

# THE ZINGSMEN

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# The School



This year has already been another noteworthy and exciting one for the King's school community. The year always commences with notification of individual student performances in NCEA and an analysis of the school as a whole. The academic results from 2015 were our best under this assessment system. In terms of pass rates we ranked second among State Boys' schools in NZ, fifth in University entrance rates and sixth in Scholarship passes. The greatest excitement for me related to the latter achievement. With 21 scholarships, we were the equal best performed school in Otago and we eclipsed our previous best return of 11 by some margin. Academically the attainment of Scholarships was the last area where I wanted to see significant gains. The Scholarship development programme we have in place and the quality of the staff we have teaching are sure to mean these results are maintained and hopefully enhanced. In terms of our roll, the Year 9 (new entrant) intake sits at 234 giving us an overall roll of 1060 students. Given that the roll eclipsed the Ministry of Education designated figure we had to bring the implementation of our enrolment scheme forward. The enrolment scheme came into effect on the 25th May.

It will be interesting to see what effect, if any, this scheme has on our enrolments for 2017. I am confident we will be able to accommodate almost all students who wish to come to King's. To say that the thought of having to turn young men away from our school gets under my skin is an

understatement. However it seems the educational model we operate under does not actually concern itself primarily with student and parent choice, unless those parents and students are opting for private or quasi private institutions. I was delighted in February to sign off on the completion of our three indoor cricket nets. This was a significant project and the investment and support from many parties was greatly appreciated. You may be aware that our next exciting venture is the construction of a hockey turf in conjunction with Hockey Otago and the Dunedin City Council. The DCC have committed \$500,000 to the project and we are confident that this project will be completed within twelve months. Needless to say this is a great community project for South Dunedin and a great opportunity for lovers of Hockey and sport both in the city and King's. Most importantly the culture of the school continues to go from strength to strength. I look forward to further interactions with our Old Boy community. My thanks for your continued support of the boys and our school.

Dan Reddiex RECTOR

The Ministry of Education figures for all Otago schools (secondary, co-education, intermediate and primary) show King's again as having the highest roll.

Although Dunedin secondary schools have reached their lowest point since the turn of the century intermediate and primary rolls have been increasing.

The growth in rolls in the Lakes areas especially, Central Otago and Dunedin schools has had, a big impact on overall Otago, which rolls have increased from 29,918 to 31,311 in the past 10 years.

**EDITOR** 

# Wall of Fame

Following are those inducted since the school commenced the Wall of Fame in 2010.

At the time of writing the school has to been able to finalise a suitable date for the presentations to those to be inducted for this year.

Since inception we have been able to have our annual Dunedin dinners coincide with the evening of that date.

Advice to members will be sent, when available, and in good time to attend.



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#### 2010

Michael McIntyre (1954–58) Academic James K. Baxter (1940–43) Arts Grahame Sydney (1962–66) Arts Neville Bain (1953–56) Business Paul Oestreicher (1945–49) Humanities Chris Laidlaw (1957–61) Sport

#### 2011

Frank Holmes (1937–41) Academic Malcolm Templeton (1936–40) Academic Jeff Robson (1940–43) Sports

#### 2012

Doug Coombs (1938–42) Academic Hugh Templeton (1945–47) Academic John Murray (1943–47) Humanities

#### 2013

Barry Cleavin (1953–58) Arts Philip Rush (1977–80) Sports James Valentine (1936–38) Business

#### 2014

Ian Farrant (1955–59) Business Laurie Mains (1960–64) Sports William McLean (1946–50) Academic

#### 2015

Lindsay Carter (1945–49) Academic David Morrell (1954–57) Humanities Glen Denham (1977–82) Sports

# **Administration**

#### Office Bearers

Patron: Dan Reddiex (Staff 2008–)
President: Doug Jackson (1960–63)
Secretary: David Horne (1954–58)
Treasurer: Murray Patterson (1962–65)

Registrar: Hugh Kidd (1950–54) Committee: Christine Bell (Associate)

Murray Bell (1958–62) Chris George (1978–82) Bob Glass (1948–52) Andrew Miller (1979–81) George Munro (Staff 1994–2004)

Clive Sims (1949–51) Mack Stephens (1952–56)

Auditor Colin Nicholls (1955–59)

# **Sub Committees**

Newsletter: Bob Glass, Hugh Kidd Emailing Addresses: Murray Patterson

see communications below

Website: John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008)

#### 2 Kingsmen Newsletter

#### **Communications**

1. Thanks to members who have sent in their email addresses to have the *Kingsmen* sent electronically.

The request has two purposes

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

B. Notification of events.

Some members prefer to have the *Kingsmen* in the present form, but all who have email should have notification of events that way. Many have not advised for events.

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

2. With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: jackson3@pcconnect.co.nz

Contact Murray Patterson for email addresses and John Barr for website. 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 2016 \$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. Also we have discovered that Westpac Bank for transfers through a teller, require numerical notification not a name which is a problem.

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 and email for Ricky D. Welch (1959–62) formerly St Heliers, Auckland and mail for Ewen D. Irvine (1940–43), RD Tauranga has been returned.

# **School Books**

We have had a request from a member who was at King's in the 1950s, that if anyone has an unwanted school song book, plus a text book of poems and poetry called *Realms of Gold*, he would appreciate them. He would give the Association a donation. Please advise us.

#### Website

http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/

Do you want to see a photo of your form 3 class or your house group, a photograph of a first sports team, or an inductee to the School's Wall of Fame? These photographs should be on our website.

Who was in the School's 1959 First XV? Was there a future All Black in the team? How did the team rate at Interschool Competition? Which of our boys have played for the All Blacks? Who was School Dux in 1984? The answers to these questions can be found on our website.

You can check up on our old boys serving in WW2. There is a special detailed section devoted to those who were killed in action. Those who were awarded medals for gallantry are also noted. Did you know that J. P. Boult was the first old boy to see action? He served on Achilles during the battle of the River Plate.

Did you ever wonder what happened to your old Science or English teacher? There is a database of staff members that have taught at the School along with their photos and a written commentary where available.

Prominent Old Boys including those who have been inducted to the School's Wall of Fame can be found on the site. Where possible a video of the Wall of Fame recipients speaking at the Old Boys Dinner can be viewed on the site. From last year we have two very good video addresses from Glen Denham and David Morrell. The School has really produced some very worthy recipients of the award.

Do you want to see when Neville Bain, James K Baxter, Ben Smith or Brendan McCullum attended the School? You can do this by viewing the full database of past pupils. The database is very good for checking up on people who appear in the newspapers or on the television.

The site is an on-going project which aims to record named photos of classes up to 1983 and then House Group up to the present day. Many of the photographs have been in the School archives. However, many of the earlier ones were unnamed and Bob Glass's effort with *The Kingsmen* has been most helpful in tracking down many of the names. The seventies records are really bad as no photographs of classes were held by the school. Can you help?

This is your website—give the site a visit and if you have a photograph or information that you can correct or new information you can add then please contact John Barr at barrnone@xtra.co.nz.

You may also like our facebook page www.facebook.com/ KingsHighSchoolOldBoys

# Membership

Currently the membership is about 830 and as with many other organisations the average age is increasing as "younger" or even middle aged ex-pupils are not joining.

We are aware that our Membership total number is in excess of many other similar Associations, but with it ageing and unfortunately others letting their membership lapse unpaid, plus resignations, we are heading backwards.

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

D. I. (David) Ashton (1952–56, Staff 1981–1998), E. J. (Edward)

Berry (1958–62) North Shore, G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977–82) Auckland, M. R. (Michael) Fisher (1972–75) Dunedin, G. P. (Grant) Howie (1978–82) Dunedin, N. S. (Nicholas) Jones (1972–75) Christchurch, D. P. (David) Larkins (1974–75) Winton, K. L. (Kelvin) Maker (1978–81) Dunedin, W. D. (David) Morrell (1954–57) Christchurch, M. S. (Mark) Scott (1978–82) Dunedin, H. M. (Henry) van Djk (1978–82) Dunedin.

# Over the Years

This issue we were up to showing photographs of those who commenced in the Third form in 1972. Unfortunately we have not located any of the six photographs at the school.

John Barr (email barrnone@xtra.co.nz) has placed all he has found on the website.

Much help is needed. Thanks in anticipation.

The following are the names from the School magazine.

#### 3L

P. V. Adams, R. A. Adams, J. C. Amas, I. R. Booth, P. H. Cowie, G. R. Crimp, R. E. Edie, I. M. Gaudin, G. D. Graham, P. B Griffiths, P. J. Hay, G. D. Houston, N. S. Jones, M. D. Knopp, B. S. La Hood, S. R. Langley, G. J. Leishman, I. R. Lord, C. A. Mowat, G. J. Muir, T. Pairman, G. A. Patton, M. D. Reddington, K. P. Roberts, G. R. Sammes, M. R. Scales, A. T. Schinkelshoek, M. A. Smith, N. G. Standring C. A. Steven, D. A. Tombs, M. R. Wilkinson.

#### 3F

A. J. Armstrong, P. I. Austin, I. C. Crombie, G. W. Dalton, A. B. Davie, M. R. Fisher, G. M. Griffiths, R. A. Hislop, W. Hollick, D. A. Humphrey, G. D. Kelly, G. D. Kennedy, A. M. Kilgour, P. J. Laws, B. McDonald, N. R. McLeod, M. R. Macale, D. T. Moore, P. J. M. Ritchie, C. J. Sapsford, B. J. Sleeman, W. F. Storm, D. J. Urquhart, A. J. Van Der Eik, C. L. Watton, A. H. Weeda, J. H. Wennekes.

## 3F2

A. D. Betts, N. P. Birch, J. C. Coull, W. J. Dabinette, A. W. Dickson, R. C. Dickson, G. J. Dunbar, R. A. Dunn, G. H. Ellwood, G. A. Ford, W. L. Gooch, A. B. Gow, R. J. Hunter, P. J. Jackson, P. E. Kerr, P. R. Marsh, R. L. Parry, M. J. Reid, C. Robinson, J. D. Seaton, D. T. Sharp, G. T. Sleeman, R. D. Thurlow, W. R. Thomas, D. F. Wall, R. J. Wilden, M. T. Wong, G. N. Wright.

#### 3G

C. W. Adam, R. Brown, G. D. Brownlie, D. J. Burberry, G. A. Crawford, A. J. Dobson, L. G. Drummond, M. A. Hannan, K. R. Harris, J. D. Helsloot, R. K. Henry, G. I. Jordan, K. P. Kenneally, R. Lammers, M. S. Latta, G. J. McLennan, R. D. McNeill, P. G. McPherson, R. C. Moss, A. G. Mulrine, J. G. Steel, M. T. Sutton, P. A. Taggart, P. G. Wolf.

#### 3G2

G. J. Aitken, B. J. Andrews, D. Bartley, S. E. Bryant, G. E. Campbell, P. J. Chettleburgh, S. J. Connor, L. A. Crawford, R. W. Devenie, S. J. Donaldson, R. P. Edwards, W. A. Gardiner, D. F. Gillespie, G. L. Gough, S. R. Lamb, S. W. Larson, B. McClenaghan, M. A. Matheson, P. J. Moody, J. C. Page, B. Pascoe, G. J. Rackley, R. J. Ralston, A. Ravenwood, G. C. Scoullar, N. J. Smyth, G. C. Stockdale, B. W. Thomas, B. J. White.

#### 3M

L. T. Barnett, G. R. Elliot, M. S. Fahey, M. L. Gillies, D. J. Hughes, D. J. Keightley, K. Kettink, E. G. Lewis, G. D. Lisk, R. McDonald, A. M. Reay, C. L. Rells, J. P. Rowan, W. A. Stuart, R. L. Taylor, I. S. Thom, M. L. Timlin.

# Missing

Included in this Kingsmen is a list of pupils from the 1972 intake, which with later inclusions numbered 187, of whom 8 are believed to have died. The circumstance of the following are unknown to us, are dated, or lack the precision required nowadays: Jeffery Charles Amas, Andrew James Armstrong, Peter Ian Austin (was Timaru), Kenneth Baker, Ian Russell Booth, Michael Antony Bruce, Garth Edward Campbell, Peter John Chettleburgh (Perth?), Edward Graham Clark, Murray Charles Connor (was Oakley, Victoria), Stephen Paul Connor, Phillip Herbert Cowie (Chch?), Gregory Andrew Crawford, Lyall Alexander Crawford, Arthur John Dobson, Wayne Neil Dollimore, Laurie Gordon Drummond, Roger Edward Edie, Graham Russell Elliott, Michael Shane Fahey, William Peter Gardiner, Larry Thomas Geeson, Wayne Leslie Gooch, Gavin Leslie Gough, Philip Bruce Griffiths, Michael Ashley Hannan, Gavin Bruce Hawkins, Jan Dery (John) Helsloot (Chch), Robert Andrew Hislop, David Alexander Humphrey, Kevin Patrick (Paddy) Kenneally, Andrew McGregor Kilgour, Stephen Kraus, Stephen Richard Lamb (Oz?), Grant John Leishman, Eugene Gregory Lewis, Gareth David Lisk, Peter John Little, Peter Graham McPherson, Mark Ashel Matheson, Ian Montgomery, Thomas Douglas Moore, Ronald Colton Moss, Allan Leslie Orme (Melbourne?), Jeffery Graham Page, Hasmukh Bhai Patel, Kevin John Purton, Michael Jeffrey Reid, Clifton John Sapsford, Garney Christopher Scoullar, Colin Alexander Stephen (Dulwich, Adelaide?), William Frederick (Wilfred) Storm, Mark Leslie Timlin, Douglas Alan Tombs, Stephen Brent Tozer, David John Urquhart, Richard Ian van Bright, Adrian John van der Elk, Duncan Fraser Wall, Murray Richard Wilkinson (Kangaroo Pt, Brisbane?), Douglas James Williams, Kho Ching Wong.

# **Activities Around the Country**

#### Dunedin

1. King's retained the Old Boys Trophy when it beat Otago Boys' in the 13th annual bowls clash in April at Taieri Bowling Club.

Otago Boys' won the inaugural event in 2004 but we have held the trophy for the past 12 years.

2. Cricket

John Cushen (1963–67, Staff 1984–2000) advised that an Old Boys v King's 1st XI cricket match was played in December at the school. It was a great afternoon, with many ex-pupils wanting to be involved with it being followed by a BBQ, and is going to be an annual event. As John put it, the old fellas won with Darren Munro (1979–84, Board of Trustees 2010–2015) being a star. John's son Simon (1987–91, Staff 2015–) organised it and some older ex-pupils mentioned they would love to come along and watch.

He also informed us that a number of ex King's met in Christchurch for Brendon McCullum's last game for New Zealand. A couple had come over from Australia and they all had a good get together talking about the old days. John added that he was fortunate enough to have coached them all and it is testimony to the high regard Brendon is held in that this group took time out to watch his last test.

# North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

The next lunch was due to be held at the Bays Club on the 23rd June.

John Somerville informed us that Gordon Brent a first day pupil in 1936 and a regular luncheon attender had died, Grahame Howley and John jointly spoke at the service plus they sang a verse of the school song. Also John advised that our other good worker for the Association in Auckland Grahame Howley had a stroke. All the best Grahame.

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Mike McGimpsey(1966–70) | T: 475 9310 E: mikem@paradise.net.nz

#### Nelson

Contact

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

## Christchurch

Richard Mitchell (1959–63) 10 Hida Place, Hillview, Prebbleton 7604.

N. B. Address changed but email the same.

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# **Honours**

#### **New Year Honours**

As was promised in the March *Kingsmen* more adequate profiles of the three Old Boys who featured on the New Year Honours list are hereby presented.

The Honourable A. D. (Alan) MacKenzie (1961-62) of Wellington was awarded Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to the judiciary. Alan came to King's in his 6th form year, having spent three years at Timaru Boys' High School, and gained a University National Scholarship in 1962. Leaving school, he studied Arts and Law at OU graduating BA in 1965, and LLB in 1967, having won two prizes in Law. Moving to Wellington as a staff solicitor with Chapman Tripp and Co, he was admitted as a barrister and solicitor in 1968. Two years later he joined Stone, Kurta & Co which became Stone & Co in 1971 (the year he graduated LLM) and he became a partner in that firm, and its successor Rudd, Watts & Stone until 2000. During this time, Alan practised in the areas of civil litigation principally for commercial and Government sector clients, such as the NZ Milk Board, the NZ Meat Producers' Board, the NZ Dairy Board, while advising the Reserve Bank of NZ, and the Overseas Investment Commission on legislation matters. He also practised in the fields of maritime and insurance law, being at one time Vice President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia & NZ, and for many years was the NZ General Representative for Lloyds of London. He acted as counsel in NZ courts, including one case at the Privy Council in London. In 2001 he set up a practice sole, but three years later was appointed a Judge of the High Court of NZ in Wellington: he sat in that Court, and on occasions in the Court of Appeal until his retirement in 2015. Having married in 1970, Alan and his wife have two sons practising law in Wellington, and while continuing to live there, they maintain a home in Waikanae.

N. D. (Don) Campbell (1964-68) of Waikanae was awarded

a member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to tertiary education. In his last two years at King's he was the hockey goalkeeper, and captained the team in his final year. He left school and trained as a primary schoolteacher at Dunedin Teachers' College studying part-time for his BA degree at OU and continuing to play hockey: and he represented Otago. He moved into tertiary education, in due course becoming Director of Corporate Services at Northtec in Whangarei, CEO of Tai Poutini Polytechnic on the West Coast where he oversaw a period of significant growth, and ultimately CEO of Whitireia Community Polytechnic on the Kapiti Coast. In each case Don consulted with local businesses in order to provide specialist courses for students which were relevant to the local environment, thereby supporting regional development. He became a recognised leader on measures of diversity, quality, education and financial performance, and international education. Nationally he became a recognised leader in the tertiary sector through his presence on the boards of Institutes of Technology & Polytechnics of NZ, the Institutes of Technology and Polytecnics Quality, Polytechnics International NZ Ltd, and as an advisor to Education NZ. Don is also a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Management, and nowadays acts as a consultant.

L. O. (Lee) Stevens (1965-66) of Auckland was awarded Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to the community. He came to King's from John McGlashan College in his 5th form year, and on leaving school Lee initially worked for a Dunedin trust company, before leaving to work in his father's law practice to assist him in building an asset base for a Memorial Charitable Trust in memory of his late mother. To do this, he and his father set up and managed a number of industrial property partnerships principally based in Auckland. He built up a personal equity investment portfolio based in Sydney, and separately an Australia-based equity based portfolio for the Trust—he also successfully completed a NZ Certificate of Commerce through correspondence study. The Rua & Clarrie Stevens Charitable Trust was established in 1970, and has supported a number of arts and services organisations. As the Trust has grown, Lee has created a "family" philosophy that involved building relationships with a core group of recipients, rather than merely dispensing oneoff grants, with a very much hands-on approach. Lee moved to Auckland in 1985, and the "family" now totals some 200 organisations, including the Dunedin Community Law Centre, Launchpad Youth Programme, a Youth-at-Risk Trust in Glen Innes, Matihetihe Ki Tamaki Trust, the Himalayan Trust, New Horizons for Women Trust, Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, Royal NZ Ballet, NZ Youth Choir scholarships, and Clarrie Stevens Memorial Law Scholarships at OU. Nowadays Lee acts more in an advisory capacity, but was previously a founding member of Philanthropy NZ and a member of the St John's Rotary Club (he attained Paul Harris Fellow status). Since 2010 he has been a Founding Trustee and honorary treasurer of a Charitable Trust established by his wife which aims at building self-esteem between mothers and their young daughters.

#### Queen's Birthday Honours

Our momentum continues, with two Old Boys featuring on the latest list, one of whom is still actually resident in the South Island!

S.B. (Stuart) Heal (1965–70) of Cromwell was awarded Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for series to cricket and the community. In his last two years at King's he represented the school at cricket, rugby, and basketball. Leaving school he

worked in Auckland for UEB Industries, where he enrolled for an Industrial Management Studentship, successfully studying marketing, accounting and IT. He worked for UEB Industries in Christchurch and Dunedin before going to Combined Rural Traders (CRT), a leading South Island agricultural supply cooperative (nowadays the NZ-wide Farmlands Co-operative Society Ltd) in Gore. He became CEO of the Co-operative based in Dunedin, for 20 years. Stuart has been a director of NZ Cricket since 2008, and Chairman since 2013 (having previously chaired Otago Cricket for six years): during this time he oversaw the successful co-hosting of the 2015 Cricket World Cup with Australia. He has played significant roles with Rotary in NZ, and was appointed a director of Rotary International from 2010 to 2012, an opportunity which only comes to NZ once in 12 years. Stuart is Chairman of Pioneer Energy Ltd, of the Well-South Primary Health Network, and of University Bookshop (Otago) Ltd; and director of Pulse Energy Ltd, of the Southern Rural Fire Authority, and of IFS Forestry Group Ltd—he has recently retired as a trustee of the Otago Hospice.

G. D. (Garnet) Trepanning (1955–59) of Auckland was awarded Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to orthopaedics. In his last two years at King's he represented the school at rugby and cricket, was a prefect (Head in 1959), and was one of the stars in the Gilbert & Sullivan opera HMS Pinafore. Leaving school, he studied medicine at OU, graduating MB ChB in 1965. Early in his career he introduced a modern method of fracture management to NZ which has since become standard practice, and was involved in teaching this technique for many years. He has been a member of the orthopaedic consultant staff at Counties Manukau Health since 1975. Garnet was a member of the NZ Orthopaedic Education Committee from 1991 to 1997, chairing it from 1994, and was a Senior Trustee of the Association for Osteosynthesis/Association for the Study of Internal Fixation (AO/ASIF) education group from 2000 to 2012. He has been course director for these courses in NZ and the Pacific. He was Chairman of the Board of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in the late 1990s, and was a NZ examiner in orthopaedic surgery from 1998 to 2005, the last two years as Chief Examiner. Garnet was HoD of the Middlemore Orthopaedic Department for ten years, is a past President of the NZ Orthopaedic Association, and has made a significant contribution to orthopaedics in NZ.

# **Cultural Affairs**

To celebrate 150 years of musical accomplishment since Dunedin became a city would seem to be a formidable task, but the four organisers, two being P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972-76) and E. J. (Errol) Moore (1965-69) accomplished the task with ease. Fanfare was a more than two hour early evening concert in the Town Hall, featuring an array of differing styles of music by numerous artists and groups, compered by Dougal Stevenson and run as a charity event by Dunedin Rotary which was enthusiastically received by a good-sized audience. The concert was kicked off by a rousing haka from He Waka Kotuia (the King's and Queen's kapa haka group), and followed by such performers as the City of Dunedin Highland Pipe Band, the Kaikorai Metropolitan Brass Band, the Dunedin Kids Ukelele Jam Band, the OSCA Lion Dance Troup, Calder Prescott's Jazz Band, the Dunedin Harmony Chorus (barbershop), the Dunedin RSA Choir, Norma (the Town Hall organ), various exponents of the "Dunedin Sound," and others too numerous to mention. The evening concluded

with the bilingual national anthem, and a good time had been had by all.

N. J. (Nick) Beckwith (2005–09) took full advantage at King's of the available opportunities in drama provided by stage challenges and major productions, playing many and varied roles culminating in his final year, when he starred in the role of Jesus, in the major production of Godspell. Leaving school, he went to Christchurch, graduating from the National Academy of Singing & Dramatic Art. From there he shifted to Auckland to advance his career, before biting the bullet, acquiring a 12 month visa, and heading to Los Angeles. There, he relentlessly auditioned, at one stage switching to a California accent in case his Kiwi accent was a problem. After five months he finally gained paid employment, and was flown to San Francisco to play the love interest of Russian pop-star Zara in a music video filmed on the Golden Gate bridge! Nick kept auditioning and landed several more roles, the last being a character in the TV series Major Crimes, which has just been released in the US. Now back in NZ, his main problem is how to get back to LA!

Retired salesman B. T. (Brian) Lemin (1960–63) is combining retirement with hosting a late show on Radio Dunedin, which being the direct descendant of Radio 4XD, is the oldest unit of broadcasting in the Southern Hemisphere!

K. J. (John) Toomer (1970–73) has recently exhibited his "New Works" at the Artist's Room in Dowling Street. His oil panels and canvases, with empty skies and distant hills portray the vast expanses of the countryside, in marked contrast with the lone structure prominently displayed in the foreground. The play of light on surfaces is emphasised rather than the rigidity (or otherwise) of the chosen structure.

# **Business Sector**

Recently the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia and NZ presented Certificates of Services Membership to those qualified to receive them. Classmates I. F. (Ian) Farrant (1955–59) and C. W. (Colin) Nicholls (1955–59) received 50 years certificates, while G. S. (Gordon) Milne (1939–40) received a 60 years certificate—sadly he died a fortnight later.

New Zealand is geologically rich, and offers NZ industry many opportunities to make money from the Earth's resources, such as gold, iron sands, and coal. Straterra is a company which represents Kiwi mineral producers, explorers, researchers, engineers and geotechnical firms, and CEO C. D. (Chris) Baker (1967-71) quotes Oceana Gold as a good example of its positive impact for East Otago by exporting gold from the relatively small footprint which is the Macraes Flat goldmine. However Chris also warns that for individuals and other institutions tempted to invest directly in mining, that it can be a high-risk business. Such an example is the silica deposit at Pebbly Hills, just south of the Hokonui Hills in Southland. At present covered by a radiata pine forest, some 15 years ago it was estimated that for \$6 billion the mineral could be extracted and a refinery built to smelt the deposit into the silicon required for computer chips and solar panels. Unfortunately it took more than 10 years to discover who actually owned the mineral rights (it proved to be Otago University!), and in that time several investors had died, fallen ill, or retired, and furthermore there is no real shortage of silica in the world. Sadly for the investors not a stone has been turned, the money has dried up, and nothing has come from the project.

The weekly *Sunday Star-Times* from time to time presents a feature article called "Expat Tales" which may describe

the career of a Kiwi who is working or living overseas. In April an article featuring D. R. (Dean) Hand (1989–92) was featured: 14 years ago he met, and subsequently married, an Irish Colleen who was travelling in NZ. Initially he worked in hospitality, and in the construction industry: when the "crash" hit in 2008, times were difficult in Ireland, and a return to NZ was even contemplated. But a disused supermarket near where they were living in rural Tipperary came on the market; they bought and renovated it, and opened its doors in 2013, and having since won two national awards, have never looked back. They also operate an on-line business offering food, beer, wine and other Kiwi goodies to fellow ex-pats living in Ireland. They now have two children under five years of age, and when asked, Dean recommends visiting Ireland in summer, when the rain is warmer!

Eric Watson, the former esteemed Otago rugby coach who was also famed for his laconic comments, once opined that the combined intellect of his team's front row would not have been sufficient to gain a pass at school certificate level, and it was fashionable at that time to regard forwards, especially the denizens of the front row, as not being the sharpest knives in the drawer! The ODT has obviously never subscribed to this opinion, for when seeking an opinion recently on the prospects of Wales defeating NZ in the third test in Dunedin, consulted a former hooker, T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992-97), nowadays a qualified and practising property solicitor for Gallaway, Cook, Allan. True, Tom is a former King's, Southern, Otago, Highlanders representative who had played for Waikato and the Chiefs when they were coached by Warren Gatland, and had captained NZ before playing professionally for the Newport-based Gwent Dragons—with and against some of the touring Welsh team. After carefully weighing up the pros and cons, for he believed that Wales was playing good and balanced rugby, Tom forecast a presumable legal opinion that the All Blacks would win by up to 15 points—which was to prove a rather conservative forecast! A fortnight later, the *ODT* reported that W. J. (Warren) Moffat (1993-97), who as a prop had helped support Tom while at King's, had recently been made a partner by Webb Farry. After leaving King's, Warren had graduated BA in classical studies and LLB at OU, and had joined their commercial team, in his spare time playing 209 games of premier rugby for Southern! [The biggest problem facing fellow prop C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993-96) when he returns to NZ might be choosing his lawyer!]. But it should also be remembered that at the turn of the present century Otago fielded a team of which seven forwards had university degrees, or postgraduate qualifications!

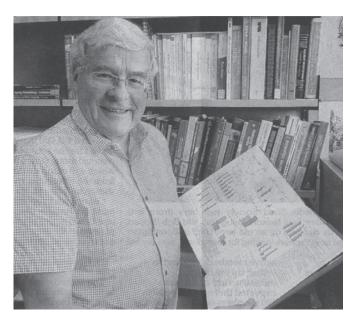
P. K. (Peter) Standring (1975–79), the DCC's roading maintenance engineer, has recently resigned from his position: the fourth high profile staff member to have done so within a year! Transport department staff have been in the limelight recently because of a lack of mud-tank maintenance which exacerbated the 2015 June floods in South Dunedin, and issues connected with the establishment of a cycleway network also in South Dunedin. Rumours of imminent restructuring abound ....

# **Bits and Pieces**

B. L. (Brendon) Cross (1987–90) and his wife Paula who farm at Lower Portobello have won this year's Otago Ballance Farm Environment Award, together with the Otago Regional Council Quality Water Management Award, the Beef and

Lamb NZ Livestock Award, and the Farm Stewardship Award in partnership with QEII National Trust and the NZ Farm Environment Trust. The Cross family has strong historical ties with Otago Peninsula, and he took over the 200ha Roselle farm following the death of his father some twenty years ago, and leases a further 618ha, the land being steep and exposed to coastal winds. Their breeding operation runs 4900 stock units, 95% being sheep. They have struck a strong balance between maintaining above average production, while protecting and enhancing the environment: two blocks of regenerating native bush are protected by QEII National Trust covenants, while another area recognised as a habitat for the endangered jewelled gecko is in the process of being predator-fenced. Both were instrumental in establishing the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group, of which Brendon is chairman.

Golden Weddings of which we are aware include N. G. (Garney) Dodds (1956–57) and Kate of Abbotsford, and R. L. W. (Les) Duncan (1952–54) and Kathy of Waverley.



Associate Professor J. A. (John) Harraway (1956-60) recently celebrated 50 years teaching statistics at OU, during which time he has taught some 30,000 students! He has since cut back his teaching hours, but has no plans to retire. He believes that students haven't changed much, but teaching tools had: students nowadays submitted questions by smartphone—no more chalk on blackboards! During his career he has been President of the International Association for Statistical Education (IASE) for NZ and was regarded as a world leader in the development of the statistics curriculum in schools, having been trialling the use of free and powerful software and one of his roles had been to help spread these developments. His post involved worldwide travel, including paddling down the Mekong River in Laos! During John's 50 year stint at OU, he has never taken a sick day, which he attributes to an active lifestyle (he is a keen squash exponent), regular flu jabs, and little salt or sugar in his diet: he did not mention genetics his two older siblings are D. H. (Denys) Harraway (1946–50), a retired mining engineer in Melbourne, nor E. N. (Neil) Harraway (1948–52) a retired schoolteacher in Waverley—nor the sustaining qualities of Harraways Rolled Oats!

A. J. (Allan) Stewart (1948–51), who died last year, was a member of the 1st soccer XI while at King's, and also won the Shakespeare Reading prize. In 1953 he enrolled at

Dunedin Teachers' College, playing starring roles in the major production each year: "The Firstborn" by Christopher Fry, and "Boy with a Cart" by J. M. Synge; in his second year he was treasurer of the Students' Association. Unfortunately ill-health during his P. A. year forced him to leave teaching, so he joined the NZ Broadcasting Service, initially in their "Broadcasting to Schools" programme, then as a radio announcer and programmer for the rest of his career in Dunedin, Whangarei, and latterly Timaru.

Each year the Athletes Foot Stadium to Surf Fun Run and Walk makes a donation to a community group, and this year's cheque for \$1150 was donated to ChatBus, which provides a free mobile counselling service for Dunedin children under the age of 14. Chairman of this organisation is S. F. (Sam) Beamish (1966–70) who graduated BA (Hons) then MA in geography at OU and was for many years the education officer at the Youth Adventure Trust Lodge at Tautuku in the Catlins. Nowadays he maintains his family's property interests.

D. M. (Murray) Sim (1945-48) left school and completed an electrical apprenticeship with NZ Railways. He shifted to Christchurch and entered Teachers' College, but decided that it wasn't for him, and returned to the electrical trade with the Municipal Electricity Department (MED). Going overseas, he lived and worked in London where he met his future wife, they married and for their honeymoon drove from London to Bombay where they boarded a cargo boat for NZ. Settling in Christchurch, Murray worked for the Riccarton Borough Council, establishing and running their electrical testing department before transferring to the Canterbury Hospital Board as Senior Maintenance Electrician until retiring in 1991. His many talents, interests, and community involvement saw him acting in such organisations as the Canterbury Chess Club, Craigieburn Valley Ski Club, Canterbury Windsurfing Association, Silversmiths' Guild, Union Delegate for the Engineers' Union, and member of the Residents' Association, while at the time of his death last year he was still an active member of the Canterbury Repertory Theatre, the Labour Party, Seniornet, the Canterbury Horticultural Society, and was Chairman of the Christchurch Estuary Association. In retirement, Murray and his wife travelled widely, especially to Italy (he learned Italian), Egypt, and Russia, which he was planning to revisit.

J. F. (Jim) McPhail (1946–50) who died in Christchurch earlier this year had a outstanding sporting career while at King's: he was the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior athletics champion in the appropriate years, the Fives champion in his last two years, and captained the undefeated interschool 1st XV in 1950! He was a prefect in his final year and left King's for primary school teacher training at Dunedin Teachers' College. He taught in Southland before spending most of his career in Canterbury, and retired in 1997 as Principal of Cotswold School in Christchurch.

Because of economic circumstances, P. C. (Peter) Gray (1942–45) did not enjoy a particularly easy early life, so his time at King's gave him the chance of gaining an education, and an avenue to pursue sport—in particular tennis (he subsequently represented Otago at junior and senior level) and rugby (he played senior club rugby for Pirates). After leaving school, he initially studied law at OU, but soon switched to accounting and graduated B.Com, and qualified as ACA. In 1954 he headed to the UK by boat for the big OE, working in London,

and joining the Chiswick tennis club—where he met his future wife! Back in NZ in 1957, Peter began his accounting career in Dunedin with James Brown and Co, which over the years evolved and reinvented itself from 10 to up to 100 partners, into the national firm KPMG. In 1983 he was elected President at the NZ Society of Accountants, and three years later Chairman of KPMG which meant shifting to Auckland—although he maintained a retreat in Wanaka. Peter retired in 1989, and was for a short time Executive in Residence at Bond University on the Gold Coast in Oz, then it was back to Auckland for four years spent establishing the Practice Review Unit for the NZ Society of Accountants. In 1998, Peter and his wife moved back to Wanaka, for their retirement years, which included a directorship of Edgewater, and two terms as a councillor on Queenstown Lakes District Council; they were married for 57 years.

The outline of Mr C. C. ("Lord") Roberts (Staff 1941–49) career provided by his son G. S. (Gordon) Roberts (1942–46) for a recent *Kingsmen* stirred some memories for J. R. (Jack) Braithwaite (1947–50), of Hastings who writes:

From 1958–60 I was teaching at Tamaki Intermediate School in Auckland after a year spent teaching in Sydney. I was asked by the Principal if I would like to be responsible for the Science Curriculum area and was invited to attend a six-week Science course at Kowhai Intermediate School, the first Intermediate School built in NZ—I understand Macandrew Intermediate, my old school, was the second. The course was to be conducted by the Auckland Science Advisor. Imagine my surprise on arriving to find that the Auckland Science Advisor was none other than Mr ("Lord") Roberts my old Science teacher at King's.

I had remembered Mr Roberts as a very pleasant teacher who cycled to work each day from his home in Bedford Street beside St Clair beach. Over the next few weeks I was to discover what a wonderful teacher Mr Roberts was—he was the ideal man for the job and this course was the best course I was on in 40+ years of teaching. Mr Roberts was an absolute enthusiast always devising new ideas and approaches to keep us interested. He arranged for the Intermediate's workshop to be open to us every day to make a range of useful models for our future use in our own schools. Although an ex-secondary teacher Mr Roberts displayed a wide understanding of the different approaches used in Primary Schools. I was delighted to get to know him better as an adult and to discover what a great teacher he had no doubt been at King's and possibly rather unappreciated at the time as is so often the case. On going back to my school I completely re-wrote the Science Syllabus based on Mr Roberts' teachings and it was well received. A great experience.

# **Sporting Triumphs**

In May, three NZ Olympic Academy Commissioners attended a sevenday international directors' session in Greece which focused on the key reasons for the return of the Olympics in 1896. One of the three was G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977–82), captain of the NZ Tall Blacks basketball team in 200 matches and currently Principal of Massey High School in Auckland; also Andrew Hunter, coach of the Kaikorai premier rugby team and Principal of Balmacewan Intermediate school; and Irene van Dyk, retired netball star. The academy is the educational and philosophical arm of the Olympics, and is mainly concerned with Olympism and honouring the values of Baron de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympics.

The session, held not far from the ruins of ancient Olympia involved lectures, workshops, and group discussions on what the 77 countries represented there were doing to promote the ideals of Olympism, and NZ was well-placed in terms of its values in everyday life.

# **Otago Sports Awards**

Sponsored by the ASB bank, this year's must have been a difficult task to choose, given the stellar line-up. The Supreme Award, and the Otago Team of the Year, was won by the Highlanders, of whom B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) was cocaptain. Ben was adjudged Otago Sportsman of the Year, while the Service to Sport Award was given to stalwart W. J. (Bill) Trewern (1962–66), who has been involved with junior golf since he himself was a junior! The finalists, and ultimately the winners were selected by a panel of five, which includes J. P. (John) Brimble (Staff 2000–2004), the CEO of Sport Otago.

#### Basketball

Coach of the Otago Goldrush team in the WBC (women's) competition was T. D. (Todd) Marshall (1978–83).

#### Cricket

B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) was selected by Wisden as one of their 5 Players of the Year. He also became only the second NZ player (after Martin Crowe) to be invited to address the MCC.

N. P. (Nathan) King (1996–2000) resigned his position as Otago Cricket Coach after only one year of his two year contract. The situation in which he found himself has been the subject of adverse comment, and was not helped by the fact that since Mike Hesson resigned in order to coach the Black Caps, he was the third to occupy the position. His replacement comes from South Africa.

R. J. (Richard) Boock (1974–77) is now NZ Cricket public affairs manager.

W. K. (Warren) Lees (1965–69) has probably contributed more to Otago cricket than anybody else: he has played the most matches, coached just about every representative team in the region requiring a coach, and was even CEO for a stint in the late 1980s, and although now in his sixties, is still coaching the Otago Sparks! For his endeavours, he was made a life member of the OCA in 2007. In April, the OCA honoured him with a special dinner, only the fourth Otago great to be so rewarded, the others being Iain Gallaway, Stephen Boock, and Glen Turner: guest speakers included the Australian star Dean Jones, Horace McAuley (former Otago manager), Suzie Bates (Wisden's Woman Cricketer of the World), and Mark Greatbach. After leaving King's, Warren trained as a teacher at Dunedin Teachers' College, and taught at Bayfield High School for many years.

B. D. (Barry) Milburn (1957), the former Otago and NZ wicketkeeper, has returned to Mosgiel after living in Australia for 18 years. Regarded by many as being the best NZ keeper of his era, Barry played for Otago at a time when keeping wicket was essential, and any runs scored were a bonus. His three tests for NZ were all played against the West Indies, and his first victim Garfield Sobers, followed by five further catches and two stumpings; although he toured England, Pakistan, and India in 1969, Ken Wadsworth's superior batting skills favoured his selection for the tests. The rise of the wicketkeeper batsman also affected his position in the Otago team, and after eleven seasons behind the stumps, he was supplanted by Warren Lees,

who had additional skills apart from his batting. Barry never thought of shifting elsewhere—he was also involved in helping run the family butchery in Mosgiel—and enjoyed captaining Otago B. However some six seasons later, when Warren was increasingly required elsewhere, Barry was invited back despite being aged 37: he hastily approached Billy Ibadulla for remedial coaching (especially his batting) and started running up to five miles per day. His finest hour(s) came on sun-scorched Molyneux Park, when Otago was in some difficulty against Wellington, and Barry was sent in as "night watchman;" he struggled against a well-performed attack, but persevered to help win the match by a highly unlikely 1 wicket, in the process scoring his only century at any level—described by the *ODT* writer as the "most tenacious century made by any Otago batsman" he had ever seen! As a keeper he favoured the example of English keepers of that era by standing up for the medium-paced bowlers, but his training regime was remarkably similar to that of Don Bradman: throwing a ball against a brick wall from all angles. In first-class cricket Barry played 75 matches, took 176 catches, effected 19 stumpings, and scored 737 runs at an average of 11.51.

The Kaikorai Cricket Club has won the Bing Harris trophy through being the top club across all forms of the game in Dunedin this season. The top premier performer was G. M. (Geordie) Scott (2003–07) who scored more than 500 runs and took 50 wickets, second in either category in Dunedin premier cricket.

## Cycling

The Otago road racing championships were held on the Berwick circuit in hot March conditions and strong northerly winds. S. J. (Stuart) Crooks (1988–92) and W. R. (Ross) Gamble (1960–62) won their respective masters grade races in positive, attacking style.

#### **Football**

This has been said to be a global language, so to help young Syrian refugees integrate into the Dunedin culture, G. N. (Graeme) Pennell (1970–74), Nidd Realty property consultant, assisted by the Otago Sports Depot, has funded footballs which have been donated to the Syrian community. Graeme explained that he had enjoyed a long association with football, both as a player and coach, and was only too happy to help.

# Golf

W. J. (Bill) Trewern (1962–66) has done it all for golf in Otago, and in April was made a life member of Golf Otago. Formerly a physics teacher at OBHS, he said that it had been very rewarding and a real pleasure being so involved in the sport. A former top representative player, who played off scratch, and played in the NZ Open in 1968, he has been involved in Otago golf for 50 years, starting in 1967 when he was the players' representative for the Otago Golf Foundation. He has managed countless teams over the years, both within NZ and overseas, and while claiming never to have been a coach, mentored in their earlier careers future NZ champions Greg Turner and Mahal Pearce. Bill had a great year last year when his junior team won the interprovincial title, and the senior team were finalists in Invercargill. He never sought office or committee positions, preferring to get out and work with promising players.

# **Ice Hockey**

A. N. (Neil) Gamble (1957–59) who died in January, was one of four siblings who attended King's, and while he could appear

# **Obituaries**

- R. (Romain) Dunet (Staff 2013) killed by terrorists in Paris, France 13.11.15
- K. C. (Ken) Sims (1944–47) died at Poole, England 23.11.15
- B. D. (Brian) Jackson (1958-61) died at Waikanae 27.2.16
- D. N. (Neil) Sinclair (1954-57) died at Ashburton 27.2.16
- C. J. (Cliff) Callaghan (1951) died at Robina, Gold Coast, Oz 28.2.16
- P. J. (Piet) Weusten (Staff 1968–72) died at Christchurch 10.3.16
- R. J. (Dick) Pilling (1940–43) died at Mosgiel 14.3.16
- G. C. (Graham) Fortune (1955–59) of Wellington, died at Auckland 19.3.16
- B. J. (Brian) Ball (1952-56) died at Dunedin 20.3.16
- J. F. (Jim) McPhail (1946-50) died at Christchurch 23.3.16
- G. S. (Gordon) Brent (1936-39) died at North Shore? 3.16
- A. A. (Alan) Gold (1977–81) died at Boston, USA 2.4.16
- R. R. (Ray) MacDonald (1940–42, Bandmaster 1951–60) died at Christchurch 3.4.16
- J. (Jim) Shum (1952) died at Dunedin 4.4.16
- S. G. (Stan) Dunn (1948-49) died at Dunedin 13.4.16
- W. (Bill) Godby (1941–44) died at Dunedin 17.4.16
- P. M. (Peter) Clarke (1949-52) died at Timaru 26.4.16
- R. N. (Nevis) Richardson (1938-39) died at Alexandra 30.4.16
- P. K. (Peter) Grant (1944–48) died at Dunedin 5.5.16
- J. M. (Jim) Brown (1954-56) of Omakau, died at Clyde 18.5.16
- E. F. A. (Ted) Wiggins (1949–52) died at Christchurch 18.5.16
- B. W. (Barry) Galloway (1955–59) of Lower Hutt, died at Wellington 19.5.16
- R. J. (Bob) Penny (1959–60) of Rolleston, died at Christchurch 25.5.16
- E. R. (Eric) Munro (1943-45) died at Waiuku 27.5.16
- G. S. (Gordon) Milne (1939–40) of Mosgiel died at Dunedin 31.5.16
- W. R. (Ross) Heazlewood (1952–54) died at Dunedin 2.6.16
- M. J. ("Butch") Isaacs (1950) died at Dunedin 2.6.16
- S. E. (Stuart) Windle (1966–67) of Kaikoura, killed near Cherry Farm 3.6.16
- P. R. (Phil) George (1946–49) died Dunedin 5.6.16
- L. A. (Les) Hughes (1949-52) died at Dunedin 11.6.16
- S. A. (Steve) Godfrey (1977–81) died at Dunedin 24.6.16
- M. J. (Morrie) Homan (1949-50) died at Dunedin 24.6.16

to be a bit gruff in demeanour, was basically a kind man who took pleasure from an ice rink, which he had invested so much time to, for he was the public face of the Dunedin Ice Stadium which opened in 2004 in Victoria Road. Previously appointed manager of the Big Chill Ice Rink in Kaikorai Valley in 1996, he became manager of the Stadium and spent long hours preparing the smooth surface for which the stadium is famed internationally, and which has attracted international teams, and coaches from North America. He spent a year helping with the design and fundraising for the facility, and was thrilled by the development of ice skating in Dunedin, rising from three participants to 500 skaters. His priorities were "the rink first, the kids second, the clubs third, and the egos fourth." Before becoming involved in ice sport, Neil worked for National Mortgage and Agency, Shacklocks, and Holland and Bell Moller, before running a fish shop in Green Island. Neil was a passionate gardener and a recreational fisherman.

R. J. (Regan) Wilson (2006–10) played his 100th game for the Dunedin Thunder in June.

# **Marathon Running**

A seminar about pre-race preparation for the annual September event took place in June in the Sargood Centre at the Otago Institute of Sports and Adventure (i.e., the former art gallery in Logan Park)—last year the seminar was cancelled because of the June floods! This year featured four guest speakers. The first was B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988-92) a Sydney-trained physiotherapist who has returned to Dunedin and is working for Caversham Physiotherapists which is operated by G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) and his wife Barbara. Blair went to Sydney to further his running career under a Sydney coach after having represented NZ in middle distance running, and won the Australian half marathon and various NSW titles to go with his silver medals won in NZ for the 10km, 5km, and cross country races. He moved into triathlons, and then into cycling becoming NSW elite road cycling champion in 2007. Blair discussed injury prevention and explained how both first time and returning runners can achieve the required level of fitness without straining, a specific distance daily rather than longer distances then breaks of several days—a "little and often" approach! One of the other speakers was D. G. (Dave) Stinson (1965-70) a longtime Caversham harriers coach who explained the training required nearer the event, whether running or walking. There are now three classes in the event: 11.6km (or quarter marathon) for runners and walkers; 21.1km (half marathon) for both; and the 42.2km (full marathon) for runners only!

#### Rugby

The latest *Rugby Almanack* which comments on all rugby played by national teams, and in this country during 2015, heaped praise on the Highlanders. B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04), co-captain, was one of its 5 players of the Year, being described was a player who had a modest start to his career before cementing his place in the All Blacks in 2013, while his move to full back meant that he was the first choice in that position at the World Cup. The almanack highlighted his wide vision of opportunities, his safety under the high ball, and the frequency which he recovered the kick and chase—thereby turning it into an attacking opportunity. This year Ben was made vice-captain of the All Blacks, and demonstrated his versatility by finishing the third test against Wales at second five-eight!

T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993), Highlanders assistant coach since

2014 has finally agreed to be head coach for the 2017 season: his hesitation was not because he was apprehensive of the position (after all he had previously been head coach of Otago for two years), it was just that he enjoyed being assistant coach so much, and where his innovative skills and talents could be put to better use! However he agreed to accept the role when it was explained to him just what support he would receive from within the franchise (not to mention his fans!). But it is only for one season, as he is committed to assist Jamie Joseph prepare the Japanese national team for the 2019 World Cup, which will be hosted by Japan.

P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994–95, Staff 2012–15) is really giving back to the game in bucketloads: he coaches his son's under-9 Pirates Black Swords team, the Pirates Colts team, and Southland Country and plays for the Pirates premier team when he can find the time! He now works in sales for NZ Uniforms, and although all this coaching can be tiring, he enjoys contributing to the game he loves.

J. M. (Jason) Macdonald (1995–98), having already coached the Taieri premier club team to win the title, and co-coached the Otago under-19 team last year, has moved to japan to be forward coach for the Sanix top league side, thereby gaining further coaching experience. He is former Highlanders and Otago hooker.

# Surfing

E. P. (Elliott) Brown (2013–) is one of four selected to represent NZ at the World Junior Championships in Portugal in September.

# **Surf Lifesaving**

The St Clair Club journeyed all the way to Papamoa (Bay of Plenty) and was the second club overall at the national IRB championships. J. A. L. (James) Coombes (1996–2000) was a member of one of the three gold medal winning teams.

#### Touch

The Transtasman tests were held in Australia, and while success eluded the NZ teams, best performed was the mixed team which included M. A. (MacKenzie) Haugh (2009–13) who was voted Most Valuable Player. His brother T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–15) played in the Men's team.

# **Water Polo**

The *ODT* recently published a photo of the NZ Universities swimming and water polo team which toured Australia in 1966: a member of the team was D. (David) Kilpatrick (1958–62).

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Contents for the November *Kingsmen* to be received as soon as possible and by 28th October. We would appreciate information from outside Otago which may be legally published relating to ex-pupils.