had dropped to 29th in the PBA rankings last year, so he adopted a “steely attitude,” won the Scottish open singles and international qualifying events, and finished up top of the rankings! He will represent NZ in the PBA Transtasman Challenge for the sixth time in Sydney in September. Also in the team will be D. P. (Duane) White (1983–87), while A. G. (Andy) McLean (1994–98) is also in the top 10 of this season’s players.

Cricket

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) as was mentioned earlier captained NZ to the ODI World Cup Final, where his aggressive yet astute performance has revolutionised and revitalised how this format is played, and the tactics employed. NZ has since drawn the test series against England, and narrowly lost the ODI series in front of appreciative sell-out crowds. To help extend his Test career (which often requires painkillers to ease back problems) he is being released from the upcoming short-form tours of Zimbabwe and South Africa: typically he celebrated this well-earned holiday by blasting 158 not out in a T20 match for the Birmingham Bears, thereby equalling a previous knock which is the second best score in T20 history. In April, Brendon was named Sir Richard Hadlee Medal winner at the NZ cricket awards in Auckland, and in May was awarded Otago Sportsman and overall Sportsperson of the Year. His contract with NZ Cricket has been extended for another year, as has also been the case for his brother, N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98).

The Otago Cricket Association has “gone loco” and appointed N. P. (Nathan) King (1996–2000) as coach of the Otago Volts for the next two years. That he hasn’t been a firstclass player is held against him by some critics, but neither was Mike Hesson (whom Nathan admires and regards as a good example). Nathan possesses a B.Phys.Ed degree from OU, and NZC level 3 coaching qualification and has had a thorough apprenticeship: coach of Otago Sparks and assisted the White Ferns for two years—including the 2012 Women’s World T20 tournament. He has been the Otago assistant coach for the last three summers, including a short stint as coach when Vaughn Johnson resigned.

Albion, skippered by T. M. (Tim) Ford (2005–09), and including T. B. (Taylor) Cumberland (2010–14), F. (Felix) Page (2009–13), and M. A. (Mark) Somerville (1998–2002) won the Decaration Cup and the Bing Harris Shield this season.

Cycling

J. E. (Justin) Stott (1988–92) won all three stages of the Tour de Taieri in March, despite his veteran status, and the youth of his competitors.

Hockey

P. W. (Peter) Ashton (1962–66) represented NZ at the over-65 level in the Transtasman Challenge in Melbourne in May. He had been selected for the NZ squad preparing for the Munich Olympic Games in 1972 but injured his knee when playing a game of social rugby, and never got to go. He has since played all the age groups from 40 upwards, but has to represent Canterbury these days as there are too few of his age still playing in Otago!

D. E. (Dave) Ross (Staff 1985–) who oversees the teaching of the disabled at King’s, has been labelled the Godfather of the South because of his involvement in hockey. A former Black Stick, he currently coaches the 1st XI and runs an academy providing young players with a sound skill base; is the high performance coach for the Southern men’s team; he oversees the under-18 and under-20 programmes; coaches the national league men’s team and trains the women as well; and oversees all coaches within the region. He believes that the region generally punches above its weight, but is philosophical about the need for promising young players to shift to Auckland to become better players as a result of the stronger competition, as long as they come back to play for Southern—as they mostly do.

Horse Racing

S. W. R. (Stewart) Gillan (1958–61) of Winton has a share in an East Taieri mare named Asabella: three of her progeny have sold for six-figure sums, so watch this space

Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) was co-captain of the mighty but unheralded Highlanders who won for the first time the Super 15 competition in splendid fashion in Wellington’s Cake Tin. He has also been selected in the squad to train for the 2015 World Cup later this year, Ben played his 100th match for the franchise in Perth against the Force.

B. T. (Brayden) Mitchell (2003–06) has been playing as a hooker for the Hurricanes, but was not selected for the final.

King’s continues to supply durable prop forwards, with W. J. (Warren) Moffat (1993–97), a lawyer, playing his 200th match for Southern: he joined L. M. (Luke) Herden (1991–96) as the only other player to play 200 matches for the club. While at school, he formed a formidable front row with C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97) and T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992–97)—another lawyer!

Carl Hayman recently skippered his club, Toulon, to its third European title. He has now retired, although it seems that he is still available for invitation teams!

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