



THE KINGSMEN

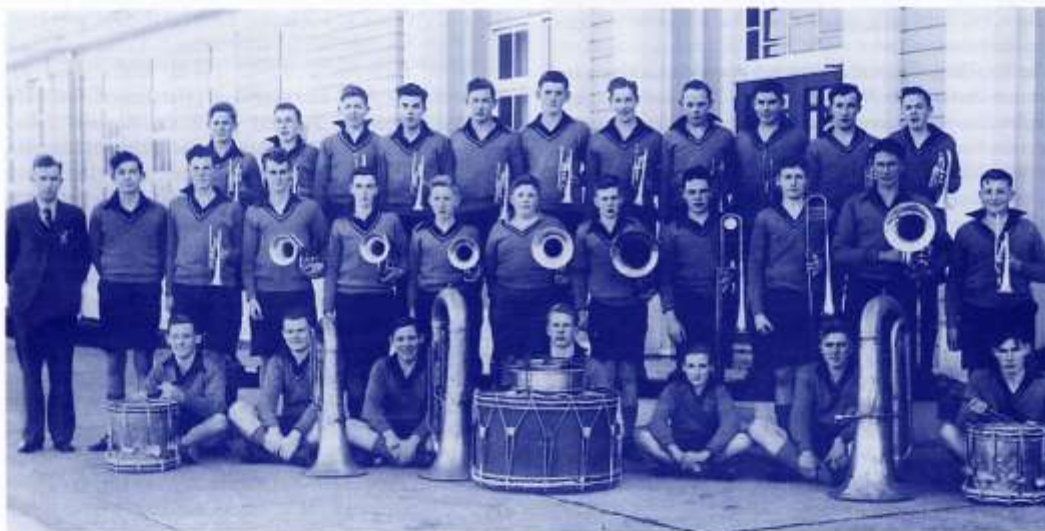
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King's High School Brass Band 1947

Bill Fraser (1946–48) of Wanaka in writing says he was given the task of naming those in the photograph of the School Band which has been done with assistance.

He informed us that three plus the conductor became members of the National Band of New Zealand at some stage;

two were in the St Kilda Band which won the Australasian Championship in 1949, and at least seven played for winning New Zealand bands with at least one going on to the National Orchestra. See the quiz.



Backrow (left to right): Hugh Dickinson, Hugh Butel, Bill Fraser, John Bray, Ross McCrostie, John Mathieson, Dennis Peterson, Evan Browne, Peter Aburn, Arch Scorgie, Kelvyn Johnston.

Middlerow: Norman Thorn (conductor), Harry Hobson, Graham Parker, Arthur Barnes, John McIntosh, Robb Webster, Lindsay O'Hara, Barry Bain, Neil Dixon, Keith Usher, Wattie Edgar, Lex Taylor.

Frontrow: Jack Rutherford, Don Crawford, Ron Ayers, Don Finnie, Hugh Stevenson, Angus Howie, Murdoch Taylor.

Quiz

1. With reference to the article on the 1947 School Brass Band name the 4 who became members of the National Band of New Zealand?
2. Name any others from our bands who became members of a National Band of New Zealand?
3. Name the ex-pupil who died last year and led a barber-shop quartet *Three Dads and a Lad*, which came 2nd in 1963, 1965 and 1967 Mobil Song Quests, on one occasion to Kiri te Kanawa and another to Malvina Major?
4. Who was the pupil of the 1960's who was prominent singing on New Zealand radio and television in the 1970's with songs such as *Star Crossed Lovers*?
5. Who whilst at King's in 1978 won the *Entertainers National Talent Quest* and in 1979 represented the country at the *Singer for Asia* contest coming 3rd?
6. Name the former Head Prefect of the 1980's who has been singing opera and musical theatre throughout the world?

Administration

Office Bearers

Patron:	Lindsay Hocking (1953-58, staff 1986-01)
President:	Warwick Larkins (1960-63, staff 01-)
Vice President:	Ron Paterson (1948-50)
Secretary:	David Horne (1954-58)
Treasurer:	Bob Glass (1948-52)
Registrar:	Hugh Kidd (1950-54)
Committee:	Irvine Duncan (1947-49), John Fitzgibbon (1973-75), Graham Geary (1953-56), Ken Harris (1967-70), Lindsay Hocking (1953-58), Mack Stephens (1952-56) with Darren Elliott (1979-83), Graham Helm (1979-82) and Darren Munro (1979-84), being appointed since the annual meeting.
Auditor:	Brian Cuthbertson (1952-55)

Subcommittees

Newsletter:	Graham Geary (production), Hugh Kidd, Bob Glass (writers)
Annual Dinner:	Warwick Larkins
Jubilee Fund:	Graham Gosney (1950-55), Graham Sinclair (1949-53)

The President this year is recycled Warwick Larkins a well known character in Dunedin, and in New Zealand cricket circles. Last year he received a New Zealand Order of Merit for services to cricket.

Warwick has had an association with King's in various ways over the years being a pupil from 1960-63; joining the Association upon leaving school; serving on the committee before becoming Secretary from 1967-71, and President in 1981-82. After a rest from the executive for 12 years he came back in 1999.

Whilst with the Otago Education Board Warwick acted as Secretary to the School Board on odd occasions, and was the Education Board's representative in 1988 for the last year before Boards of Trustees took effect.

This year he joined King's staff as Assistant Sports Co-ordinator. Shortly after commencing he went into the school library whereupon an academic looking youngster asked if he taught at King's and if so what?

Warwick: "Yes Greek and Czechoslovakian."

Boy: "Do Czechs use the Russian cyrillic alphabet?"

Touché Warwick serves you right!

Subscriptions

These have been at \$15.00 a year since 1995, but members upon payment of \$300 (20 years present subscription), or if aged 60 prior to 1/1/01 \$150 become members for life.

Overseas members please note that New Zealand banks will accept personal cheques drawn upon reputable overseas banks in recognised currencies (say sterling, U.S. dollars, Australian dollars, etc) subject to a period for clearance of cheques.

Old Boys' Tie

The Mark III version tie is available for \$26 delivered within New Zealand. An extra \$10 for sending overseas. It has our shield and motto within two narrow diagonal blue lines on the

dark blue background. Orders and payment to P.O. Box 163, Dunedin.

Old Boys v School

Anyone interested in playing golf or soccer contact Warwick Larkins 454 3902 answer phone available.

New Members

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

R. G. (Ron) Dodds (1952-55) Ontario, Canada, L. R. (Ross) Dodds (1955-59, Staff 1965), Karawara, Western Australia, M. J. (Matthew) Osborne (1973-77) Canberra, R. K. (Ken) Payton (1950-54) Luton, England, P. F. (Peter) Tibbitts (1961-65) Istanbul, Turkey, D. J. (David) Worcester (1966-70) Sussex, England, R. K. (Robert) Worcester (1964-68) Essex, England, B. R. (Brian) Alderson (1967-71) Wellington, K. W. (Kerry) Bain (1951-54) Dunedin, C. D. (Chris) Baker (1967-71) Wellington, B. J. (Brian) Bassett (1949-51) Hamilton, R. H. (Ray) Bell (1939-41) Dunedin, J. C. (John) Butel (1951-55) Bannockburn, N. A. (Norman) Chan (1973-77) Christchurch, G. J. (Gordon) Crombie (1979-81) New Plymouth, W. K. (Wayne) Dixon (1960-64) Riverton, R. D. (Rod) Earland (1944-47) Winton, C. J. (Charles) Edlin (1949-52) Upper Hutt, R. P. (Ross) Edwards (1972-74) Dunedin, D. J. (Darren) Elliott (1979-83) Dunedin, D. A. C. (David) Evans (1964-65) Auckland, R. D. (Ron) Evans (1954-57) Hamilton, G. E. (Geoff) Flockton (1956-61) Tapanui, S. W. R. (Stewart) Gillan (1958-61) Winton, G. G. (Graham) Helm (1979-82) Dunedin, G. M. (Grant) Herbert (1964-66) Auckland, J. R. (Jack) Jarvis (1949-51) North Shore, N. S. (Nicholas) Jones (1972-75) Christchurch, O. W. (Owen) Lattimore (1939-42) Omokoroa, Tauranga, D. W. (David) McFarlane (1948-53), Invercargill, A. N. (Neil) Macgregor (1949-53) Palmerston North, A. M. (Alan) Malcolmson (1971-74) Woodend, North Canterbury, J. G. (John) Mathieson (1944-48) Tauranga, A. I. (Tony) Mearns (1963-67) Gore, L. A. (Les) Milnes (1936-38) Motueka, D. G. (Darren) Munro (1979-84) Dunedin, N. J. (Neville) Newton (1954-58) Tauranga, R. E. (Russell) Nieper (1956-57) Dunedin, R. L. (Ross) Parry (1972-75) Dunedin, G. J. (Garry) Patterson (1969-73) Queenstown, B. G. (Brian) Peplow (1948-52) Napier, E. T. (Eoin) Pope (1950-53) Auckland, I. D. (Ian) Proudfoot (1945-49) Invercargill, N. R. (Nick) Redshaw (1951-54) now Alexandra from Huntly, W. R. S. (Bill) Reeve (1949-53) Dunedin, G. E. (Graeme) Reeves (1961-66) North Shore, G. P. (Geoff) Rodden (1974-78) Dunedin, H. A. (Harry) Russell (1942-45) Waharoa, R. G. (George) Stockwell (1939-43) Tauranga, T. G. (Graeme) Todd (1944-47) Nelson, J. (John) van Heezik (1970-74) Dunedin, M. J. (Mark) Weatherall (1989-93) Dunedin, A. D. (Don) Wilson (1947-49) Huntly.

Honours

Our proud record of featuring on the Honours List was maintained this Queen's birthday with C. H. (Ces) Irwin (1937-40) being made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit for services to education. His career was described in some detail in the previous issue of *The Kingsmen*, but as he said recently, children and their families have "been my life." His involvement with children has included a successful teaching career, advisory roles and a long involvement with health camps, and he was

principal of Dunedin Teachers' College from 1969–83. He has been prominent in Rotary International, is still involved in voluntary work, and serves as a JP.

C. J. S. (Callum) Cormack (1997–2000) an Otago Polytechnic student has been awarded a pre-apprentice engineering scholarship of \$2,500 from engineering industry training organisation, Competenz. These scholarships were introduced last year to encourage young people into the industry, and Callum was the only Otago applicant who displayed the attitude, commitment and willingness to make engineering his career. The scholarship would help towards paying his fees for the six-month course, and towards buying his tools, and Callum hoped to get an apprenticeship in precision engineering at the end of the course.

Olsen's vineyard at Bannockburn, operated by J. B. (John) Olsen (1960–64) won the coveted Mike Wolter Pinot Noir Trophy for the second successive year at the Romeo Bragato wine competition held in Nelson last August. The 1998 Olsen's of Bannockburn Pinot Noir won three awards: The champion pinot noir, best in class, and overall champion red table wine. The viticulturist is his daughter Karen, a science graduate who had previously been a property manager in Sydney!

Cultural Affairs

I. J. (Ian) Farquhar (1945–49) one of the leading maritime authorities in the world, has recently published a third updated and enlarged edition of the *Union Fleet*, a guide to the Union Steam Ship Company of NZ Ltd first published in 1968 and republished in 1976. Founded in Dunedin and backed by Scottish investors, the firm was for 75 years the largest employer in New Zealand other than the government, dominated the coastal and trans-tasman services, and traded to India, the Pacific, and North America. It also moulded fledgling airlines into Union Airways, the principal airline in New Zealand from 1936–47 when it was nationalised by the government. The book contains 350 illustrations, but Ian has more than 49,650 others, of which most are being transferred to the Hocken Library. Currently chairman of Port Otago, and formerly chairman of the Otago Harbour Board, Ian first became interested in ships as a boy, when observing their movement from the family farm at Highcliff, and spent his working life until 1995 with the Tapley Swift Shipping Agency in Dunedin.

The autumn exhibition of the Dunedin Photographic Society featured a veritable who's who from the old King's darkroom—judges included: N. M. (Matheson) Beaumont (1941–44), R. K. (Reg) Graham (1944–48), Staff 1955, 1958–66) and E. A. ("Buster") Sinclair (1947–51). While recipients of awards included: T. (Terry) Maquire (1949–53) with nine acceptances (two champions) and A. J. V. (John) Hart (1952–56) six acceptances (two honours).

John Hart was very pleased when he won four medals at the recent Photographic Society of New Zealand's national competition in Hamilton, for it confirmed that his standards hadn't slipped since 1974, when he won his first gold medal. He won a gold medal in the open slides section, where his slide of a gull skimming a wave about to break was judged champion slide; he won silver in the nature slide category for a slide of a wave pattern, and bronze in the same section for a slide of a mollusca bed; and silver in the open prints category for an

evening landscape at Danseys Pass.

It takes years of involvement and speech-making to gain Toastmasters' highest honour, the Distinguished Toastmasters' Award. Only six of the awards have been granted to Otago toastmasters and Mosgiel man, R. (Richard) Knopp (1946–49) has two of them! A sixteen-year veteran of Toastmasters, Richard completed the assignments for his first award in 1998, and when a new syllabus was introduced in 1999, he decided to work towards a second award. He completed the requirements late last year, and the award was formally presented recently. A founder member of the Taieri club, Richard knows of a North Island member who has just earned his third award, but has decided to quit while he is ahead at this stage!

C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61) has altered the focus of his weekly contribution to the *ODT*, and has branched out into regular radio work—he presents *Sunday Morning with Chris Laidlaw* on National Radio, and it has received favourable comment.

Rev Dr P. E. (Paul) Oestreicher (1945–49) recently made a substantial donation to the Gloag Fitchett Medical Education Trust, which commemorates a young Otago medical couple tragically killed in a collision with a logging truck in Canada. The Trust was created to help students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, or late-entry 'adult' students, upon their entry to medical school. The gift reflects Paul's early religious development in Dunedin, his current concerns about student indebtedness, his late father's contribution to medicine in Dunedin, and their long-standing friendship with the Fitchett and Medicott families who helped establish the Trust.

N. D. (Norman) Sinclair (1964–66) a leading high country watercolour painter, recently held a major exhibition of his painting at the Edgewater Resort in Wanaka. His work is the product of his first-hand experience as a musterer and hunter (who appropriately lives at Omarama: "the place of light,") and a high proportion of his work is by commission, largely for overseas buyers.

G. C. (Grahame) Sydney's (1962–66) "On the Road" exhibition is proving to be very popular since it set off in Hastings a year ago—more than 12,000 viewed it in Christchurch, and it is currently attracting more than 1500 per day in Auckland. Comprising 32 privately owned works and three publicly owned, it will reach Dunedin in January 2002. His book *The Art of Grahame Sydney* is equally popular—it is again out of print, and a third reprint has been ordered—rather a feat for an "art" book which retails at \$99.95?!

M. J. C. (Malcolm) Templeton (1936–40, Staff 1945) continues to publish his latest offering being *A Wise Adventure: New Zealand and Antarctica 1920–1960*. The book details the role played by New Zealand in bringing about the Antarctic Treaty, a unique political agreement which resolved territorial sovereignty and resulted in an international treaty which has lasted 40 years.

Business Sector

D. R. (Ross) Black (1961–65) Otago District Health Board Chairman, has been appointed to a Ministry of Health information technology advisory board to be chaired by David

Caygill. His present health responsibilities include chairmanship of the Health Benefits and Otago Emergency Air Ambulance Trust, directorships of Pharmac and Heart Surgery South Island, and being a trustee of the Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust.

Shifting to new premises in Filleul Street has already paid dividends for Credit Union Otago, having allowed general manager G. W. (Gary) Dalton (1972–76) to provide Dunedin's first drive-through banking facility, and undercover parking in a more central location. It has also helped Credit Union to achieve a 66% increase in the end of year profit, lending increased by 15%, total assets and members' savings increased, and the Lawrence branch continued to grow. Credit Union is preparing to meet any competition from the "People's Bank," and the lifting of restrictions on savings and investments has also been beneficial to the organisation.

P. R. (Paul) Facoory (1965–70) is managing director of Dunedin-based Condensation Control, which has developed a filtration system and ventilating unit which it claims will give it the edge in the campaign against home condensation, and could lead to export markets. A cassette which can fit any ducting system has been developed to filter air before it enters ventilation units, it is easy to use, and it is inexpensive. Development has been helped by an Enterprise Award from Industry NZ and the cassettes would be made by EPI Plastics.

The government has appointed R. (Russell) Hendry (1952–56) as a trustee to the Community Trust of Otago. Currently with St Andrew's Asset Management, he will bring considerable financial and investment-related experiences to the Trust, having held senior positions with National Insurance, Wilson Neill Ltd, and Motor Trade Finance Ltd.

T. M. (Marty) Taiaroa (1976–77) owns the former Otakou fish factory building and had hoped to establish a paua factory. Paua larvae would have been purchased and raised in tanks, and the spas sold after six months, by which time they would have reached 10mm. He and his business partner had also hoped to establish a small aquarium to further attract passing tourists on their way to the Royal Albatross centre. However, a fire swept through the building in March, and plans concerning the venture are in limbo.

Sporting Triumphs

When C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97) ran on to the field at Albany stadium to become the 1000th All Black (and the ninth from King's) T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) was already out there. It was initially thought that this was the first time that two King's men had represented NZ in a rugby test match, but further investigation revealed that this had happened on nine previous occasions: R. H. (Ray) Bell (1939–41) and J. (John) Hotop (1945) appeared twice in 1952, and I. S. T. (Ian) Smith (1955–59) and C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61) appeared seven times in 1964, 1965, and 1966. Carl and Tony have duly repeated the feat twice since. The selectors should realise that NZ has only been defeated on one of these 12 occasions—ironically the first!

Of Greater importance is that Carl became the third King's man to represent NZ that day, for earlier D. C. (Darren) Smith

(1987–91) had played in the hockey test versus India at Dunedin (his 97th test)! A week later, all three again represented NZ, only by then it was Darren's 100th test!!

Prime Minister's Sports Scholarships

Recent recipients included: H. J. (Hayden) Allen (1994–98), M. S. (Matthew) Gillan (1994–98), and K. M. (Kaine) Hokianga (1994–97) basket ball.

Skeggs Foundation

Recent recipients included: B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) golf, B. M. (Ben) Nolan (present boy) rugby, D. J. (Daniel) Ryan (1997) basketball, J. P. (James) Simpson (1994–99) and M. A. J. (Max) Smith (present boy) track and field, and F. (Felix) Dickson (1996–99) surfing.

Athletics

Office bearers of Athletics Otago include: life members R. T. (Ron) Cain (1945–47), J. H. (Jack) Cain (1940–41) and J. L. (Lin) Rayner (1938–41), president P. E. (Paul) Tyson (1968–69), auditor R. S. (Stuart) Melville (1963–67, Board of Governors and Trustees 1988–2001), physiotherapist G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74), cross country committee Ron Cain, and finance committee A. (Alan) Nicholls (1968–71).

James Simpson has been selected for the NZ under 23 team to compete at the inaugural Oceania Cup in Vanuatu in July.

Coach Lin Rayner has had successful results with his athletes through using a computer-based training programme believing in quality rather than quantity when it comes to mileages (kilometrages?). His current protege (should that read prodigy?) Max Smith, the King's sixth former runs only a moderate 80km when building up, reducing to 60km during the speed work phase. Max is one of 12 athletes selected to represent NZ at the World youth championships at Debrecen in Hungary in July, and will compete at two meets in Surfers Paradise en route, and in Bradford, England afterwards. Earlier this year he finished 3rd in the Australian junior championships in Brisbane. The following weekend, at the South Island secondary school championships he broke the senior boys' 1500m record, and later that day won the 2km steeplechase. In this year's Lovelock relay, he anchored the young Ariki team of 6 (average age 19!) which won the Senior A title—despite being unchallenged he recorded the fastest time. Team mates included: T. M. (Tim) Dobier (1993–98) and P. E. (Eddie) Smith (1993–97).

Eddie Smith won the Otago triathlon around Macandrew Bay in March, and when visiting Queenstown a fortnight later he discovered that he only had \$5 in his pocket, so he entered the steep Fernhill uphill Dash for Cash event, and ran off with \$500! Another fortnight later he won the duathlon at the NZ university games.

Basketball

Basketball Otago office bearers include: president J. D. (John) Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–), vice president Noel Baird (vice chairman, Board of Trustees), G. A. J. (Gary) Smith (1973–77), T. D. (Todd) Marshall (1978–83), and S. R. (Simon) Clarke (1986–91)—five of the nine on the Board! John is also on the board of Basketball South (i.e., South Canterbury and southwards) and on the Basketball NZ executive.

Half of a very young Otago Nuggets team (average age less than

21) are from King's: Hayden Allen, Matthew Gillan, Kaine Hokianga, Daniel Ryan, T. P. (Tim) Gillan (1998–2000) and M. E. (Mark) Mullany (1994–95).

Bowls

Dunedin won the title (again!) at the national intercentre bowls final held in Palmerston North in March. K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) was (again!) a member of the team.

Cricket

N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) and his brother B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) were selected to attend the NZ Cricket Academy.

The North East Valley C. C. represented the Otago-Southland region at the Sovereign National One-Day Cricket club championship in Auckland, captained by J. B. (Jamie) Brundell (1987–91). The leading wicket taker in the Dunedin senior cricket competition (56 wickets at 13.2 runs), he was subsequently awarded the John Heslop Trophy for being club bowler of the year.

Cross Country

B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) now based in Sydney, spearheaded a creditable team performance by NZ at the World cross country championships in ankle-deep slush at Belgium. He finished 36th (49 seconds behind the Kenyan winner) and the team exceeded expectations by finishing ninth.

Cycling

At the national cycling championships at Mosgiel in March, D. C. (David) Stott (1964–68) was third in the Veterans 500m scratch (category 2).

G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–88) who is riding for Landbouwkredit-Colnago, the Belgian second division team, is the most successful neo-professional rider in Europe this year, having finished in the top 10 on 10 occasions. He won the Archer Grand Prix in a 99-rider field in England in April, as a result of which he featured on the cover of Britain's weekly cycling magazine. Since then he came 2nd in the 191km BrusselsIngioham race, and his next big goal is to ride in the Tour de France either next year or the year after. He is returning to NZ to ride in the Kelvin Hastie Memorial race in October, has agreed to join Scott Guyton's team for the Tour of Southland, and hopes to ride for Otago in the road in New Plymouth in October. He would also like to race on the Seddon Park velodrome at Mosgiel.

Golf

The Australasian P. G. A. Development Tour event was staged at the Chisholm Park Links in March, the first 72 hole professional event in Dunedin in more than 20 years and featuring a field of 155. M. (Mack) Stephens (1952–56) president of the Chisholm Park club and elegant in a light blue blazer was seen on TV presenting the prizes.

Brent McEwan won the senior title at the South Island tournament at Timaru in June.

Hockey

Darren Smith recently played his 100th test match for NZ.

S. (Simon) Nyhof (Staff 1981) and D. E. (David) Ross (Staff

1984–) have been selected for the NZ over 40 team to compete in the International Pacific Rim tournament at Singapore, while A. R. (Alan) Isaac (1961–65) of Hamilton, and his brother K. C. (Ken) Isaac (1962–67) of Nelson have been selected for the NZ over 50 team to go to Singapore.

P. W. (Peter) Ashton (1962–66) actually played for Canterbury at the National Masters' Hockey tournament, after so many years of playing against them!

Kayaking

D. M. (Darryl) Fairbairn (1985–89) won the second race of the 2001 Flatwater Kayaking series over a 12km course at Careys Bay in June.

Rugby

Tony Brown has now scored 156 points for NZ in test matches.

A. J. (Ashley) Barron (1992–96) is representing Southland this year.

J. M. (Jim) Brown (1954–56) was elected a life member for the Central Otago Rugby Sub-Union.

Scrabble

K. M. (Kendall) Boyd (1981–85) has been selected to represent NZ at the World championships at Las Vegas in December.

Soccer

M. J. (Mike) Abbott (1994–98), D. R. (Daniel) Almond (1994–97), A. J. (Andy) Coburn (1993–97), R. D. (Rod) Fleming (1983–87), and B. E. (Bradley) Scott (1993–97) are in the Caversham Chatham Cup squad.

Surfing

Kneeboarder G. S. (Greg) Bell (1985–87) is in the NZ squad for the 2002 ISA World games at Durban, South Africa.

D. J. (Danny) Carse (1997–98) a lifeguard at Moana Pool and the medic for the King's 1st XV and the Otago under 16 XV, represented NZ at the indigenous surfing championships at Tonga in April. He also won the open men and the under 18 titles at the Kaikoura Cold Water surf classic. He is also in the NZ under 18 team to contest the Quicksilver World junior championships at Sydney in July.

Surf Lifesaving

M. J. (Mark) Weatherall (1988–93) and S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97) representing Brighton collected Otago's first premier medal for 10 years when they won silver in the premier men's single rescue event. K. J. (Kieran) More (1993–98) and partner representing St Clair won bronze in the senior men's single rescue event.

PUBLICATION DATES

We aim to post the next "Kingsmen" in November. Any articles or notes should be received by the last days of October.

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OVER THE YEARS

The school roll reached 339 in 1945 and increased a further 20 the next year but slipped back to 331 in 1948. These numbers reflected the low birthrate of the Great Depression.

The Association over these years endeavoured to hold more functions with reunions (called smoke concerts!), dances, and the combined Ball with O.B.H.S. and O.G.H.S. ex-pupils. A photographic record of Old Boys who had served during the war years was instituted and many members will recall them in the Assembly Hall.

We received a letter from Graham Valentine regarding "Over the Years" in the March *Kingsmen* with reference to the statement that it was resolved that no functions should take place during the war period. Graham was officially Secretary in 1944 and President in 1945 and he recalled the School magazine being mailed to Old Boys on the register. The magazine had an Old Boys' section at the back.

The first minute book still exists and from that and other material held it appears whoever was available was enlisted for compiling and distributing the magazine, plus a newsletter for those in the Services. Some of these newsletters included passages from letters received from overseas.

Where Members are

Current members who commenced in the years 1946-48 are as follows:

1946

Peter Aburn (Dunedin), Jim Clayton (Dunedin), Bill Duff (Hastings), Colin Fleury (Paraparaumu), Bill Fraser (Wanaka), Phil George (Dunedin), John Hair (Christchurch), Lawrie Kenworthy (Christchurch), Alastair McInnes (Dunedin), Jim McPhail (Christchurch), Bruce Stewart (Thames), Alan Todd (Wellington), Jim Treloar (Christchurch). In 1947 they were joined by George Tofield (Dunedin) in the 4th Form.

1947

Irvine Duncan (Dunedin), Alby Gascoigne (Dunedin), Keith Harman (Tauranga), John Howorth (Waitotara via Wanganui), Martin McClatchy (North Shore), Bob Mitchell (Dunedin), Lindsay O'Hara (Christchurch), Eric Richardson (Christchurch), Norman Ritchie (Christchurch), Ian Robertson (Otago Peninsula), Jack Ross (Ashburton), Eric (Buster) Sinclair (Dunedin), Doug Williams (Otago Peninsula), Don Wilson (Huntly). In 1948 they were joined by Fred Hirsh (Wellington) in the 4th Form.

1948

Alex Armstrong (Dunedin), Doug Brown (North Shore), Jim Bruce-Smith (West Melton, Canterbury), Peter Crawford (Wellington), Geoff Crooks (Dunedin), Bob Glass (Dunedin), Brian Hall (Invercargill), Neil Harraway (Dunedin), Neville Hay (Dunedin), Rodger Hilliker (Temuka), Keith Jeffery (Dunedin), Dave Johnston (Taieri), John Jones (Dunedin), Merv King (Stewart Island), Ewen Kirk (Dunedin), Dave Long

(Christchurch), Dave McFarlane (Invercargill), Ron Paterson (Otago Peninsula), Brian Peploe (Napier), Ray Robinson (Cromwell), Doug Ruhen (Auckland), Neil Thompson (Mosgiel), Tony Woodbury (Wanganui).

You may note names of some you think should or could be members. Perhaps they have never been approached, or just not got around to joining. It is never too late as many have proved to us over the last few years. If you think of some please let us know (Box 163, Dunedin) even if you do not have an address. As well as our sending an invitation to join along with a *Kingsmen* a personal contact from a friend or relation may be all that is required.

One of the Originals Returns

The Rector Lindsay Hocking supplied the following, which has also appeared in the School's weekly *Kings Week*.

On Tuesday 5th June King's was favoured by a visit from its first dux. Those who are familiar with the brass plaque in the foyer will see the name G. C. Lyon 1936 at the top. He still proudly displayed his medal in the original box.

As a first day student at King's George Lyon was a student similar to many other typical King's boys of the last 65 years. Although dux in 1936 it was necessary for him to leave school during 1937 and go to work at the National Bank.

This was the immediate aftermath of the Great Depression when it was difficult for families to manage.

The outbreak of World War II saw George as an 18 year old enlist for service. He was accepted into the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy, which meant he became a pilot flying off aircraft carriers.

He spent 2½ years in this hazardous occupation as Commanding Officer of a four aircraft unit flying from the smallest aircraft carrier "McKendrick."

Mr Lyon recounted with amusement the occasion of his 98th carrier landing. This was three short of the number required for the presentation of a large disc for 100 landings without incident or accident.

At 4am on a dark morning on a heaving small carrier Mr Lyon's plane landed and broke in two. His half aircraft carried on to the runway end, the navigators half remained at the other end of the flight deck. The navigator when asked if he was injured replied indignantly that he expected to travel the whole distance with the pilot in future!

After 6½ years of service in warfare Mr Lyon holds the view that it is not glamorous, but is a waste of human life and resources.

On his return to New Zealand George Lyon began a mining course at Otago University finishing with a degree in metallurgical engineering and the prestigious Duffus-Lubcki Research Scholarship.

After 30 years employment in the Australian mining industry he returned to farming near Tauranga, specialising in Piedmontese cattle and Texel sheep. Nowadays he is retired near Tauranga and visited his old school on his journey south accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Although the original buildings may be all gone this sprightly 81 year old recalled his school days with remarkable clarity. We trust he is spared to revisit us in the future.

THE SCHOOL

Buildings

Some have expressed that the old buildings had deteriorated and the new facilities are superior to what they had. However, they feel with nostalgia that something has been lost for them.

Not all has been lost as King's being proud of its heritage was determined to preserve some of the attractive aspects of the previous foyer. As mentioned in previous issues some Old Boys helped in recycling.

Neil Andrews the Head of Technology at the school has supplied us with the following information.

When the decision was made to demolish the old existing administration building, it was important that some of our old school was transferred into the new administration building and this was allowed for in the building contract.

However, it became clear to me that the demolition contractors had no intention of saving the timber. So we removed all the heart Rimu panelling from the foyer and stripped off the years of varnish. I salvaged Heart Rimu from the floor joists from below the staffroom and made the entrance doors and frames.

We reused all the available panelling on the sides of the stairs and a feature wall inside the foyer facing the entrance doors. We also reused the original newel post and hand rail.

So, although it is a new building, part of your history is now proudly standing in the foyer of the new administration block.

Quiz Answers

1. Neil Dixon and Bill Fraser were members of the 1953 Band, which played by Command of the Queen at Buckingham Palace Garden Party; played on the Coronation Route, and won both the Belle Vue British Open Championship and the Scottish Championship. Barry Bain 1962 and 1978 Bands. Norman Thorn the conductor was the Musical Director in 1965. Hugh Dickinson and Bill Fraser were in the St Kilda Australasian Champion Band of 1949, and Neil Dixon became a professional musician with the New Zealand National Orchestra and has not long retired from that.
2. Les Green (1951-54, Bandmaster 1961-62) in 1965, 1976, 1980 and 1989. Frank Kerr (1961-65) in 1970 and 1980. Errol Moore (1965-69) in 1976 and 1995. Alan Brieseman (Bandmaster 1962-82) was also in National Bands.
3. Les Bonar (1946-51) Russ Gillions (1947-49) was also in the quartet.
4. Craig Scott (1963-66) who is still heard on Radio Dunedin at times.
5. Derek Metzger (1975-79) who has since performed in musicals and theatre throughout the world and moved to Australia in the mid 1990's to live.
6. Chris Fennessy (1984-88). He has appeared in 1400 performances of *Les Miserables* throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and South Africa.

Sports Programme

Alterations have been made to the programme advised in the March issue. Due to the crowded timetable in May the winter interschool with Shirley Boys in Dunedin has now been set for 7th August. Snow caused the postponement of the interschool with Otago Boys at Littlebourne, which will now be held on the 29th August.

Trapshooting is a sport not participated in schools in your day, but a team is scheduled to go to Hamilton in September.

Cricket

The 2000 School magazine stated that 160 was scored in an interschool game, which we repeated in the March *Kingsmen*. We have since been informed that it was a club game. Historians and whoever may write in the future (for the 75th?) please note that Gerry Steart's 156 in 1954 stands to date in Interschools.

Attention all Dunedin Old Boys

Are there any of you out there who have a particular interest or following in any one sport or activity and would be prepared to look at intermediate level competition and identify talent, which could then be approached and recruited for the school? Please phone Warwick Larkins on 454 3902.

Obituaries

- D. T. J. (David) Brunton (1953-57) died at Adelaide, Australia 19/2/01
- B. R. (Brian) Mackle (1962-63) of Nelson Bay, N.S.W., died at Newcastle, Australia 20/2/01
- A. H. (Athol) Kinraid (1936) of Merton, died at Dunedin 4/3/01
- A. R. (Arthur) Rockliff (1951-54) of Ravensbourne, died at Dunedin 10/3/01
- G. R. (Geoff) Anderson (1937-39) died at Christchurch 2/4/01
- A. R. (Alan) Campbell (1967-69) died at Christchurch 6/4/01
- C. S. (Cam) Smith (1995-98) of Shag Valley, killed near Dunback 7/4/01
- F. W. (Frank) Wilson (1937) died at Dunedin 7/4/01
- R. D. (Rob) Paul (1959-60) died at Auckland 8/4/01
- J. (John) Reid (1936) died at Dunedin 8/4/01
- C. G. (Cliff) Gray (1939-42) died at Dunedin 9/4/01
- I. G. (Ian) Bassett (1952-56, Bandmaster 1960) died at Waikanae Beach 11/4/01
- H. H. (Harvey) Jarratt (1936-38) died at Christchurch 12/4/01
- R. D. (David) Orr (1948-50) died at Dunedin 13/4/01
- P. J. (Paul) Gibbons (1974-77) died at Dunedin 20/4/01
- K. W. (Kevin) Reeves (1990-93) died at Dunedin 21/4/01
- M. R. (Murray) Earnshaw (1946-47) died at Dunedin 22/4/01
- T. R. (Ray, "Curly") Richards (Staff 1936-51) died at Christchurch 22/4/01
- G. H. (Garth) Latta (1943-44) died at Woodend, North Canterbury
- J. M. (John) Nicolson (1936-38) died at Dunedin 30/4/01
- A. R. (Alexander) Napier (1959-60) of Balclutha, died at Waiwera 16/5/01
- G. R. ("Pat") Reid (1952-53) died at Wanganui 29/5/01
- E. G. R. (Eric) Black (1936-41) died at Dunedin 14/6/01

Bits and Pieces

R. M. (Ross) James (1970-72) enlisted in the NZ Army as a Regular Force Cadet in the trade of carpenter and joiner. On completion of his apprenticeship, he then enrolled for and completed an infantry corps training course and became an instructor. As he was promoted through the NCO ranks, he served in Christchurch, Fort Cautley (Auckland), Singapore, Waiouru, Papakura, Christchurch, and Burnham. By now he was a WO1 serving as an RSM, and it was in this capacity that he served with the NZ Contingent Multi-National Force and Observers in the Sinai Peninsula, then it was back to Waiouru and later Burnham as an RSM with the 3rd Land Force Group. He was recently commissioned as a Lieutenant. During his career he has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (1988), the NZ General Service Medal (1992), and the Meritorious Service Medal (1997).

R. A. (Robin) Crimp (1945-49) chairman of the Hawea Community Association told the Wanaka Community Board last year that the water supply from Lake Hawea was "gin-clear and exportable" and did not need chlorinating. He claimed that turbidity is a sterile medium and not a contaminant and that Lake Hawea was so deep it was a natural filter!

N. D. (Don) Campbell (1964-68) has moved from Whangarei to Greymouth to be chief executive officer of Tai Poutini Polytechnic.

L. R. (Russell) Ballantyne (1974-78) is teaching services manager for the Dunedin Kindergarten Association, which establishes, manages, and controls 22 kindergartens throughout the greater Dunedin area.

When B. J. (Brent) Murphy (1991-94) left school, he planned to head for the skies, but after missing selection for the air force he chose the navy, and is now Leading Electronics Technician responsible for the weaponry on board HMNZS "Te Mana." His role is to ensure that the ship's missiles and 50-calibre machine guns are maintained in top working order. So far he has served in the Persian gulf, the Southern Ocean, and several times off Australia.

Dr W. R. J. (Robert) Alexander (1968-72) felt it necessary to request that Mr Prebble be restrained when he reacted violently to a submission, which he (Robert) was presenting to the Maori Affairs select committee in December. Robert, a former Dux of King's, is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Otago, from which he has graduated BA Honours in mathematics, B.Com in economics, and Ph.D in economics. The submission was critical of the statistical basis for a government report.

T. E. (Trevor) Reeves (1954-57) is turning out to be a constant scourge for the Clutha District Council. He was critical of them for permitting the erection of a crib on Waipori cemetery, and also of the mayor for sawing down some protected trees on a public reserve. For the latter offence, the Council subsequently fined itself a nominal amount!

Sir Frank (1937-41) and Lady Holmes are patrons of "Keep Hutt City Beautiful."

G. A. H. (Hugh) Kidd (1950-54) who was with the Geography Department of the University of Otago for many years is President of the New Zealand Map Society. His letter to the *Otago Daily Times* asking several questions concerning the fate of some Otago and Southland records held by Land Information NZ and the contemplated storage in Christchurch brought forth one of the longest replies seen for a while, from letters to the editor, from regional manager P. O. (Philip) Keene (1964-68).

NEW RECTOR

As we go to press, it has been announced that C. J. (Colin) Donald deputy-rector at Christchurch Boys' High School for the past six years, has been appointed seventh Rector of King's High School, replacing L. J. (Lindsay) Hocking (1953-58), Staff 1986-1997, Rector 1997-2001) who will retire on July 31. Mr Donald has a masters' degree in education studies, a diploma in education management, and a diploma in physical education. He is expected to take up the position at the end of August.



Farewell Function for retirement of the 6th Rector Lindsay Hocking (1953-58).

An open invitation is extended to all Old Boys to attend this function in the King's High School Library on Friday 27th July from 4pm to 7pm with a presentation at 5.30pm.