



THE KINGSMEN

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But see under Administration for
"Communications with Members."

The School

PLEASE HELP!

Steve Davie (1970–74) has the bit between his teeth.

Using all manner of social media, his own extensive personal contacts and with the assistance of a large number of Old Boys who have taken on the challenge, Steve is updating the school's alumni database of 16,000-plus.

Starting from close to scratch, more than 1,200 email addresses have been added in the last month and there is genuine momentum as Old Boys from various years ensure the word is spread.

With King's riding high under the sustained guidance of the Rector and now being seen as the school of choice for growing numbers of boys, it is imperative the database is accurate and up to date. We want to share the successes of modern-day King's with those who have gone before.

If you haven't yet heard from Steve, please send him your email address or, if not electronically connected, your preferred postal address. You can contact Steve on stevedavie@xtra.co.nz or 027 437 0335.

Once the database is where it should be, Steve has also been charged with leading a fundraising campaign to bring the long-proposed hostel to reality. It is envisaged this project will take two years with the first sod to be turned in late 2020, if not before.

The hostel, to be sited at the Macandrew Road end of the lower field, will house 80 boys and will introduce a 21st century philosophy to the housing of young men. The largest rooms will accommodate just eight boys with others catering for four and two as boys progress to senior ranks. There will be a communal common room and peer leadership and support across the years.

Plans are on the drawing board now and several expressions of interest from Old Boys keen to help finance the project have already been received.

Steve will also be looking to engage Old Boys in mentoring, telling their stories, offering work opportunities, assisting with reading classes and generally reconnecting with their old school.

Having that database up to scratch will also help ensure the next major reunion—the 90th in 2026—is successful along with helping individual class, year, sports team and other specific reunions to be the best possible.

The inaugural King's High School Charitable Trust black tie dinner will be staged in the Dunedin Town Hall on Saturday, 17th November.

The dinner will celebrate everything that is good about King's, especially its extraordinary growth in the past decade, as well as outlining the plans for the future as we head towards the school's 90th and then on to its centennial.

Guest speakers will be one of our finest-ever sportsmen Glen Denham (1977–82: Head Boy in 1981 and 1982) and visionary business leader Wayne Wright (1959–62) while the internationally acclaimed Chris Fennessy (1984–88: Head Boy 1988) will perform alongside several of the school's music and cultural groups.

Depending on sponsorship found to assist with the costs, tickets prices are likely to be between \$120 and \$150 with a discount for tables of 10 at \$1,100 to \$1,400.

This will be a brilliant night of salutation.

Wives and partners are most welcome to attend the dinner.

Registrations of interest are being taken now. For pencil bookings, pending the final costs, please contact Steve on 027 437 0335 or stevedavie@xtra.co.nz



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For more information about the Charitable Trust: www.kingshigh.school.nz



Dunedin Annual Dinner

Thursday 30th August 2018. Chisholm Park Golf Course Lounge.

Details are on the separate notice inside.

Liam Hewson



Liam Hewson was one of six students from NZ to be selected for the prestigious International Youth Science Forum.

LIYSF is a two week residential event held at Imperial College London, with lectures and demonstrations from leading Scientists, visits to industrial sites, research centres, scientific institutions and organisations, including world class laboratories and universities.

LIYSF attracts 500 of the world's leading young Scientists aged 16–21 years old from more than 75 participating countries. There is an active social calendar with events designed to enable those from around the world to learn about different cultures. The scope of LIYSF extends further than broadening scientific understanding to engage students in education on other cultures and develop lasting, international friendships.

Founded in 1959, LIYSF aims to give a deeper insight into Science and its applications for the benefit of all mankind and to develop a greater understanding between young people of all nations.

Administration

Office Bearers elected and co-opted

Patron:	Dan Reddiex (Staff 2008–)
President:	Doug Jackson (1960–63)
Secretary:	David Horne (1954–58)
Treasurer:	Colin Nicholls (1955–59)
Assistant Treasurer:	Murray Patterson (1962–65)
Registrar:	Hugh Kidd (1950–54)
Committee:	Christine Bell (Associate) Neill Cameron (1969–71) Chris George (1978–82) Bob Glass (1948–52)

Rhonda Martin (Associate)
Andrew Miller (1979–81)
George Munro (Staff 1994–2004)
Clive Sims (1949–51)
(Sadly Clive Sims died 22 July)
Mack Stephens (1952–56)

Sub Committees

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

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: djmosgiel@gmail.com
3. With the website contact John Barr
<http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz>
4. We have Facebook page
www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys
5. 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 2018 \$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 some Banks 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 \$35 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 has been returned from the following: Fraser N. Bourke (1952–56) Baulkham Hills, New South Wales, Reginald G. Umbers (1940–44) Mount Maunganui, Edward B. Westrupp (1989–92) Atawhai, Nelson.
Your help would be appreciated.

Membership

Membership has slipped back approximately to 760, with age taking its toll.

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

Simon J. Dalton (1999–2003) Dunedin
Stephen M. Davie (1970–74) Dunedin
Bryan J. Frost (Staff 1974–2017) Dunedin
William B. Hall (2005–08) Culverden
Paul A. Keenan (1991–93) Marton
R. Nairn Fraser (1957–61) New South Wales
Kevin P. Skelly (1984–88) U.S.A.
Mark A. Skelly (1989–93) Lower Hutt
Graeme M. Smart (4F 1970–72)

Activities Around the Country

Old Boys' Annual Bowls Match v Otago Boys' High School. Thanks to Ken Walker for this report.

The annual clash against the old foe brought together 8 rinks each of 4 players from each of the 2 schools.

This year was the first time we moved this contest to the fantastic Dunedin Bowls Stadium and this proved a great success so it's now likely that all future events will be held there ... wet or fine.

All players assembled by 1pm on Wednesday 11th April, 2018 and we played 2 games each of 1 hour 20 minutes.

We started off with a "Spider," when everybody spreads around the green and plays a bowl to the centre of the green all at the same time ... hilarious to watch.

The King's players all did a magnificent "mental haka" before we entered into a battle against the Magpies, however some even forgot the "mental words"!! ... an aged thing I guess.

Both games finish by 4pm and we were entertained by very talented guest speaker, Liz Wilson. Liz, from Brighton, is currently a World Champion Masters sprinter in her age group, 50–55 and she still holds some World records. A very talented lady indeed.

A few beers, some food, a bit of reminiscing with the usual embellishments and of course the presentation of the Old Boys Bowls trophy.

The King's applies involved were:

1. Jim King, Russell Smith, Bill McClenaghan, Mark Vial
2. Reese Aiken, Barry Dyhrberg, Paul Knox, Nigel McLennan
3. Alan Reid, Peter Culling, Rex Sim, Brian Schofield
4. Ken Walker, John Ewart, Lloyd Arnold, Kerry Bain
5. Steve Robinson, Leo Brett, Cam Brown, Nick Boereboom
6. Gordon Arnold, Bob Bryant, Doug Jackson, Ron Mackintosh
7. Duane White, Neil Birch, Cyril Torrance, Jim Darling
8. Rik Moss, Jason McLaren, Rex Moss, Trevor Mason

Who won? ... wash your mouth out!! ... King's were the victors again of course, 12–4!! Otago Boys coordinator Grant Humphries reluctantly handed over the trophy to King's man Doug Jackson.

In fact the Trophy has been played for on 14 occasions and although King's slipped up in the inaugural year the last 13 years are all ours!!

A great time was had by all and we can't wait to "get them again" next year! [I wonder why?]

Footnote ... We had a couple of imports this year so if any of the King's Old Boys want to have a go next year please contact Ken Walker, 489 6256 or kenwalker.bowls@gmail.com.

North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

John Somerville reported as follows:

Early April they had the first of the usual four lunches for the year being normally March, June, September and December.

Since moving to the Bays Club they have over the past 2–3 years booked 2 tables of 10 with close to that number attending. At times the ladies are invited giving around 30 in total. They consider the luncheons are well worth holding and Grahame Howley and John do not do much to achieve the results.

The past two lunches had a speaker from amongst the ranks. A short talk on their time at school and how they got to where they are today, etc. Chris Reid (1954–56) was the first who informed the assembly how his cousin the late Prime Minister David Lange had persuaded Chris to do law as he of course had done.

Next Graeme Lee (1951–53) with his father's transfer to New Plymouth and his last 2 years at New Plymouth Boys High School. The last luncheon on Thursday 28 June was due to have Murray Deaker.

In addition they are pleased to see about eleven from over the bridge with most of them attending 2–3 times per year.

In the last *Kingsmen* a short history of the original school song was produced. At least three funeral services of Old Boys reference was made to the chorus. Grahame and John sang it at the late 93-year-old Gordon Bretts (foundation pupil 1936) and at Eric Munro's (1943–45). Also Grant Fletchers (1953–56), where two of his grandson's from Dunedin attended in school uniform. Wow!

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Nelson

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Christchurch

For King's Old Boys living in Canterbury, please diary Tuesday 16th October, 5.30pm, for our next get-together. This will be advised via e-mail or letter in coming weeks, however the function is scheduled to be held at the Burnside Bowling Club, 330 Avonhead Road. Our guest speaker will be retired high court judge Sir John Hansen, who attended Otago Boys High School. Dan Reddiex, KHS rector, will also attend and provide us with an update of activities at Kings.

Please contact Canterbury KHS Old Boys convenor Richard Mitchell via phone (03 344 0285) or e-mail (rwmitchell@xtra.co.nz) for more information or to register your interest.

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The Korean War

The Korean peninsula is very much in the news these days, but it wasn't in 2006, which had been designated the "Year of the Veteran." In that year your association was asked by the school if it could provide some Old Boy veterans to attend the school's Anzac Day service, and a dozen, including former Rector (1966–81) Mr Jack Bremner made themselves available: two ex-navalmen, five former soldiers, and five former airmen. Sadly it never occurred to us to consider asking veterans from conflicts subsequent to World War II, notably the Korean War, and in 2006 we would have only been able to track down one living locally (it so happened there were two such veterans).

By 1948, as a product of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States, Korea has been split into two regions with separate governments. Both claimed to be the legitimate government of all of Korea, and neither accepted the border (the 38th parallel) as being permanent. The conflict escalated into open warfare when North Korean forces—supported by the Soviet Union and China—moved into the South on 25 June 1950. The UN Authorised the formation and dispatch of United Nations forces to Korea to repel what was recognised as a North Korean invasion. Twenty-one countries of the United Nations, including New Zealand, eventually contributed to the UN force, with the United States providing 88% of the UN's military personnel.

After the first two months of the war, South Korean and US forces rapidly dispatched to Korea were on the point of defeat, forced back to a small area in the south known as the Pusan Perimeter. In September 1950, an amphibious UN counter-offensive was launched at Inchon and cut off many North Korean troops. Those who escaped involvement and capture were forced back north. UN forces rapidly approached the Yalu River—the border with China—but in October 1950, mass Chinese forces crossed the Yalu and entered the war. The surprise Chinese intervention triggered a retreat of UN forces which continued until mid-1951.

After these reversals of fortune, which saw Seoul change hands four times, the last two years of fighting became a war of attrition, with the frontline close to the 38th parallel. The war in the air, however, was never a stalemate. North Korea was subject to a massive bombing campaign. Jet fighters confronted each other in air-to-air combat for the first time in history, and Soviet pilots covertly flew in defence of their communist allies. But the turning point in the war was the battle of Kapyong in which the New Zealand army played a crucial role.

The fighting ended on 27 July 1953, when an armistice was signed. The agreement created the Korean Demilitarised Zone to separate North and South Korea, and allow the return of prisoners. However, no peace treaty was ever signed, and according to some sources the two Koreas are technically still at war, engaged in the frozen conflict. Former draft-dodger and current Commander-in-Chief of the US armed Forces President Donald J. Trump aims to bring this situation to a successful conclusion.

We believe that five Old Boys volunteered to serve and what became known as Kayforce (all such personnel were

volunteers: any regular force soldiers who wished to fight had to resign from the army and then volunteer!). They were A. B. (Bert) Wilson (1936–40) who had fought in the Pacific and in Italy; S. H. S. (Silas) Peattie (1938–40) who had fought in Italy; F. M. (Mike) Oakden (1943–45); R. J. (Rodney) Bailey (1946), and J. (Jimmy) Dodds (1950–51).

Mike Oakden is one of only three Kayforce veterans living in Dunedin, and the only surviving Old Boy. Following is his story

KAYFORCE
in KOREA

New Zealand stands shoulder to shoulder with United Nations . . . AND FIGHTS FOR PEACE IN KOREA!

Men are needed
RIGHT NOW!

GUNNERS, DRIVERS, DRIVER OPERATORS, SIGNALLERS, FIELD LINESMEN FOR SIGNALS, Technical vacancies in A.S.C. Engineers, Dental and Medical, Automotive Tradesmen.

As a member of United Nations, New Zealand is committed to supply forces in Korea . . . and right now men are needed for service overseas with Kayforce. Your nearest Army Office will give you further information . . . or write to Army Headquarters, P.O. Box 99, Wellington, C.I.

ENLIST NOW!
-FOR SERVICE WITH KAYFORCE IN KOREA
Full information at any Army Office

Enlisting and Training

Mike served in the New Zealand Army in the Korean War as a Signaller from 1950 to 1952. Mike left Kings High School in 1945 and worked as a storeman for Chiles & Umbers in Bath Street. Like many at the time he was concerned at the spread of communism through Asia: The "domino effect" was occurring as more Asian nations were feeling the effects of communist insurgents. In Korea, communism was sweeping through the peninsula driven by outside forces—namely China and Russia. New Zealand, together with Australia and Canada formed a Commonwealth Division and joined forces with the United States of America to oppose this communist take-over of Korea. The New Zealand regiment contained artillery, transport and engineering companies. Mike's role as a signaller was part of an independent signals group that provided communications, particularly to the artillery. When he enlisted, Mike had to sign up for the duration of the war plus 3 months. In total 6½ thousand New Zealand servicemen served in the Korean War. Mike is one of only 3 surviving Korean War veterans in Dunedin.

He went into training in August 1950, first into basic training at Burnham Military Camp and then a further 2½ months specialised signals training at Trentham. Mike was a member of the first intake and they left New Zealand on the Ormandy on the 10th December, arriving in Pusan, Korea on 31st December, travelling via Brisbane and Manila.

Conditions in Camp

They left New Zealand in the middle of a heat wave and arrived in Korea in their coldest winter in years, with the temperatures dropping to -20°C. It was a severe introduction to Korea. His

clothing for this terrible 6-month winter was two battle dress uniforms, two sets of longjohns, a greatcoat and a jerkin. All wool but how comfortable compared to the clothing worn in such temperatures today of polyprops and warm down jackets they had to survive very demanding conditions. They first moved into a transit camp of tents which were not sealed for wind. They were issued one candle per tent—and were told that it was for heating as well as lighting! The candle was used up on the first night and when Mike asked for another candle the next day he was told that the candle should last for a week! Ablutions were no less basic. A latrine of 12 toilets was allocated for the whole group. He noticed a queue had formed one day in front of one of the doors, while the other 11 were not taken. When he asked someone why the queue, he was told it was for the warm seat! Washing and shaving was from water that Mike collected in his tin hat and warmed overnight with a small heater that he had found. He then shared the water with others—after he had used it first!

After a month of these conditions they were shifted to an American camp and were amazed how well their troops were looked after. Decent meals, warm tents, proper ablution facilities. They then shifted to join the regiment and closer to the combat zone.

Withdrawal

When Mike moved up closer to the conflict zone it appeared as though the war was not going well for the United Nations forces. No sooner had the Kiwis moved north than they were part of a staged retreat. Mike said that one day they were passed by a large number of tanks moving north to give support for the artillery only to see them a day or two later back again and moving south—rapidly!

They had to follow. At one place during the retreat Mike said that he noticed a number of lights on the surrounding hills. He was told that these were formed by soldiers from the Scottish Argyll and Sutherland Highland Regiment who were stationed around the hills over looking the valley as protection. The A&S Regiment was on its way home but only got as far as Inchon before they were recalled! Mike said that the withdrawal was 130 miles (209 km) and it was the longest retreat in American military history. The UN forces had previously advanced to the Yalu River, the border with China.



Mike in Korea in March 1952 standing on the left in front of a Centurion tank, spent shell cases in foreground.

The staged withdrawal that the Allies were employing was planned. Mike said that it was decided that the Allies did not want a World War 1 scenario where each position gained was defended at all costs. Mike said that the Allies valued their troops, which appeared to be unlike the Chinese Communist Forces (referred to as Charlie Charlie Fox). If a Chinese infantry attack of hundreds of soldiers was destroyed it was immediately replaced with wave after wave of new combatants. The CCF usually attacked at night under the cover of darkness.

The Battle of Kapyong

A rugby match was organised between the Kiwis and the Aussies for 20th April, close to Anzac Day. The rugby game didn't happen because the war had taken a serious turn. The Chinese Communist forces were advancing rapidly along the Kapyong Valley. Their objective was to split the Commonwealth Division and then capture Seoul. All that stood between them were two infantry battalions—the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and the 3rd battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment while the 16th Field Regiment, Royal NZ Artillery provided fire support. The Battle of Kapyong (23–25 April) saw the vastly outnumbered Commonwealth Division check and turn back the communist advance, at least 6,000 strong. The Canadians suffered 23 wounded and 10 killed, while the Australians had 59 wounded and 32 killed. A conservative estimate of Chinese Communists killed was 2,000.

A turning point of the battle happened when a Canadian company commander Captain J. G. W. Mills, desperate and overrun, called for an artillery strike on the position of his own 10th platoon.

The New Zealand artillery obliged, firing 2,300 rounds of shells in less than an hour with blistering accuracy destroying the Chinese forces on that position. Though the barrage landed just metres from the Canadian's position, with the troops sheltering in shallow foxholes, no Canadian soldier was killed. The skill of the Kiwi artillery regiment was outstanding. In the Battle of Kapyong the 25 pounders were firing at targets up to 10km away (their maximum range was over 12km) a distance that Mike said would be about from his house in St Clair to Mosgiel over the hill! Wind, air temperature and humidity all had to be calculated in setting the guns to find their targets. No wonder the Aussies referred to the Kiwi artillery regiment as “the 9-mile snipers.”

This holding action in Kapyong contributed significantly to the defeat of the Chinese Spring Offensive, allowed the UN forces to re-group, protect the capital city of Seoul and eventually as the front lines stabilised, led to the two sides embarking on peace talks. Signaller Mike Oakden was right there at the “pointy end” of the war, and played a part in this famous and important battle that changed the course of the Korean War. The Canadian and the Australians were awarded the US Presidential Unit Citation by President Harry Truman. Strangely the New Zealanders did not receive the citation, even though without their involvement the battle would have been lost. Mike said that the New Zealand Army's policy was not to accept foreign decorations. The artillery regiment was, however, awarded the Presidential Unit Citation by the Korean President in recognition of their achievements. This occurred some 60 years after the battle (the N.Z. Army had changed their policy). In recognition of this, Mike received the medal and ribbon for this decoration which is worn only by those soldiers who were at the Battle of Kapyong.

The life of a signaller

The life of a signaller was a stressful one. They worked 4 hours on, 8 hours off, every day. The radio centre had 1 signaller controlling 2 radios at the same time. There was a constant stream of

messages from the field and also from Divisional Headquarters: 6-figure grid references had to be recorded and passed on. The officers in the radio centre required the information immediately. Every transmission had to be recorded and when both radios were broadcasting simultaneously the lot of the signaller could be very stressful. Mike relied on only one headphone—the other he had pointing in the outwards direction so the officer could also hear the message directly. Mike said the system worked well. The signaller was obviously the key person in an effective communication system between the artillery and Divisional Headquarters and had to be in control of the radios. He said that he once had to give the Major General a severe telling off for taking over use of the radio. Top priority for the use of the radio was the transmission of artillery fire orders and it took Mike to somewhat forcefully point this out to the Major General who was only in charge of the whole Division! However he did take note of Mike's rebuke, got off his radio, and let this feisty Kiwi signaller get on with his job.

It was not only in his work that they had to be innovative. Mike was one of only 2 chosen from his group to be issued with a Sten gun. The others had rifles. He was also issued with 17 rounds of ammunition. This seemed to be a ridiculously small issue—the gun could shoot that number in a couple of short bursts. The Sten gun frequently jammed which did not inspire confidence in its usefulness when needed. He managed to find and borrow a good supply of ammunition using his own initiative and native cunning. He said that the Kiwis had to look after themselves and help themselves when the opportunity arose. He managed to acquire a new Australian rifle at one stage—and no one found out, or if they did, didn't mind.

Mike said that one lucky escape sticks in his mind. He was near the 38th parallel and the Kansas Line. The unit was pitching tents—as it so happened in a dry paddy field. He thought that the site that they had been told to pitch the tent would be flooded if and when the rains came so he chose another site nearby that was higher. A few days later a Chinese artillery shell landed and exploded in the area, exactly where they were told to pitch the tent. They did benefit however from this explosion—the crater soon filled and gave them a nearby source of fresh water.

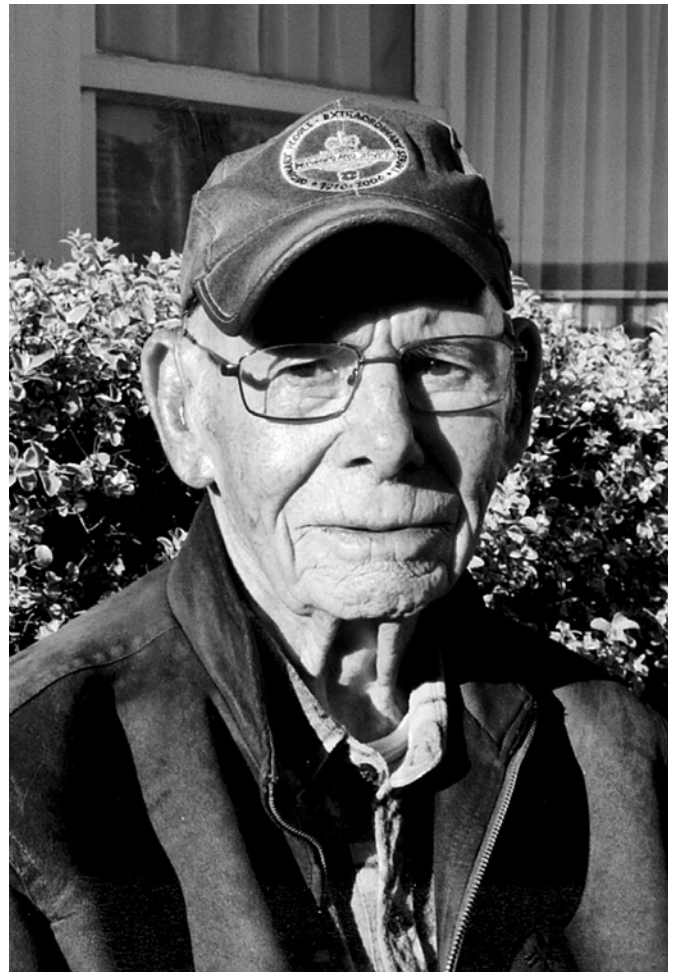
Leave

Leave, when it finally arrived, was taken in Japan, only 160km away. The leave provisions were not generous for Kiwis. 5 days off after 9 months and 3 weeks after 15 months. He had one 3-week leave period during the 2½ years that he was in Korea. Japan, in the early 1950s was nothing like the country that it is now, being still under occupation by American forces. There was a curfew in operation in Tokyo—everyone had to be off the streets by midnight. Mike told the story of two Kiwis on leave who were picked up by the Military Police after midnight and when they couldn't find a place to leave them until the curfew ended, took them to a brothel. Mike was definite that he had "heard the story" and that he was not one of the two!

Return to New Zealand

When it was time to leave Korea in 1952, Mike had one more unpleasant experience. The night before Mike departed, a train had been shot up by machine gun fire. This raised the anxiety level of the troops on Mike's train travelling the same line the next day. Mike returned to New Zealand in May 1952 and went back to his job at Chiles and Umbers. He later became a salesman—first for a clothing manufacturer where he had to travel around Otago, Southland and Canterbury by bus and train, with up to 8 suitcases of his wares. Later he worked for Gollin & Company whose products included sports goods (Spalding was one of their brands). He had a firm's car for this company. Mike had always

been a keen fisherman and looked forward to this when he returned from Korea. Unfortunately he was back in Dunedin in May so had to wait until the fishing season opened in November before he could head into Central with his rod. He found it important to do things that got the war out of his mind. Another change following the war that he experienced was his relationship with his old school mates: he felt he was 10 or 11 years older than them and didn't now share the same interests as before.



Mike May 2018.

Mike lives in his own house in Winston Place above St Clair. He has three children (son and two daughters) and four grandchildren.

We are indebted to Warren Jowett, a neighbour of Mike's, who interviewed him on our behalf. Warren is a product of Southland Boys' High School, a sometime national long-jump titleholder, and a geography classmate of I. B. (Ian) Simpson (1954–58, Staff 1981, Rector 1982–97) and J. M. (John) Nimmo (1953–58) at Otago University. He taught at Matamata College, Shirley Boys' High School, and finally was appointed Principal of Mackenzie College at Fairlie. He took early retirement, and he and his wife operated an ecotourism business from their property at Staveley, Mid-Canterbury: they have recently retired to live in Dunedin.

Stop Press

Because Mike's account has generally occupied our thoughts, too late we remembered that the Royal NZ Navy played an even more forgotten part in the Korean War. As far as we know, its role has never been told (not for nothing has it been called the "Silent Service") yet at the height of the conflict it was said that 80% of the NZ fleet was on active service (a higher proportion than that of the US Navy!). Unfortunately, when we approached Lieutenant (Ret'd) M. M. ("Bill") McIndoe (1945–

47) of Careys Bay, he was not surprisingly unable to meet our deadlines, but he has agreed to supply us with an account of the Royal NZ Navy's contribution to the conflict, which has been scheduled to appear in the November *Kingsmen*.

Honours

Otago Surf Lifesaving Search and Rescue members were awarded a Certificate of Achievement at the NZ Search and Rescue Awards held in Wellington earlier this year. The group rescued nine people stranded on top of a 4WD by Taieri River floodwaters at about midnight on 21 July 2017. The group included J. A. L. (James) Coombes (1996–2000), M. W. (Matthew) Bradley (2004–08), R. L. (Rhys) McAlevey (2004–08), S. J. (Stefhan) Brown (1986–91) and S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97), and the Certificate was presented at the function by Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy.

D. B. (Doug) Clark (Staff 1988–98) recently received the rare honour of a Red Cross Honorary Life Membership in appreciation of his decades of service (67 missions) for the humanitarian organisation. He always had a bag packed so that he could respond immediately to any disaster, where his work was several jobs rolled into one: wrangling the equipment, finding staff and funding required to deal with the immediate aftermath. The biggest disaster he had to deal with was the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami which happened on Boxing Day 2004, where the length of Sri Lankan coastline devastated was comparable to the distance of coastline from Picton to Invercargill, and where hundreds of thousands of survivors languished in more than 600 makeshift camps without enough water, food or shelter. Nowadays Doug remains on-call as a disaster response delegate, but in more of an advisory role: accountant, logistician, team leader, and procurement specialist.

Cultural Affairs

James K Baxter (1940–43) has been rather quiet of late, possibly because he has been dead for nearly 46 years! However in June Dunedin's Globe Theatre restaged his play *The Devil and Mr Mulcahy* to mark 50 years of association with the playwright. The play, which was regarded as rather radical at that time was set in the 1960s rural NZ, and was based on a true-life court case involving a family's descent into chaos. While it had appealed to the so-called "protest generation," who regarded it as groundbreaking, the so-called "fur coat brigade" did not like it at all. It was first staged in 1969, and only twice since, the last time being in 1991.

When that doyen of Dunedin photography, N. M. (Matheson) Beaumont (1941–44) was packing prior to taking up residence in the Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village (located in what was Shiels Quarry), he came across a wealth of previously unexhibited photographs many of the scenes created when travelling in eastern Asia, but also some more experimental in nature. These recently formed an exhibition entitled *From the Archives* at the Fe 29 Gallery in Saint Clair.

Professor Dr D. R. (David) Bell (1964–68, Staff 1982–97) has been rather busy of late. In June he gave a talk to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery Society entitled *Monkey Kings, Fallen Heroes and Unrequited Love*, based on the last and greatest of prints by the celebrated Japanese artist Tsukioka Yoshitashi which told the classic stories which captivated the imaginations of the 19th century Tokyo, which helped the citizens of the new capital to appreciate the threads of their history and culture.

On July 16, David presented his Inaugural Professorial Lecture entitled *Why Hokusai's "Great Wave" Matters*. Hokusai (1760–1849), who changed his name several times was a prolific practitioner of traditional commemorative art (many of his images have not survived) which he abandoned after he reached 70 years of age to depict most facets of the 19th Century Japanese life, while claiming that his previous work had been merely preparatory! David spoke for nearly 50 minutes after briefly detailing his career path with only occasional reference to his notes: are truly masterful performance.

The next day he was interviewed by the ODT to expand upon his remarks about the place of art education in NZ, which he regards as vital for learning about the visual world in which people live today.

I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) has an MA in history from Otago University, and a Diploma in Journalism from Canterbury University. He is a prolific author, having now written 26 books on NZ history, biography, culture, and society.

Earlier this year *Dunedin: Founding a New World City* was published, being concerned with the early European settlers: who they were, why they came, and how they (mostly) thrived; and with the decisions they made which continue to affect the appearance and personality of the city nearly a century and three quarters later. Ultimately it is the story of the building of the foundations of a city that successive generations of its citizens would be proud to call "home."

More recently he has published *Pulpit Radical: the Story of NZ Social Campaigner Rutherford Waddell*. From his base as a minister at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dunedin, Waddell immersed himself in all manner of causes, especially against the miserable plight of women in the clothing industry, which led to major changes to labour legislation. Although Waddell's views on subjects such as eugenics would find little current favour, his campaigning on issues such as poverty and inequality remain relevant today.

Publication of this second book was delayed while Ian sought financial assistance, but to the rescue came Chinese-born Jing Song now a Kiwi graduate and entrepreneur who has become a generous supporter of various cultural and heritage projects in her adopted homeland, including a replacement for the earthquake-damaged chapel at her former school in Christchurch: St Andrew's College, and a Toitu Otago Settlers Museum documentary tracing the history of Otago's Chinese Community. Already an international award-winning Central Otago wine producer, Jing Song has set up a charitable trust, the RUA Foundation, dedicated to fostering a drinking culture that embraces the Responsible Use of Alcohol.

A. M. (Alan) Malcolmson (1971–74) left school to commence a career with Foodstuffs (S.I.) Ltd, and enjoyed a 40 year career, retiring in April 2016 as Retail Operations General Manager. Since his retirement, he has written a book detailing the 90 year history of the firm which is associated with brands such as Four Square, New World, Pak-N-Save, Henry's, among others. The book is entitled *Feeding the South: a History of Foodstuffs in the South Island 1928–2018*, and he has donated a copy to the school library.

It seems that these days every year is an anniversary of some historical event, and 2018 is no exception, it being 50 years since the sinking of the *Wahine* when the steamer express entered Wellington harbour at the same time as a major storm hit the area, with disastrous results. The vessel struck Barretts Reef, and rescue attempts were hampered by adverse water conditions, and by early afternoon the listing ship had sunk: ultimately

51 passengers lost their lives. It seemed that everybody knew somebody who was a passenger on the stricken ship, and some (including the writer) knew several, and this had a profound effect on the whole country. One of the survivors was Mr D. A. (Doug) Morrison (Staff 1947–1956), who later related his experiences to a Caversham organisation. Present at that meeting was a former neighbour G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66), who in an article published in the April issue of the magazine *North & South* based the description of Mr Morrison's ordeal on what he could remember of that talk.

Doug Morrison was a product of OBHS, where he had been a stellar student; a member of the athletic team, the rugby XV, especially the cricket XI, a prefect and ultimately Dux in 1937. From there he proceeded to OU, where he graduated BA in 1941, on the way being awarded the James Clark Prize. Then the war got in the way and he served in the air force in Fiji—the background music at his funeral was “Isa Lei.” Back from the war he completed his MA: at some stage of his university career it was rumoured that he was under consideration for a Rhodes Scholarship, but again the war, and marriage to a fellow schoolteacher with whom he subsequently had four children may have intervened. He was appointed to the staff at King's, where to the writer he appeared to be the most versatile staff member there: he was the senior Latin teacher but also taught lower school subjects such as social studies, and even science and phys ed, assumed command of the ATC cadets, and also the control of cricket.

Mr Morrison left King's to become a Principal Lecturer at Dunedin Teachers' College, where he was in charge of those students, who were attending OU on a studentship, and it was in this capacity that he was to attend a meeting in Wellington. His flight there on the previous evening had terminated in Christchurch because of deteriorating conditions at Wellington airport, so ever resourceful he just managed to secure a berth on the *Wahine*. When the ship began to sink, Mr Morrison like many had failed to gain a place in a lifeboat, and spent a considerable time in the water, not helped by his attempt to converse with a fellow floater, who turned out to be already dead! Finally rescued, still clutching his satchel, before being swept on to the dangerous eastern rocks, he was deposited with most other survivors at the Wellington railway station. When at last he managed to telephone home to his wife she had spent the whole day teaching, and was unaware that the *Wahine* had sunk, nor that he was a passenger; his tale of woe was so unbelievable that she wondered whether he had been drinking!

The Morrisons retired to Arrowtown, but by then Mr Morrison was suffering from a long and incurable illness, from which he succumbed finally. Their two sons attended King's: I. D. (Ian) Morrison (1960–64), nowadays a retired school teacher, and N. D. (Neil) Morrison (1963–67), a radiologist. Since then a grandson, S. (Sam) Morrison (1993–2002) has attended the school, and maybe even a great grandson?

Also on the *Wahine* were K. R. (Keith) Lees (1961–65), and M. G. (Murray) Webb (Staff 1973), and there may well have been others with King's connections.

Earlier this year, Ruth Lam, Beverly Lowe, Helen Wong, Michael Wong and Carolyn King compiled a 904-paged publication (in two volumes) entitled *The Fruits of Our Labours: Chinese Fruit Shops in New Zealand*. This is a history of the Chinese fruit shops that once proliferated the many towns and cities of NZ and the first nearly 100 pages are devoted to those in Otago and Southland. On the back cover of each volume is a photograph of Bill and George Wong in their Hillside Road (formerly Cargill Road) shop which is still operating. Many

Chinese have attended King's over the years, the first being J. C. H. (Jim) Wong (1942–43, 1945–46), who graduated with a BA in geography at OU before becoming a primary school teacher in Mosgiel: he lived in China for many years, and while sympathetic to the ruling regime, never lost the ability to (quietly!) be aware of its shortcomings when revisiting friends in NZ. He subsequently lived for several years in Auckland, but despite being NZ-born, when he was diagnosed with a terminal illness, he returned to China and is buried in his ancestral village cemetery. H. C. H. (Herbie) Wong (1949–50) completed his schooling at King's, having transferred from Mosgiel District High School, and embarked on a science degree at OU which he never completed: because of family circumstances he felt obliged to take over the family green grocery in King Edward Street—his son M. T. (Mark) Wong (1972–76) also attended King's.

Business Sector

Former general manager (sales) for Silver Ferns Farms, G. P. (Grant) Howie (1978–82) has always hankered to “do his own thing,” but has previously never had the right opportunity at the right time and in the right place. However Fishers Meats, the long-standing Burnside business which was founded about 100 years ago came on the market when two of the three business partners moved into ventures outside the meat sector, and the surviving partner reluctantly decided to sell—although he has stayed on as sales manager. Started originally as a family butchery, Fishers has more recently supplied a range of traditional meat products to supermarkets and food service customers such as New World, Pak n Save, Countdown, etc. Grant's background was in the NZ and global food sector, and he has worked for Mainland Products, Cadbury, and for the past decade for SFF. He is determined that Fishers retains its close links with the Dunedin community while expanding into new products and markets, and is thrilled that the team of 10 staff were staying on. Fishers is an iconic brand in Dunedin, celebrated for its high quality traditional meat products, and being a small, nimble and agile business means that it can be as innovative as it wishes. The recent development of alternative proteins can not be ignored, and while merely supplying the NZ market, the firm did have a licence to export to Australia, and this would be looked at as part of a medium term plan.

T. M. (Terry) Kreft (1966–70) who has been a key figure at the Nelson Freezing Works since 1990, and who was instrumental in saving the Nelson plant and building the new site, retired in April. He started in the meat industry in Dunedin 41 years ago, and worked his way up from meat inspector to plant manager in 10 years—at that time the youngest in NZ. Possessing a social conscience, he realised that a new plant was necessary, and had to be environmentally friendly in a growing residential neighbourhood, and was involved in the planning and design thereof from the ground up: if it hadn't been for him everyone would have been made redundant. He is grateful for the support he received from the local mayors, and will miss the really dedicated and hardworking workforce. He and his wife have recently built a new house which requires landscaping, and he is also looking forward to more rowing of surf boats, having been involved in surf lifesaving nearly all of his life—he recently won a gold medal at the NZ Championships in Gisborne. Terry has also been involved in rugby as a player and a coach, and is an avid Mako (i.e., Tasman) supporter.

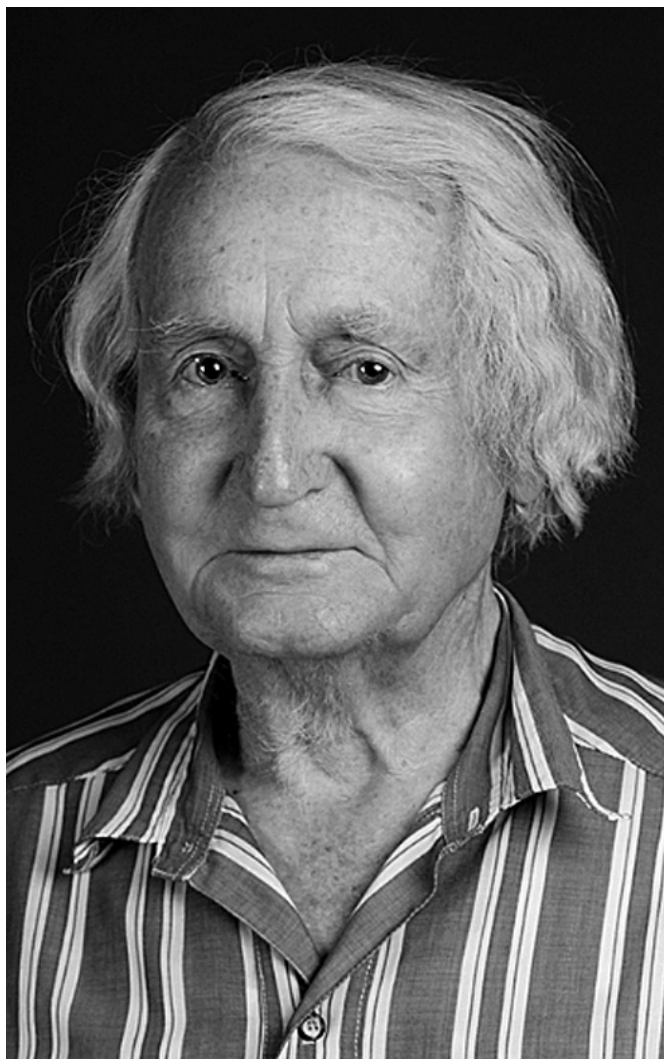
B. E. (Blair) McKeever (1989–93) is a transport engineer with the DCC, and advises drivers of campervans to desist from attempting to drive up Baldwin Street in North East Valley.

There have been several instances where such vehicles have stalled, and rescue can be difficult. Temporary signs have been erected warning against the practice, but only in English; there are none available in alternative languages or imagery!

Carpentry apprentices from Otago and Cromwell Polytechnics were given eight hours to construct a 1.5m high castle playhouse with a turret and working drawbridge, and meeting minimum safety standards. S. A. J. (Sam) Paris (2009–13) won the Otago regional section of the NZ Certified Builders Apprenticeship Challenge, run by the NZ Certified Builders Association, and his castle has been donated to the Mataora health clinic.

Bits and Pieces

L. G. (Lew) Brookes (1945–48) and his wife Judith of Green Island achieved the milestone of a Diamond Wedding recently. G. J. (Graham) Goodman (1950–54) and his wife Margaret of Coomba Park, NSW in 2016 celebrated their Golden Wedding with a five-week cruise around the South Pacific. W. F. (Wayne) Ward (1961–63) and his wife Vivienne of Mosgiel also celebrated their Golden Wedding recently. K. A. (Keith) Harman (1947–1951) and his wife Margaret will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in Tauranga on Saturday, 21st July. Keith is a retired bank manager and banking lecturer at various polytechnics in the North Island.



G. W. (Walley) McGregor (1938–42) was born in Dunedin on 9 April 1925. The son of a schoolteacher and a carpenter, Wally was the fourth of six children, with another half-brother and sister from his father's previous marriage. Attending the Forbury Primary School in Dunedin, he soon developed a keen

Obituaries

- A. E. (Arthur) Crimp (1946–50) of Cranbrook, Queensland, died at Townsville 25.3.15
- A. M. (Tony) Bell (1956–57) died at Hamilton 13.9.17
- A. D. (Alan) Jackson (1960) died at Whitianga 23.1.18
- G. A. (George) Duncan (1950–53) died at Matamata 13.3.18
- S. J. (Steve) Stiles (1955–56) died at Dunedin 13.3.18
- I. A. (Ian) MacKenzie (1958–60) died at Napier 16.3.18
- G. C. (Greg) Francis (1955–56) died at Dunedin 17.3.18
- D. M. R. (Des) Colloty (1950–52) of Moeraki, died at Dunedin 22.3.18
- J. C. (John) Wallis (1959–61) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 23.3.18
- A. P. (Alan)Dow (1949–52) died at Christchurch 25.3.18
- E. R. (Roland) Rowlatt (1955–58) died at Sydney 15.4.18
- C. G. (Colin) Mills (1951–52) died at Tapanui 25.4.18
- A. D. (Alex) Hastie (1960) died at Ashburton 30.4.18
- P. E. (Paul) Deason (1960–61,63) died at Dunedin 3.5.18
- R. J. (Russell) Fisher (1970–73) of Ohope, died at Hamilton 3.5.18
- C. S. (Carl) Osborne (1970) died at Hawksbury Village 5.5.18
- G. G. L. (Graham) Foley (1961–63) died at Auckland 7.5.18
- R. (Russell) Olds (1940) died at Waimate 15.5.18
- J. C. P. (John) Law (1952–55) died at Taupo 17.5.18
- M. A. W. (Mort) Potbury (1951–53) of Omakau, died at Alexandra 22.5.18
- T. G. (Tom) Henderson (1938–39) died at Dunedin 27.5.18
- J. (Jack) Bremner (Rector 1966–81) of Wingatui, died at Dunedin 30.5.18
- W. F. (Bill) Wilson (1958–59) died at Dunedin 1.6.18
- N. G. (Noel) Coombe (1952–55) died at Sydney 9.6.18
- D. G. (Glen) Hunter (1939–40) died at Dunedin 10.6.18
- M. R. (Ralph) Caradus (1938–41) died at Dunedin 15.6.18
- S. (Stan) Shaw (1942–45) died at Auckland 18.6.18
- K. (Ken) Vinicombe (1943) died at Mosgiel 22.6.18
- A. G. (Arthur) Judson (1940–43) died at Christchurch 23.6.18
- J. M. (John) Forrester (1967–69) died at Dunedin ? 7.18
- L. D. (Lyll) Williams (1954–55) died at Mosgiel 6.7.18
- I. W. (Ian) Bacon (1947–50) died at Dunedin 7.7.18
- R. N. (Neil) Thompson (1948–51) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 13.7.18
- A. H. (Alan) Waters (1962–66) died at Bremerhaven, Germany 13.7.18
- D. H. (Don) McMaster (1939–42) of Palmerston, died at Dunedin 14.37.18
- P. T. (Peter) Jones (1969–72) died at Auckland 17.7.18
- C. F. (Clive) Sims (1949–51) died at Dunedin 22.7.18

sense for arithmetic and comprehension. Wally then went on to attend King's High School where he was appointed school prefect. During this time, Wally joined the Royal Lifesaving Society, and was a successful long-distance runner. Wally loved playing and watching rugby union, and would often retell of the time he met Lord Bledisloe as a young boy. During school holidays, Wally and his brothers would spend time working in local orchards. After high school, Wally began a plumbing apprenticeship, but was soon pressured by his sister to get further education.

In 1943, Wally began attending the University of Otago, studying mining engineering. He was withdrawn from his studies in 1944 to serve in the Royal New Zealand Navy. Wally was training to become a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm and was awarded the 1939–1945 Star, The War Medal and the New Zealand War Medal. Upon returning from the war, Wally continued his studies and completed several rounds of vacation work at various underground operations, including the Martha Mine in Waihi, the Linton Mine in Ohai, the Kaitangata Mine in South Otago and the Blackwater Mine in Waiuta. After completing his final exam and graduating with a B.E., he received a scholarship, and subsequently a job with the Mines Department which saw him travel around New Zealand, Australia, Germany and the USA. During this time, Wally completed a Masters degree in Science at the University of Illinois, majoring in mining and metallurgical engineering. In 1955 Wally married Leslee Davis (d 2011) in Auckland, and soon after, their son Peter was born. Working for the Department of Mines until 1957, Wally was employed as an open-cast engineer, but was also involved in various civil road-building jobs. In 1957, Wally began working as an engineer manager for Maramarua Coalfields Limited at Kopuku. In the years to follow, Wally and Leslee gave birth to their daughters Jane and Heather. In 1965, the McGregor family relocated to Australia, where the youngest daughter, Catherine, was born. Upon relocating to Australia, Wally briefly worked for Titanium and Zirconium Industries in North Stradbroke Island. In 1968 a job with Conzinc Rio Tinto of Australia (CRA) saw the McGregor family move to Melbourne. During this time, Wally worked on a number of projects with many different roles. CRA's acquisition of the Blair Athol coalfield saw him heavily involved in the establishment and management of what would become Rio Tinto's Blair Athol Mine. Accordingly, Wally and the family moved to Clermont in 1972. In 1975, he began working for Pacific Coal in Brisbane.

Buying his first avocado orchard in 1979, Wally always kept busy and led an active lifestyle. In 1982, a second orchard was purchased on the Tamborine Mountain and this saw Wally take early retirement. However, he could not stay away from the mining industry and did some further consultancy work based in Sydney and Turkey, liaising with the Turkish government for a proposed coal-fired power plant. In the early 1990s, Wally took a final retirement on Tamborine Mountain. Wally was known for his sharp intelligence, his welcoming persona and his great sense of humour. Wally had a story for every occasion about mining, the war, farming, travelling and everything in between. Wally always encourage the best in people, and offered support whenever he could. Wally was a member of the AusIMM for more than 50 years, and contributed towards many conferences and industry and academic boards. He died on 23 December 2015. Wally dearly loved his five children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren (with another arriving shortly).

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J. A. (Jack) Pinkham (1936–38) often claims to have had the longest association with King's, having assisted Mr K. W. R. Glasgow (Staff 1936) to unpack the material to set up the science laboratory before the school opened. A lifelong member of the KHSOBA, and now aged 95, he is a resident in a home in Hastings, and is seen here with the "Dancing with the Stars" winner, Samantha Hayes!!!

S. R. (Shaun) Markham (2008–12), who was born with athetoid cerebral palsy, which affects his speech and fine motor skills, has not let the condition define him. In 2012 he was one of the two from King's to gain the ODT Class Act award, and at the year's end he was Dux. He proceeded to OU where he graduated BSc in economics: the university provided a writer for his examinations, which were conducted in a separate room so that he could dictate his answers! In May he gained his master of economics degree with distinction, having typed his 20,000 word dissertation, which was a multi-country study on capital accumulation and growth, by himself. He is a strong believer in keeping himself fit, and competes in shotput and discus events. Currently Shaun is completing a diploma for graduates in finance, and aims to work for Treasury, and "go as far as possible" in a career as an economist.

April provided two major milestones in the life of E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960–66). Senior Constable at Portobello for more than 30 years, and the sole face of policing on Otago Peninsula, he has retired. In his time he has had to deal with unexploded World War II bombs, a beached whale, road accidents, cars in the harbour, drownings, suicides: often he was the person standing in someone's doorway in the middle of the night telling the occupants (sometimes friends) that a loved one was dead. Rural and solo policing wasn't easy and needed a specific skill set (sometimes a quiet word in someone's ear was sufficient) for you and your family also lived in the area, yet a certain standard had to be maintained. As Major (Ret'd) Lox Kellas, president of the Dunedin RSA and a Vietnam veteran, has also been co-ordinator of Dunedin's Anzac Day and Armistice Day observances for more than 20 years, which in 2015, the centennial anniversary of Gallipoli attracted a crowd estimated at about 20,000 to the dawn parade: he is retiring from those roles also. This year Lox was the guest speaker at the Anzac Day observance at King's. Outside the police station he has also been president of the local coastguard and represents Portobello on the Otago Peninsula Community Board: he will continue on the Board, with Marine Search and Rescue, some roles with in the RSA, and completing his move into a new house.

The Government is proposing to review the NCEA qualifications, and has set up an advisory board consisting of employers, parents, children, and a single principal; it has also established a time frame for any submission to be presented. However a group of school principals felt that the time frame was too short, and that they were inadequately represented on the advisory board. Initially 37 principals signed an advertisement protesting the situation which was published nationwide; soon the signatories rose to more than 70, and included Mr Reddiex. Following discussion, the Minister agreed to establish a professional advisory group, consisting of principals and teachers to work alongside the ministerial group already established, and to extend the period of consultation by more than a month. This has been welcomed by the spokesman for the principals, G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977–82) of Massey High School in Auckland, and the group will now begin work on their vision for NCEA, along with details on how it should operate. They believe it is vital to get the system right, for the future of young people in NZ.

J. L. (Jayden) Hall (2003–07), a business development manager with Jaguar Land Rover, and his former Queen's High School fiancée Alyxandra Lunn, a teacher at London's Buxton School, both attended Otago Polytechnic and have been working in the UK, have had to return to Dunedin when their tier 5 youth mobility visas which support two-year working holidays expired. They now have to reapply for re-entry visas under tier 2 conditions, whereby immigration points (previously an "easy" 21) now have to reach an "unobtainable" 50 (Jayden has 35)! This has resulted in schools and businesses failing to fill important positions, despite New Zealanders ready and willing to do the work! Immigration points are now based on salary unless the job is on the shortage list, and requires a minimum salary of £30,000! Jayden and Alyxandra know of at least 15 other young Kiwis in the same boat.

R. N. (Nairn) Fraser (1957–61) enjoyed the academic and sporting life provided by King's, and is proud to have been awarded the Association's prize for all-round merit in both 1960 and 1961. After completing medical intermediate at OU in 1962 he spent the next four years at the University of Queensland completing a B.Vet.Sci with 1st class honours in 1966. After veterinary work in South Wairarapa and Southland, in 1971 he returned to Australia and joined an equine practice at Scone in the upper Hunter Valley of NSW where he became a partner, and still retains an association during the horse breeding season between August and December. Nairn has enjoyed his life in the veterinary profession and with it his private life with his family as breeders of horses, sheep, and cattle.

Sporting Triumphs

D. W. (Dave) Barnett (1969–72), a meter reader for Trust Power has hung up his boots as an unpaid jack-of-all tradesman, firstly at Carisbrook, latterly at the Forsyth Bar Stadium. He has done it all: helping out on the ground, working the clock, and even filling the ice baths (four large wheelie bins: it was claimed that such proper facilities could not be afforded when the stadium was being constructed!). It all started by a chance remark from the ORFU chairman that the new groundsman, Mark Perham could do with "a bit of a hand," so Dave helped him clean seats and replace divots, etc, and as he got on well with Mark, the "job" just continued. One night a trailer on which a band had been playing broke down close to the touchline, and as it couldn't be moved they were issued with tackle bags to prevent player contact and perhaps injury; fortunately 20 minutes into

the match, a truck arrive to tow it away! Three people used to do it all: now Sky TV insists that a dozen should be available, as they operate under very strict time constraints. Despite such a close presence to any match, Dave claims that they were always too preoccupied to actually watch it!

Athletics

D. J. (Dan) Balchin (2004–08) nowadays representing Canterbury and prior to this event always a track or road specialist, won the 26km off-road Three Peaks mountain race (Flagstaff—Swampy—Mt Cargill which starts in Leith Valley and finishes at Chingford) despite the windy conditions which had felled a tree on the access road and almost prevented race officials from arriving at the summit Mt Cargill before the competitors! He came 2nd in the Christchurch 10km event in 30min 21sec, and completed the Gold Coast half marathon and 67mins.

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) was 11th in the Gold Coast half marathon in 66min 15 sec, and 5th in the Launceston (Tasmania) 10km race in 30min 0.3sec.

B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) was 4th in the Edmond Cup race (in 3rd place was present boy D. A. J. (Drew) Cairney who wasn't born when Blair first won the event!), but this placing was sufficient to win the over-35 men's class. He also recorded the 3rd fastest time in the Barnes Cross-Country.

T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) finished 11th overall in the London Marathon in 2hrs 21mins 53sec, which was 4th in the club, charity, and ballot section of the race, which thereby enable the Serpentine Club to win that section. He also completed the British Half Marathon in 67min 46sec, so again the Serpentine Club won the Team race.

R. M. (Ross) Dowland (1968–72) who has lived in Arizona for many years revisited Dunedin recently and was a member of one of Caversham's three master's teams in his first Lovelock Relay race since 1979!

Basketball

The Otago Gold Rush team, coached by T. D. (Todd) Marshall (1978–83) has won the NZ women's Basketball Championship.

Football

T. R. W. (Tom) Connor (2002–06) has been playing for Southern United; J. J. (Josh) Dijkstra (2011–15) has been playing for Waitakere United.

Golf

Former Otago captain C. G. (Corran) Munro (1952–57) a retired dentist, has achieved his aim of shooting under his age 80 times before he turned 80 in July! Despite atrocious conditions recently at Balmacewan, he carded a 7-over-par 78.

Hockey

D. H. (Dean) Williamson (2000–04) was earlier this year presented with a "thank a sportmaker" award, one of ten winners from around the country. He has been president of the Taieri Hockey Club for nearly six years, where he coaches several teams, organises social events, and fits in playing around all that. During this time Taieri has risen from merely one and a half teams each for men and women (which didn't attract much-needed players) to ten teams and a more desirable atmosphere: this had been done by finding the "right" players rather than the "best." He has also started two junior teams after his son discovered that there weren't enough players at his school to field a team. After leaving King's, Dean ceased to be a player for several years, until he was dragged along to Taieri by a flatmate to fill-in for a team! This season he has represented Otago, despite only being player/coach for a lower grade

team. The award was a \$1,000 voucher for Lotto sportswear equipment and clothing, and he beat off 600 other contenders!

Former Otago Cricket Association marketing and events manager A. G. (Andy) McLean (1994–98) has resigned after eleven years, and is now general manager of Otago Hockey. He has previously had a stint on the board of Bowls NZ, and remains on the board of Bowls Otago.

Three southerners were picked for the national under-21 camp held in Hawkes Bay in July: D. Q. (Dylan) Thomas (2012–16), J. T. (Jordan) Ward (2012–16), and M. M. (Malachi) Buschl (2013–17). Thirty young men were selected, to prepare for the Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia in October, and for the test series versus Australia in December.



Ken Isaac (1962–67), Peter Ashton (1962–66), and Alan Isaac (1961–65) after competing at the Grand Masters World Hockey World Cup tournament in Barcelona, June 2018.

They were in the NZ 65s team which came 5th out of 14 teams. The team drew with both finalists, England and Australia, and only lost one match at the tournament.

Ken, Alan and Peter were first in a hockey team together at Macandrew Intermediate in 1960. They all played for the hockey first XI at Kings in the early 1960s. The Kings team at that time won a tournament in Pahiataua in 1964 and we think were runners up in 1965/66 at India Shield level.

58 years on and all three hoping to be in the NZ 70s team in 2020, making it 60 years since starting hockey together.

Ice Hockey

J. R. (Joe) Orr (2010–14) recently played his 100th match for Dunedin Thunder, being the third club member to achieve this milestone, and joining stalwart R. J. (Regan) Wilson (2006–16). Recently the Thunder defeated Queenstown Stampede to win the Toa Kauhanga Riri Toa trophy, the Ranfurly Shield of NZ ice hockey.

Multisport

S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97), a paramedic with St John had always hankered to compete in the Coast to Coast, after competing in a multiple event while at King's. His skills and organisational ability began when he captained the 2nd XV, and subsequently he captained the Otago Surf Lifesaving team before representing Surf Lifesaving NZ. He has gained further experience in management as chairman of the Saddle

Hill Community Board. Last year he decided to compete in this year's two-day event, with the parallel aim of raising awareness of mental health issues and suicide prevention, and was sponsored by Kathmandu.

Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) has returned to the Highlanders following his "sabbatical," seemingly rejuvenated from his time away from the game.

Dunedin Premier Grade club coaches this season were Southern: P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994–95, Staff 2012–15); Dunedin: K. (Kane) Jury (Staff 2016–); Alhambra Union: M. J. (Marty) Gray (Board of Trustees 2007–11; and Zingari Richmond: A. C. (Andrew) Melville (1987–92) and R. S. (Richard) Lindsay (Staff 2001–).

Paul Miller who represented Otago, the Highlanders, and NZ before finishing his rugby career in Japan, is using the skills he developed in his career to his new job as a probation officer with the Department of Corrections. He is a strong believer that sport can teach important positive social and life skills that can help youth to navigate confusing and often challenging times.

Softball

C. P. (Christian) Amos (2010–14), M. J. (Mitchell) Finnie (2010–14) and L. J. (Logan Herbert) (2011–15) were members of the Otago team; Mitchell being selected for the Southern Pride team, which comprised players from around the South Island except from Canterbury which fields its own team.

Surf Lifesaving

Tomahawk beach has been officially "clean" since 2009, when a new sewage outfall pipe from Tahuna was completed, and contamination ceased. Now that usage of the beach has blossomed, and a few scary rescues required, a joint initiative by the St Clair and St Kilda clubs saw beach patrols resuming after an absence of many years, which will be reviewed at the end of the swimming "season."

Touch

The Otago open-mixed team, which included T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–15) reached the final at the national championships held in Auckland earlier this year, but as was the same case as last season, was defeated by Auckland.

Yachting

The Noelex 25 yacht *Simba* skippered (and owned) by P. C. (Phil) Heseltine (1983–87), and crewed by A. J. P. (Aaron) Hawkins (1998–99) and an OBHS teacher and his 15 year old son, won the NZ championships held on Otago harbour earlier this year. The Noelex 25 is a trailer yacht, designed and built in the late 1970s and the early 1980s, capable of handling all seas, but although reasonably popular, production in NZ ceased, and finally also in Australia.

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