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The President's Report

Dear Fellow Old Boys

Another year has passed and I bring you greetings from the Old Boys' Association. Again the Association has been occupied with the Wall of Fame and the Annual Dinner being the main features of the year. Our congratulations go to Wayne Wright and John Heslop (deceased) for being the new inductees in 2016 for the Wall of Fame. The dinner was an entertaining affair with Wayne and Old Boy Kelvin Maker as guest speakers. Attendance was down this year which was very disappointing.

The School continues to feature as being one of the top schools in New Zealand and Dan Reddiex and his team can be congratulated on their efforts. In spite of the restriction put on numbers it appears the intake for this year is up there with previous years. Our best wishes go to the School for its continued success.

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 Murray Bell as a Committee member this year, but sadly Murray passed away in January and our thoughts and condolences go to Christine on his sad passing.

Now for my annual moan on lack of support from the Old Boys in Dunedin both for the Committee and the Annual Dinner. What I will say is the Association contributes to the School by way of prizes and various other means during the year and some of the Committee members are not getting any younger (myself included) Whatever your experiences were at School, I am sure that when you look at the School now and read of the successes over the years you must be proud of having been a "Kings Boy". So why not give a little back to the School by way of a few hours a year serving on the Committee and/or attending the Annual Dinner. The number of Old Boys living in Dunedin is significant—so come on guys do the School proud and give up some of your time and join us on the Committee. I would welcome your feedback on jackson3@pcconnect.co.nz and ask for your support in attending the Annual Meeting and Dinner later in the year.

Finally my 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 2016 Expenditure exceeded Income by \$1,213 compared with a surplus of \$2,551 in 2015.

Usually each year there are a few exceptional items of income or expenditure which affect a surplus or deficit and thus the cash position. In other words they will not be repeated this year, but some other one off item may appear.

Our cash less creditors at 31/3/16 amounted to \$22,152 compared with \$23,647 the previous year.

Below is a summary in addition to the separate detailed Accounts in the inserted page.

	2015	2016
Income		
Subscriptions	\$15,330	\$14,455
Donations	\$784	\$177
Other	\$727	\$447
	\$16,841	\$15,079
Expenditure		
<i>Kingsmen</i>	\$6,755	\$7,558
Donations and Grants to School	\$3,885	\$4,248
Historical Interviews	–	\$1,094
Larkins Memorials	–	\$691
Other	\$3,650	\$2,701
	\$14,290	\$16,292
Deficit		\$1,213
Surplus	\$2,551	
	\$16,841	\$15,079



Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Monday 10th April in the School Library at 7.30pm.
Refreshments from 7pm.

The speaker is Simon Cushen (1987–91) who joined the staff in 2015. He is HOD Social Sciences/Geography at King's.

Note this on your calendar. It is one of the few social occasions we have for you.

Subscriptions

In the year 31/12/2010, when our 75th Anniversary was observed, subscriptions received peaked at \$19,855.

They were \$20 p.a. and have been all the years since.

In the 4 years 2011 to 2014 the amount received has ranged from \$17,035 to \$16,405, but slipped back to \$15,330 in 2015 and \$14,455 in 2016.

Bob Glass (1948–52)

Administration

Communications

1. Thanks to members who have sent in their email addresses. The request has two purposes
 - A. For the *Kingsmen* to be sent in order to save costs. and/or
 - B. Notification of events and possible notices.Some members prefer to have the *Kingsmen* in the present form, but all who have email should have notification of events, or any other notices such as change of contact addresses.
Would those who have not registered and have email please email Murray Patterson at: murray@cruisingforyou.co.nz and advise what they want.
2. With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: jackson3@pcconnect.co.nz
3. With the website contact John Barr, <http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz>
4. We have a Facebook page www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys
5. Please do not forward to the school.

Lost Members

The November *Kingsmen* was returned from Rowan L. Ford (1953–57) of Hilda Ross Retirement Village, Hamilton but we did not have a house, unit or apartment number.

Also we have still not located Neil A. Ross (1952–56) who was a dentist in Hastings and Bernard C. B. Thornton (1956–61), who lived in Dunedin for many years.

We tracked an address for Ronald G. Dodds (1952–55) from Canada to Alexandra but it was returned “No mail point.” We have found NZ Post in Dunedin very good in this type of exercise but his was a mystery.

Subscriptions

As illustrated in the Financial Report under the above heading the amount received has been reducing. The reason is not just deaths through age, but resignations and unpaid memberships.

As advised they may be forwarded to Box 163, Dunedin 9054, or by direct credit to our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, George Street, Dunedin, 020900-0062936-00. Ex-pupils living overseas may forward their country's cheque direct to us for conversion and banking.

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

1. As advised on page 1 a social evening with a speaker has been arranged in conjunction with our Annual Meeting. We take the effort of arranging something extra, with a good speaker, therefore how about turning up for him and the social occasion.
The School Library Monday 10th April from 7pm for 7.30 commencement of meeting.

2. First XI captain Kyle Burns receives the Warwick Larkins Memorial Shield from Warwick's brother Stephen after the T20 match played between the Kings First XI and the Old Boys in December 2016. The shield is to be played for annually between the two teams in memory of Warwick (Fox) who passed away in 2015.

For the record the match resulted in a win to the First XI by 64 runs.

King's First XI: 148 for 8 wickets (Finn O'Brien 31, Nic Brosnahan 27, Simon Cushen 1 for 9, Paul Campbell 1 for 16, Taylor Cumberland 1 for 16).

King's Old Boys: 82 all out (Riki Ashwell 30, Nathan King 16, Isaac Parata 2 for 5, Finn O'Brien 2 for 11, Nathan Hastie 2 for 13).

The Old Boys won the inaugural match in 2015. Old Boys players stretched over 6 generations from Old Boys captain John Cushen 1963–67 and supporters from the 1950s (Keith Campbell and Jim Butler).



North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

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Nelson

Contact

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Christchurch

Richard Mitchell (1959–63) 10 Hida Place, Hillview, Prebbleton 7604. Email: rwmitchell@xtra.co.nz has advised that a function will probably be held in the third quarter of this year.

Honours

New Year Honours

This year J. C. (John) Hyndman (1967–70) was our sole representative when he was awarded Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to health and innovation. He left King's and graduated MB ChB from OU, and after spending three years in practice as a solo GP, he travelled to England where he completed anaesthetic qualifications. Returning to

NZ, he has practised in Southland, Blenheim, and Dunedin, and now lives near Kaiapoi.

While doing volunteer work as an anaesthetist in under-developed countries, where outdated and no longer wanted anaesthetic equipment had been donated by hospitals from wealthier countries, it struck him that what was really needed was a simple anaesthetic machine that was portable, ultra-reliable and easy to use. It also had to be affordable, because these countries often didn't have a lot of money at their disposal, and it had to be easily maintained and serviced in the local hospital workshops by local technicians.

Together with biomechanics engineer Ivan Batistich (who was also awarded an MNZM), they developed a compact, low cost anaesthetic machine which they called the HYVAN. This altruistic duo simply wanted the HYVAN to fulfil the purpose for which they had designed it: to save lives especially in poorer countries where hospitals could not afford complex expensive machines.

As was reported in the March 2016 *Kingsmen* their efforts won them the "NZ Innovator of the Year" award; they subsequently received the "World Innovators of the Year" award at the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists held in Hong Kong.

Cultural Affairs

Associate Professor P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76) of the OU Music Dept was interviewed by the *ODT* recently. He is a conductor of high level orchestral, choral, and brass ensembles around NZ, an adjudicator at regional and Australasian musical competitions, a lecturer, composer, and clarinettist. When asked what and why he did make music, or why he assisted others to do so, he modestly claimed that it was the only thing he was good at! Hampered somewhat by being visually impaired because of a genetic eye condition (he hasn't driven a vehicle for 15 years), he can still trust his ears, and making music fills him with an energy and an enthusiasm for life which is contagious, and provokes and stimulates his imagination. What he did not mention during the interview, was that the humanities at OU, which includes music, are beleaguered due to falling student numbers. Probably at the behest of the Govt, the university is being required to operate as a business, thereby failing to appreciate that the core of any university is its humanities, otherwise it is merely a technical institute. Sadly eminent scholars even at professorial level are having years of faithful service terminated, despite their contribution to the cultural life of the city, nationally, and even internationally.

Professor A. J. (Tony) Balantyne (1985–89) was recently awarded the Humanities Aronui Medal by the Royal Society of NZ for reshaping scholarly thought on British imperial history.

C. F. R. de Hamel (1963–67) has recently written a "remarkable" book, *Meetings with Remarkable Manuscripts*, which are more strictly medieval illuminated manuscripts which combine art and calligraphy. As he explains in his introduction, the book was initially going to be entitled "Interviews with Remarkable Manuscripts," and he compares each individual chapter to a celebrity interview! Christopher recalls his youthful excitement when viewing a manuscript in the Dunedin Public Library, and also recalls his imaginative Latin teacher at King's, Mr I. R. (Ian) Dunwoodie (Staff 1966–67) who brought a portable gramophone to his class, and played a recording of a medieval manuscript written in Latin and set to music by Carl Orff. Since graduating from OU, Christopher has spent most of his life researching and thinking about his subject: for some 25 years

he was the chief specialist in medieval manuscripts at Sotheby's in London and is now Donnelly Fellow Librarian of the Parker Library at Corpus Christi College at Cambridge University. To share his passion he has chosen 12 of the most important surviving manuscripts from the middle ages held by great Western libraries in venues such as Aberystwyth, Cambridge, Copenhagen, Dublin, Florence, Leiden, Los Angeles, Munich, New York, Oxford, Paris, and St Petersburg. In each case he describes the general atmosphere of the library concerned, the history of how each manuscript arrived (one was discovered fortuitously by members of the US Army among the looted possessions of Herman Goering!), and the manuscript itself—the book is profusely and beautifully illustrated by reproductions from the original. Christopher does not restrict his comments to the 12 manuscripts he has selected for scrutiny, and the book is indeed somewhat of a travelogue. The book has been favourably received by reviewers: "the most enjoyable work of high scholarship I have ever read, if only because its author so clearly enjoyed compiling it;" "scholarly but unfailingly readable;" "even his bibliographics and notes page-turningly entertaining;" "Reading is my life, but only once a decade do I find a book that seems to tilt the world . . .;" "Truth, as this entrancing book proves, is wonderfully stranger than fiction . . ."

[The writer would like to concur with these reviewers, but then he had been well-prepared to read such a book, for when he rebelled against a fifth year of merely translating Latin some 62 years ago, Mr D. A. (Doug) Morrison (Staff 1947–56) kindly (clandestinely?) substituted a classical studies programme, per medium of Messrs Cary, and Bury, which he has never quite forgotten!]

Tony Johnson and Lynn McConnell last year compiled a book published by Mower Press, entitled *Behind the Silver Fern: the Players Speak*. This history of NZ rugby is the result of interviews with selected former All Blacks still alive, supplemented with historical data provided by NZ's sound archive and Sky TV's library. Two from King's who shared their thoughts were E. W. (Earle) Kirton (Staff 1966) and B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04).

H. R. (Huia) Ockwell (1949–52, Staff 1961–63, 1969–74) and his wife Ngaire compiled *In Pastures Green: North Taieri Presbyterian Church 1866–2016* for the church's 150th celebrations. This compilation also incorporated *The Fragrant and Fruitful Years: a Century of Presbyterianism in North Taieri*, the centennial history written by R. T. Dodds. Those prominent in the history of the Church, as well as Huia, include P. J. (Philip) Craigie (1965–70), an organist for 50 years, and also the current owner of the former manse, the late R. R. (Roger) Brunton (1952–56), and Mr J. (Jack) Bremner (Rector 1966–81).

A. D. (Dave) Simmers (1954–58) was a member of a team which spent two years researching the contribution of soldiers and nurses from the Upper Clutha who served in World War I. Forty-seven soldiers and one nurse were killed, and their stories are recorded in a book *Courageous and Free* which was published on Armistice Day 2016.

A film shot in Arrowtown and its vicinity during autumn 2015 premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival recently. Entitled *The Inland Road*, and produced by A. J. (Aaron) Watson (1998–2002) of Wellington, it tells the story of a teenaged survivor of a fatal car crash who moves in with the strangers involved in the accident, thereby threatening the family's delicate balance. Aaron and the writer have had a previous film *Go the Dogs* premiered at Berlin in 2011, while two other NZ films also featured at the current festival.

Over the Years

As mentioned in previous issues 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.

The website is www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz

Unfortunately with the 1973 Third form photos only 3L, 3F2, 3F3 and 3G1 could be located of the seven that year.

We have thus shown those four photos in this issue, with 3L and 3G1 reasonably named. Also recorded are names from the 1973 School Magazine for the missing photos—3F1, 3G2 and 3G3, plus unnamed 3F2 and 3F3.

1973 Third Form Photos Located



3F2 Form Photo



3F3 Form Photo



3L Form Photo

- Row 4:* Tony van Gelderen, Graham Magorian, Joe Heenan, Owen Webb, Nick Hill, Steven Harris, Alastair Stewart, Brett Stevens
Row 3: John Van Dyke, Ian Jenner, Trevor Coleman, Peter Notman, Lindsay Scott, ????, Michael Draganow, Peter van Zantan?
 (Shown on 3F2 class list)
Row 2: Michael Osborne, Frans van der Vlierd, Tuhe Piho, Murray Edgar, Paul Stevens, Graeme McAuley, Gary Smyth, Sinclair McLaren, Alan Wright
Row 1: Richard Healey, Colin Harris, Ross McCallum, Trevor Strickett, Mr James McKinlay, Derek Walker, Norman Chan, Alan Brocklebank, Tony Gough (Shown on 3F3 class list)



3G1 Form Photo

- Row 4:* ????, Nigel L. James, ????, Philip G. Seaton
Row 3: James W. Bennett, ????, Peter R. Harkness, ????, ????, Andrew John Gold
Row 2: Arthur Frank McCarthy, John Andrew Shaw, Murray Bruce Chapman, Stuart Charles Moyle, Colin Graham Aldis, Raymond Mervyn Lines, ????, ????
Row 1: Barry Leslie Ritchie, ????, Robert John Campbell, Stephen Leslie Horne, Mr DeJong (Teacher), Peter Robert Harkness, Grant John Yurjevic, Mark Anthony Leslie Wallace, ????
 Named in School magazine but not identified in photo: N. J. Barkman, C. W. Blair, W. W. Smith, R. te Groden, K. W. Tan, L. J. Williamson

As mentioned photos and names or names on photos for the following who appear in the school magazine.

Form 3F1

P. N. Altherton, S. B. Batchelor, M. B. Begg, C. L. Birtles, R. D. Brunton, R. J. Campbell, S. A. Colston, P. N. Dowall, P. W. Drysdale, P. J. Faithful, A. R. Fastier, B. R. Gilchrist, A. D. Gow, M. H. Graham, G. A. Grant, G. C. Gray, G. Homan, D. L. Joyce, P. F. Kammerer, K. P. Kilcullen, B. A. Knox, G. M. Lawless, W. E. Muir, M. A. Olds, A. P. Randall, P. S. Smith, K. N. Thompson, S. Walker, M. A. Walters, C. B. Wolf

Form 3F2

G. P. Byers, A. J. Edmonds, D.R. Fahey, S. J. Farquhar, C. A. Glendining, M. J. Graveson, D. G. Hawkins, R. I. Jamieson, A. W. Knox, R. A. Langston, D. McIntosh, W. P. Mears, B. J. Medland, S. J. Millis, D. J. Nelson, C. D. M. Pezet, A. L. Pickford, R. D. Ranford, M. J. Singleton, B. W. Soper, N. E. Suszko, G. J. Taylor, B. N. Tomlinson, G. L. Trainor, R. P. Van Der Wende, P. J. Van Zanten, L. J. Voight, J. Vorgers, P. J. B. Ward

Form 3F3

A. P. Beecher, G. S. Bruin, S. N. Buxton, A. S. Carroll, R. A. Garraway, R. J. Gilchrist, A. Gough, A. R. Mackenzie, G. J. McGregor, A. U. McKay, C. R. McLaren, W. K. Marshall, L. E. Mathieson, T. J. Mitchell, G. J. Paterson, N. V. Patterson, G. Pavlou, P. A. Reddington, B. T. Reynolds, A. T. Robinson, N. P. Rutherford, G. R. Smith, G. J. Sneddon, B. J. Stephen, G. E. Stevenson, A. W. Walters, A. S. Ward, A. W. Wright

Form 3G1

N. J. Barkman, C. W. Blair, E. J. M. Bloemsaat, T. Cordell, D. J. Douglas, G. S. McKillop, S. J. Moore, A. Powell, P. P. Rozee, W. W. Smith, R. te Groden, K. W. Tan, L. J. Williamson

Form 3G2

S. J. Adlam, C. P. Bamber, B. J. Bell, L. D. Bell, G. J. Byfield, M. A. Carse, E. C. Clifton, P. M. Fogarty, J. Guthrie, R. J. Harworth, C. Henry, R. P. Jacobs, G. S. Keen, E. J. Kirby, D. J. Little, I. F. Little, S. A. McAuslin, D. L. Moreton, A. Nelson, B. W. Orme, K. N. Robertson, A. S. Russell, J. E. Sharp, S. D. Smith, C. C. Stephens, G. C. Thom, W. N. Turner, G. I. Wright

Form 3G3

G. D. Barnes, J. W. Bennett, B. Buchanan, J. Fitzgibbon, B. R. Goodman, S. A. Harvey, B. E. Hicks, S. E. Hotton, P. W. Houliston, R. L. McNaught, P. G. Mordecai, S. J. Pledger, S. B. Railton, A. B. Ramsay, J. V. L. Sargeant, P. J. Seque, J. H. Sparrow, J. D. Sutton, B. J. Trainor, M. J. White

Missing

Included in the *Kingsmen* is a list of pupils from the 1973 intake, which with later inclusions numbered 210, of whom 9 are believed to have died. The circumstances of the following are unknown to us, are dated, or lack the precision required nowadays: Stanley Adlam, Chistopher Paul Bamber, Garry David Barnes, Sandy Beaumont Batchelor, Michael Bryan Begg, Bruce John Bell, James William Bennett, Craig Leal Birtles, Eric John Bloemsaat, Gerald Simon Bruin, Richard David Brunton, Paul Raymond Bundy, Gregory Paul Byers, Gordon John Byfield, Russell John Campbell, Stephen Alexander Colston, Victor James Coughlin, Barry Raymond Doull, Michael Dragunow, Paul William Drysdale, Anthony John Edmonds (was Brighton), Noel Callender Edwards, David Raymond Fahey, Stephen James Farquhar (was Ravensbourne now Clyde?), Peter Michael Fogarty, Rex Allan Garraway (was Mosgiel), Ronald John Gilchrist, Craig Anthony Glendining, Andrew *John* Gold, Brett Robert Goodman, Anthony Gerrard Gough, Anthony Owen Gow, Mark Howard Graham, Garry Allan Grant (was Andy Bay), Michael James Graveson, Gordon Clifford Gray, John Owen Harris, Stephen Beaumont Harris, Stephen Alexander Harvey, Raymond Ian Haworth, Richard John Healey, Joseph Pointyn Heenan (was Auckland), Stephen Leslie Horne, Nigel Lloyd James, Ian Carey Jenner, David Lindsay Joyce, Paul Franz Kammerer, Nassim Mohammed Khan, Barry David Kidd, Kerry Peter Kilcullen (was East Taieri), Arthur Brent Knox, Graham Murray Lawless, Craig John Lewis, Raymond Mervyn Lines, Arthur *Frank* McCarthy, Ross Charles McCullum, Graeme John McGregor, Donald John McIntosh, Alistair McKay, Christopher Ross McLaren, Sinclair Richard McLaren, Eric *Steven* McLew, Ronald Leslie McNaught, Wayne Kenneth Marshall, Alan David Alexander

Maxwell, Brian James Medland, Terry John Mitchell, Stephen John Moore, Paul Graham Mordecai, David Lewis Moreton, Stuart Charles Moyle, Andrew Nelson, Martin Alan Olds (was Abbotsford), Alan Darrel O'Neill, Matthew John Osborne (was Canberra), Neil Victor Patterson, George Pavlou, Colin David Pezet, Tuhe Piho, Steven James Pledger, Alan Powell, Arthur Stanley Purches, Robin Peter Randall, Robert *David* Ranford, Brian Thomas Reynolds, Barry Leslie Ritchie, Kevin Neil Robertson, Peter Philip Rozee, Antoni Stewart Russell, Neil Peter Rutherford, John Victor Leopold Sargeant, Philip John Seque, Graeme Roy Smith, Paul Steven Smith, Steven William Smith, John Harvey Sparrow, Brendon James Stephen, Carl Counsell Stephens, Paul Russell Stevens, Graeme Ernest Stevenson, Alastair David Stewart, Peter Wayne Stoddart, Trevor Alan Strickett, John Douglas Sutton, King *Way* Tan, Kevin Richard Tate, Robert Angus Johan Te Groen, George Colin Thom, Kenneth Neil Thompson, Brent Neil Thompson, Brent Neil Tomlinson, Barry James Trainor, Raymond Paul van der Wende, Antonie Frederick van Gelderen, Peter Trevor van Zanten, John Vorgers, Shane William Walker, Mark Anthony Leslie Wallace, Mark Anthony Walter, Philip John Ward, Michael John White.

The School

The Rector reports on the 2016 academic and especially the Scholarship results.

For me the start of the year is always a moderately anxious time as I eagerly await the release of the NCEA and Scholarship results from the preceding year. This year was no different. The culture of the school surrounding learning and achievement is really positive. The staff and the students are committed to extending themselves and they work so hard in tandem that my nervousness should have abated. Yet the same sense

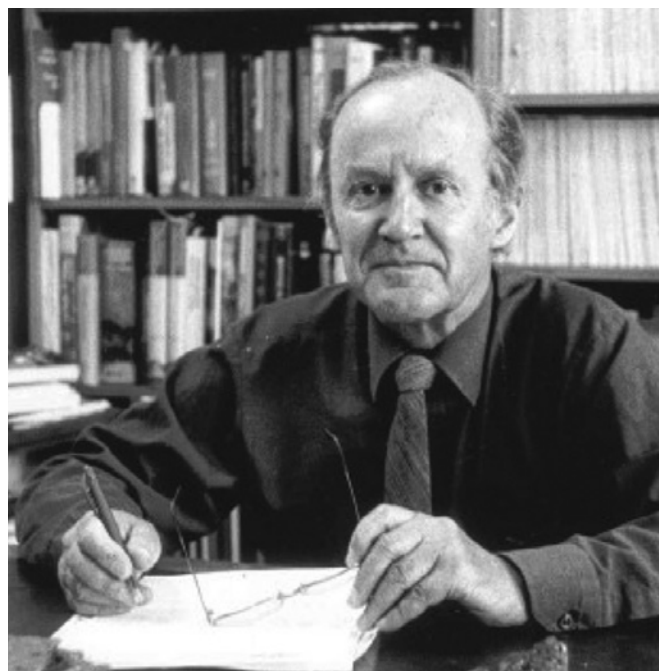
of anticipation and uncertainty was present as I logged into the NZQA site to peruse the student's academic returns. Very quickly it became apparent that the 2016 academic year had been another incredibly successful one for our school. Our NCEA pass rates were among the top three from State Boys' Schools in the country (in terms of an average), and our University Entrance rates placed us 5th in NZ in relation to the same group. In terms of the Otago landscape we continue to excel. Perhaps the most noteworthy success however was the Scholarship results. Scholarship is a separate examination which is sat by the country's elite students. Only 3% of those sitting gain a Scholarship. There is no question that it is the highest and most distinguished academic honour within the NZQA framework. Over the past four years as a school we have poured a lot of energy and time into developing a programme that would allow our top academics to perform on the national stage. The fruit of those labours started to be borne out in 2015 when our students accumulated 21 scholarships, our best return ever as a school. Incredibly the 2016 cohort surpassed this and our expectations. The students amassed 28 scholarships. This is a significant result. Since the inception of scholarship in its current form (which was in 2004) the highest number of scholarships any Otago school had gained was 25. Our results are charting new territory. In terms of scholarship we were the best performed state boys' school in the South Island, the second best boys' school (including private and integrated schools) in the South Island and the sixth best state boys' school nationwide. Some of the individual results were phenomenal. William Satterthwaite was the top scholar in the country in Technology. William Scharpf gained a Calculus scholarship as a Year 10 (fourth form) student. Three students gained three scholarships, Ben Scott, Sam van Der Weerden and Callan Carne. Callan was a Year 12 student and has returned to school this year brimming with confidence and ready to repeat and improve on his fantastic results. The most successful subject was Calculus, securing 6 scholarships. Another tremendous year of results is testament to a great staff, awesome young men and a high functioning school. I know you are proud of your school and its young men. I most certainly am.

Business Sector

M. G. (Matthew) Bray (2001–05) credits Dunedin's Gigatown win for helping him gain national recognition: he won the Rising Star award at the Leading Property Managers of NZ awards for excellence at a gala dinner in Auckland recently. A qualified primary school teacher, he decided to branch out and work in retail and management, and worked at Mitre 10 and Warehouse Stationery before joining Mana Property Management two years ago. The directors Kyle and Tania Elmer were pleased that he had joined the business from outside the property management industry, as they could then train him in their systems and processes. Before Gigatown, the company was not able to communicate easily with property owners, particularly those based overseas: now they were able to introduce new processes and systems to make it easier, there were a lot more possibilities, and business in Dunedin was steady and did not experience Auckland's "rock & roll" business scene. Matthew has been working with the directors bringing in "loads" of new systems, including the cloud-based recording and management systems not previously available; the benefits had been "huge," and they were now researching more of what they could do. It was the first time that Mana had entered the awards, and the directors were thrilled with

Matthew's success. Matthew too had felt unsure whether he could compete with his Auckland counterparts, and so was ecstatic to be able to win the award.

Bits and Pieces



Emeritus Professor D. S. (Doug) Coombs (1938–42) died in Dunedin on the 23rd December 2016, having been unwell for some four years.

While at King's, Doug was a member of the radio club, a librarian, played fives, captained the 1st cricket XI, was a prefect and was proxime accessit to the Dux. He won a University National Scholarship and proceeded to Otago University where he graduated B.Sc in geology in 1945. In the following year he added majors in physics and chemistry to his degree, and earned the Proudfoot Scholarship in Experimental Science. While completing his M.Sc studies as a Senior Scholar, he was appointed assistant lecturer, then lecturer in geology. He also maintained his cricketing interests, representing NZ Universities, and Otago at Brabin Shield level. In 1949, having been awarded an 1851 Exhibition Scholarship for study at an English university, he proceeded to Emmanuel College at Cambridge University where he studied mineralogy and petrology for his Ph.D. While there, he undertook fieldwork in Norway, central France and on the remote South Atlantic island of Ascension, and also toured Sussex with the college cricket XI playing village teams.

In 1952 Doug resumed his lectureship at Otago University, determined to prove that quality research could be undertaken in New Zealand. In 1956 he was appointed Professor, which position he held for 34 years and which included a three-year stint as Dean of Science. As a mineralogist, which involves the study of the thousands of minerals that together make up the rocks of the Earth's crust and other cosmic objects, he helped pioneer concepts of very low temperature metamorphism involving the transition from sedimentary to metamorphic rocks, and particularly the role of zeolites in this process. His research, mainly carried out in Otago, was published in overseas journals and presented at overseas conferences. This led to Visiting Professorships in North America, Switzerland and England, and to becoming a Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Science, an Honorary D.Sc of the University of Geneva, Life Member of the Mineralogical

Society of America, Honorary Fellow of the Geological Societies of London and America, and an Honorary Member of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland. In New Zealand, among other honours, he has received the McKay Hammer Award from the Geological Society, and the Hector Medal and Fellowship of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

In 1989 he retired from Otago University, and was elected Emeritus Professor, although he continued to undertake research. A year later he was honoured when a rare new mineral discovered on the coast south of Dunedin, was named *Coombsite* after him. On the suggestion of Bernie Gunn, his first PhD student, a range of hills in Antarctica, the Coombs Hills was named for him. His contribution to NZ stratigraphy is commemorated by a fossil ammonoid *Kakaria coombsi*, a lamellibranch *Praegonia coombsi*, and an ostracod *Pellucicistoma coombsi*. He also developed an interest in genealogy, and he and his wife Anne published the history of his Estonian forebears, the von Tunzelmann family, five members of whom settled in the Wakatipu area from the 1850s.

In 1979, Otago University appointed Doug as its representative on the inaugural King's High School Board of Governors, and he was elected chairman. This proved an inspirational choice, for he and his deputy, E. C. (Ted) George (1942–47), despite their completely different personalities, formed a formidable leadership which dealt effectively and with some dignity, with the Otago Education Board, the Ministry of Education, and often unpleasant OBHS representatives. At the celebration of his life, former rector I. B. (Ian) Simpson (1954–58, Deputy Rector 1981, Rector 1982–97) revealed how supportive Doug had been and recalled that they had never had any difference of opinion. As chairman of the Board, members of which had strong views (but no agendas!), he allowed discussion to flow freely, with the result that a consensus was reached, and a formal vote merely a formality. The Board rebuilt the school management team, improved the school's image, and may be credited with sowing the seeds for the school's subsequent and recent success. Doug was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Old Boys' Association.

Doug more than vindicated his decision and the reasons for returning to spend his life in the city of his birth, and his qualities were recognised by the Government in 2002, when he was made a Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (CNZM). He is survived by his wife Anne to whom he was married for 60 years; three children who forged careers in medicine, chemical engineering, and foreign affairs; and six grandchildren.

Each year, the ODT sponsors "Class Act," whereby each secondary school south of the Waitaki River selects two all-round senior pupils to attend a social function in Dunedin and receive certificates from the Prime Minister. Ten years ago the representatives from King's were R. (Rene) Robb (2002–06) and B. J. (Bonar) Robertson (2002–06): Rene graduated Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Hons) and is a project engineer for Fulton Hogan in Christchurch; Bonar graduated BA, B.Com and is a chartered accountant working for Audit NZ in Wellington.

The Minister for Seniors [did you know there was such a portfolio?] Maggie Barry late last year appointed nine people to be Super Seniors Champion. One was Auckland businessman D. (Donald) Sew Hoy (1954–59); others included Dame Malvina Major, and Peter Chin. None of the appointees had any idea of what their roles would involve



Oamaru born and educated D. W. (Darryl) Paterson (Staff 1997–2002, 2007–11 Deputy Rector 2012–16) has been appointed Rector of Waitaki Boys' High School, which he sees as a challenge and an opportunity. He is well aware of the history and traditions of the school, and that it had been a benchmark for boys' education in the past, and that restoration would be his ultimate goal. He said he had learned a lot under the leadership of Dan Reddix at King's: clear vision and the drive and tenacity to see it through, maintaining standards, and drawing a line. He was keen to establish expectations and instill values such as respect, resilience, and integrity. He also hopes to increase the school's community engagement.

The DCC is continuing to work with the Mauri Kohatu Trust, despite its leader A. V. (Albert) Epere (1980) falling foul of the law. It decided that the charges against him were unrelated to the track clearance and weed spraying activities, and remain satisfied with the standard of work achieved.

The Rev K. D. (Ken) Baker (1961–66) is secretary of the Abrahamic Inter-faith Group, which is a mix of Jews, Christians, and Muslims; he finds it to be a rich forum for mutual learning in an environment of mutual respect.

In anticipation of the Kiwibank sponsored New Zealander of the Year awards, where Old Boys from King's have featured in each of the two years so far, 18 Dunedinites were identified as local heroes. Medals were presented at a function held at Le Petite Fleur by city councillor Rachel Elder who said their selfless actions of charity, optimism, and commitment were the glue which held the community together. Recipients included E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960–66), and S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97). However King's was not successful at the national level this year.

A diamond wedding of which we are aware was celebrated recently A. J. (Allan) Wishart (1949–52) and his wife Maureen of Mosgiel.



At a special assembly held towards the end of 2016, J. R. (Jim) Muir (1960–64, Staff 1981–2016), the long-serving guidance counsellor was farewelled. Following is the speech delivered by Deputy Head Boy, T. (Toby) Black.

Firstly, I would just like to thank Mr Muir for his incredible 38 years of service to this school, starting as a fresh-faced guidance counsellor in the late 70's. One of the only other teachers I can think of that has lasted the distance is a certain Mr Frost, and just quietly, the fact you've managed to put up with him for all this time is a credit to your personable and understanding manner, deserving some kind of reward in itself.

Over his time at King's Mr Muir has been involved in various different groups and activities, lending his time and attention to all different parts of the school. He's formerly been in charge of athletics and cross country, and one of his strengths was in having an uncannily reliable fundraiser for the various trips away up North. He has also always had a passion for football since his arrival at King's be it utilizing his coaching, managing or incredibly skilled refereeing at all levels of the game to ensure the sport has thrived at the school. Despite this comprehensive list of accolades and achievements, believe it or not I haven't yet got to what his primary role at the school is, such is his wide array of skills and passions. As I'm assuming all of you boys know by now, Mr Muir is the school's guidance counsellor, an incredibly private yet important job. As is the case with the kind of job, all of Mr Muir's great work with those that need him most is kept under wraps, with little recognition for the work he does. Mr Muir does not have the luxury of a bi annual report on the quality of his counselling, however if he did, I'm sure it would make impressive reading. He's helped countless boys face difficult times in their lives when they have had no other means of support. While the boys that Mr Muir has helped may not necessarily be high in a percentage of the school roll, his work is some of the most valuable in the school to those in need.

So sir, on behalf of all the boys at King's, whether you've helped us individually or not, thank you. Thank you for your years of service and tireless work behind the scenes, and I hope you accept this somewhat unusual position of having a fuss made about you. Cheers sir.

M. D. (Malcolm) Parker (1964–66), son of T. G. (Gordon) Parker (1937–39) has lived in Somerville Street for 44 years, and never expected to be visited by a NZ fur seal. The animal had been spending many hours sunbathing in spots around the upper harbour, regardless of possible inconvenience to

humans. He chose to swim up a tidal creek which flows into Andersons Bay and occupy Malcolm's vegetable garden and sun-deck for several (unwanted) hours! Sadly, a few days later he was killed by a train near St Leonards.



In November 2016, his many fans mourned the death of British singing pop-star George Michael, whereas P. J. (Paul) Mooney (1982–85) has a few happy memories. Arriving in London in the mid-1980s, and desperate for work, he took on a job (despite no previous experience whatever) with a large gardening company which serviced wealthy clients, one being George. Paul was expected to mow his miniscule Hampstead lawn and play with his golden Labrador! Mostly George wasn't there, but when he was, he would share a coffee on the deck with Paul and quiz him about NZ, although a deeper relationship never developed, and Paul was never a fan of his music. George's mother also hired him to do a few cash jobs, but when she sought his advice about some trees, Paul, who knew nothing about trees hastily said that he was from NZ where the vegetation was entirely different, which excuse she accepted! These days Paul is an on-line journalist for the *ODT* and lives at Millers Flat: the obituary which appeared in the November *Kingsmen* which recorded the career of his uncle G. C. (Graham) Fortune (1955–59) was to some extent based on the obituary he wrote for the *ODT*.

J. A. (Jack) Pinkham (1936–38) may well be the Old Boy with the longest association with King's. Now in his mid-nineties, he responded recently to questions put to him by a daughter. What follows is an edited version of his responses:

Jack forsook the black and white of OBHS for the blues of Cambridge and Oxford when King's started the next year, but prior to its opening he had helped Mr K. W. R. ("Gussie") Glasgow, the science master, to unpack the equipment and materials for the laboratory. He thought that all the staff were outstanding teachers thwarted for promotion at OBHS where the top positions were occupied by time-servers. Being of short stature Jack didn't play for the top teams, but admired the performances of players such as Jim Valentine, Arthur Chetwin, Bruce McGregor, and Ian Murdoch. NZ was just emerging from the great depression, and the family were lucky that their father had a secure job with the Post Office—a work friend of his father suggested that he study accountancy at OU, which he did. He spent most of his life since in Hawkes Bay practicing accountancy, but his other interests included rugby (he was one of Hawkes Bay's senior referees), Jaycees, school committees, fishing, and gardening. He met his supportive wife Shirley while playing mixed doubles at tennis in Dunedin, and later boarded with her parents: they had two daughters and one son, who with Jack's encouragement and community support became Hawkes Bay's top policeman. Now resident in a Hastings retirement village, he plays cards and watches all sport on TV, being critical of the English development of forward passing! He maintains a keen interest in the fortunes of King's (he has been a member of the KHSOBA for many years), and believes its current success can be attributed to an excellent staff and its obviously outstanding leader.

Incidentally Mr Glasgow MSc, MA left King's after two months to lecture at OU, before being appointed Principal of Scot's College in Wellington. During World War II, and holding the rank of Colonel, he commanded the 5th NZ Field Artillery Regiment, was Mentioned in Dispatches, and awarded the DSO.

We have been advised by former classmate C. S. (Chris) Hyndman (1967–7) that the 1968 drawing of the school was produced in the technical drawing class taught by Mr N. P. (Noel) Timlin (Staff 1967–81) by K. J. (Kevin) Bills (1967–69). Kevin spent two or three months drawing it in pencil, before making an inked tracing; he was very talented, and Mr Timlin was very impressed with his work [understandably]. Chris says that as far as he knows, Kevin is living somewhere in Australia.

Emeritus Professor J. (John) Hannah (1963–67), formerly Dean of the School of Surveying at OU is cautiously optimistic that international agreements on greenhouse gas emissions will help to avert some of the worst fears about global sea levels rising. Although he believed that NZ might face sea levels increasing by up to 1m by 2115, which would pose a significant challenge for parts of the country, technological solutions had been found to protect low-lying land in countries such as the Netherlands. John, who nowadays lives in Stoke (presumably beyond the reach of any tsunamis which may wander by) was asked at a recent conference about statements by President Trump [I had to get him in somewhere!] and said that he believed that any action by the rather naïve US administration might merely delay matters, rather than thwart international momentum.

Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas, daughter of Mr W. R. (Bill) Mayhew (Staff 1945–54) originally qualified as a lawyer, but her career mainly in England has been one of firsts: the first woman to chair the Royal Opera House; the first woman to lead the City of London; the first woman to be Provost of King's College, Cambridge. She no longer has a full-time job, but is Chancellor of Bishop Grosseteste University, the first institution in the UK to educate women in the tertiary arena;

a trustee of the Imperial War Museum; and she is working on the British war memorial to be built by Weta Workshops at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park in Wellington. In an interview with the NZ Listener during a recent visit to NZ, she revealed that she and G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) had started primary school on the same day, walked to school together, and had maintained contact ever since. She found his latest publication, *Promised Land: From Dunedin to the Dunstan Goldfields* particularly poignant, for her father had written *Tuapeka: the Land and its Peoples* in 1948.

A. J. H. (Allan) Fraser (1953–57), who died in 2014, was the son of Mr R. (Ross) Fraser (Staff 1936–44, First Assistant

Obituaries

- R. E. (Ron) Patterson (1943–46) died at Timaru 22.11.16
- W. S. (Bill) Robertson (1936–38) died at Nelson 23.11.16
- G. C. (Gordon) McKay (1936–40) died at Invercargill 30.11.16
- G. F. (George) McGimpsey (1937–40) of Dunedin, died at Christchurch 4.12.16
- R. (Ramesh) Prasad (1986–89) died at Dunedin ?.12.16
- K. T. (Trevor) Morris (1941–42) died at Mosgiel 13.12.16
- H. M. (Hunter) Dowall (1948–52) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 15.12.16
- A. E. (Arthur) Berry (1942) of Oamaru, died at Timaru 19.12.16
- D. S. (Doug) Coombs (1938–42, Board of Governors 1979–89) died at Dunedin 23.11.16
- N. R. (Niran) Mitchell (1985–86) died at Oamaru 26.12.16
- M. G. (Murray) Bell (1958–62) died at Dunedin 28.12.16
- K. J. (Kevin) Hayes (1949–50) died at Cromwell 29.12.16
- B. J. (Brian) Walker (1960–62) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 3.1.17
- J. E. (Jim) Govan (1941–45) died at Dunedin 7.1.17
- W. J. G. (Bill) Carr (1941–42) of Dunedin
- A. M. (Anthony) Malcolm (2009–12) died at Dunedin 15.1.17
- S. J. (Steven) Douglas (1982–84) died at Dunedin 17.1.17
- B. W. (Barry) Dunnage (1950–52) died at Christchurch
- L. M. ("Rusty") Taylor (1945–47) died at Nelson 31.1.17
- J. W. (Jack) Kempthorne (1936–39) of Red Beach, died at Whangaparaoa 5.2.17
- E. C. (Ted) Aitchison (1938–41) died at Mosgiel 13.2.17
- W. H. (Bill) Grant (1945–50) died at Alexandra 13.2.17
- K. D. (Keith) James (1955–58) died at Dunedin 20.2.17
- B. E. (Barry) Milne (1950–51) died at Dunedin 20.2.17

1945–1962). He left school and became a draughtsman with the Otago Catchment Board, which later morphed into the Otago Regional Council. When he retired, Allan was able to concentrate on his real interest: trains! He had a passion for model railways, which he exhibited at many shows; he was a member of the Ocean Beach Railway, qualifying for his ticket as a steam locomotive driver; and was a long-serving member and secretary of the Otago Excursion Train Trust, editing its *Taieri Gorge Telegraph* newsletter for many years. Latterly Allan was the Train Manager on the Taieri Gorge trips, delivering a calm and measured commentary for the benefit of the tourist passengers. He never claimed the limelight, but worked quietly in the background, often writing letters of appreciation to volunteers, for whom he organised end-of-season bus trips. Ever the gentleman, Allan over the years carried out service to the Coastal Unity Church, and to the wider Presbyterian Church within Dunedin.

Sporting Triumphs

Athletics

D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08), a previous two-time winner, was beaten into second place in the Lovelock Mile at Timaru.

G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) recently broke the Otago 60+ record for the 3,000m.

Bowls

C. L. (Charlie) Burrell (1949–52) was a member of the Dunedin Southern four which won the plate final at the Hanz tournament in Dunedin in November 2016.

Cricket

E. (Elliot) Love (2011–15) was a member of the Otago Under-19 team which was a finalist at the national tournament at Lincoln in December 2016.

After two years of trying, J. A. J. (John) Cushen (1963–67, Staff 1984–99), the former Auckland and Otago paceman finally managed to persuade 13 players to represent an Otago 60+ team to compete at a national tournament in Petone in January 2017. Despite only two having represented Otago in the past, they finished third, and three were selected for a team to play in Australia: John, M. A. (Malcolm) Walker (1968–72), and Bevan Guthrie (a former Otago 1st five-eight from South Otago).

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) following successful surgery to his troublesome back, captained the Brisbane Heat in the Australian Big Bash, using the same attractive tactics which made the Black Caps T20 team so successful. The OCA hopes to be in a position to lure him back to play for Otago in the domestic T20 competition some day, heartened by the luring by Central Districts of former Sri Lankan international Mahela Jayawardene this season!

Football

No more will the familiar figure of B. R. (Blair) Davidson (1952–54) and his dog Penny be sighted behind the goal posts when the season starts up in the South this year, for he died in September 2016. He began playing at Musselburgh school when aged 9, and continued with the 1st XI at King's where he was also a long jump record holder and a useful tennis player. He made his debut for Otago at the age of 17, representing the region for 16 years, as well as playing for the South Island. An athletic and acrobatic goalkeeper, his career featured matches against England, Australia, Costa Rica and

the Los Angeles Kickers; and many believed he was unlucky to never get a chance with the international team. At club level he played more than 300 matches for Dunedin Technical FC, before switching to Mosgiel FC when he shifted to the Taieri. When his playing days were over, Blair became heavily involved in supporting the game: he managed the Mosgiel team from 1995–97 which won the Otago-Southland regional competition, and coached any goalkeeper who sought his advice. He served on the competition's judiciary board, put out the flags before matches, watched junior matches in the mornings and premiership matches in the afternoons, and was always welcome in the various clubrooms afterwards. A life member and patron of Football South, in 2014 a challenge trophy, the Blair Davidson Trophy, for southern premier football was named in his honour. He worked for National Insurance, before turning to freelance journalism after suffering a heart attack when aged 38, reporting football for the *ODT* and covering various sports for the *Taieri Herald*.

Golf

B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) returned to where it all began to win the inaugural Island Park nines tournament in February 2017.



Hockey

D. C. (Darren) Smith (1987–91) who played 212 test matches for NZ between 1995–2006, often as captain, has been appointed coach of the Black Sticks (men). He was assistant coach from 2007–12, before leading the Irish women's programme as head coach from 2012–15. The team's main focus this year is the World League semifinal in Johannesburg

in July, which serves as a dual qualification event for the World League final as well as the 2018 World Cup.

Marathon

Getting to the 2016 New York marathon was a marathon itself! M. I. (Murray) Denholm (1957–60) writes:

I wanted to try and do two "Life Achievement Goal Trips," before turning 70 in March, 2014. In September 2010, three weeks after the first Christchurch earthquake, and training most of the year, I went and completed the Mt Everest Base Camp Trek in Nepal. I had to overcome food poisoning in Kathmandu, which nearly cost me the whole the trip. It affected me badly on the second day when we climbed 800m from river level to the township of Namche Bazaar. They were planning to send a helicopter to get me off the Mountain, but I managed to push through it, and I made it to Base Camp! It was on this trip I first met Vina Accomazzo, who was part of a different Trek group, and little was I to realise then, that Vina was to become one of my guide support team for this year's New York Marathon. We had maintained contact over the years.

My second "Life Achievement Goal Trip" was to try and do the New York Marathon, where I went over in 2012, only to experience the first ever cancellation in the event history! (due to Super Storm Sandy)—just my luck to be there then, as I felt that was my best time with being ready for it, and carrying no injuries. I had intended to try and jog the course. On the way home from that trip, I sustained a knee injury, and after an X-ray found I had advanced Osteoarthritis in my left knee, for which my Orthopaedic Specialist scheduled a half knee replacement in the future. For both those trips, I had never been tramping in my life before, nor had I entered into a Marathon.

In, 2013 and undeterred from the year before, I entered the New York Marathon again, this time as a walker. I had all my bags packed ready to fly out, and went for a light trot around the block 4 days out from leaving, and fractured my T9 vertebrae due to Osteoporosis, and had to withdraw from my whole trip. I was fairly devastated, as I had the privilege of being selected as a Delegate in the Parade of Nations.

In February 2014 I had Prostate surgery, and in mid August while simply trying to fix a spouting leak at home, had an unfortunate ladder fall accident, and was in Christchurch Public Hospital for six days, with the operation taking over 5 hours. I fractured my humerus bone in 4 places, put the ball and socket joint out and sustained radial palsy. It took me some 16 months to begin my long training walks again. In mid 2015 I had radiation treatment for 6 weeks this year, for the return of cancer, and fingers crossed on that one, it'll work out ok.

For the 2016 New York Marathon I entered again as a walker, and through the forethought of my travel agent sharing my concerns of trying to finish the walk, placed me with Achilles NZ. The Achilles NZ team put together a fantastic support team and together we made my dream come true!

Murray was selected to carry the NZ Flag at the opening ceremony at Central Park on Friday, 4th November at 5.30pm: the Parade of Nations.

The Marathon took place on Sunday morning, 6th November, for which we had to turn our clocks back 1 hour on the Saturday night, with the end of their daylight saving. New York is some 17 hours behind in time of NZ. We were very lucky with the weather, and it turned out a good day all round. I was merely one of thousands, in fact it was their biggest ever at around some 55,000 participants from all different countries, including the disabled on wheelchairs and hand cycles. The course itself covers some 26 miles or 42 kilometres and traverses some 5 bridges, and hill inclines. The New York City Marathon is the ultimate goal of most runners on this planet. It's a tough race, beautiful scenery—especially while crossing the bridges—unique crowd.

What makes it probably one of the best marathons is the fact runners race through the five boroughs: Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, and the Bronx. Each of these boroughs allows runners to discover New York, its people and its cultural aspects. You cross the 5 bridges, along with the sweat and pain on each of them. It's a cosmopolitan city, and these 5 bridges represent the 5 continents for the runners on their day. It is sometimes called the walking tour of New York City.

Along the course, through Brooklyn and into Manhattan the crowds were quite a number deep on either sides, and they provide the encouragement and support along the way. I enjoyed every minute, it was an amazing experience and I had a ball with my Achilles tee shirt, having my Christian name on the front, and New Zealand on the back in bold lettering which stood out. Those Americans along with other nationalities honed in on my name, calling out "Come on Murray, you can do it Man—you can get there," and when I turned around to show our country's name, I tried to encouraged them by saying "Come on New Zealand—go Kiwi"—they loved it, and would say "Oh!—New Zealand," and often they would put out their hand into the course area where we were, and I would pat it in turn for each of them, including parents with their children. This was their day also, where they would come out to welcome all the participating athletes and guide supporters. I would also look up to some of the apartments above, where there would be the occasional person, ladies as well as men, and I'd ensure they were made to feel appreciated by giving them a big wave. I just trust they will remember this Kiwi Guy, coming half way round the world to their country who

briefly in that one day, touched so many hearts, and tried to make all of them feel they were appreciated, etc.

As to the Marathon itself, it was an absolute thrill for all of us as a team, to eventually cross the finish line together. For me it was the best part of an hour off from what I had been doing in a lot of my training walks, and feel as a team that was a really good effort.

From our Achilles team, there was Vina my friend, going right back to the Mt Everest Base camp trek in Nepal 2010 where we first met while being in different trek tour groups, and it was a real pleasure to have her with me for this very important day. From NZ there was Andrew (my roommate) and Kathy from Auckland, Tracy from Christchurch, both Andrew and Vina had done marathons before, including New York which provided for us that valuable experience. For Kathy, Tracy and myself—this was our first ever marathon.

I really appreciate them all being there for me on this important day, and was so reassuring to have them, and cross the finish line all together, on the very day it mattered most.

My thanks for making all this possible, was Suzanne from Marathon Tours—our Travel Agent, who had the foresight to place me with Achilles NZ following my concerns of possibly having to complete the course on my own in the hours of darkness, in a city such as New York, with issues of safety and security and also to Kiri, our Achilles NZ manager and coach who put together our fantastic support team "Team Murray."

Multisport

Challenge Wanaka 2017 attracted too many participants for us to check the results to seek any Old Boy successes, but we can report that D. C. (David) Stott (1964–68) achieved 4th place in the 65+ age grade.

Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04), following serious thought, turned down a lucrative offer to play rugby for the French club Pau, and signed to stay with the All Blacks, Highlanders, and Otago teams until 2020. It had also been rumoured that he had been made an offer by the Irish club Munster. While the lifestyle in France would have allowed for spending more time with his immediate family (soon to receive a further addition), their living in France would not have suited their extended, and supportive, family; Ben emphasised that money was never the dominant factor. So he resumed his status as co-captain of the Highlanders, only to suffer a concussion early in the first round match against the Chiefs, and may not play again for several weeks.

Sevens

M. A. (MacKenzie) Haugh (2009–13) represented Otago at the national tournament.

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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.