



# THE KINGSMEN

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"Communications with Members."

## The School

The year 2019 has been one of several changes in its leadership.

The Old Boys welcome Nick McIvor and wish him all the best as Dan Reddiex's successor and the ninth Rector, in the school's 84th year.

We acknowledge the Rector and staff for the article below which appeared in *Kings Week* number 1060.



### Introduction from our new Rector

I am really looking forward to joining you all at King's in the new term.

It's a huge privilege to have been appointed the next Rector of this fine school, and to be given the opportunity to develop the many strengths and points of difference that the school and its community proudly possess. For me, it will be continuing my work in Boys' Education to get

young men ready, willing and able to grasp their future with confidence, capability, and the personal values of good men in the making.

I've had 24 years in Secondary Education with 16 of them concentrated on Boys' Education at Auckland Grammar School, Derby Grammar School in the UK, and most recently, as Rector of Timaru Boys' High School. In my view, New Zealand will always need good men who will take responsibility as men of conscience and character. We, as a school, have a vital part to play in this calling as specialists in understanding and responding to the particular needs of young men.

To excel each day, our boys need high expectations, structure, focus, discipline, active and varied learning, good pastoral support, and a strong academic and co-curricular programme. These are already key elements of a King's education, and as such, are testimony to the impressive work done by Dan Reddiex and the hard-working staff and army of volunteers and advocates supporting the school. These elements have

also been enhanced by the influence of respected former Headmaster of Wellington College, Roger Moses, who has been at the helm in Term 2 to give generously of his time and expertise. I thank Roger for all that he's done this term for King's.

When we get it right, so our boys can get it right, each of them finds friendship, belonging, excellence, and a feeling of connection with the school and his mates and teachers. This can last a lifetime. Our young men have the capacity to do so many admirable things. Our role is to help them) find, understand, develop, and express what is worthy.

In coming down from South Canterbury I'm keen to get to know Dunedin better, be closer to family in Invercargill (and the Highlanders) and to explore some of the places in South Otago I enjoyed as a youngster with my grandparents who lived in Milton (especially rediscovering the best fishing spots in the region!).

Even a casual glance through this website or King's social media shows just how lively and focused on high achievement, participation and inclusion King's High School is. I'm eager to tune into the full nature of King's as a seat of learning and as a community, and will commit to working for the boys, staff, parents and community.

At King's all our boys must be challenged and supported to find personal excellence in learning: I believe they can, through the quality of education we provide, discover strengths within, to achieve a successful and fulfilling life.

There are exciting times ahead as we embrace our next phase of outstanding achievement at King's High School. See you there!

Regards,

Nick McIvor



## Dunedin Annual Dinner

Thursday 29th August 2019. Chisholm Park Golf Course Lounge.

Details are on the separate notice inside.

## A Word from Dan Reddiex

The transition to Dilworth School has been a smooth and busy one for me. There are more similarities than differences between King's and Dilworth. All good boys' schools have common elements that make them successful. As such Dilworth and King's are similar in that they both possess fantastic teaching and support staff, there is a focus on excellence, there are an amazing array of opportunities and supports for students and a positive culture and pride within the student body toward their school. The biggest differences are that at Dilworth every student is a boarder and therefore School is also their home. Having three campuses has presented some challenges in terms of travel and trying to balance energies across three distinct sites. The Auckland climate is a little more gentle than Dunedin. At this point I have managed the much maligned Auckland traffic. Accommodation on the school site alleviates a lot of these issues. I am enjoying the new challenges that this role presents but also remember with great fondness my time at King's and all that we achieved together.

## Academic

Our March *Kingsmen* included a full section upon the 2018 Scholarship success and an item on NCEA.

Below is a comparison of King's versus National averages in NCEA levels.

Qualification	King's 2018	National Average 2018	National Boys 2018 (All Schools)
NCEA Level 1	95.5%	69.3%	65.6%
NCEA Level 2	89.8%	73.7%	70.0%
NCEA Level 3	76.7%	61.2%	55.8%

## King's High School Charitable Trust

The Trust has been sending newsletters to Old Boys and friends of the School.

These would have been sent by the School, not the Old Boys' Association, to those that Steve Davie had obtained an email address, or otherwise from.

Since then Steve Davie has resigned from running the Trust.

Below is a section from the 4th Edition produced in the first School term.

## Projects

The Board of Trustees in conjunction with the Trust continue to explore the possibility of a new boarding facility. This remains a goal in the immediate term. Thanks to those who continue to support this significant venture.

We have made significant progress on the Hockey Turf front. The final applications for funding have been submitted to a

variety of Trusts and with positive returns anticipated the project should be underway later in the year. This will be a wonderful addition to our sporting facilities.

There are several capital projects in progress. In particular the redesigning of the Music suites to provide a recording studio and better equipping the classrooms for effective music teaching and recording.

## Strengthening our Contacts/Building on the King's Connection

If you received this newsletter via email and you have kept in touch with some school mates, please feel free to forward this to them as an invitation to join our Old Boys' network.

If you received this newsletter by post and you have an email address, just send an email to [khstrust@kingshigh.school.nz](mailto:khstrust@kingshigh.school.nz) and we will update your details.

The purpose of the Database and this newsletter, is to enable you to stay in touch with what is happening at your old school. Steve Davie has resigned from running the Trust as the Board is seeking a replacement to continue with this crucial work. Helen Max has been employed to build the database and contact as many Old Boys as possible.

How can you support the school through the King's Charitable Trust?

- Encouraging as many former pupils as possible to add their name and contact details as discussed above.
- Supporting the school financially, either as a lump sum or smaller regular payments. All contributions are valued and will be used for the benefit of our students.

## Administration

### Office Bearers elected at the Annual Meeting held on the 30th April 2019 or appointed

Patron:	Now Nick McIvor
President:	Doug Jackson (1960–63)
Vice President:	Chris George (1978–82)
Secretary:	David Horne (1954–58)
Treasurer:	Colin Nicholls (1955–59)
Registrar:	Hugh Kidd (1950–54)
Committee:	Christine Bell (Associate) Neill Cameron (1969–71) Bob Glass (1948–52) Rhondda Martin (Associate) Andrew Miller (1979–81) George Munro (Staff 1994–2004) Bradley Scott (1993–97, Staff 2014–)
Auditor:	Audit Professionals Ltd

### Sub Committees

Newsletter: Bob Glass, Hugh Kidd



### Contact Details

## KING'S HIGH SCHOOL CHARITABLE TRUST

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270 Bay View Road, Dunedin 9012

For more information about the Charitable Trust: [www.kingshigh.school.nz](http://www.kingshigh.school.nz)

Emailing Addresses: Chris George  
see communications below  
Website: John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008)

### Communications

1. With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: [djmosgiel@gmail.com](mailto:djmosgiel@gmail.com)
2. Thanks to members who have sent in their email addresses to have the *Kingsmen* sent electronically.  
The request has two purposes  
A. For the *Kingsmen* to be sent in order to save costs.  
and/or  
B. Notification of events.  
Some members prefer to have the *Kingsmen* in the present form, but all who have email should have notification of events that way. Many have not advised for events.  
Would those who have not registered and have email please email Chris George (1978–82) at: [khsobamembership@gmail.com](mailto:khsobamembership@gmail.com) and advise what they want.
3. With the website contact John Barr  
<http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz>
4. We have a Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys](http://www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys)

### Subscriptions

These remain at \$20, while membership for Life is \$400 (20 years current subscription), with the amount for anyone over 60 years of age on or before 1st January 2019 \$200.

Please forward subscription payments to us at PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054, or Direct Credit our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin Branch, account number 020900-0062936-00. Please make it clear as to whom is paying, as we have a few members with similar names and also as to what is being paid. Also we have discovered that some Banks for transfers through a teller, require numerical notification not a name which is a problem.

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

### Ties

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

The Mark III version tie is available for \$35 delivered within New Zealand. An extra \$10 is required for sending overseas. It has our shield and motto within two narrow diagonal light blue lines on a dark blue background.

### Lost Members

Unfortunately no one has supplied us with a lead as to where the following, who were recorded as “Gone no Address” in the previous *Kingsmen*, now reside.

Peter L. Duff (1958–61) Wanaka  
Robin M. Kennedy (1958–59) Timaru  
Cory D. O’Leary (1990–93) St Clair, Dunedin

## Membership

Membership has slipped back to approximately 740, with age taking its toll.

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

Barry J. Dodds (1969–72) Hawea  
Robere Hall (2005–09) Paraparaumu Beach  
Derek K. McCormack (1967–71) Auckland  
Christopher D. Read (1961–66) Arrowtown  
William T. Tokona (1987–91) Dunedin  
William P. Leiper (1968–72) South Australia  
Barry R. Melbourne (1967–71) Hong Kong  
Keith G. Ussher (1945–48) New South Wales

## Activities Around the Country

### Dunedin

1. The annual Old Boys’ Bowls match against Otago Boys was played in April with the fourteenth win in succession to our team.
2. The Annual Meeting and Social was held on the 30th April with Bryan Frost (Staff 1974–2017) narrating about prominent members of staff. Over that long time there were different characters with some stories causing much amusement.  
We were pleased to have in attendance and meet Interim Rector Roger Moses.
3. Once again at the expense of being boring, we emphasise that the Annual Dinner is to be held on Thursday 29th August. Please act promptly with your RSVP and payment and save the worry and extra work in chasing previous possible attenders.

### North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

Grahame Howley reported as follows:

The first Luncheon for 2019 was held on 11 April at the Bay Club where we are well known and always receive a warm welcome. There were 20 members in attendance and 14 apologies (many still on holidays in NZ or overseas). It coincided with Russell Jones (53–55) being in town and he attended for the first time. No “five minute talk” from one of our members of their time at King’s but we will have it next time. We get some good stories.

Our next gathering will be on the 25th of July.

#### Contacts

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Grahame Howley (1951–53) Apartment 1408, The Poynton, 142 Shakespeare Rd, Takapuna 0622. Email: [howleygh@gmail.com](mailto:howleygh@gmail.com)

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### Nelson

#### Contact

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### Christchurch

#### Contact

Richard Mitchell (1959–63) 10 Hida Place, Hillview, Prebbleton 7604. Email: [rwmitchell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rwmitchell@xtra.co.nz)

### More from The Past

This is the fifth article written since 2017 by “Hec” Browett (1948–51, Staff 1972–95).

Many of our readers will be familiar with prospectuses. For businesses these give a statement of the organisation and what is intended. New companies issue these documents which outline aims, management and who is involved in management. Many Secondary Schools (King’s High included) have issued these although during the war some were not printed because of a paper shortage.

The writer has recently found a copy of the King’s 1939 prospectus which contains some items of interest. Prices are quoted but please remember that this was published just before the start of World War II and financial accounts reflect depression and pre-inflation times.

It is interesting to note the references to Otago Boys’ High School which shared the Otago High Schools’ Board with King’s and OGHs. I thought it strange that reference was made to eligibility for enrolment at OBHS. Also reference 13 made to train travel and District High Schools. Most District High Schools did not teach Latin and many are familiar with train travel to and from Mosgiel and Port Chalmers.

Note the wide range of clubs at King’s which was really a small school in those days.

King’s from its earliest days had a strong Commerce Department which at that stage taught “Book-Keeping” rather than Accounting as it is now called.

Herewith is reproduced some pages of the 1939 King’s High School Prospectus. Perhaps in the next issue of the *Kingsmen* we may be able to reproduce an early KHS Magazine which will include a list of who were members of the Otago High School’s Board.

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## King’s High School

### PROSPECTUS 1939

The King’s High School for boys is situated on extensive grounds fronting Bay View Road, Dunedin. The erection of the initial portion of the building was commenced in March, 1935, and completed in March of the following year. Further additions to the original buildings were made at the beginning of 1937.

The buildings comprise the main block, a detached and fully equipped workshop, and bicycle shelters. The main building includes nine classrooms, an art room, a science laboratory, rector’s and masters’ studies, and the various appurtenances of a modern school. In addition, there is a large room which will eventually be equipped as a second laboratory, but which, at the present time, is used as an assembly room and for general purposes. The Assembly Hall is at present in the course of erection.

The pupils enjoy the advantages of a school built in accordance with the most up-to-date ideas concerning the lighting and ventilation of classrooms. The school is heated throughout by a modern hot-water system. Of the 14 acres in the school property, six and one half acres are in use the work of levelling and preparing the remainder was completed in November, 1938, and these extensive grounds will be available for the

current year. The construction of tennis and fives courts has also been commenced. The school is undoubtedly fortunate in securing such ample provision for extra classroom activities.

The School provides the usual courses of a secondary school, and prepares boys for the University and other public examinations.

### TERMS.

First Term—Monday, 6th February, to Friday, 5th May.

Second Term—Tuesday, 23rd May, to Friday, 18th August.

Third Term—Tuesday, 12th September, to Friday, 15th December.

### Conditions of Enrolment

Any boy of good character is eligible for enrolment, who has obtained a Primary School Certificate or equivalent qualification and resides in the King’s High School district.

Boys residing in the Otago Boys’ High School district who have obtained a free place qualification are also eligible for enrolment in the King’s High School, but only as paying pupils. The fee payable by such pupils is £4 per term, less 10s. if paid within 30 days after the beginning of the term.

The King’s High School district includes the whole of the Borough of St. Kilda, also those portions of the City adjoining the Borough and enclosed by a line commencing with Cavell Street, Musselburgh Rise and Anderson’s Bay Road, and running thence by Main South Road to the Carisbrook overbridge, from there by the railway line to the Caversham tunnel and thence by the Valley Road to Lookout Point. Both sides of the Caversham Valley Road are included in this district.

Country pupils residing temporarily in St. Kilda or that portion of the City described above will be regarded as belonging to the King’s High School district, and the same will apply to pupils travelling to school daily from South of Dunedin.

Pupils belonging to the King’s High School district are not eligible for enrolment at the Otago Boys’ High School except as paying pupils.

All pupils of the School are required to pay a consolidated subscription of 10s. 6d. per annum, or 3s. 6d. per term, to provide funds for the various activities associated with the life of the School. The fund thus created is available to meet necessary expenditure on the library and school magazine, the football, cricket, tennis, swimming, dramatic, wireless, and boxing clubs, the choir and orchestra, and other miscellaneous purposes. The subscription covers also all entries for athletic and swimming sports, boxing and other competitions, and it entitles the pupil to a copy of each issue of the School Magazine. The fee will be collected early in each term, or, preferably, upon enrolment at the School.

Pupils taking woodwork are also required to pay a fee of 2s. 6d. per annum. This covers the cost of up to 5 super feet of timber and drawing materials (paper, pencils, etc.), supplied for their use. It also covers the use of tools. When making articles for their own and for home use the cost of material must be borne by the pupils themselves.

New pupils desiring enrolment are requested to give notice in writing to the Secretary of the High Schools Board, 236 Moray Place West (P.O. Box 3) by Monday, 30th January, 1939.

## Free Places

Any boy is qualified to hold a free place who has obtained a Primary School Certificate or an equivalent qualification. In other words a boy who has completed the course for Form II (Standard VI) is entitled to be admitted as a free pupil.

Any pupil who has not completed the course for Form II and has therefore not obtained a Primary School Certificate may also be admitted as a free pupil provided he is over 14 years of age and that he has been in regular attendance in a public or registered private school up to a date not more than six months prior to the date of admission to the free place. If there has been the lapse of a longer period than six months the pupil may still be admitted as a free pupil if the Director of Education is satisfied that he was unable sooner to take advantage of the free place.

The foregoing applies to boys who are under the age of 16 years. The approval of the Director of Education is required before the admission to a free place of any pupil who has reached the age of sixteen years.

A free place is tenable until the end of the year in which the holder reaches the age of nineteen years, but in any case in which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister of Education that special circumstances exist it may be extended for such longer period as the Minister may determine.

Free pupils may be admitted only at the beginning of the school year, except on transfer from another secondary school, or by special permission from the Board of Governors.

Any candidate for admission to a free place may be required to furnish reasonable evidence of good character.

It should be carefully noted by parents that in case the attendance, conduct, diligence, or progress of any free pupil is reported to be unsatisfactory, the Minister may forthwith determine the free place. Any free pupil who has forfeited his free place is not eligible for a free place at any other post-primary school.

Pupils under 14 years of age who have not obtained a primary school certificate or equivalent qualification may not be admitted even as paying pupils.

## Courses of Instruction

The following courses are provided:

- (a) *Professional*, leading to the University and Professional life generally, namely, Law, Medicine, Church, Army, Dentistry, Teaching, etc. Subjects—English, History and Civics, Latin, French, Mathematics, Science.
- (b) *General*, leading to the University, Engineering, Teaching, Business, etc. Subjects—English, History and Civics, French, Geography, Book-keeping, Mathematics, Science, Woodwork.
- (c) *Modern General*, suitable for boys not wishing to attempt the University Entrance examination. Subjects—English, History and Civics, Geography, Book-keeping, Arithmetic (or Mathematics), Physics, Chemistry, Physiology and First Aid, Woodwork.

## Examinations

The School prepares pupils for the following examinations and bursaries: School Certificate, University Entrance, Higher Leaving Certificate, University Junior and National Scholarships, Accountancy, and various educational bursaries.

## Physical Training

Particular importance is attached to physical development. Open air physical drill is held daily. Football, cricket, swimming, life-saving, etc., form part of the school life. All boys, unless medically excused, are required to take part in athletic activities.

## Reports

Reports are sent to parents at the end of each term to assist them in judging the progress that has been made by their sons during the term.

## Homework

If the amount of evening work should appear either insufficient or excessive, parents are requested to notify the fact to the Rector.

## School Season Tickets

Pupils residing not less than three miles from the School who require to travel by train daily or at week-ends, and who cannot attend a District High School nearer home, are entitled, subject to certain conditions, to free second-class school railway season tickets.

Any free pupil who has completed at least two years of his free place and who resides near a District High School may also be granted a free ticket if he is preparing for a professional course which needs subjects not taught there.

## Allowances for Conveyance and Board

Pupils unable to travel by rail who are conveyed to school, and whose homes are over three miles distant by the shortest route, are entitled to receive a conveyance allowance from the Education Department, provided they cannot attend a District High School nearer home. The allowance is 6d. per return trip per pupil or 8d. when the distance is over five miles. This is subject to the proviso that where a regular bus service is used the allowance will not exceed the actual cost to the pupil. Bicycles and tram cars are excluded from the means of conveyance on account of which the allowance is made.

Pupils who, through impracticability of conveyance, have to live away from home in order to obtain secondary education, are entitled to receive a boarding allowance of 7s. 6d. per week.

In both cases application for the allowance must be made to the High Schools Board.

## Text Books

Free text books, geometrical instruments, and classroom requisites may be supplied to pupils whose parents or guardians are in necessitous circumstances. Application must be made in the first instance to the Rector, who is required to make due enquiry into the circumstances of those concerned before reporting to the Board. A second-hand book depot has also been established at the school for the benefit and convenience of pupils. The introduction of the class sets of Readers and of certain types of book not required for home use has appreciably reduced the expenditure on text books on the part of the pupils.

## School Institutions and Clubs

It is the aim of the School to promote and foster the usual clubs of a good secondary school, and to encourage the boys to develop healthy interests in all extra-classroom activities.

- (i) *Library*—The library is a prized asset of the School and is rapidly being developed. The room is spacious and comfortable. Magazines and papers are laid on the tables and books are issued by the library staff. The library is very popular and extensively used throughout the year.
- (ii) *Cadet Corps*—This consists at present of two infantry companies with specialist divisions. All boys not physically disqualified are expected to serve in the Cadet Corps.
- (iii) *Clubs*—Several clubs, viz., Wireless, Stamps, Football, Cricket, Swimming, Athletic, Orchestra, Tennis, and Model Aeroplane, have already been formed, and receive strong support from the pupils.

### Scholarships and Bursaries

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS are awarded annually by the University of New Zealand on the results of the University Entrance Scholarship Examination. Pupils of the School are prepared for this Examination. Two classes of Scholarship, Junior and National, are awarded. The former are open to candidates under nineteen years of age on 1st June following the date of examination (held early in December) and the latter to candidates under nineteen on the 1st December nearest to such date. The Scholarships are tenable normally for three years at any University College or Agricultural College. Their value is £25 per annum, plus, in the case of Junior Scholarships, the amount of the tuition fees payable by the holder at the College to which he belongs, and, in the case of National Scholarships, such proportion of the fees as the Minister of Education may approve. A travelling or boarding allowance is also paid in certain circumstances to the holders of Junior Scholarships.

UNIVERSITY NATIONAL BURSARIES of two kinds, ordinary and boarding, are awarded by the Education Department to pupils going on to a University course. Ordinary Bursaries are awarded without restriction as to age to those who qualify for Higher Leaving Certificates and are applied to the payment of University tuition fees not exceeding £20 per annum. Boarding bursaries (65 throughout New Zealand) are awarded on the results of the University Scholarships Examination to applicants under 19 on 1st December nearest the date of the examination at which they qualified. Their annual value is £20, as for Ordinary Bursaries, plus a boarding allowance not exceeding £30. The normal tenure of the bursaries is three years.

WAR BURSARIES may be awarded by the Education Department to free pupils attending the School who are certified by the War Pensions Board to be or to have been the dependants of a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who has been killed through active military service, or who as the result of such service has suffered disablement which in the opinion of the Board warrants the award of a bursary to the dependant. The Bursaries are at the rate of £5 per annum.

### Honours

While it is early days yet, perhaps the Queen has not completely forgotten King's High, for L. A. (Lyndsay) Rackley (1958–59) featured on the Queen's Birthday Honours List with the award of a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to broadcasting. His career began in 1961 when he joined the Otago Radio Association (ORA) and worked as

a volunteer announcer on Radio 4XD which was the oldest unit of broadcasting in the southern hemisphere, which operated from a building next to Calder Mackay's in Rattray Street. His professional career in broadcasting began in 1971 by which time the radio station had morphed into Radio Dunedin (4XO), the first South Island commercial radio station, and he worked as an afternoon announcer until 2015. Throughout this time Lyndsay worked closely with the ORA, being the association's voluntary secretary and co-ordinating volunteer announcers to provide programmes for time slots on Radio Dunedin. Since 2015 he has continued as a volunteer announcer producing the *Sunday Morning Breakfast Show*, and also producing outdoor broadcasts such as the Dawn Service on Anzac Day.

In June 2018, a female tramp on Little Mt Peel/Huatekerekere slipped and broke her lower leg, precipitating an 11-hour rescue attempt. Paramedic C. M. (Craig) Didham (1995–99) was lowered from the helicopter in low cloud and worsening winter weather to begin medical care of the victim while three members of the police search and rescue team were subsequently landed some 500m distant to help stretcher-carry the stabilised patient 4km down a dark, steep and slippery track, with the possibility of hypothermia setting in under the extremely cold conditions. In May this year Craig received a Certificate of Achievement for Operational Activity jointly to Land Search and Rescue (SAR) Methven (who had climbed up the hill to render assistance), the Otago Regional Rescue Helicopter, and the South Canterbury Police SAR at the NZSAR Council Awards ceremony held at Parliament.

Also in May, W. (William) Sharpf (2015–18), the 2018 Dux, was at Parliament to receive his Premier Scholar Award, one of only eleven students in NZ to receive this award. Despite being merely a Year 12 student, William gained 4 Outstanding Scholarships in calculus, chemistry, physics, and statistics, plus a Scholarship in biology.

In July, at the Keep Dunedin Beautiful awards evening, C. J. (Chris) Homer (1968–72) was represented with the major individual award, the Pod Environmental Award for "creating and executing a restoration plan" for the Kellas Street reserve in Macandrew Bay. This involved recruiting neighbours to rack up some 270 hours of participating, trapping, weed control, planting, and track work.

### Cultural Affairs

To celebrate the 150 years of Otago University which climaxed during Queen's Birthday Weekend, Associate Professor P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76) helped organise a concert in the Dunedin Town Hall entitled *A Celebration of Otago in Words and Music*, which showcased the University's contribution to NZ's culture over the years, which was favourably received by a near capacity audience and by the *ODT* reviewer. He also conducted the contribution by the St Kilda Brass Band to the programme. Some four weeks later, the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra celebrated Matariki with a concert which featured the premiere of his composition entitled *Huriawa*, which was inspired by the sea crashing on the cliffs of the Karitane peninsula, by the Maori myths of the area, and by its windswept nature.

People could have been forgiven for believing that the posthumous career of James K. Baxter (1940–43) had finally

run out of steam, for it has become uncannily quiet for the past year or two—perhaps not surprisingly for the 50th anniversary of his death is all too quickly approaching. However such an illusion was shattered by the publication of 30 years of his correspondence by John Weir, his long term friend, priest, and earthly agent. A total of 948 letters grace 1337 pages of a boxed set of two volumes, which with the addition of pages covering the preface, introduction explanatory notes, acknowledgements, and an index adds up to a grand total of 1616 pages. The letters are written to his family members, his lovers, and to his priestly and literary friends, including many of the leading writers of his time, and reveal his tension between “the physical and the spiritual, the sacred and the profane [and both his] self-absorption and [his] concern for others. They reveal the issues which conflicted him and consequently gave birth to some of his finest poetry and prose.” The box is handsomely produced and features three paintings by Nigel Brown; the cover of volume one features a photograph of James K. taken about the time when he was Robert Burns Fellow at OU, while volume two features a photograph of the dishevelled “Hemi” taken in his final years at Jerusalem in the Whanganui Valley. The box and its contents weigh 2.76kg, which make it not conducive to those who prefer to read in bed. The price is a snip \$99.99, and those purchasers who tender a \$100 banknote in payment should feel free to recommend that the bookseller concerned might “keep the change.”

Earlier this year I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) who had previously written 26 books on aspects of NZ’s history, culture, society, and biography, including lives of Arawata Bill (legendary goldminer), A. H. (Reed) (publisher and writer), and Rutherford Waddell (social campaigner) produced *A Good Joke: the Life and Crimes of Notorious New Zealand Art Forger Karl Sim*. Ian first became interested in the subject while still a journalist and following Sim’s 1986 forgery trial, as a result of which he became NZ’s first (and so far only) convicted art forger, and who subsequently changed his name to Carl Fedor Goldie. The book is a reliable guide to many of the hundreds of Sim forgeries in both public and private ownership; it also provides an insight into the shady side of art dealing, and reveals the incompetent side of art expertise in NZ during the past five decades.

In 2017, Harraway and Sons Ltd celebrated 150 years of milling grain on its Green Island site: it is the largest oat mill in NZ, and the only one still processing NZ-grown oats. Rebecca Reid has recently compiled a history of the enterprise entitled *Harraways—Going for Grain: 150 years of milling at Green Island* which outlines how the Harraway family, and since 1944 the Hudson family, have successfully operated the business despite three fires and periodic flooding from the Kaikorai stream: interestingly both Henry Harraway and Richard Hudson grew up in the same era in Wiltshire in England. The book is profusely illustrated, with many of photographs supplied by J. A. (John) Harraway (1956–60), and contains a plethora of recipes for those readers who may have succumbed to hunger caused by reading about food! The assistance of E. N. (Neil) Harraway (1948–51) is acknowledged: he also in 1965 had written a thesis for his MA degree entitled *A history of flour milling in Otago: the history of wheat growing and milling from the 1840s to the present day*. The late J. G. (Gordon) Baines (1942–45) was Company Secretary (i.e., CEO) of the firm from 1964 until his retirement in 1988.

In the Autumn issue of the *University of Otago Magazine*, 150 “Alumni Heroes” have been selected (OU is 150 years old) “from all decades and all fields of endeavour” to typify “the true essence of the University of Otago.” King’s has supplied G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) artist and writer [whose 1970 BA has erroneously been credited to 1966!]; James K. Baxter (1940–43) poet, playwright, and prose writer; I. F. (Ian) Farrant (1955–59) businessman; N. C. (Neville) Bain (1953–56) businessman and Sir Frank W. Holmes (1937–41) economist and government advisor. [Also selected was Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas, daughter of W. R. (Bill) Mayhew (Staff 1945–54) who has had a stellar career in the academic, legal, administrative, and cultural life of England]. While the selection of such lists is often controversial, and while supplying 5 out of 150 is certainly praiseworthy, it seems surprising that the deeds of H. C. (Hugh) Templeton (1945–47) the architect of the CER Agreement, for which Australia awarded him their highest honour, and C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61) for his all round services to sport, and national and local government, were ignored.

## Memories

### More Hockey at King’s

*Graeme Burns (1949–52) writes:*

I enjoyed reading Keith Ussher’s letter on the early days of hockey at King’s and editor Bob Glass’s comments in the March issue of the *Kingsmen*.



**Graeme Burns, Merv Rowe • Dated 24th August 1949  
Both went on to play representative hockey. Ed**



**Photo of 1949 team which went on the long journey to Auckland by rail and ship.**

**Back Row (L-R)**

Merv Rowe, Eric Ussher, Harry Hobson, Geoff Paterson, Peter Aburn, Graeme Burns, Alastair McInnes, Mr Frank Charlton

**Front Row (L-R)**

Dick Knopp, "Buster" Sinclair, Arthur Crimp, Ritchie Williams, Lyn Phelan, Ross Tyrie

The articles triggered a few thoughts and after a bit of digging into treasures tucked away for years I found my diary and scrapbook relating to the 1949 team's trip to Auckland for the NZ Secondary Schools tournament.

I was a member of the 13 squad team, and with Merv Rowe both 3rd Formers, Merv the reserve back and I reserve forward.

The team positions were as follows: Dick Knopp (goalie), Peter Aburn and Alastair McInnes (fullbacks), Eric Ussher (right?), Geoff Paterson (centre), and "Buster" Sinclair (left?) halfbacks, Lyn Phelan (right wing), Harry Hobson (right or left inside), Ritchie Williams (centre), Arthur Crimp (left or right inside) and Ross Tyrie (left wing) as forwards, with reserves Merv Rowe (backs) and Graeme Burns (forwards).

The trip began on Thursday 18 August, my younger brother's birthday, and the second last day of the school term. We had

been asked by Frank Charlton, coach and manager, to meet at the Railway Station at least an hour before the train was due to arrive midday from Invercargill. My parents came to see me off and to their horror saw the other team members dressed in light grey long trousers whereas I was wearing the regulation blue shorts. So, my father hurriedly whisked me up to Reddell's Menswear on the corner of Stuart Street and Moray Place for my first pair of long trousers.

The team left Dunedin bound for Timaru for a one night stopover; our hosts were Timaru Boys' High School and that evening we watched various indoor sporting events.

The following day we played their 1st XI losing 3-2 before rejoining the train to Christchurch and the change over of locomotives to Lyttelton where we boarded the inter island ferry *Wahine* for the overnight trip to Wellington.

Saturday 20 April we arrived in Wellington and were met by



boys from Rongatai College; we watched their team win 5–0 in a competition game before departing about 3pm on the overnight train trip to Auckland.

Arriving Sunday morning we met our billetters. My hosts lived at the tram terminus in Old Mill Road, Westmere, virtually beside the entrance to the Auckland Zoo which we visited in the afternoon.

My hosts had a small dairy/general store and lived above in the flat; the father related the story of when he was a young boy in Napier he wagged school one day, the day of the 1931 earthquake which destroyed his school building and killed several of his friends.

Monday 22 August I and others visited Farmers Trading Co building before attending the Civic Reception at the Auckland Town Hall and later a practice at Hobson Park, the venue of the Tournament.

Tuesday morning the tournament began; we played Napier Boys' High School drawing 0–0, and in the afternoon Auckland Grammar losing 3–0.

I played on the left wing against Auckland Grammar in place of Ross Tyrie. It was a great game, we were very unlucky not to score on several occasions. Later on Auckland Grammar said that our game was one of the best and hardest it had played in the season let alone the tournament.

Geoff Paterson centre half, a very tall boy of over 6 feet was outstanding; he had speed and skill and with his deceptively long reach was able to intercept and distribute the ball much to the frustration of the opposition. Ritchie Williams centre forward and Harry Hobson inside pressed hard but we couldn't get the ball into the net.

Wednesday we played Stratford (Boys??) High School, drawing 2–2.

Thursday saw the semi finals and final played with Auckland Grammar the winners of the tournament. In the evening the NZ Secondary Schools team was announced with Geoff Paterson included at centre half, the only South Island player to be selected. Peter Aburn fullback, and Ritchie Williams along with Harry Hobson forwards were considered unlucky not to be selected.

The NZ team played an Auckland side on probably Friday—I don't recall—and on Saturday 27 August we left by train bound for Palmerston North arriving Sunday morning for a one night stopover—whether we played another game or simply relaxed is not recorded in my diary.

We left Palmerston North on Monday afternoon for Wellington to join the inter island ferry *Hinemoa* to Lyttelton on Tuesday morning arriving back in Dunedin after the long train trip.

And so ended a most enjoyable and rewarding trip and experience.

The King's Old Boys hockey team was formed and played the following year, i.e., 1950. I left King's at the end of 1952 and rejoined Albany—I had in 1947 & 1948 played for them in the junior grades on Saturdays following encouragement from Don Taylor my Form I teacher at Macandrew Intermediate.

While at King's, J. R. (Jamie) Adamson (1982–86) had gotten a taste for balance sheets and profit statements and was hooked, completing a commerce degree in accounting and management at OU. He began his accounting career with Deloitte where he completed his chartered accountancy qualifications: this led to senior positions at various Dunedin-based companies, including Port Otago, Silver Fern Farms, Kaan's Catering Supplies, and Nichol's Garden Group. All this gave him a commercial understanding of how future clients operated, and what advice they needed. Jamie returned to Deloitte last August, where the challenge of bringing his commercial skills to bear in advising clients across a broad range of services and helping solve diverse problems for different businesses proved very attractive to a self-confessed "numbers nerd." It proved to have quite a different focus from being in the corporate world, where one could sometimes feel a bit like the "Lone Ranger," to the teamwork of professional services. Jamie's career progression had always been about "right place, right item;" he had recently been made a partner, and is treasurer of the Otago Museum trust board, and a member of the Otago Polytechnic Council.

The NZ Mineral Forum was held in Dunedin in May, and was stated to be about mining in NZ and globally, and looking to the future. Of the dozens of speeches, panels, and presentations over three days in the Town Hall, 40% were at least partially about coal, and 25% were totally about coal. C. D. (Chris) Baker (1967–71) is CEO of Straterra, NZ's minerals sector industry. He outlined the positive contribution which the mineral industry brought to the NZ economy (quoting Oceana Gold's employment numbers and its future) and pointed out that there were two types of coal produced in NZ: coking coal required to make steel and thermal coal required as a source of energy. Production of coking coal would take decades to replace, while thermal coal supported many of our export industries. He stressed that NZ's production standards were superior to the environment standards of foreign producers. On the other hand the Government claims that it is showing leadership and taking action on climate change. The Octagon being adjacent to the Town Hall provided plenty of space for the considerable numbers who gathered to demonstrate their opposition to the mining industry in general, and the coal industry and deep sea drilling in particular.

Some ten years ago, David Crutchley of Shortlands Station in the Maniototo changed the way he farmed by moving away from a dependence on agri chemicals that artificially promoted growth to restoring biological processes to the soil, thereby building living soil that does the growing and production of nutritious forage which resulted in healthier animals and made the land more productive. He established a company called Provenance Meats, but needed someone with marketing skills to promote the product. So he approached M. S. (Michael) Coughlin (1977–79) who had been a chef for 36 years, but also a longtime ambassador for Beef and Lamb. He took up the challenge, and they have won the Outstanding Food Producer Paddock Award: the judges commenting that the lamb was "juicy and moist, with great flavour." Already exported to Hong Kong, and hopefully soon to Singapore, it is also available at speciality shops and online, and is intended to be sold at New World supermarkets in Christchurch, Wanaka, and Dunedin.

Sixteen years ago Kushla Sullivan, who had some hospitality experience moved south from Christchurch, with N. J. (Nick) Dodds (1997–2001) a former music student at OU, and together they purchased a cafe on the St Clair Esplanade. They built the business up, maintaining and improving standards and regularly changing the menu to include healthier options, and staff increasing from 4 to 38. They realised that their seven day weeks had become a monster which was destroying their family (two daughters) life, so they decided to sell, and recuperate for a year. However after only eight weeks a new opportunity arose, and they purchased Buster Greens in George Street. They had learned a lesson: they were only to be open on weekdays, and would concentrate on plant-based eating with a massive focus on nutrition to suit a different clientele (although meat is still on the menu). Buster Greens is now open seven days operating at weekends by their capable staff, while they enjoy family days.

The Otago Regional Council has decided to increase boatie education by appointing a full time deputy harbourmaster, P. J. (Pete) Dryden (1982–84). Originally he spent 15 years in the commercial vessel industry, which included some commercial diving. For the past 14 years he has been with Maritime NZ enforcing regulatory compliance, which involved monitoring vessels in Otago and the Chatham Islands to make sure they were following correct safety procedures. This has provided Pete with a skill set to assist the harbourmaster in delivering safety messages and making sure people on the water are safe—they both believe in education before enforcement.

In May, L. A. (Les) Green (1951–54, Bandmaster 1961–62) a chartered accountant was presented with a certificate at a function organised by the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) to honour his 60 years service to the profession. Les left school to join the Dunedin accounting firm of Knowles Kearney and Aitken, and studied part time to graduate with a B.Com degree from OU. When in 1962 Harold Aitken withdrew to set up his own accountancy practice, Les went with him to become the office manager, and by 1966 was a partner in the firm: the “and Co” in H. P. Aitken and Co! Over the years the practice grew and merged with other firms to become Ernst and Young in 1989, where he was one of 130 partners! But in 1996, the Dunedin office withdrew, and has since practised as Harvie Green Wyatt. Now officially retired, but still doing some consultancy work with the firm if required, Les stresses that his career was part of a team effort, that couldn't be done by one person on his/her own. For many years he lectured part time at OU on trustee law and accounts, and served on CAANZ's local public practice committee, and on the national rural advisory committee. He also had a long-term involvement with the St Kilda Brass Band, Rotary, the Presbyterian Church, and Free Masons: in 2002 he was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to the community.

Also in May B. C. (Bruce) Hicks (1968–71) retired after 48 years working for Allied Press and its fore-runners. Starting at the ODT as an office junior, before working in advertising and publishing, in the mid-1970s he entered the reel room where he spent most of the rest of his career. The work was always quite physical, but the “good hours and good money” kept him at the company. However he was ready to retire, and felt fortunate to do so while still in good health.

B. P. (Brian) Kreft (1961–65) has operated the Paper Plus store in Wanaka for 31 years. He is chairman of the 26 members

of the Lower Helwick and Ardmore Streets Retailers Group which believes that a plan mooted by the District Council to ban cars from central Wanaka would be disastrous for business: indeed a trial earlier this year confirmed fears, as all businesses experienced a decline in turnover when compared with a similar period in previous years, varying between 6% and 41%.

Business advice firm Polson Higgs was founded in 1997, when it was acquired from Price Waterhouse, and now has a staff of 53. One of the five partners is H. M. (Henry) van Dyke (1978–82).

G. K. (Greg) Verhoef (1985–89) is a local chartered accountant active in community affairs, but especially in the Scout movement. He was the Otago Scout Area treasurer before reorganisation took place, having previously served a five year term as Scouts NZ national treasurer, and was for a similar period vice-chairman of the National Executive Committee. At present he is Group Leader (i.e., manager) of the Andersons Bay Sea Scouts, treasurer of the Otago Scouts Endowment Trust, and treasurer of the Gang Show, where some of his family are involved. In a recent issue of the *Star*, Dunedin's weekly community newspaper, he wrote a column offering advice to anyone who might be thinking of starting a business.

## Bits and Pieces

M. W. (Mervyn) Bradshaw (1953-56) and wife Yvonne of Caloundra, Queensland celebrated their Golden Wedding in May.

*M. L. (Michael) Andrewes (1957–61) reports*

While not being able to sleep this morning (May 11) at 4.15am I turned on National Radio for inspiration and they happened to be playing an extract from this old recording in their Sound and Vision Archives slot (a repeat from a regular afternoon slot with Jesse Mulligan). I was amazed to hear it was a 1945 recording of a KHS assembly in which among other things the Rector announced the death of Hitler! The recording was made by the NZBS and was destined to be transmitted to NZ soldiers in the Pacific.

On the other side of the disc apparently was a recording of the 1945 Capping Sextet!

You can find all the detail on-line and listen to it there too.

After 34 years' stewardship over the local community hall, the St Kilda Community Hall Club is winding up, following the DCC decision not to renew the lease after June 30. Instead it is proposed that the facility will be operated by a group of residents from the adjacent Victoria Road flats. The hall had originally been part of the central battery, and had been used as temporary accommodation for migrants following World War II. After his retirement from the building trade, L. (Les) Jackson (Board of Governors 1981–82), now aged 94 expended much time and energy making furniture for the hall; and renovating its interior. He has paid tribute to former St Kilda councillor Mrs A. (Anne) Turvey (Board of Governors 1982–85) for her long-standing support for the hall and the club.

## Sporting Triumphs

G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04) has been appointed director of sport at King's: his “dream job.” After playing

46 rugby matches for Otago, several as captain, in 2012 he shifted to England and coached firstly at Northampton, then at Weston-Super-Mare, for whom he also played and was their development officer. Glen wants all school players of any sport to be committed and to work hard for success. While at school he had played at 1st five-eighth for the 1st XV, inside him at half-back was B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04): both have ended up making rugby their careers!

At the Otago Sports Awards in May, B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) was awarded Otago Sportsman of the Year. One of the five judges was J. P. (John) Brimble (Staff 2000–04) representing Sport Otago.

### Athletics

T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) nowadays representing Thailand has qualified to compete at the World Marathon Championships to be held later this year at Doha, Qatar, following his recent performance at Riga in Latvia. C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) has also qualified through his performance on the Gold Coast, but has yet to be selected to represent NZ at Doha (although he has been invited to train with the NZ team in Cyprus). Should he be selected, it would be somewhat remarkable for two classmates from any school to be competing against each other on a world stage!

D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) won the inaugural Lap of Lake Hayes race.

A. H. (Alex) Brown (2014–18) came second in the J. G. Barnes cross-country.

At the Edmond Cup meeting, W. (William) Scharpf (2015–18) came second in the Under 18 race, while G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) came second in the 50+ race.

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields was adjudged Summer Athlete of the Year at the Athletics Otago awards.

W. F. (Wayne) Allen (1962–64) of Dunedin, but for many years a Papatowai (Catlins) crib owner established the race/walk bush event in 1997. Nowadays the event attracts between 300–400 competitors, and has raised more than \$75,000 so far for Catlins community organisations. This year Sport Clutha organised the February event, and Wayne is seeking to formalise this arrangement.

In June, athletes from King's ventured north to compete in the national cross country championships in Timaru. While there, they visited TBHS to see Jack Lovelock's athletics medals and the oak tree presented to him at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. They were also very pleased to see on display medals won by A. T. (Arnold) Anderson (Staff 1946–70, 72) former deputy rector, and father of G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) who spends so much time helping KHS athletes.

### Basketball

The Nuggets has gained provisional re-entry into the 2020 National Basketball League (NBL). Former Junior Tall Black J. M. (Josh) Aitcheson (2012–16) believes this would be very important for local players, including students at tertiary institutions, for since 2014 there hasn't been a pathway for basketball in Dunedin despite the talent available. Indeed he had been forced to spend time with the Canterbury Rams, and the Southland Shark which had been difficult to fit in with his studies at OU. The notable proviso on which re-entry rested was money (i.e., sponsorship), the shortage of which was the reason for the team's withdrawal from the NRL in 2014.

W. J. (Bill) Earland (1950–53) died at Stoke 14.1.19

R. (Raymond) Chan (1970–74) died at Wellington 10.2.19

J. R. (John) Stevenson (1961–64) died at Motueka 7.3.19

R. (Ross) Tallentire (1960–64, Staff 1969–70) died at Gore 15.3.19

A. W. (Alan) Stevens (1947–49) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 21.3.19

K. A. (Keith) Ashton (1957–59) of Macandrew Bay, died at Dunedin 28.3.19

S. J. (Syd) Duncan (1955–59) died at Mosgiel 29.3.19

W. J. (Bill) Tomkins (1949–53) died at Dunedin 29.3.19

J. N. (Jim) Darling (1949–51) died at Dunedin 1.4.19

M. J. (Michael) Tyson (1961–63) died at Christchurch 3.4.19

J. A. (Jack) Pinkham (1936–38) died at Hastings 16.4.19

D. E. (Dave) Shanks (1948–49) died at Dunedin 16.4.19

N. S. (Ngaira) Hair (Board of Governors 1979–82) died at Dunedin 18.4.19

P. A. (Peter) van der Loo (Caretaker 1982–88) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 28.5.19

P. J. (Patrick) Hollamby (1982–83) died Dunedin 31.5.19

R. T. (Riley) Johnston (2003–06) died at Wanaka 31.5.19

E. W. (Eddie) Saunders (1954–56) of Ocean Grove, died at Dunedin 1.6.19

M. B. (Maurice) Evans (1946–50) died at Christchurch 6.6.19

J. D. (John) McIntosh (1945–48) died at Rangiora 17.6.19

R. J. (Jack) Rutherford (1945–49) died at Dunedin 20.6.19

L. G. (Lew) Brookes (1945–48) of Sunnyvale, died at Dunedin 25.6.19

D. T. (Doug) Huband (1954–55) died at Mosgiel 4.7.19

R. A. (Rex) Harbott (1945–49) died at Dunedin 6.7.19

J. W. (Jimmy) Bennett (1973) died at Dunedin 9.7.19

M. J. (Murray) Gibbs (1952–56) died at Invercargill 9.7.19

J. A. (John) Lambert (1948–49) died at Tawa 11.7.19

D. J. (Donald) Ross (1952–56) died at Aldergrove, British Columbia, Canada 12.7.19

D. A. G. (David) Murray (1944–48) died at Mosgiel 13.7.19

In July, L. R. (Lance) Pearson (1950–53) received a long overdue honour when he was made a life member of Basketball Otago. While at King's, Lance did not play the game, for in those days the school had no gymnasium, no coach, no team, and only a couple of hoops on one of the asphalted tennis courts. However he began playing at the YMCA as a 17 year old in 1954 and continued until 1979 by which time he was 42 years of age. After starting as a centre, he soon became a guard, practising by taking 500 shots per day! As an Otago representative, he was a member of the team which won 13 consecutive South Island titles and he led the team to win the national title in 1968 and 1970. Defences struggled to contain him, and he usually scored at least 30 points in every game: it has been suggested that he tallied 30,000 baskets during his career! Lance represented the South Island, and also played against several teams which toured the country including the esteemed Oregon State University. He was also successful as a coach, guiding King's to the final of the national secondary school championships and also coaching King's Old Boys, and Otago. In the late 1960s he helped form the Otago Men's Basketball Association, and in 1971 helped to move club matches to Saturday as a main winter sport: previously players had been from other sporting code wishing to gain fitness. He was also one of a handful of people involved in setting up children's basketball in Otago which has grown from nine players to 148 teams, and renamed Kiwi Hoops. Just last year, he helped lure Steven Adams to Dunedin to host a camp for 400 school aged players.

Lance was also a more than useful cricketer, who played 31 matches for Otago between 1961 and 1971, averaging 23.64 and with a highest score of 140. This included a brilliant batting display against a touring team of promising young Australian players led by test veteran Les Favel. While at King's he had been an all-rounder, and in 1953 there was a friendly rivalry between Lance (a slow bowler) and fast bowler N. R. (Neil) Kearney (1949–53) as to who was the school's most valuable bowler: this would be decided during the forthcoming match against Waitaki BHS. Each had collected three wickets when Lance bowled to the No 10 batsman, who hit the ball directly to Neil who was fielding deep on the on-side: caught Kearney, bowled Pearson. Lance then bowled a similar ball to the final batsman, who hit a similar shot to the same fieldsman who didn't have to move to accept the catch, and who could be heard expressing his disbelief as the ball sailed towards him!

Away from sport, Lance was heavily involved for 30 years with the Bendigo Valley Sport and Charity Foundation, and remains a company director. The Pearson family has provided very generous support to King's over the years, but the family home was directly across the road from the school, and its presence was hard to ignore! Furthermore three generations of the family have attended the school.

### **Cycling**

K. (Kees) Duyvsteyn (2012–16) has been racing, with success, in Belgium.

### **Golf**

C. G. (Corran) Munro (1952–57) has hit under his age (80) for the 101st time by carding 78 on the Otago Golf Club course at Balmacewan recently.

### **Hockey**

Selected for the NZ Under 21 squad to compete for the Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia in October are F. M. (Finn) Ward

(2014–18), M. M. (Malachi) Buschl (2013–17), D. Q. (Dylan) Thomas (2012–16) and J. T. (Jordan) Ward (2012–16). The team will be coached by D. E. (Dave) Ross (Staff 1985–).

In a joint submission Otago Hockey, King's High School, and Sport Otago, have invited the DCC to take over the construction and ownership of a new turf planned for South Dunedin. King's and Otago Hockey had so far raised \$1.3 million for the \$2.6 million facility: King's would supply the land, surrounding facilities, and day-to-day maintenance costs. A. G. (Andy) McLean (1994–98), general manager of Otago Hockey stressed that the present two turfs at Logan Park were stretched to cater for current numbers, with some secondary school matches not being completed till after 10pm! A third turf would also help to attract tournaments to Dunedin.

### **Mountaineering**

C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97) formerly a rugby player who played 45 test matches for NZ and won three European titles while playing for Toulon, is joining a team which hopes to reach the summit of Mt Makalu in Nepal in October. He has been associated with the French charity Samara Porteurs D' espoir since 2015, and developed a bond with Nepal after witnessing the devastation caused by the 2015 earthquake, and the poverty resulting from the consequent drop in tourism numbers. He hopes that the Makalu venture will help generate funding for future aid projects.

### **Rugby**

Despite his injury which restricted his appearance for the Highlanders this season Ben Smith has still managed to represent the franchise in 153 matches, scoring 200 points (40 tries) since his debut in 2009: he is currently adding to his All Black career of 77 test matches (165 points, 33 tries). He also found time to watch King's play OBHS in June, along with his team-mate and halves partner Glenn Dickson.

T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) is returning to Dunedin to coach the Highlanders.

T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–15) represented NZ Universities when they played against the touring Japanese Kansai University team; he is also representing Otago at fullback.

J. N. (Jim) Darling (1949–51) died earlier this year. A fullback, he was a member of the Otago team that won the Ranfurly Shield from Wellington in 1957, dropping a field goal in the win. He also played for North Otago when they defeated the touring Wallabies in Oamaru in 1962.

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Contents for the November *Kingsmen* to be received as soon as possible and by 31st October. We would appreciate information from outside Otago which may be legally published relating to ex-pupils.