



# THE KINGSMEN

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"Communications with Members."

## The President's Report

Dear Fellow Old Boys

This year has passed so quickly and regrettably we were saddened by the loss of our President, friend and colleague Warwick (Fox) Larkins in May of last year. Warwick's contribution to the Old Boys was outstanding and his loss has been felt tremendously. Our Committee meetings are very empty without Warwick's contribution and his wicked sense of humour which we all knew him for. The Executive has decided to name the Archives Room in the Performing Arts Centre in his honour, as well as donating a trophy to the School Cricket section to be awarded during matches played against the Albion Cricket Club.

It has been a relatively quiet year with the Wall of Fame and the Annual Dinner being the features of the year. Our congratulations went to Lindsay Carter, David Morrell and Glen Denham being the new inductees in 2015 for the Wall of Fame. The dinner was an entertaining affair with Glen and David speaking to us with a very good attendance of 70plus Old Boys. I encourage Old Boys to attend this function as it is the only formal function that the Association holds during the year.

The School continues to thrive under Dan's leadership in spite of a drive to restrict numbers at the School by the Ministry. Dan has to be commended for the way this was handled at the time and we trust the School will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years.

Finally my thanks to the Committee for the hours spent in getting the *Kingsmen* produced and distributed with special mention to Hugh Kidd and Bob Glass who research the articles to put in the magazine. We were

fortunate in gaining two new Committee members, Clive Sims and Andrew Miller this year but would welcome any other Old Boys to join us on the Executive.

Many thanks to Dan Reddiex and the School for their continuing support and best wishes go to all our Old Boys for the coming year.

Kind regards,

Doug Jackson (1960–63)  
PRESIDENT

### Financial Report

In 2015 Income exceeded Expenditure by \$2,551, compared with a surplus of \$2,753 in 2014.

The amount received from Subscriptions was down due to deaths, resignations and memberships lapsing through non payment. This was counteracted by decreased expenditure.

The current cash position was helped by seven members taking up Membership for Life for 2015 of \$1,800.

### The School

1. Below is a section of the Rector Dan Reddiex's report on the 2015 academic results and the Year 9 intake, which was published in the 12th February *King's Week*.

The official roll numbers are compiled in March, but it appears that the total will be just in excess of 1000.

*We welcomed 234 Year 9 students to the school, one of the largest Year 9 intakes in our history. These young men have settled seamlessly into their new school and have quickly assimilated into the positive King's culture. I have seen this first hand with my Year 9 Economics class. The boys are enthusiastic, engaged and*



## Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Thursday 7th April in the School Library at 7.30pm.  
Refreshments from 7pm.

Chris George (1978–82) who is in the Police force is the speaker.  
This is not just an old Annual Meeting, therefore it deserves a good attendance.

Please support this function.



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*even willing to laugh politely at my largely unsuccessful attempts at humour.*

*However, in this column I really wish to showcase and celebrate some of the phenomenal academic results that were achieved by our students in 2015. They are the best collective results in NCEA and Scholarship that our young men have ever attained.*

*As you can see below NCEA results were nothing short of superb.*

Qualification	King's 2015	National Average 2015	National Boys 2015 (All schools)
NCEA Level 1	98.5%	83.7%	80.3%
NCEA Level 2	93.3%	87.4%	84.3%
NCEA Level 3	91.3%	81.3%	76.3%
University Entrance	71.7%	61.3%	54.8%

*The pass rates at every year level comfortably and substantially eclipse the national averages and are even further ahead of the national boys' data. The culture of academic excellence and students' desire to achieve to the best of their capability has permeated the entire school and is clearly bearing great fruit. No boy is overlooked. No student is left behind. A small number don't achieve but that is not due to a lack of attention or opportunity.*

*Scholarship really presented the last hurdle that we were yet to scale in terms of academic success. A lot of work has been done over the past four years to lead to the success gained in 2015. This included developing effective extension programmes (such as Cambridge) ensuring that each individual capable of being accelerated above his year level in areas of strength and interest was accommodated, the establishment of a Scholarship club and the appointment of an Academic Dean to support our accelerated students. Success in Scholarship is never a one-year deal. It is a carefully constructed plan across the duration of a student's time at school. I was delighted that all the planning and effort that has gone in from both boys and staff came to fruition with these superb results. Given the infrastructure we have in place and the capability of both staff and students we are confident that we will continue to build on these results moving forward.*

*Escaping from my office this week I have really appreciated the feel around the school during lunchtimes and class time. It has reinforced to me how special this place is.*

21 Scholarships were received with two of those outstanding.

## 2. New Zealand Secondary School Athletics

Otago athletes won 20 medals at the championships held in December with King's receiving four gold, four silver and a bronze. They were perhaps unlucky not to add another gold, after the 4 x 400m junior team was disqualified for a line violation after winning. A botched baton exchange also cost them a chance of winning the 4 x 100m relay.

Our medallist were as follows:

Felix McDonald

Gold in Long Jump

Silver Senior Boys 100m and 300m Hurdles

Jacob Granger, Felix McDonald, Ben Kiore and Rory O'Neill

Gold—Senior Boys Relay 4 x 400m

Gold—Senior Boys Relay 4 x 400m

Josiah Lesa

Gold—100m Junior Hurdles

Rory O'Neill

Silver—Senior Boys 200m

Sam Gouvener

Silver—Junior Boys 400m

Alex Brown

Bronze—Walk

Congratulations to Felix McDonald and Rory O'Neill who were selected for the paper NZ Schools team.

Sam Gouverneur has also been selected for the NZ Youth Athletics team to compete in the 400m, 800m and the relays events at the Oceania Regional game in Papeete, Tahiti in April.

## Administration

### Communications

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

The request has two purposes

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

B. Notification of events.

Some members prefer to have the *Kingsmen* in the present form, but all who have email should have notification of events that way.

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

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

Please do not forward to the school.

### Subscriptions

Once or twice every year we receive an amount with no indication as to whom has paid and with subscriptions at \$20 p.a. it is confusing and difficult. Most of these have eventually been traced.

### Website

The website which John Barr operates covers many aspects of the school and ex pupils.

Website: [www.kingshighholdboys.co.nz](http://www.kingshighholdboys.co.nz)

John Barr's email: [barrnone@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barrnone@xtra.co.nz)

## Activities Around the Country

### Mini Reunion

Oamaru was the venue for an informal Labour Weekend get together of a number of Kingsmen from the 1964–68 era. Many within the group had maintained contact since the High School and University days, but the Labour Weekend event represented an opportunity to meet some whom had not been in touch, and chat about events from the intervening years as well as the past school days. Andrew Millar, who organised the event, said that he had to do a bit of digging to make contact with some he had not seen or heard of for many years, and there were a few he could not manage to locate. Oamaru's Victorian Precinct presented a range of options for activities and socialisation, including whisky tasting, penny farthing cycling, and sampling the Waitaki region's wines and cheeses. A group dinner on the Saturday evening was concluded with Kit McCready (1964–68) screening some film clips of school activities and events taken by his late father and former teacher at King's Jim McCready. Included were shots of some well known (and many not so well known) sports competitors, and some well known teachers of the period directing school cadet activities with accustomed flourish. Andrew said that everyone had such a good time that they were keen to have another gathering in five years time, and perhaps reach out to the further "new" faces.



Andrew advised that a group photo was considered but there were difficulties with size and reproductions.

Four who participated are from left: Andrew Millar (1964–68), Alan (Jack) McKerchar (1964–67), William Robertson (1964–68) and Stephen Isaacs (1966–70).

### North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

John Somerville informed us that they enjoyed their third luncheon for the year, always at the Bays Club where David Hewitson (1969–71) remains as General Manager with his wife head of waiting staff. They had 21 present with 21 apologies and 30 have attended the last 2 lunches. They will attempt to get back to 4 in 2016 in order to give more opportunity for others to attend 1 or 2 lunches in a year. Early next year they will have been going 10 years and a few more new attenders would help.

They are planning for the next one to be on Thursday 24th March at the Bays Club.

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#### Contact

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### Christchurch

Richard Mitchell (1959–63) informed us that a "Noggin 'n' Natter" function was held at the Burnside Bowling Club in Avonhead Road on 20 October 2015 with Dan Reddiex speaking.

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## Over the Years

For decades photos of classes and sports teams have been taken, but unfortunately they were not officially named and it was left to keen and systematic pupils to do it for themselves.

Since then a good effort has been made by a few to resurrect the history, but time has told on memories in some instances. Some years have been done well.

John Barr has located group photos in the school archives and placed them on the website. John and ex-pupils have then named some, as far as possible. As detailed previously and under Administration this issue, the website is [www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz](http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz) and John's email: barrnone@xtra.co.nz

Unfortunately with the 1971 Third form photos only 3L and 3F4 could be located and there were seven Third forms that year. We have recorded the names from the 1971 School Magazine after the two photos.

On the brighter side from about 1980 names are shown with photographs in the magazines.

## Brothers

Following on from previous issues we add the following groups of 4 brothers who attended King's.

### Gamble

G. P. (Graeme) 1951–52, I. W. (Ian) 1955–58, A. N. (Neil) 1957–59, N. K. (Norman) 1965–67

### Somerville

J. J. (John) 1950–54, A. R. (Alan) 1952–53, G. R. (Gerald) 1958–60, W. T. (Bill) 1963–67

### Tily

A. W. (Alistair) 1976–79, J. P. (Jeffrey) 1978–83, G. M. (Glen) 1981–84, W. S. (Warren) 1982–84

NB: L. R. (Leonard) Ballantyne (1974–78) was a fifth brother omitted from their list, also their mother ran the school canteen for many years, also their sister Helen married D. R. (David) Bell (1964–68, Staff 1982–97).

## 1971 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



### 3L Form Photo

- Row 4:* Roderick Dickson, Jim Ballantyne, David Pairman, Pat Guley, Mark Holmes, John Morton, Kevin Kwok, Wayne McLachlan  
*Row 3:* Gordon Cambridge, Geoff Stoddart, Micheal Johnson, John Peacock, Graham Stuart, Ron Wieringa, Brian Dow, Lindsay Campbell  
*Row 2:* Lindsay Bell, Brett Walker, Paul Clough, Peter Brown, Chris Bannister, Simon Wright, Jeremy Van de Bund, Gareth Laws  
*Row 1:* John Joyce, Grant Cameron, John Fluitsma, Peter Connor, Mr Walter Bloomfield, David Brownlie, Michael Sinclair, David Sloper, Neil Stephen



### 3F4 Form Photo

- Row 4:* Ron McFadyen, Brett Whelan, Chris Nicholson, Daniel Van der Wende, Kevin Semple, David O'Brien, Mark Pearson  
*Row 3:* Alan Powell, Gavin Weastell, Peter McLean, Tim Markham, Martin Wells, John Michael, Gordon Twaddle  
*Row 2:* Bruce Jackson, Steve Kennedy, Peter McNaught, Phil Jones, Mark Littlejohn, Derek McGregor, Trevor Jordan, David Wray  
*Row 1:* Stan Shieffelbien, Graeme Young, Paul Newall, Coen Kramers, Mr Arnold Anderson, Neville Lane, Eric Lewis, Bryan Rusbatch, Paul Stringer

As mentioned photos are required for the following whose names appear in the school magazine.

### Form 3F1

G. J. Airey, L. M. Alcock, R. A. Beardsmore, G. E. Benfell, B. J. Bennie, W. J. Blakely, R. L. Brocklebank, M. A. Brunskill, L. C. Carse, M. J. Cleveland, P. S. Clutterbuck, S. F. Cockill, W. M. Crump, P. H. Culling, J. P. Cuttance, G. Dragunow, M. D. Finnie, A. L. Gerrie, K. J. Harrington, A. B. Harris, N. L. Hurring, R. J. Hutchison, W. Lammers, S. G. Lang, G. D. Larkins, D. J. McLeod, M. R. J. Mitchell, V. P. Noakes, S. L. Peat, A. J. Smith, M. P. Stevens, A. D. Van Plateringen

### Form 3F2

S. P. Anderson, J. R. Asquith, R. F. T. Bowen, S. Boyle, C. W. Burton, R. I. Campbell, T. M. Childs, M. J. Clark, R. G. Clark, D. E. Cockerill, G. D. Feron, K. J. Fitzgerald, P. J. Gaul, G. W. Gibbs, J. L. Graham, S. E. G. Hall, G. Hargreaves, W. J. Hillary, P. R. Jensen, C. W. Kennedy, A. M. Kilpatrick, L. E. Knowles, C. R. Larson, K. A. Lauder, R. H. Leckie, W. K. Lee, R. W. Macdonald, P. J. McKenzie, C. W. McMillan, A. M. Malcolmson

### Form 3F3

M. R. Marychurch, P. G. Miles, W. T. Moore, G. J. Moyle, A. W. Muir, R. P. Murphy, P. G. Murray, S. D. O'Connell, S. E. Patrick, D. M. Plaister, D. J. Pratt, J. M. Rae, T. I. Roberts, P. S. Robinson, I. A. Rutherford, B. K. Sadgrove, R. W. Sasse, S. W. Seymour, K. W. Soper, G. W. Steel, M. A. Stevens, B. A. E. Stewart, G. Stewart, R. A. Stratton, K. J. Thompson, W. G. Tyrie, G. Vorgers, D. J. Walker, R. T. Walker, P. J. Walsh, T. W. Woods

### Form 3G1

D. R. Aitken, M. L. Bowles, G. W. Brown, J. P. Bryan, K. S. Chapman, B. E. Cromarty, A. B. Donaldson, G. J. Gibson, A. J. Gutsell, W. D. Harris, F. P. Henry, L. G. Horne, N. J. Howie, G. J. Johnston, J. C. Keinan, M. J. Letham, K. M. Macdonald, N. M. McRobbie, S. R. Myers, E. J. Oats, L. A. Paterson, M. B. Smith, J. R. Snow, B. R. Somerville, A. C. Stephens, A. J. Stewart, R. A. Warwood, R. J. Webster, W. H. F. Zoutenbier

### Form 3G2

A. J. M. Bell, M. J. Blackmore, K. J. Brockie, A. D. Cassidy, K. R. Chappel, B. J. Devlin, P. A. Devlin, G. I. Helsloot, N. R. Hyslop, T. A. King, D. D. Leeden, M. T. Moroney, C. H. Ritchie, K. J. A. Robertson, R. A. Smaill, R. J. Smith, J. G. Stevenson, M. E. W. Tamati, P. W. Warrington, M. J. Whitty

## Missing

Included in this *Kingsmen* are the class photographs of the 1971 intake, which with later inclusions totalled 223, of whom 13 are believed to have died. The circumstances of the following are unknown to us, are dated, or lack the required precision: Grant John Airey, Douglas Roland Aitken, Leslie Murray Alcock, Stephen Paul Anderson, Edwin Spruce Arron, Simon Paul Bates, Brian John Bennie, Michael John Blackmore, Ross Frederick Thomas (was Perth?), Graham Walter Brown, Mark Anthony Brunskill, James Paul Bryan (Wakari?), Grant David Cameron (was London), Ronald Ian Campbell (was Auckland), Keith Robbyn Chappell, Trevor Michael Childs, Robert Norman Clifton, Wayne Maurice Crump (Oz?), Joseph Paul Cuttance, Patrick Alan Devlin (Nelson?), Alistair Brian Donaldson, Gregory Charles Ede (Ashburton?), Larry Thomas Geeson, Garry Wayne Gibbs, Christopher Wayne Griffiths, Patrick Wayne Guley, Alfred James Gutsell, Gerald Ian Helsloot, Fred Peter Henry, Mark Lawrence Holmes, Lindsay Gordon Horne, Larry Brent Howley, Neville Leyson Hurring, Robert John Hutchison, Paul Raymond Jensen, Michael John Johnson (was Wellington?), Graeme John Johnston, Trevor Robert Jordan, John Charles Joyce, Steven William Kennedy, Kevin Kwok, William Lammers, Stuart Graham Lang (Chrischurch?), Christopher Ross Larson, Keith Arthur Lauder, Gareth John Laws, Wayne Wee Kwong Lee (was Box Hill, Victoria?), Malcolm John Letham, Eric Leslie Lewis, Derek Stanley McGregor, Peter John McKenzie (Winton?), Colin William McMillan, Michael Robert Marychurch, John Michael, John George Godfrey Morton (was Adelaide), Gary James Moyle, Robin Peter Murphy, Peter Graeme Murray, Selwyn Russell Myers, Griffen Thomas Peterson, David Michael Plaister, Kevin John Purton, John Morris Rae, Peter Stewart Robinson, Brian Keith Sadgrove, Stuart Norman Semple (was Brisbane), Stephen William Seymour, Anthony Joseph Smith, Michael Bruce Smith, Richard John Smith, Garry Wayne Steel, Neil McDowall Stephen, Gregory Stewart,

Kent James Stockdale, Geoffrey Colin Stoddart, Gordon Stuart Twaddle, William Geoffrey Tyrie, Jeremy Wouter Alwyn van de Bund, Daniel Maarten van der Wende (was Auckland), John William van Gelderen, Bretton John Walker, David John Walker (Shiel Hill?), Robert Trevor Walker, Peter John Walsh (was Thornbury, Victoria), Peter Wayne Warrington, Richard Joseph Wekking, Martin John Wells, Brett James Whelan (was Venezuela), Terence William Woods, Simon Wright, Graeme Keith Young, Wilfred Henry Zoutenbier (Stoke?).

## Honours

As is becoming normal practice, once again three Old Boys featured in the 2016 New Year Honours list.

They were A. D. (Alan) MacKenzie (1961–62) of Wellington who was awarded Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to the judiciary; N. D. (Don) Campbell (1964–68) of Waikanae who was awarded Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to tertiary education; and L. O. Stevens (1965–66) of Auckland was also awarded an MNZM for services to the community. Unfortunately, and unlike the *ODT* which publishes a half-column profile on every recipient south of Ashburton which we can paraphrase, northern newspapers merely publish the names of most recipients. We hope to have enough information to provide a worthy profile of our recipients in the July *Kingsmen*.

For the second year running, Kiwibank has sponsored the New Zealander of the Year Awards, and once again King's featured, with the co-winner of the Innovator of the Year title being J. C. (John) Hyndman (1967–70).

The citation reads: *Driven to improve inadequate anaesthesia in the Pacific Islands, Kaiapoi anaesthetist John Hyndman and Auckland engineer Ivan Batistich worked together to develop a*

simple, robust, cost-effective anaesthetic machine. Their machine, called HYVAN has made surgery more available to people in the Pacific Islands—literally a life-changing invention.

It should be noted that all four recipients of Honours are financial members of KHSOBA—is this now a prerequisite?!



John Hyndman and Ivan Batistich

## Cultural Affairs

Professor A. J. (Tony) Ballantyne (1985–89), Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the School of Humanities at OU, and formerly Professor of History and Art History recently won the inaugural W. H. Oliver Prize for his book *Entanglements of Empire: Missionaries, Maori and the Question of Body*. The prize has been established by the NZ Historical Association in memory of Professor Oliver, a noted NZ historian and poet to recognise the best book on NZ history, published within the past two years—two other scholars from Tony’s department who had each already written a prize-winning book were also short-listed for the award! Tony and his colleagues have recently initiated the “Global Dunedin” project, a multifaceted, multidisciplinary examination of Dunedin in regional, national, and international contexts, a fresh look at Dunedin’s place in the world, and its impact past, present and future. The project is organised by the university’s Centre for Research on Colonial Culture, and has presented a series of lectures and displays at Toitu Otago Settlers Museum on topics such as Dunedin’s role in the Gallipoli campaign, the history of Otago Peninsula, and the evolutionary changes in Dunedin’s kitchens over the past century. Scholars and others also contribute to the “Global Dunedin” blog which will be enhanced by ultrafast broadband. Apart from academia, other global impacts include the “Dunedin Sound,” the profile of the Highlanders rugby team, and the increasingly influential iD Dunedin Fashion Week.

The posthumous career of James K Baxter (1940–43) keeps rolling along, this time maintained by Penny Griffith who is the author of *Out of the Shadows: the Life of Millicent Baxter*, a biography of James K’s mother. The daughter of John Macmillan Brown, founding professor at Canterbury University College, and Helen Connon, the first woman in the British Empire to gain an honours degree at a university, and then second principal at Christchurch Girl’s High School, Millicent was a very short but formidable lady who lived to be 96. In 1981 she had written her autobiography *The Memoirs of Millicent Baxter* which has been considered “reserved and

incomplete” and even her family was “disappointed by them, feeling that the real Millicent didn’t emerge.” On the contrary this book would indicate that rather than living in the shadow of her husband Archie who is NZ’s most famous conscientious objector, with a nascent pacifist elder son, and with a future NZ literary giant, Millicent was the dominant figure in a highly unconventional household. The longest chapter in the book (30 pages) is entitled “The Poet Son,” but the whole book is invaluable for describing the environment from which James K emerged.

J. D. (Jake) Cropley (2010–14) who spent 2015 studying for a Diploma in Contemporary Performance at the Mainz Institute of Music in Auckland, was invited by the University of Otago to perform the song he composed for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on the occasion of the visit by the Duchess of Cornwall to the institution last year. His Scottish inspired song “On Forever ye Go” had won the Queen’s Baton Songwriting Competition for secondary school pupils in 2013. The Duchess also heard a poem composed by the 2015 Burns Fellow, and met author/illustrator Linley Dodd (among others) while learning about Dunedin’s role as a UNESCO City of Literature. It was Jake’s first Royal Command Performance!

It is appropriate, although not realised at the time, that I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70), the author of 24 books on NZ history, biography, culture, and society, was approached to write *More than Just a Place to Work: a History of Dunedin’s Railway Workshops*, for his parents first met while working there! The book is a profusely illustrated comprehensive history, both engineering and social from its beginnings in 1875 until its sad and controversial demise in 2012. For nearly a century it was the centrepiece of Dunedin’s engineering industry, was the city’s largest employer, and the quality and versatility of its products unsurpassed: indeed Hillside was virtually a polytechnic, for an apprenticeship gained there was highly regarded internationally. Ian also contributes to the *University of Otago Magazine*, which is published twice-yearly for alumni and friends of the university, and to the annual *He Kitea Global* which records research highlights.

## Bits and Pieces

Dr L. Craig Murray, 1963 American Field Scholar at King’s writes:

*At the end of 1962, I was selected by the American Field Service (AFS) to live with Mr and Mrs Cooper and their two boys, Max and Michael, for the first two terms of 1963 (January through August) in Green Island, Dunedin. I believe the primary reason for the match was that Max and Michael were Queen Scouts and I am an Eagle Scout. In 1963, Max was in the Upper 6th form, Michael was in the 5th form and I took classes in the Lower 6th form at King’s High School.*

*I had a wonderful year with the Coopers. I probably did not study as hard as I should have, but I did okay at King’s and had a good time. At home, the Coopers treated me as a family member. I was able to participate in all their activities, including scouts, and saw many parts of New Zealand. That year, the Queen visited New Zealand, and Scouts were asked to be the honour guard at a park in Dunedin. As a member of the honour guard, and in my Eagle Scout uniform, I was introduced to the Queen. It was quite an honour at the time. At the end of the second term, I was asked to give a talk to King’s about my experience. I spent days preparing for it, and felt very good at how well the talk went. The best part was that the school honoured me with a Blues blazer that said*



*"Field Scholar 1963." At that time, the only students that received Blues on their blazer were sports players that played on the first team of any sport. It is this Blues blazer that I am giving back to King's High School to honour them as they did me. The next day, I had a great send-off at the railway station from my friends at King's as I*

*began my two-week tour of the North Island before returning to California.*

*I feel like my time in New Zealand helped me become a better student, especially in maths. I did very well when I returned for*



*my last year of high school. In fact, I was honoured as the top Math and Science student in my senior year. After high school, I went on to earn a B.S in Mathematics at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly). Since the Viet Nam war was in full swing, after graduation I signed up with the U.S. Navy. I served as a computer programmer in the Pentagon because of courses I had taken in college. After I did my tour in the Navy, I*

*returned to Cal Poly's graduate school. Shortly after returning, my Dad organised a trip to Europe and Max Cooper was invited and joined us. For the next several months, we got to enjoy each other's company again. It is always nice to get together with an old friend, even if he was not old. After the trip, I returned to Cal Poly again, but was encouraged by a professor to apply for a fellowship at more significant universities. I was accepted at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. The next five years of education were paid for by the fellowship, and I received a Ph.D in BioStatistics in 1977. Upon graduation, I received a job as an Environmental Research Scientist, and spent the next 20-plus years contributing to improving our environment.*

*In 1987, the local scout unit asked if I would help with my son's Cub Scout Den. I did not think I had much time, but said I would help. I was very glad I decided to become involved because it brought back all those wonderful scouting memories. The next year, my son went on to Boy Scouts and into a Troop that had a trip planned to the 1992*



*Brazil National Jamboree. I volunteered as a contingent leader, and during the trip I met a scouter from New Zealand. That meeting, along with my experience in 1963 with Max and Michael Cooper in scouting,*

*was the start of a significant change in my life. From that meeting in Brazil, I learned about the 1995 New Zealand Venture and I began to organize the scouts I worked with to travel to the Venture. We had a wonderful time and I was able to visit Mum again (Mrs. Cooper).*

*That Venture was only the second of many. I saw what the young adults gained from visiting other countries, as I did when I lived in New Zealand. Since the '92 Brazil Jamboree and the '95 NZ Venture, I have been a leader for the following scouting activities in other countries: 1997 Canadian Jamboree, 2000 Australian Venture, 2002 International Hiking Expedition in Austria, 2007 World Jamboree in the UK, 2012 Ukraine International Scout Jubilee.*

*This brings me back to my New Zealand experience. I would never have thought of providing young adults with overseas activities if I have not been for the AFS exchange programme in New Zealand with the Coopers. The value of meeting and living with*

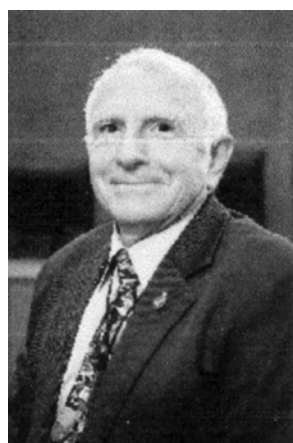
*others from other countries cannot be understated. International education is the key tool for building bridges between countries and cultures, and without question, we need it in our lives.*

D. G. (Graham) Bishop (1952–56), who died recently, always wanted to be a scientist, but not one who would be confined indoors, so when he left King's, he studied geology at OU, graduating with an M.Sc in 1960. He then joined the NZ Geological Survey, based in Wellington, but conducting fieldwork in Nelson and on the West Coast before returning to Dunedin to work while pursuing Ph.D studies. His study area was centred on Danseys Pass in North Otago, and involved the comprehensive geological mapping of a variety of rock types. To help him in his study, he developed an innovative "isotect" technique for classifying metamorphic rocks which was a major advance at that time, and one which is still used. His thesis was so highly regarded that he was awarded the McKay Hammer, NZ's oldest and most prestigious geological award. During this time, Graham developed a deep and abiding love of the southern hinterland, and became an avid trapper and mountaineer, and active member of the Alpine Club and of Search and Rescue, which led to his becoming a member of the Mt Aspiring Park Board, and an honorary ranger. For thirty years his career flourished, he wrote 120 published papers and major reports, was head of mapping for the Geological Survey where he established rigorous standards for mapping, and became regional geologist for Otago-Southland, where he mentored yet remained a mate for his younger colleagues. He was involved in the rediscovery of greenstone in the Dart Valley, and helped instigate the protection of Te Koroka topuni, today regarded by Ngai Tahu as one of their most sacred sites. During a ten-year timespan he was involved in a glaciological study of the Dart Glacier, and co-authored a book on the subject, *Vanishing Ice* which discussed climate change in the 1970s, long before it became such an important topic in the 21st Century. In 1976 he had an exchange with the US Geological Survey, and in 1989 he was the keynote speaker at an international geology conference in London on sea-level changes at active continental margins. Sadly Graham's geological career slowed in the 1990s when he was diagnosed as suffering from a bipolar disorder, the first of many health issues, this coincided with the restructuring of the Survey into a Crown Research Institute, an unsettling experience at the best of times, and Graham decided to take early retirement. Despite these difficulties he maintained his interests in geology and conservation, being appointed a member of the Kawarau River Water Conservation Tribunal. Like many of his geological peers, Graham turned his talent for writing to a more general audience, and over the next decade wrote and published poetry, articles and books. In 2000 his book *Poles Apart* described his life, his work, his love of the outdoors, and living with his bipolar diagnosis, and included recommendations which could be made to mental health services. His 2008 biography *The Real McKay* outlined the career of Alexander McKay, one of the pioneers of geological exploration on the West Coast and in Fiordland, a very readable account of his extraordinary life, and how Graham always felt during his own geological career, that McKay had been there before him!

Recently, the ODT ran a competition to discover which reader operated the best garden, and one of the eight prize winners was J. G. (John) Williams (1961–64) and his wife Margaret of Belleknowes. John is the son of Squadron Leader R. G. (Rod) Williams MBE, DFC a member of the King's staff from 1961 until his untimely death in 1969. John, who was the school's fives champion in his final year attended OU, where he graduated B.Sc in geography and geology, then

B.Sc Honours in geology, before graduating Ph.D in geology at the University of Toronto. He returned to Dunedin, and joined the Department of Geology at OU where he was responsible for all non-academic services, including custodian of the Geology Museum, until his recent retirement. His wife Margaret graduated B.Sc Honours in geography and taught at Kaikorai Valley High School, later returning to the workforce at Uniprint, the publishing department at OU. His late brother G. S. (Geoffrey) Williams (1962–67) also graduated BA in geography, and built an aeroplane which he used to fly from a farmer's paddock at Allans Beach. One day when flying across country in North Otago, the plane's engine began to misfire, so Geoffrey landed at a nearby airfield to remedy matters. Unfortunately there was some sort of air pageant on at the time, and when the authorities discovered that he didn't possess a pilot's licence, they wouldn't allow him to take off and made him walk home!

Octogenarians M. M. (Bill) McIndoe (1945–46) and his wife Margaret, residents of a revamped four-storey crib at Careys Bay, believe that "more people should get off their butts and go adventuring," as they have done for 33 years and 37,000 nautical miles in their 39ft Cavalier class keeler *Avanti*. Bill built his first boat, a 7ft P class sailing dinghy when he was a 16 year old member of the St Clair Surf Lifesaving Club, before joining the Royal NZ Navy. He trained as an officer at Dartmouth in England, serving in various theatres including the Korean War before retiring as a lieutenant in 1954. Bill then served an adult apprenticeship with the family printing business John McIndoe Ltd, where he worked until retiring as a director and chief executive in 1988. Margaret, an Australian trained as a doctor, spent 20 years as an anaesthetist in Hobart, before retraining in psychiatry and moving to Dunedin, she retired in 2011. They met in Stewart Island and usually sail to the Marlborough Sounds in summer, but over the years have sailed to Stewart Island five times, twice to Fiordland, circumnavigated both the North and South Islands, spent two years touring Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and the Queensland coast, and nine months touring Tonga and Fiji (again). While their extended family worry about them still going to sea, they have not committed to anything, their future depending on their frame of mind, their health, the state of their boat, and the weather.



G. T. (Graeme) Kitto (1959), although at KHS for the 3rd form only due to his family moving to New Plymouth at the end of that year, is still proud to acknowledge he's a KHS Old Boy. His most recent contact with a classmate from 3L1 has been with Trevor McKinlay. Graeme's career was in education—teacher (including time in Rarotonga and Ontario, Canada), principal, school inspector and, 1989–2010, senior adviser in the Ministry of Education based in Hamilton. He

was principal of Tolaga Bay Area School in 1988 when Cyclone Bola struck and the KHS Magazine of that year (pp. 27–28) contains his acknowledgement of the \$1000 raised by KHS students for students at the school in Tolaga Bay. Graeme has served on the Board of the national Justices of the Peace body (Royal Federation of NZ Justices' Associations) for 5 years. His two-year term as President ended at the annual conference held in Dunedin at the end of February 2016.

In his final year at King's, J. H. (John) Heslop (1938–42) who died in 2014 was prefect, the senior athletics champion, had spent four years in the 1st cricket XI, and was a member of the 1st rugby XV. He moved to OU, graduated MB ChB in 1949, becoming a house surgeon (with his future wife) at Dunedin Hospital, and then resident surgical officer (RSO). He married Barbara, and they moved to England where John became RSO at the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Ealing, where he qualified as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS), before shifting to the Middlesex Hospital in London as the Leverhulme Research Fellow. The family then returned to Dunedin where he was senior registrar and surgical tutor at Dunedin Hospital while qualifying as a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS). Graduating with a Ch.M from OU in 1959, he was awarded the coveted Moynihan Prize for research in surgery, being the first NZ surgeon to achieve this honour which is awarded by the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, and not usually to anyone outside the UK. By 1960 John was surgeon in charge of the burns unit at Wakari Hospital, a position he held for 20 years, and two years later he became senior lecturer in surgery at the OU Medical School. In 1978 he was promoted to Associate Professor, and Dean of Post Graduate Studies. In 1994 he retired ending 36 years as a public surgeon at Dunedin Hospital, and 35 years as a private surgeon at Mercy Hospital. He had pioneered stomach stapling, has been national president and life member of the Cancer Society of NZ, and had co-founded Sports Medicine NZ in Dunedin in an effort to get uniformity of treatment throughout NZ—he was duly awarded life membership. While all this had been going on, John had not neglected his sporting interests, especially regarding cricket. He had displayed his talent as a swing bowler and represented Otago in the Brabin Shield tournament as a school leaver and represented Otago B after several years playing club cricket in Dunedin and in London, but his greatest contribution to the game was as an administrator. In 1960 he was chairman of selectors for the Otago Plunket Shield team, and was instrumental in recognising the potential of Glenn Turner to be one of the world's most successful test batsmen. John was appointed to the NZ Cricket Board of Control, and subsequently the NZ Cricket Council, serving as president and being made a life member (he had previously served as president of the Otago Cricket Association and awarded life membership). In 1976 he was manager of the NZ cricket team which contested the World Cup ODI tournament in England, and ten years later managed the NZ tour of the West Indies. In his "spare" time he edited a history of Logan Park, was a president of the Dunedin Wine and Food Society, and was a member of the Dunedin Tripe and Onions Club which met monthly to consume this delicacy! John's career culminated in 1995 when in the New Year's Honours he was awarded Commander of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to medicine, sport, and the community—thereby joining his wife who had been awarded her CBE five years earlier! He and Barbara were very much a team, having been joint recipients of the RACS—awarded Sir Louis Barnett Medal for services to surgical education, while in 2004 the RACS established the Heslop Medal to honour their huge contribution to medicine. Generally described as amiable or genial, John died within months of Barbara. Their elder daughter Helen carries on their good work: an Otago graduate, she is a professor at the Baylor College of Medicine at Houston, Texas, and director of the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy there which is developing cutting-edge immunotherapy treatments to fight leukaemia and other diseases.



Sad coincidences section: R. W. (Russell) Buchanan (1936–38) and his wife Ngaere died within hours of each other at different institutions in Dunedin, while H. N. (Herbie) Martin (1950–53) died in Oamaru a day after W. R. S. (Bill) Reeve (1949–53) died in Dunedin—both train boys from Green Island, they were the inside back combination of the King’s High 1st XV in 1953!

L. S. C. (Stuart) Botting (1957–59) who completed his education at Mosgiel District High School (without distinction at either) has been said to live and breathe wool! Growing up in and continuing to live in the “Orchard House” at Janefield near the Taieri Airport, he left school to join Dalgetys as a trainee wool classer. He remained with that firm, surviving the industry mergers for more than 45 years in what ultimately became PGG Wrightsons, by which time he was a wool technical executive officer! He turned down several offers of promotion to executive positions in order to remain within his “southern patch,” around which he drove for hundreds of thousands of kilometres to ensure that his clients who produced the wool gained the best deal possible for their product. Wherever he visited, he made immediately for the wool bin which was like a book to him, telling him what sort of person the farmer was, and what sort of sheep he had: his clients valued the support and advice he so freely gave. In 2005 his contribution to the wool industry was marked by an award from the Otago Merino Society. He also served as a Rotarian, on school committees, and was an office-bearer with the Mosgiel Presbyterian Church; he was a keen gardener and a devoted member of his family and extended family.

I. J. (Ian) Robertson (1947–50) and his wife Pat of Shiel Hill have followed the excellent example set by his brother W. S. (Bill) Robertson (1936–38) and celebrated their Diamond Wedding. We are also aware that R. S. (Russell) Lippert (1957–58) and his wife Noleen of Concord have celebrated their Golden Wedding.

Last year it was 60 years since J. D. (John) Bradley (1951–54) and some 200 others began their teaching careers at Dunedin Teachers’ Training College, and given that all those still alive were at least 77 years of age, he was a little hesitant at organising a low-key lunchtime reunion. However he bit the bullet, and all those known to be living south of Christchurch were circularised. He dared to hope for 25 positive responses, and was suitably gratified when nearly 60 turned up, including G. A. H. (Hugh) Kidd (1950–54, Board of Governors (1979–89)). Sadly a short bout of sickness prevented H. D. (Hec) Browett (1948–51, Staff 1972–96) from attending, but former P.E. lecturer Mollie Duffy (née Alabaster) was present.

Early every year for the past ten years, the school has run a “Good Man Evening” where the aim is for Year 9 boys (i.e., third formers) to bring their “significant male” to join together for food, conversation, games, activities and general fellowship. The brain child of Mark Faed, staff members and senior boys play a massive role in the continued success of the event especially with the organisation and food preparation. Generally the boys bring their fathers or an uncle, many of whom are often Old Boys: this year Louis McKay brought his grandfather, none other than retired school principal C. G. (Colin) McKay (1951–56), a former head prefect!

P. E. (Paul) Aubin (Staff 1969, 1972–96) grew up in the “Olveston” heritage area and has since become a resident there for many years: he knew Miss Theomin personally, and has been a guide at “Olveston,” her former residence, for the

past 16 years. He also leads guided walks around the vicinity, tapping into the local community’s interest in its rich and colourful social history: the 14 prominent Jewish families who lived there, the artists, the multiple medical practices, the legal fraternity, tailors, politicians, the brothels, and Dunedin’s first brewery. Scandal and intrigue has also occurred within sight of “Olveston,” including a murder which formed the basis for a novel written by Rhodes Scholar Dan Davin who was a local resident when attending OU. The walks take two hours, and are so popular that bookings are essential.

## Business Sector

Despite Black Power leader A. V. (Albert) Epere (1980) facing certain judicial issues, he is chairman of the Mauri Kohatu Trust which has a \$52,500 contract with the Dunedin City Council involving litter control and path maintenance around the city. This somewhat controversial contract has recently been renewed by the DCC.

## Obituaries

H. M. (Hamish) McMillan (1949–54) died in Sussex, England 10.14

D. M. (Murray) Sim (1945–48) died at Christchurch 12.6.15

A. J. (Allan) Stewart (1948–51) died at Timaru 20.9.15

N. (Noel) Child (1938–41) died at Mosgiel 3.11.15

A. W. (Bill) Thomson (1936–37) died at Christchurch 3.11.15

A. T. (Andrew) Boyes (1974–76) died at Christchurch 9.11.15

B. P. J. (Ben) Powell (1999–2001) died at Dunedin 10.11.15

W. R. S. (Bill) Reeve (1949–53) died at Dunedin 11.11.15

H. N. (Herbie) Martin (1950–53) died at Oamaru 12.11.15

R. W. (Russell) Buchanan (1936–38) died at Dunedin 17.11.15

A. A. (Alf) Mackay (1952–54) died on Gold Coast, Queensland 1.12.15

R. A. (Bob) Kennedy (1942–43) died at Dunedin 12.12.15

R. T. (Robert) George (1980–83) died at Macandrew Bay 26.12.15

I. E. (Ivan) Bills (1944–45) died at Mosgiel 31.12.15

H. J. (Harvey) Black (1949–52) died at Dunedin 3.1.16

A. N. (Neil) Gamble (1957–59) of Mosgiel died at Dunedin 3.1.16

D. J. (John) Gillan (1944) died at Mosgiel 4.1.16

N. E. (Norm) Robinson (1955–56) died at Ophir 4.1.16

J. L. (John) Angell (1942–45) died at Dunedin 31.1.16

G. B. (Bruce) Galbreath (1954–56) died at North Shore 8.2.16

W. J. (Wayne) O’Connell (1962–63) died at Dunedin 11.2.16

W. L. B. (Bruce) Douglas (1955–59) died at Petone 13.2.16

T. G. (Trevor) Shaw (1957–60) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 20.2.16

## Sporting Triumphs

### N.Z. Masters' Games

Once again these games returned to Dunedin, albeit with fewer participants, and as usual G. A. (Graeme) Harvey (1959–62) was the co-ordinator of the sports injury clinics, as he has been for the past 26 years. It takes a team of 32 to service the three clinics, 19 being sports medics who are mainly medical and physiotherapy students. Mostly the competitors suffer lower limb injuries, and halfway through the tournament nearly 200 had been treated, with more expected once the ice hockey, basketball and touch competitions started.

With the plethora of events, and difficulties in interpreting the results, it is unfortunately not possible to record any successes of the many Old Boys who compete. However six members of the 1997–98 KHS basketball teams who finished third then second at the national schoolboy championships formed the nucleus of the Bombers team. They were H. J. (Hayden) Allen (1994–98) who works in the NZ Breakers office in Auckland, J. M. (Jason) Frost (1993–98), M. S. (Matt) Gillan (1994–98), K. M. (Kaine) Hokianaga (1994–98), S. A. J. (Steve) Robinson (1993–98), and J. W. (Jade) Shaw (formerly Brundell 1993–98).

### Athletics

T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) won the Queenstown International Marathon, setting a course record of 2hrs 30min 29sec ahead of some 2000 others on what he described as a “demanding course.” He was surprised at his time which is his career highlight to date: he was mainly motivated by the wish to attend a friend’s wedding after the event!

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) was 3rd in the men’s open 3000m event at the annual Lovelock Classic Games at Timaru in January.

### Basketball

R. L. (Russell) Garland (1958–62) and his wife Rae have played it, coached it, scored it, administered it, and refereed it for most of their lives. Russell was a member of the first basketball teams King’s ever had, and he and L. D. (Lee) Smith (1959–64) were the first to be awarded Blues—previously the school didn’t have a gymnasium. Their elder daughter Vicki represented Otago, while their younger daughter Tracey represented NZ: Rae’s father was a life member of the Otago Men’s Basketball Association. In December both Russell and Rae were made life members of Basketball Otago. Russell admits that the game has become rougher, and discipline as fallen away, but when refereeing he just switches off his hearing aids and can’t hear any abuse!

### Cricket

Old Boys may have noticed that B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) has retired from international cricket, after participating in 101 consecutive test matches (a world record). He scored a total of 6453 runs at an average of 38.64 including 12 hundreds, a highest score of 302 (a NZ record), he hit 107 sixes (a world record), held 198 catches (including a caught and bowled), and effected 11 stumpings. He maintained his performances to the very end: in his final test he scored a century off 54 balls (a world record), participated in the fastest ever test partnerships of 100 and 150 runs, and hit seven sixes. He is NZ’s most successful captain, and under his leadership his teams played crowd-pleasing, positive cricket and maintained exemplary discipline in often trying circumstances: it is not surprising that the International Cricket Council recently granted him the Spirit of Cricket Award, while at this year’s

Halberg Awards ceremony he was awarded the Sport NZ Leadership Award. To ease him into a well-earned retirement, the IPL Rajkot franchise has hired his services for \$1.6 million!

Big brother N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) also plans to retire following the World T20 tournament in India in March. He is currently the leading NZ wicket-taker in this format, with 55 at 22.8 and an economy rate of 6.91. Recently he again played for the Otago Volts, ironically replacing an injured B. E. (Bradley) Scott (1993–97, Staff 2014–)!

D. J. (Derek) Walker (1973–78) has been umpiring at international level, while K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979–82) and Nathan McCullum have been commentating together for Radio Sport.

A. M. (Adam) Gain (1986–90) has been elected to the board of the Otago Cricket Association, thereby joining R. (Russell) Hendry (1952–56) and D. (Darin) Smith (Staff 2002–).

### Rugby

The All Blacks won the supreme Halberg Award, and also the Team of the Year Award at the Halberg Awards ceremony held in Auckland recently: B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) was member of the team.

The *ODT* recently ran a competition to pick a “Dream” Highlanders team from the 20 seasons they have competed, and Ben Smith, T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) and C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97) were “selected.” No contestant picked the “selected” team: the winner preferring Tom Donnelly to partner Simon Maling at lock, instead of James Ryan!

Ben Smith is co-captain of the Highlanders; Tony Brown is the backs coach.

### Sevens

T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–2015) represented Otago at the national tournament at Rotorua.

### Surf Lifesaving

J. J. (Jeff) Patton (1992–95) has been hailed as a hero for saving an inexperienced overseas would-be surfer from being bashed to death on the rocks which used to be the sandy beach at St Clair. Jeff did not believe that his action warranted such a claim, for the rescue was one of about 12 he has made in the past year, and believes that someone *will* die if nothing is done to make the beach safer—after all he can’t be there all the time! The expensively renovated esplanade wall has been blamed as one cause of the sand being washed away, while St Clair Surf Lifesaving Club chairman J. A. L. (James) Coombes (1996–2000) believes that the access stairs to the beach should be removed, and signs warning of the dangers erected.

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Contents for the July *Kingsmen* to be received as soon as possible and by 30th June. We would appreciate information from outside Otago which may be legally published relating to ex-pupils.