



THE KINGSMEN

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Activities Around the Country

North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

1. *This area appears to be the most active and Grahame Howley and John Somerville have supplied reports.*

The North Shore/Hibiscus Coast Branch held a luncheon meeting on Thursday 14 April, our first meeting for 2011. Twenty-five members attended while 22 apologies were received, two on the day due to unexpected illness. We had pleasure in welcoming Colin Angus (5F 1953–55), Wellington member, who was visiting with Peter Holst (1951–55).

The function was again held at The Bays Club on a fine autumn day overlooking the Waitemata Harbour and Browns Bay beach. There was much convivial conversation around the table and members are looking forward to a continuation of such functions.

We are considering holding the next luncheon late July or early August, to which members' wives and partners will be invited. Also as some members who have attended in

the past cannot attend lunches, we are contemplating an evening function.

Photos attached by courtesy of John Somerville.



John and Grahame showing the flags and awaiting the arrival of Old Boys. The Highlanders were doing well at that item so were given top billing!



Grahame explaining to our two originals Gordon Brent and Jack Kempthorne (nearest Grahame) "Yes, you do get the choice of 5 mains as well as entree and dessert all for \$15."

At that stage about half the number had arrived and they are front row from left Brian Norton (1962–67), Arthur Beaman (1957–59), Eric Munro (1943–45), Ross Hore (1960–63), Martin McClatchy (1947–50), Crawford Shaw (1946–50) who sadly died since then, Ken Wooton (1944–45) back to the camera talking to Arthur Howard (4F 1955–58). In the background are three who were in the Upper Sixth (old term) in 1955, Peter Holst (1951–55) and on his right Colin Angus (1953–55) with the arm of Ken Graham (1950–55) being captured by the camera.



King's High School Charitable Trust

Please do not forget this appeal launched last year at the time of the 75th Reunion.

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See inside for a report from committee.

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Dunedin

1. *Annual Dinner*

Details of the Annual Dinner to be held Thursday 18th August 2011 are on the separate insert page. It will be different this year in that those to be inducted into the “Wall of Fame” will be named and presented at the school that day. They will also speak at our dinner that night. As has been advised before, the emphasis is to today’s boys that King’s boys have been exceptional achievers, and so they can be with effort and work.

2. *Lawn Bowls (see pic below)*

The annual bowls match with OBHS Old Boys was held on the 6th April with twenty-eight players each side in teams of four. Another good effort by Noel Hudson (1943–47) and company to organise this event. Noel also sadly died since. We won by 9.5 to 6.5 which is the seventh consecutive year. Our teams were as follows:

1. John Padgett (1948–49), Alan W. Stevens (1947–49),

Don Reid (1952–53), Owen Ockwell (1946–47).

2. Alan Reid (1960–62), Rex Smith (1944–45), Peter Culling (1971–74), Brian Schofield (1951–54).
3. Guy Robinson (1959–60), Tim Townsley (1961), Alan Bremner (1951–54), Ron McLean (1948).
4. Noel Gillan (1943–63), Ian McNeil (1948–53), Warwick Larkins (1960–63), Gordon Cathro (1945–47).
5. Ken Walker (1960–63), John Ewart (1953–56), Kerry Bain (1951–54), Dan McGregor (1995–98).
6. Grant Stumbles (1981–83), Cyril Torrance (1970–71), Jim Darling (1949–51), Bryan Marshall (1976–80).
7. Charlie Burrell (1949–53), Jim King (1948–49), Russell Smith (1957–59), Gerry Oliphant (1954–57).
8. Jim Johnstone (1947), Mark Vial (1958–62), Neville Mercer (1951–52), Bill McClenaghan (1948).

3. *Interschool Function*

The Otago Boys’ High School Foundation arranged a function in the Otago Lounge, at Carisbrook on the date of the Interschool v Kings to which King’s Old Boys were invited. This game was the curtain-raiser to the Otago/North Harbour ITM Cup match, on the 14th July. In between those games there was a dinner with Laurie Mains (1960–64) as guest speaker.



Christchurch

1. Murray Dunbar is out of that city whilst his house is repaired, but hopes to arrange a function upon his return.

2. *Contacts*

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Nelson

1. *Contacts*

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Wellington

1. A dinner is usually arranged along with their Annual Meeting in November each year.

2. *Contacts*

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Administration

Office bearers

Patron: Dan Reddiex (2008–)
President: Doug Jackson (1960–62)
Vice President: Warwick Larkins (1960–63)
Secretary: David Horne (1954–58)
Treasurer: Bob Glass (1948–52)
Registrar: Hugh Kidd (1950–54)
Committee: Graham Dalton (1945–48)
Irvine Duncan (1947–49)
John Fitzgibbon (1973–75)
Chris George (1978–82)
George Munro (Staff 1994–2004)
Neil Seaton (1978–81)
Mack Stephens (1952–56)
Auditor: Colin Nicholls (1955–59)

Newsletter Sub-committee: Bob Glass, Hugh Kidd
with contributions from
Warwick Larkins

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 last 1st January 2011 \$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. This information is on the subscription invoice. 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. Below can confuse.

Ties, Badge and Reunion DVD's

Any orders by Association members should also be forwarded and paid as above.

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

A lapel badge is also for sale at \$7 delivered within New Zealand and \$9 delivered overseas. This badge is silver coloured with the face of a lion, and is not the Arms and Motto as granted and given to the school for the Silver Jubilee in 1961. It is the Crest to be used as a badge which was presented to the school for the Golden Jubilee in 1986.

There are a few DVD's of the 75th Reunion available to those who paid registrations for \$10 postage paid, and others \$20.

Acknowledgement

We wish to thank those who have supplied information for the *Kingsmen* and Hugh Kidd, who compiles the Honours, Cultural, Business, Sports, Bits and Pieces and Obituaries sections thanks especially Jack Rutherford, Hec Browett, and Lin Phelan for their help.

Hugh and Bob Glass collect information from publications and media, mainly the *Otago Daily Times*, but would appreciate help especially from outside Dunedin.

“Wi Kingi”

The school has produced various newsletters over the years with the first being called *Wi Kingi*. If anyone has issues they do not want would you please forward to us at Box 163, Dunedin. Photocopies would suffice.

Membership

We wish to welcome the following who have joined the association since, the 31 May last year.

The numbers at the 30/6/11 were 968 with an influx due to the 75th Reunion.

An aging membership, and some unfortunately letting their subscriptions lapse, despite many reminders, means we have to encourage others to join. We request everyone to do that.

F. N. (Fraser) Bourke (1952–56) New South Wales, G. J. (Graham) Goodman (1950–54) New South Wales, P. J. (Peter) Hannah (1960–64) New South Wales, D. H. (Denys) Harraway (1946–50) Victoria, R. S. (Russell) King (1953–57) Victoria, J. C. (John) Larking (1953–56) Victoria, T. C. (Craig) Lukeman (1954–58) Victoria, B. H. (Brian) McGrath (1949–52) USA, A. N. (Alex) Miller (1953–55) Queensland, S. S. (Syd) Morete (1960–64) Western Australia, A. J. (John) Simmers (1962–66) France, K. (Kelly) Thambimuthu (1968—International student) Queensland, B. J. (Brent) Torrance (1955–58) Queensland, D. H. (David) White (1954–58) New South Wales, T. D. (Tony) Allison (1990–94) Dunedin, A. M. (Tony) Bell (1956–57) Hamilton, B. J. K. (Brian) Broadley (1952–53) Cromwell, R. L. (Bob) Bryant (1959–63) Dunedin, S. A. (Stewart) Cameron (1961–64) Kumeu, A. J. (John) Campbell (1952–56) Dunedin, D. J. (David) Christian (1952–57) Auckland, W. F. (Bill) Clapperton (1956–59) Alexandra, M. J. (Murray) Clark (1954–57) Auckland, C. J. (Colin) Clarke (1954–57) Dunedin, P. F. (Peter) Cosgrove (1970–75) Wellington, J. (John) Cunningham (1945–47) Dunedin, A. P. (Alan) Dow (1949–51) Mosgiel, J. C. (John) Elliott (1954–56) Wanganui, D. W. (Digby) Flockton (1955–59) Taieri, W. J. (Willi) Flockton (1995–98) Auckland?, R. M. (Rex) Gardiner (1948–50) Christchurch, M. J. (Murray) Gibbs (1952–56) Invercargill, W. L. (Llew) Gwynne (1952–56) Invercargill, P. J. (Peter) Hansen (1980–84) Christchurch, A. J. V. Hart (1953–56) Dunedin, B. H. (Brian) Hastie (1953–55) Dunedin, C. S. (Chris) Hyndman (5F 1967–71) Dunedin, J. W. (Jim) Isaac (1959–62) Auckland, C. A. (Colin) Jack (1952–54) Hampden, N. P. (Nathan) King (1996–2000) Dunedin, P. A. (Paul) Knox (1966–71) Dunedin, C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61) Wellington, J. C. (John) Law (1952–55) Napier, N. H. (Norman) Lust (1936) Lower Hutt, B. W. (Bruce) Lumb (1953–56) Dunedin, I. H. A. (Ian) Macandrew (1953–57) Auckland, G. B. (Graeme) Magorian (1973–77) Taieri, R. E. B. (Ross) Mains (1979–83) Christchurch, A. R. (Alex) Martin (1956–59) Wellington, A. S. (Anthony) Martin (1982–86) Christchurch, R. G. (Robert) Martin (1952–53) Hamilton, W. T. (Wayne) McCausland (1956–59) Nelson, M. J. (Malcolm) McGoun (1963–67) Wellington, J. T. (Jim) McKinlay (1956–60, staff 1968–73) Clyde, J. C. W. (John) Moyle (1984–88) Dunedin, J. M. (John) Nimmo (1953–58) Waikanae, E. E. (Eddie) O'Brien (1956–57) Mosgiel, G. T. (Garry) Palenski (1954–55) Papamoa Beach, L. J. (Lindsay) Patrick (1968–72) Dunedin, M. I. (Murray) Patterson (1970–74) Owaka, D. G. (Dave) Paulin (1945–46) Dunedin, W. K. (Keith) Pitcaithly (1954–58) Dunedin, T. E. (Trevor) Reeves (1954–57) Dunedin, J. C. (John) Robilliard (1959–62) Dunedin, E. K. (Errol) Robinson (1962–67) Te Awamutu, J. J. (Jim) Saunders (1955–56) Te Awamutu, K. W. (Keith) Soper (1971–75) Dunedin, R. D. (Russell) Standage (1960–65) Christchurch, P. Q. (Peter) Stark (1952–55) Invercargill, S. J. (Stephen) Stiles (1955–56) Dunedin, D. W. (David) Stringer (1968–73) Queenstown, D. J. (David) Strong (1956–59) Whangaparaoa, G. (Geoff) Tait (1954–57) Christchurch, R. J. (Ralph) Tait (1951–54) Kumeu,

M.A. (Michael) Thompson (1969–73) Wellington, J.L. (Laurie) Thomson (1939–43) Wanaka, I. T. (Ian) Tolerton (1963–65) Nelson, G. D. (Graham) Wall (1958–60) Invercargill, R. S. (Russell) Wall (1959–64) Dunedin, R. A. (Roy) Wassell (1956–57) Dunedin, G. C. (Graeme) Waters (1962–66) Wellington, G. A. (Grant) Woolford (1983–86) Dunedin, A. W. (Alasdair) Wright (1973–76) Christchurch, M. N. (Mark) Young (1983–87) Christchurch, R. (Rhonda) Martin (Associate) Dunedin, P. (Patricia) Pearce (Associate) Palmerston North.

Charitable Trust

It is now almost a year since the King's High School Trust was established. It came about as an initiative of the 1959 cohort at the time of their 50th reunion and was officially launched at the school's 75th reunion last October.

To date the Trust has received over \$70,000 in donations from Old Boys of all generations—a good start but

We are at a stage now when contact is being made with specific year groups by one of their contemporaries. This is a huge job which our administrator, Bob Bryant, is coordinating and which we hope may encourage more of you to donate.

There was a massive amount of goodwill for the school on display at the 75th and a lot of positivity expressed about the Trust but, to be frank, the response some nine months later has not reflected that. We are hopeful that this new strategy

may open a few more pockets which, at this stage, appear to be blocked by a little gorse!

If you haven't as yet made a donation to the Trust please consider doing so now. We would welcome donations of any size and by any means. Donations do not have to be of cash although you can claim against your tax if that is what you prefer to do. One recent donor is directing his 'super' payments to the Trust, another is planning a bequest.

The Trust is one avenue through which we can show tangible support for our old school as it continues to prepare the young men of South Dunedin for their and their nation's future. Please give it your support.

Ian Simpson

Over the Years

We wish to thank those who helped with identification of boys in the 1955 and 1956 photos shown in our March 2011 issue. All classes have been named except there are slight differences of opinion with three in 1955 3C, and we still have not obtained a photo of 1955 3D, but one may not have been taken.

A further thanks to the two who sent us 1956 Form 3A photographs which appear here.

1957 Third forms have been named except one in the centre of the back row of Form 3A.

1956 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



3A Form Photo

Back Row: Stuart Jones, Ron Wilson, Malcolm Baker, Brian, Boomer, Colin Callaghan, Geof Tyrrell, Keith Campbell, Gavin Buckmaster, Jim McKinlay, Bill Little
Third Row: Geoff Murray, Bernard Woolford, John Roche, Peter Young, Allan Thomas, Murray Hastie, Doug Park, Bill McCarthy, Keith Towns
Second Row: Lindsay Amies, Ian Henderson, Hamish Scott, Hugh Foster, Graeme Wright, Athol Hedges, Mr Jim McCready
Front Row: Gerald Blackie, Steven Tait, David Strong
 All present and named.

1957 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



3L Form Photo

- Back Row:* Neville Goodman, Warren Coombes, Ian McLean, Les Jordan, Bill Spiers, Doug Wethey, Ronald Julius, Warren Douglas, David Butel, Ian Clark
- Second Row:* Mr Laurie Davies, Ken Wilson-Pyne, John Barton, Ledley Cleland, Gerald Duff, Brian Dey, Bill Harper, Michael Hyndman, David Winefield, Ian Burrow, John Bell
- Front Row:* Graeme Lawrence, John Churchman, Darrell Robinson, Graeme Lyon, Michael Andrewes, Peter Williams, David Reid, Conway Stewart, Murray Facer, Alan Dixon, Bill Evans
- On roll but not in photo: Johnathan Amies, Colin Beatson, John Ellenden, Russell Purvis, Richard Shorter



3A Form Photo

- Back Row:* Colin McKenzie, David Stevenson, David Carrigan, Neville Kennedy, Russell Coker, ????, Russell Reid, Ken McGrath, Martin Woodhall, Russell Lippert, Kenny Young
- Second Row:* Mr Neil Howard, Jeff Fountain, Gerald Giles, John Cooper, Michael Lindroos, Don McKechnie, Tom Anison, Alan Standing, Peter King, Bevan Moor, Alan Dale, Antony Widdowson
- Front Row:* Neil Armstrong, Les Gibson, Brendon Neilson, Warren Mason, Nairn Fraser, Russell Elmes, Chris Laidlaw, Graeme Logan, Les Waugh, Tom Harper, Russell Grant
- On roll but not in photo: Graham McHardy, Julius Shuba



3B Form Photo

- Back Row:* Ken James, Ray Tollerton, Kevin St John, Kelvin Chivers, Keith Wallace, Keith Anderson, Jim Irvine, Barry Mabin, Barry Milburn, Geof Leedon
- Second Row:* Mr Alister Price, Rodney Routledge, Michael Brown, Desmond Botting, Tim Lusk, Richard Johnstone, Graeme Skelton, Brendon Wilson, John Graham, Alan Bishop, Ian Bingham, Alan Chang
- Front Row:* John Fenby, John Barr, Grant Jeffery, Ian Graves, Jim Butler, Denis Dove, Errol Holland, Robert Hughes, Barry Jones, Trevor Shaw, Graeme Brown
- On roll but not in photo: Arthur Beaman



3C Form Photo

- Back Row:* Graham Cuthbert, Morris White, Bob Crawford, John Bezett, Dennis Gough, Mike Gain, Tom Isherwood, Alex Martin, Graeme Sherburd, Murray Denholm
- Second Row:* Mr Stan Emslie, Bevan Rix, Stephen Nisbet, Neil Jewiss, Kevin Coutts, Elliot Flett, Robert Peters, Alan Smith, Bill Sheridan, Eddie Bedford, Malcolm Watson, Noel Simmonds
- Front Row:* Gavin Coxhead, Ian Martin, Kevin Haig, John Ruxton, Ross Mowat, Brian Cathro, Stuart Botting, Keith Ashton, Ricky Mains, Alan Gamble, Russell Smith
- All present and named



3D Form Photo

Back Row: Carl Ball, John Dodds, Kevin Maher, John Alexander, Ken Paterson
Second Row: Mr Rae FAMILTON, John Brockett, Gilbert Lucas, Murray Reid, Colin Bain, Don Geddes, John Edmonds
Front Row: Barry Mee, Neil Thomas, Les Sims, David Sue, Athol Stewart, Russell Butt
 On roll but not in photo: Bob Allan, George Stenerson

Missing

Mail has been returned from Brian Benson (Wakari), Gerald Blackie (NEV), Lance Brown (Kalgoorlie), Alex Chang (Christchurch), Ian C. Robertson (Diamond Creek, Vic, Oz), Paul Stuart (Styx, Chch) and Roland Rowlatt (Picnic Pt, Sydney).

We wish to thank those who responded to our requests for information concerning those Old Boys for whom we had no recent details. Of the 1954 intake, Kenneth Edlin does *not* live in Victoria, and may be in the USA; while of the 1956 intake, Alistair Batchelor may have gone to Thailand, and Peter Buckley still lives in New York.

Included in this *Kingsmen* are photos of the 1957 intake, which with later inclusions numbered 169, of whom 17 are known to have died. The circumstances of the following 28 are unknown to us: Thomas Charles Annison, David Colin Beatson (was Akld), Desmond Arthur Botting, Kelvin John Chivers, Kevin Derek Coutts, Alan Warrington Dale (Hamilton?), John James Dodds (was Wairarapa), John George Barton Edmonds, Dennis James Gough, John Edwin Graham, Thomas George Harper, Thomas Joseph Isherwood, Alan Frank Lee, Geoffrey Arthur Leeden, Gilbert Clarence Lucas, Colin Murray McKenzie, David John Hunter McPate, Kenneth George Maher, Warren Thomas Mason, David *Graeme* Munro, Murray William Reid (Paerata?), Russell Warwick Stedman Reid, Graeme Campbell Sherburd, Julius George Shuba, Leslie Kenneth Sims, Stuart Gabriel Smith, George Mathew Stanley Stevenson, and Raymond John Tolerton.

The School

In late March a review team from ERO visited the school. After looking at all aspects of management and performance by staff and students they supplied a very positive report.

The school roll increased to 777 with an intake of 195 for Year 9 (3rd Form), which is against the trend for South Dunedin.

Anzac Service

With the 25th April being during the school holidays a service was held on Tuesday 3rd May.

Seven members of our executive attended and during the service in the Performing Arts Centre Doug Jackson our President presented a framed plaque containing the photo and medals of Elliston Dunn our first ex-pupil to be killed during World War II.



Wreaths were laid by the Rector Dan Reddix and Doug Jackson at the school flagpole. The Old Boys and Perfects then placed poppies at the base.

1. Voyaging with the AB Sea Scouts

This is an edited summary of the talk which was to be given by W. G. (Graham) Dalton (1945–48) at the AGM of the KHSOBA in April. Unfortunately on that night Graham was suffering from a form of mal-de-mer, so to the rescue came R. K. (Keith) Henderson (1944–48) who presented the talk.

Alex Black, who had long been involved with the Sea Scouts at Anderson's Bay, was made Dominion Commissioner for Sea Scouts in 1942: this was during the war when he was engaged in the fishing industry with his 16m trawler *Sea Rover*. In 1943, when the war situation was thought to be improving, he cruised as far north as Auckland to inspect, promote and encourage sea scout groups, which tended to be somewhat looked down on by mainstream scouts, and the trip did much to raise morale. In 1945, the *Sea Rover* took a group to a Dominion camp at Ngakuta Bay in Queen Charlotte Sound, which despite the rain was a great success, and the following year the AB group was taken to Pounaweia, with an overnight trip to Stewart Island. In 1947, Alex purchased a 22m Harbour Defence Motor Launch, renamed it *Alert*, and in return for helping clean the vessel up, AB scouts were taken for a trip in the August holidays to Lyttelton, then to Wellington, where they were entertained at Parliament by the Hon Fred Jones, and by a lucky chance also saw over the barque *Pamir* and HMAS *Theseus*, an aircraft carrier, before returning home via Nelson. In August 1948 the AB scouts embarked on their most ambitious trip: Dunedin–Oamaru–Timaru–Akaroa–Wellington (where they saw Austin vehicles being assembled at the Lower Hutt plant, and where they made some pocket money as “seagulls” by unloading a small coastal vessel)–Picton–Nelson (via Port Gore, French Pass, and Croisilles)–New Plymouth (where some climbed Paritutu Rock, and most visited Mt Egmont)–Patea–Wanganui (where the “pilot” grounded the vessel on a sandbank)–Wellington (where the boys returned home by ferry and train while “Alert,” was repaired). The third Dominion Sea Scout camp was held on Haulashore Island in Nelson harbour in 1949, and an uneventful voyage was made there and back. What proved to be the final voyage was for scientific purposes—bottom dredging from Stephens Island to Kapiti, and they sailed via Timaru and Akaroa. Alex largely financed these trips out of his own pocket, and following this trip he became increasingly involved in running the family business, and the *Alert* was sold—it is still afloat in good condition (albeit much modified) in Deep Cove, Doubtful Sound, and owned by a syndicate of recreational fisherman.

Shipmates over the years were J. A. (Alister) Thomson (1938–42), G. R. (Geoff) Aburn (1944–48), P. J. P. (Peter) Aburn (1945–49), J. R. (Ron) Ayers (1945–48), R. (Richard) Knopp (1946–49), E. S. (Eric) Woodmancy (1946–48), B. (Brian) Maguire (1947–48), A. J. G. (Allan) Ward (1947–49), R. L. (Richard) Jackson (1948–50), R. D. (David) Orr (1948–50), and B. G. (Barry) Galbraith (1951–54)—all deceased. Survivors are A. N. (Neil) Scrymgeour (1942–47) of Mosgiel, B. D. (Bryan) Begg (1944–46) of Brisbane, R. K. (Keith) Henderson (1944–48) of Abbotsford (1944–48) W. E. (“Gary”) Jeffery (1944–48) of Christchurch, K. R. (Ross) McCrostie (1944–48) of Masterton, W. G. (Graham) Dalton (1945–48) of Green Island, M. B. (Maurice) Evans (1946–50) of Christchurch, D. B. (Barrie) Mayfield (1946–47) of Dunedin, and A. K. (Keith) Jeffery (1948–52) of Dunedin.

Interestingly only Brian Maguire pursued a nautical career, and served for while in the navy, rising to Chief Petty Officer.

However, Keith Henderson got whiffs of salt air when spending nearly 18 years as a wharfinger for the Otago Harbour. [A wharfinger (pronounced “worfinjer”) is the wharf supervisor, who ensures that all activity is conducted in an orderly fashion: that there is no congestion when cargo is being unloaded and stored, that the paperwork is correct; and that a delivery schedule is maintained. He is also responsible for supervising crane operators and forklift drivers. The job comes with an impressive uniform—as was revealed in the *ODT* recently, when Keith at work was the subject of the Saturday feature photograph in the “In Living Memory” series.]

Half of the survivors attended the 75th reunion, and it is sad that none realised that Alex Black's daughter Jan was present with her Melbourne-based husband G. R. (Graham) Robertson (1958–62), an accountant whose working life has mostly been spent in the more distant parts of Australia and Indonesia.



On board “Alert”—named as positioned:

	Keith Henderson	
	Graham Dalton	
	Maurcie Evans	
	Richard Knopp	
		Eric Woodmancy
Errol Brough	Allan Ward	Logan Chittock
KETC		OBHS

2. Characters

The photo below was taken by I. J. (Ian) Farquhar (1945–49) in 1949 at the conclusion of a match on the lower ground between King's 1st XV and a University XV. King's appear to be wearing Southern RFC jerseys to distinguish them from the Cambridge Blue normally worn by University teams. Pictured are Stalwarts L. L. (Lawrie) Lucas (1945–49) on the left, and the late I. D. (Ian) Proudfoot (1945–49).



3. P. C. (Peter) Walker (1939–42) writes from 118/95 Grants Road, Ngaio Marsh Village, Christchurch

Dear, Fellow Old Boys,

I set out to be present with you [at the reunion] but I never made it. It will take too long to tell you why.

I do love to see the King's address on your envelope when it does arrive. I chuckle to myself when I think back over the years of the situations one has got into and the importance or lack of it makes to your life.

It takes me back to my school days and how they looked then and how they look now. I remember the masters I had, Bobby Crimp, he would only speak to me come school sports day. Frosty Fraser and Curly Richards, Ollie Begg and a couple of women teachers, and of course Dudley Chisholm our Headmaster, and of course the only man who was taller than me—Basil Howard.

My academic record at school was never mentioned—I was too interested in sport and my disappointment at not winning all three championships. I had won the junior, intermediate (twice), and then 2nd to John Heslop in the senior—he came out of the blue and won the 100 yards and the 200 metres as if I had not been trying.

It wasn't until I had left school that I found out I did have a few brains when I went to Massey College and later to the Sydney Technical College and had to pay for my education that I found that I did have a clue or two, and the 6 intersecondary records and 21 school records I had accumulated did mean that much to me.

I enjoyed the wool trade I had taken on and the 56 years working in it gave me great satisfaction. Now I am 85 years old and living and keeping well and in general good health.

If you know of any 3L to 5L chaps from 1939–1942, I would like to meet up with them and enjoy a beer or two with them.

Honours

In 2009, somewhat belatedly but possibly to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Agreement, the Hon H. C. (Hugh) Templeton QSO (1945–47) was awarded an honorary Order of Australia for service to Australia-New Zealand economic relations, particularly through the establishment of ANZCERTA (Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement). The Order of Australia is that country's highest honour, and Hugh was invested by Prime Minister Julia Gillard at a special hour-long ceremony in Canberra on February 16, 2011. Hugh was at the time Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue, and Minister of Trade and Industry in the third Muldoon administration, with responsibility for ANZCERTA, and worked closely with his Australian counterparts in convincing leaders on both sides of the Tasman of the benefits accruing from such an agreement. As it can be argued that CER has been of greater benefit to NZ than to Oz, it seems somewhat churlish that in contrast the NZ Govt in 1992 rewarded Hugh with the Queen's Service Order (QSO), which is merely in seventh place in the NZ honours hierarchy.

As is usual, King's was again represented on the Queen's Birthday Honours List, this time by R. W. (Rodger) Hilliker (1948–52) who was made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services as a general practitioner. Head Prefect and Dux of King's in his final year, Rodger graduated MB ChB from O.U. and became a GP at Temuka. As at one stage the only GP there, he realised that a team approach was needed to develop healthcare services for his community, so when the practice nurse scheme was introduced in 1969, he was one of the first GP's in the country to employ such a nurse, who quickly demonstrated real skills at injecting babies, applying dressings to wounds, cleaning out ears, etc. The ultimate team also includes the receptionist, and other specialists (laboratory, radiography) all working together to (hopefully) relax the patient. Although Rodger retired in 2010 after nearly

50 years service to Temuka, he remains the driving force behind the establishment of a "one-stop shop" health centre to meet the needs of his small town, semi-rural community (and not merely for a particular practice). This would also benefit a stranger visiting the town who might suddenly face some medical problem. Rodger has already received the Distinguished Service Medal from the Royal College of General Practitioners, a long service medal from the Temuka Salvation Army, life membership from the Temuka Volunteer Fire Brigade. He has also served as South Island rep on the NZ Medical Association's Central GP Committee, was elected to its Council, became president of the Association, and has chaired its Central Ethic Committee.

A. J. (John) Campbell (1952–56), who has featured quite often in *Kingsmen* over the years, was recently presented with the RSA's highest honour, the RSA Badge of Gold, at a ceremony in Dunedin. The only South Islander to ever be president of the RSA, and a Vietnam veteran, John had merely attended the ceremony in order to receive his NZ Defence Service Medal, a recognition he had championed during his presidency. The current president, when presenting the award said that John had been influential in setting up the review of Vietnam veterans that had led to a Govt public apology for the way they had been treated when returning from the fray, which led to Tribute 08: the formal welcome home. It had also led to measures to address health and welfare issues for Vietnam veterans, a review of the War Pension Act, and to a review of services to all veterans. During his presidency John had reinvigorated the relationship the RSA shared with both the Govt and defence, and although he had retired, he had continued to serve as the lay member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Veteran's Health until its recent final meeting.

Cultural Affairs

The posthumous career of James K Baxter (1940–43) which has been smouldering somewhat of late has been rekindled by the recent publication of a book *The Snake Haired Muse: James K. Baxter and Classical Myth* by Geoffrey Miles, John Davidson, and Paul Millar. According to the blurb on the back cover, James K's use of Greek Myth has often been regarded as "a critical embarrassment, a tedious and anachronistic burden of [his] classical baggage." M D & M argue that it is closer to the heart of his poetic vision. Drawing on his whole career, and carefully investigating the vast numbers of his unpublished poems as well, they explore the mythic figures and ambiguous symbols to which he repeatedly returned in attempting to make a pattern out of the chaos of his experiences." The book sheds a new and different light on NZ's most famous poet.

L. G. (Lew) Brookes (1945–48) recently attended the Dunedin Operatic Society's production of *Miss Saigon*, and was delighted to win a lucky draw on a cruise ship trip on P & O's *Pacific Pearl*. This enabled Lew and his wife Judy to indulge in a fortnight's cruise around the South Pacific, stopping off at such places as Noumea and Lifou in New Caledonia, and Port Vila in Vanuatu.

Dr S. P. (Sam) Heenan (1992–96), the former chef who morphed into a lecturer in Food Sciences at OU (refer to the March issue of the *Kingsmen*), recently gave a talk and participatory demonstration at the Dunedin Public Art Gallery. He described the human olfactory system, and how experience, memory, and vision influence our identification of scents.

To celebrate 150 years of Dunedin's Fire Brigades, J. C. (John)

Ingram (1968–72) and Paul Clements have written *Ready Aye Ready*. The title is the motto selected by Dunedin's second volunteer fire brigade which remained in active use until the early 20th Century—it is thought that "Aye" means "Ever." John comes from a fire-fighting, and also a book writing family, his father having grown up at the Dunedin fire station where, his grandfather, a former seaman, was a station officer. John is following in his grandfather's footsteps: C. W. N. Ingram wrote *New Zealand Shipwrecks* which was updated in several editions, while John himself wrote a history of the Barewood gold bearing reefs entitled *Gold, Quartz and Cyanide* several years ago. John is a former primary schoolteacher in Central Otago and Mid Canterbury, who more recently was events officer at the Otago Settlers' Museum, where he greatly enlivened its rather staid atmosphere.

To help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the discovery of gold in the Tuapeka, E. S. (Ernie) McCraw (1954) wrote a biography entitled *Gabriel Read of Gabriel's Gully*. Ernie grew up on a small dairy farm now occupied by Waldronville, but only attended King's for a short spell: the course for which he was enrolled didn't suit him, so he left to go shearing, and subsequently completed his formal education at Mosgiel District High School. Ernie spent much of his working life shearing, with the aim of achieving ownership of an economic sheep unit. He started married life in a crib on a section at Kuri Bush in 1963, and gradually up-sized mainly in eastern Otago until in 1982 they purchased a 216ha property at Tuapeka West—they are now retired on a 5ha lifestyle block at Lawrence. Although this is his first book, Ernie has had a number of short stories published in magazines over the years, several having been successful in competitions. Apart from history and writing, he is interested in genealogy, hunting, photography and recreational gold fossicking—his wife's wedding ring is made from gold recovered from the Shotover river. Ernie is a director of the Tuapeka Lawrence Community Coy, treasurer of the Lawrence Athenaeum & Mining Institute, a member of the Tuapeka Goldfields Museum Society and of the Tuapeka Vintage Club, and life member of the Tuapeka West Collie Club.

W. F. Massey ("Farmer Bill") despite being a controversial Prime Minister for 14 years, is nowadays a largely forgotten figure, and his rather grandiose memorial in Wellington visited infrequently. He has particularly been regarded as a villain by the trade union movement for the methods he used in 1913, when farmers and their horses ("Massey's Cossacks") were transported to the ports to act as special constables to help smash the waterfront strike, resulting in considerable violence, especially in Wellington. Roman Catholics also resented his membership of the Orange Lodge. Yet he represented NZ with some distinction at the Treaty of Versailles negotiations, and it has been suggested that he is the trend-setter for long-serving Centre-Right politicians such as Holland, Holyoake, Muldoon, Bolger, and even John Key! Now it would appear that all of Massey's birthdays have come at once, for he has recently been the subject to two books, in one of which, *A Great New Zealand Prime Minister?* a series of essays edited by J. Watson and L. Paterson, Emeritus Professor E. N. (Erik) Olssen (1955–60) explains why he has reassessed his long-held negative views of Massey's career, and provides evidence that Massey was in fact more open-minded and unbiased than his detractors have allowed.

"They always say that a bad day on radio is still better than a good day in your previous job." These wise words have helped keep Radio Dunedin's 67 year old L. A. (Lyndsay) "Crackley"

Rackley (1958–59) in the radio announcing profession for 50 years. He fell in love with radio as an 8 year old when his father bought him a crystal set radio receiver, and he used to imitate voices when playing records on his grandfather's wind-up gramophone. By 1961 Lyndsay had worked himself into a job, cataloguing records and helping with the Smile Family's children's live radio show on Radio 4XD. His enthusiasm led to his first job as an announcer on the *Tea Times Tunes* show. Since then he has interviewed every Prime Minister since Norman Kirk, and regards as his highlights interviewing Sir Harry Secombe, Daniel O'Donnell, and Des O'Connor. However, his job has not always been full-time, and he has also worked as a traffic officer, an ambulance officer, a funeral director's assistant, and driven taxis and buses. He has no thoughts of retiring; indeed his boss is supposedly considering raising the retirement age to 80 ...?

D. A. C. (Craig) Scott (1963–66) became NZ's most successful recording artist, and on the way its first heart throb! While still at school he got involved with fellow classmates from Andersons Bay, learning to play bass guitar and sing with them at Teen Time dances at the old YMCA in Moray Place. He left school and worked in the National Bank in South Dunedin for 18 months when out of the blue A & R agent Peter Dawkins, who with Australian singer John Farnham had seen him performing with "Fantasy" at the Agricultural Hall telephoned and asked if he wished to record. So he left the bank, and went to Christchurch where he was soon on the charts with "Viva Bobby Joe." Shifting to Wellington he recorded "Star Crossed Lovers" with "The Revival," and had hit after hit for several years, recorded four or five albums, and appeared on TV programmes such as *Ready to Roll*, *Grunt Machine*, *Radio Times* with Billy T. James, and on all the Telethons in the 1980s. He probably had the longest and most prolific pop career of any NZ artist until modern artists such as "Split Enz" came along. However, by then he had two children, had done everything, and if he had carried on it would have meant starting all over again overseas, and would he have made it? So he formed a promotions company, "New Music Management" which set up tours for artists such as Elton John, and Rod Stewart, before establishing the first video rental business in NZ, and from 1985–2000 he was managing director of Warner Bros Video. After that he retired and returned to Dunedin where he and wife Jo set up a business doing high-end renovations. Two years ago they moved up to their holiday house in Arrowtown where they sell real estate. Craig's last public performance was probably the recent farewell reunion concert by "Lutha," where despite requiring spectacles to read the half-forgotten lyrics, and sporting a serious grey speckled haircut, he sang three songs which still sounded the same!

D. T. (Darren) Tautari (1990–92, 1999) held his first solo exhibition at the Green Island Gallery in June. The largely self-taught artist has been painting full-time for the past two years, mainly depicting Otago coastal scenes, using acrylic on board or canvas which he says allows him to achieve a clean smooth finish. His affinity with beaches and the coast dates from his youth, when he grew up near the beach, and surfed quite a bit.

S. K. (Stu) Todd (1997–2002), a primary schoolteacher in Mosgiel cooked up a storm on TV's *Master Chef* programme recently, being popular for his down-to-earth approach and humble attitude. Sadly he was knocked out of the competition for daring to cook some good Kiwi tucker for his proposed book *Bach to Crib* which the judges (mainly Aucklanders!) deemed a little too unsophisticated!

The Otago Daily Times, NZ's oldest daily newspaper will celebrate its 150th anniversary on November 15 by throwing the biggest birthday party in Otago's history—a free four hour concert on Saturday November 12 at 6.00pm in the Forsyth Barr Stadium to which everybody in Otago and Southland is invited. S. D. (Stuart) Walker (1969–72) is the musical director, and the programme will feature schools, community groups, the OD Glee ensemble, and two major acts.

Business Sector

The Otago Merino Association's Merino Excellence Awards were presented at Queenstown in June. L. S. C. (Stuart) Botting (1957–59) from Elders Primary Wool, who has been involved in the wool industry since leaving King's described the quality of the fleeces as "superb." Te Akatarawa Station, across the Waitaki river from Otematata and operated by F. I. (Fred) Graham (1958–62) gained 2nd place for an adult fleece measuring between 6.7 and 6.9 microns, in the NZ Wool Testing Authority's clip of the year.

I. M. (Ivan) Donaldson (1955–59), joint Dux and now a Christchurch-based physician, together with his wife Chris are Canterbury wine pioneers. They first planted a variety of grapes at Halswell, just SW of Christchurch in the 1970s, Ivan making the wine in his garage. In 1985 they established the Pegasus Bay vineyard at Waipara, north of the city, and again the first vintage was made in his garage. Riesling was not planted initially, but is now the vineyard's top selling wine, with the five styles produced receiving awards and accolades; one of which was served to Hilary Clinton when John Key hosted a barbecue in her honour. The region's settled autumn allows for a prolonged ripening—the longer the fruit hangs on the vine, the more its characteristics intensify—and Waipara is now second to Marlborough in riesling production: 1500 tonnes to 2600 tonnes in 2009. A rather basic restaurant was opened in 1992, but today if you wish to lunch at Pegasus Bay, booking is essential, for it has won four awards from *Cuisine* magazine, including winery restaurant of the year for 2010, and would-be casual diners are frequently turned away. Pegasus Bay has always been a family affair, with three sons and wives also involved in the business.

The Govt has recently established a 10-person Environmental Protection Authority to strengthen NZ's environmental management, and efficiently bring together regulatory functions that were previously spread across four different agencies. It is responsible for the regulation of hazardous substances, new organisms, national consenting under the Resource Management Act, ozone-depleting chemicals, assessment of environmental impacts in Antarctica, and waste exports and imports. Ultimately it will manage the emissions trading scheme (ETS), and consenting in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and on the continental shelf. Detractors claim that board members are light on environmental champions and heavy on development and infrastructure representatives. A board member is retiring CEO of Meridian Energy T. A. (Tim) Lusk (1957–61).

The Gourmet Ice Cream Company has lost an estimated 25% of its business as a result of the Christchurch earthquakes—many of the restaurants and hotels formerly supplied are in that devastated city's central red zone, while Redcliffs New World supermarket, one of the top outlets in terms of volume, no longer exists. But what the hell?—as one door shuts another opens, and business owner, M. M. (Mark) Scorgie (1967–72) has refused to be licked: he has teamed up with another

Dunedin company, Blis Technologies, to produce Blis K12 ice cream, which has provided an opportunity to get ice cream into different markets, such as boarding schools, resthomes, and hospitals. Blis K12 is a natural bacterium promoted as a probiotic prevention of upper airways infection, bacterial sore throats, tooth and gum disease and chronic bad breath, which has up till now been applied in powder, lozenge, and drink form. Being a small business, Mark's company has to be different, as it can't compete with the "Tip Tops" of this world, and therefore either has to have a unique product or approach; as well as being affordable Blis K12 ice cream is lighter (only 10.5% milk fat) and so far only available with vanilla flavouring—but watch this space ...!

D. J. (David) Smillie (1987–91), a partner in the legal firm Gallaway Cook Allan writes a fairly regular column for the *ODT* on aspects of business law.

J. G. (Jeff) Todd (1955–58) has been elected chairman of Sanford Ltd, the fishing company, following the death of the previous incumbent.

The Three Star Investment Group celebrated the 50th anniversary of its establishment recently, and may well be the oldest share club in NZ. In 1961 ten like-minded mates banded together to chance their arms on the stockmarket, with the philosophy "never expect to make any money and always have a helluva lot of fun"—the name of the club reflects a close relationship with a famous Dunedin brewery! At times they have made enough to invest in property, and in deer farming, and at one time raced a galloper named "Spread the Risk" which even won a race before breaking a leg, so nowadays the Club sticks to the stockmarket. A founding member is W. J. (Bill) Tomkins (1949–53) of Cromwell.

Bits and Pieces

S. J. (Scott) Nicholson (2003–05), under-23 NZ apprentice plumber will travel to England in October to compete against other apprentice plumbers from around the world.

H. R. (Hayden) Peter (1996–2000) won the Otago/Southland Young Farmer of the Year title, winning \$10,000 in prizes, and the chance to appear in the national final. [he was unsuccessful]

S. P. (Sam) Brown (2004–08) won the Student Design Award at the inaugural Dunedin Heritage Re-Use Awards recently for his theoretical redevelopment of the recently vacated Garrison Hall in Dowling Street.

Kiwis everywhere, and especially those overseas have felt so helpless, yet wanting to contribute in some way to those Christchurch residents who have been suffering as a result of the earthquakes. Many have come up with novel ideas for raising money. C. J. (Chris) Flack (1995–99), a former *Cleo* "Bachelor of the Year," and a Christchurch resident for seven years now working as a graphic designer in London, plans to gather a group of like-minded individuals, Kiwis, and friends to climb Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain in August. He hopes to raise £5895 (the height of the mountain in metres) for the Red Cross appeal—and also celebrate his 30th birthday on the summit. R. C. (Russell) Ogg (1943–45), formerly chief buyer for Cadbury Fry Hudson and now resident in Clyde is proud of his daughter who is teaching in Surrey and raising money by kayaking 30km along the River Way from her home to work: at last report (in March) she has already contributed £1000 to the Red Cross appeal, with pledge of more to come.

More than 65 years ago, former builder, milk bar operator and motelier P. K. (Keith) Knox (1938–39) went to a dance in Macandrew Road to meet a girl he had had his eye on for some time, but she didn't turn up so he danced with Molly instead; in April he and Molly celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at their Mosgiel home. Golden weddings have been recently celebrated by W. J. (Bill) Townsend (1954–57) and his wife Lenore, now of Alexandra; J. R. (John) Brinsley (1947) and his wife Sydney of Wingatui, and W. J. (Warwick) Crooks and his wife Raylene of Waikanae. B. M. D. (Baden) Gilchrist (1941–42) was born in Oamaru in 1925. When the family shifted to Dunedin he attended

Musselburgh school and then Kings. He was a member of the school choir but rugby was his passion where he had already gained an Otago cap at primary school. At 18, he joined the RNZAF but after his discharge in 1946, he enlisted with the NZ Army Artillery Corps where he served in J Force. Whilst there he saw the devastation of Hiroshima and was one of the few New Zealander's to enter the emperor's palace in Tokyo. On his return to New Zealand, Baden served for a further five years with the rank of staff sergeant. He played on the wing for the NZ Army rugby team and was given the honour of being in command of the quarter guard at Government House during the Queen's visit in 1953. After his discharge he worked for a time as a fibrous plasterer before joining Dalgety's wool store, where he began as a barrow boy but finished up as store manager.

Baden married his first wife Ailsa in 1953. After her death in 2002, he married Gaynor Muir in 2006. Both in Dunedin and Ranfurly, Baden was active in many sports, including being on Otago representative in indoor bowls for 15 years. He was also very active in the Anglican church and in Maniototo community services.

A mighty totara has fallen! W. N. (Warwick) Larkins MNZM (1960–63, Staff 2001–11) who has been Sports Co-ordinator at King's for a decade has pulled the plug and retired. Devoted to the school, he was always generous with his time when helping boys, especially with regard to less fashionable sports that nobody else was prepared to take. As Old Boys will know, his service to the KHSOBA has been legendary, and he has served as secretary, vice president and president for many of the years he has been on the Committee, and was recognised when he was made a life member in 2003. While on the staff, his liaising between the Old Boys and the school has been invaluable. He has been succeeded (he could never be replaced!) by P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994–95), the former All Black and Barbarian.

Also retiring from King's is R. F. (Roger) Brooks (Staff 1986–2011) who has mostly been employed in Physical Education. Outside the classroom he has been heavily involved in football, running the Academy for five years, stints as 1st XI coach and Teacher in Charge (TIC) football, Chatham Cup success and five South Island league titles, and three trips to Ireland with Otago Youth Teams competing for the Milk Cup.

H. P. (Howard) McGrouther (1960–62) who died last September had two passions: yellow-eyed penguins and tourism, which he combined to become a pioneer of ecotourism on Otago Peninsula. He was born in Gore to the Tapanui policeman, and was educated in both towns until his father retired and bought a farm on Harrington Point Road where the family still farms part of it, and Howard went to King's. After leaving school, he attended what was then Massey Agricultural College to study wool-classing, married, and became signalman for the lighthouse on Taiaroa Head. In 1975 the family moved to the farm, where a new house had

been built on the site of the earlier farmhouse. Penguins nested on the ocean beach, and originally he and his late brother J. K. M. (Jim) McGrouther (1960–63) started penguin tours in conjunction with the Otago Peninsula Trust, viewing the birds from a distance, but after Jim died in 1990, Howard and his wife realised that visitors wished to see the birds at closer range (and that the farm was not an economic proposition on its own), developed a tunnel and hide system, and replanted 4ha with seedlings grown on the property, and placed it under a QE2 Trust covenant. It is thus a self-funded penguin reserve funded by 50,000 visitors a year. The operation has won many awards, been the subject of numerous documentaries, and had received visits from international media and Prince Charles. As the operation thrived, so did the penguins (from 4 breeding pairs to 36), and Howard established a DoC certified hospital where many injured and sick birds have been treated and rehabilitated over the years. As well as he and his staff monitoring the birds, he has employed scientists from time to time to monitor the situation, and the information gained has been freely shared. Tourism Dunedin regards Penguin Place as integral to Otago Peninsula's renowned wildlife experience. As well as penguins, this year would have been the 50th year of Howard's involvement with the Peninsula Pony Club started by his mother, as district president and commissioner, president, judge, committee member and mentor. In 2008, he was made life member of the Peninsula A & P Society in recognition of his more than 40 years of service. He was also JP, a committed family man, and a quiet achiever with a rare ability to be in tune with nature. Doc has stated that "Howard's contribution to yellow-eyed penguin conservation has been significant."

When Phil Goff reshuffled the Labour Party caucus in February, G. M. (Grant) Robertson (1985–89) was promoted to the front bench and given the role of health spokesman. Despite being merely a first-term politician, his enthusiasm and wide knowledge of politics generally has been recognised and rewarded.

LANDSAR Wanaka volunteers respond to an average of more than 30 calls for help in a year, with night calls increasing in proportion and requiring an increase in training and skills. At the recent AGM, S. J. L. (Stu) Thorne (1960–64) who retired in 2007 after 33 years of service was made an honorary life member.

W. J. B. (John) Wilson (Staff 1958–64) died earlier this year in Rangiora, where he had retired. When he was only 4 years old, his father was killed in an accident, and he grew up in Invercargill, being educated at Marist Brothers' School. At Otago University he graduated with a BSc degree in chemistry, and was awarded an OU Blue in cricket. He worked as an industrial chemist for BALM Paints in Lower Hutt before entering the teaching profession. While at King's he broadened his skills by studying geography at OU, then applied for the position of deputy principal at Central Southland College at Winton, where the principal was J. C. (Jack) Whitworth (1939–42, Staff 1950–53). When the Clyde Dam was being constructed, Cromwell District High School was split into two primary schools and Cromwell College, with John being appointed foundation principal. He generated confidence and trust with staff, students, and parents, and moulded the College into a very successful institution. His former deputy said at his funeral that "his Christian faith and love for the Catholic church seemed to have no limits:" he was a strong family man who was proud of his children, his grandchildren, and their accomplishments.

C. A. J. (Colin) Jack (1952–54), a Peninsula bus boy, has written

to inform that the boy on the left of the front row in the 1956 3B class photo was his wife's late brother Warren (not Ron) Wilson. Warren was an accountant who became Town Clerk of Mosgiel; after amalgamation he worked in the DCC treasury. Colin himself was a victim of amalgamation: while living in Arrowtown for 30 years and spending time with Rotary and other community organisations, he was a member of the last Arrowtown Borough Council before it was absorbed by the Queenstown Lakes District Council. He recently shifted to Hampden.

Sporting Triumphs

Athletics

At the NZ National Championships, D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) was 2nd in the 3,000m steeplechase, and L. C. I. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06) was 3rd. At the Southern Lakes Half Marathon (21.1km) held in the Cardrona Valley, P. M. (Peter) Ruhen (1954–58) was 1st in the men's 60 plus age group in a record 1hr 38min 12sec. At the Lovelock Relay, the Caversham No. 1 team which included Lyndon Brown, T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) and Daniel Balchin won the club's first ever back to back win in this event, yet they still didn't break the record set by Otago University in 1971—R. S. (Stuart) Melville (1963–67) who ran the fastest time of 3min 57sec was a member of that team which held its first reunion during that weekend. At the Ponydale cross country relays, Caversham No. 1 which included Tony Payne, Lyndon Brown and Daniel Balchin broke the record set in 2007, while B. G. B. (Ben) Anderson (2005–09) led the No. 2 team into 3rd place. At the J. G. Barnes cross country, Daniel Balchin gained fastest time, and Lyndon Brown came 2nd. Daniel Balchin won the Edmond Cup, and the Caversham team which included Tony Payne and Lyndon Brown won the team event for the first time since P. N. (Pat) Sidon (1947–48) won the last of his 11 Cup victories. In the Master's 50yrs plus age group, A. (Alan) Nicholls (1968–71) came 3rd, thereby leading his Ariki team to victory.

Bowls

J. F. (Jim) Johnstone (1947) of Mosgiel skipped a team at the Outram 2000 tournament which included former All Black Bob Scott (aged 90) from Whangamata, All Black triallist Peter Angland from Christchurch and former ORFU president John Hunter from Mosgiel. Jim and Bob are old adversaries from Wellington club rugby, when both were fullbacks for Athletic and Petone respectively.

Bridge

J. B. (Jared) Fudge (2001–05) was a member of a NZ youth team which attended a tournament in Kuala Lumpur recently.

Cricket

At the Dunedin Cricket Association's end-of-season function in April, G. S. (Gordon) Cambridge (1971–75) was awarded the Gordon McGregor Trophy for services to cricket. He has served the association as operations convenor, vice-president, and president, and is a life member of both the DCA and the Green Island club.

K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979–82) has inadvertently found himself in the news recently as the competition for NZ cricket captaincy between Ross Taylor [he won] and B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) polarised opinion and recalled a similar situation vis-a-vis Ken and Martin Crowe. Ken left Dunedin in 1995, and had five seasons with Transvaal/Gauteng in Johannesburg. He then coached the Irish national team, but found that coaching was not quite his bag, and it taught him

that he lacked the patience, tolerance and passion required, although his advocacy for the selection of non-Irish-born players for the national team (since granted) has born fruit with spectacular results. Ken then moved back to Wellington to work in the gambling industry, then to Singapore where he worked for the Singapore Pools, and lastly back to Johannesburg where he is media executive for Phumelema, the South African TAB. His two sons are talented cricketers, with Hamish, an aggressive left-hand opener having represented Otago in six matches, seven one-dayers, and 23 Twenty/20 matches.

J. R. (Jamie) Glenn (2000–04) is currently building apartments in central London, but has found the time to play cricket for Walthamstow—in the first three matches so far he has scored three centuries and has been man-of-the-match on each occasion!

Cycling

W. R. (Ross) Gamble (1960–62) was a national-class cyclist 40 years ago before the demands of business (Tamahine Knitwear) limited his chances in the sport. He is now back on his bike, and is keeping younger riders in local road races honest.

Football

H. R. J. (Hamish) Phillip (2006–10) started refereeing while still at school, and has made steady progress: he controlled his first 2nd division club match in April 2009, and his first premier club match in May 2010. He has recently been accepted for duty in this year's international Milk Cup Tournament in Northern Ireland, and once again Football Otago's Youth Development team is attending.

A. D. (Andy) Coburn (1993–97) brought the curtain down on a brilliant career in Otago football by scoring with a diving header in his second-last club match. Better known for his strong midfield performances, his bravery, athleticism and keen football brain, he usually scores some spectacular goals each season. He is heading away to Australia.

Golf

Alexandra hosted the 2011 national left-handed tournament in April, the first time the event has been held in Otago. Tournament director was J. S. (John) Roche (1956–60).

Harness Racing

Four-year-old Franco Emirates has now taken his record to 13 wins and 3 second placings from 18 starts, thereby bringing home \$254,638 for his owner R. E. (Russell) Nieper (1956–57). Next on the menu is the NZ Cup in November.

Hockey

D. C. (Darren) Smith (1987–91) has been appointed assistant-coach of the NZ men's "Black Sticks."

Rugby

At the time of writing, the All Black squad for the Tri-Nations series had not been announced, but B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) was at a preliminary training camp for those not involved in Super 15 semi-finals.

Selected to represent Otago in the ITM Cup are T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) J. M. (Jason) MacDonald (1995–98), G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04), and Ben Smith. B. J. (Breydon) Mitchell (2003–06) will represent Southland, and J. D. (John) Willis (1992–96) will represent Taranaki.

M. J. (Mark) Weatherall (1989–93), who has been working for Surf Lifesaving NZ in Wellington as general manager for club development is now CEO for the Poverty Bay Rugby Union. He hopes to remain as volunteer NZ Surf Lifesaving team manager.

B. J. (Brett) McCormick (1985–89) will be co-coach of Otago B, while P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994–95) and A. D. W. (Darryl) Paterson (Staff 1997–2002, 2007–) will coach Otago under 19—as Paul has recently succeeded W. N. (Warwick) Larkins (1960–63, Staff 2001–11) strategy will presumably be plotted in the Kings staffroom!

Premier club coaches in Dunedin this season have been G. L. (Grant) Sneddon (1976–79) assistant at University A, M. J. (Marty) Gray (BOT 2007–) at Alhambar-Union, Paul Miller and R. P. (Ross) Edwards (1972–74) at Pirates, Brett McCormick at Green Island as co-coach, and A. C. (Andrew) Melville (1987–92) assistant at Zingari Richmond.

Paul Miller has brought innovation to his coaching at Pirates: he sits on the reserve bench until half-time, decides on the game plan required for the second half, then takes the field as a replacement to help implement victory. It has worked a treat except against unbeaten Southern!

Andrew Melville has returned to Zingari Richmond, the club he and his grandfather Bert Hellyer played for, after 16 years playing and coaching in Ireland. Carlow was a junior club when he started playing but it moved through the grades to the top All-Ireland grade. He then coached Naas for three years to win the Town Cup, and Tullamore for three years to win the All-Ireland junior cup. Andrew is now studying to be an accountant, and is working for his father R. S. (Stuart) Melville (1963–67). His brother S. R. (Stephen) Melville (1989–93) also played in Ireland for Arklow, Old Wesley, and Naas, and has also left that country, but has only made it as far as Perth.

Softball

D. R. T. (Daniel) Tarapi (1999–2003) was again selected for the NZ Black Sox which toured USA in June. History was made when a father and his son were also selected!

Surfing

F. (Felix) Dickson (1996–2000) won the senior men's section at the South Island championships at St Clair in April.

Surf Lifesaving

Four years after moving north to Mt Maunganui to progress his skills, A. E. (Andrew) Newton (2000–04) was selected to represent NZ as a board specialist at the DHL International Surf Challenge earlier this year. He credited his coach J. L. (John) Bryant (1977–80), a former NZ coach, for helping him plan his campaign to achieve his dream, and certainly John also had three more athletes selected for the development team—but Andrew still had to put in the effort. He hasn't been slacking away from the beach either: he has competed a Bachelor of Teaching from Waikato University's Tauranga campus and since 2008 has worked locally for Kiwi Can, a values and life skills programme aimed at low-decile primary school pupils. He recently was awarded a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship by WU, which recognises the values inspired by Sir Edmund, and winners must have displayed academic, sporting/art, and leadership skills. Andrew is looking forward to having his own class so he can help make a difference to young peoples' lives.

At a function held earlier this year, J. A. L. (James) Coombes (1996–2000) of St Clair won the volunteer of the year title for his work at a club and regional level.

In April the St Clair Surf Lifesaving Club celebrates its centenary, it being one of the first four clubs in NZ. It is a voluntary community service club comprising members from the age of 14 years upwards (male and female), although the DCC pays for the services of one lifeguard to be employed during the primary school holidays. The club is proud of an early

member and local baker Hughie Devlin who helped save more than 100 lives in 20 years. Another stalwart was legendary H. D. ("Duke") Gillies MBE who designed and built a wood and canvas four-seater canoe, later versions of which are still in use. As well as maintaining a presence on the beach, members of the water-rescue call-out squad are in touch by pager at all times, and an inflatable rescue boat (IRB—which has revolutionised surf rescue) can be launched within minutes.

As many from King's have been associated with the club over the years, there was a healthy representation at the reunion. The organising chairman of the event was G. P. (Graeme) Newton (1966–69), club chairman being A. B. (Antony) Mason (1984–88). The guest speaker at the gala dinner at the Savoy was C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61), a member of the club in his youth. The oldest former member present was R. W. (Russell) Buchanan (1936–38) who grew up in Victoria Road, was persuaded to join while still at school by his teacher (probably W. N. (Win) Wood (Staff 1936–40), and became president of the Oreti Surf Club following his war service. Among others who came from the UK, Canada, and Australia were E. D. (Doug) Ruhen (1948–53) from Fiji, A. S. (Andrew) Fleming (1950–53) from Palmerston North, E. T. (Eoin) Pope (1950–53) from Auckland, and B. A. (Bart) Smaill (1954–56) from Dunedin.

Obituaries

T. W. (Trevor) Hannah (1949–50) died at Christchurch 2.3.11

W. A. (Bill) Marr (1942–44) died at Dunedin 4.3.11

D. W. O. (David) Bowen (1951) of Arrowtown, died at Queenstown 11.3.11

W. P. (Peter) Fraser (1962–66) died at Dunedin 15.3.11

J. G. (John) Pryde (1939–42) died at Wellington 15.3.11

C. G. (Grant) Armishaw (1983) killed at Christchurch 24.3.11

R. C. ("Roy") Matheson (1941–43) died at Dunedin 27.3.11

T. R. (Russell) Walsh (1943–45) died at Dunedin 29.3.11

R. J. (Richard) Craddock (1948–52) died at Wanaka 2.4.11

I. W. (Ian) James (1957–58) died at Gore 12.4.11

A. J. (Aaron) McDowell (1986–89) died at Lower Hutt 12.4.11

R. C. (Richard) Dreaver (1979–80) died at Christchurch 19.4.11

G. J. (Gary) Dillon (1952–56) of Wanaka, died at Clyde 23.4.11

G. G. (Graham) Haase (Staff 1958–72) died at Dunedin 26.4.11

G. A. (Graham) Stott (1993–97) killed in Arawata Valley 27.4.11

B. M. D. (Baden) Gilchrist (1940–41) died at Ranfurly 8.5.11

D. N. F. (Noel) Dunbar (1936–40) died at Canberra 9.5.11

J. R. (Jack) Milnes (1941–42) died at Christchurch 9.5.11

G. J. (Gerry) Oliphant (1954–57) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 9.5.11

R. C. (Crawford) Shaw (1946–50) died at North Shore 12.5.11

R. A. (Bob) Williams (1965–67) died at Dunedin 20.5.11

I. W. P. (Ivan) Reid (1946–49) died at Pleasant Point 23.5.11

G. A. (Graeme) Lemin (1963–65) died at Dunedin 28.5.11

A. W. (Arthur) Hollander (1942–46) died at Owaka 2.5.11

G. C. (George) Lyon (1938–41) died at Dunedin 2.5.11

J. B. (Bruce) Bulger (1947–48) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 14.6.11