



THE KINGSMEN

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But see under Administration for
"Communications with Members."

The President's Report

Dear Fellow Old Boys,

Greetings from the Old Boys' Association—it does not seem long ago that I wrote last year's report as another year flies past. The Association has again been occupied with the Wall of Fame and the Annual Dinner being the main features of the year. This year Darren Smith, (1987–91) Sport, Chris Fennessy (1984–88), Arts and Graham Stanton (1953–57) (Academic—deceased) were admitted to the Wall of Fame. Another three Old Boys who have performed outstandingly well in their chosen field and congratulations to them are extended from the Old Boys. The dinner was held at the end of August and was well attended with Darren and Chris being guest speakers for the night.

Every year I refer to the progress that the School has made under Dan Reddiex's reign and the past year has been no exception. The School continues to feature as being one of the top schools in New Zealand and there seems to be no end to the achievements the boys attain during their time at School. I have had the privilege to attend the prize giving ceremonies for some years now and I am blown away at the wide range of academic and other programmes that are run in the School compared with what was available when I attended Kings.

The other annual feature of the prize giving is the address given by Dan on the state of the School and other related matters which is nothing short of outstanding. This year

his message made the national news on TV3 and was across a lot of the social media which reinforces the high respect in which he is held within the education fraternity. Our thanks and congratulations go to Dan for his continuing dedication and efforts in to getting the School where it is today.

My thanks to the Committee for the hours spent in getting the *Kingsmen* produced and distributed with special mention again to Hugh Kidd and Bob Glass who research the articles to put in the magazine. We have been fortunate enough to get the use of a former Common Room at the School to display our archival material and we look forward to completing that project this year. It is great to have memorabilia donated by former Old Boys to display in this area. In this respect I would refer you to Steve Davie's article in the *Kingsmen* where he is looking to update the database to obtain Old Boys contact addresses and any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Finally my best wishes go to all our 'Old Boys' and families and to the School for the coming year.

Kind regards,

Doug Jackson (1960–63)
PRESIDENT

Financial Report

In 2017 there was a surplus of \$3,405 compared with a deficit of \$1,213 in 2016. The turnaround was brought about, firstly by just over \$2,000 more being received in subscriptions. This was despite a reduced membership, but due to overdue subscriptions being chased up and quick responses in paying. Secondly there were just under \$1,800 exceptional items (one off) in 2016.

Consequently our bank balances less creditors at 31/12/17 increased to \$25,405 compared with \$22,152 the previous year.

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



Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Monday 9th April in the School Library at 7.30pm.
Refreshments from 7pm.

The speaker is is well known media man Steve Davie (1970–74).

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

King's High School Old Boys' Assn Inc
Summary of Income and Expenditure to 31/3/17

	2016	2017
Income		
Subscriptions	\$14,455	\$16,535
Other	\$624	\$573
	\$15,079	\$17,108
Expenditure		
<i>Kingsmen</i>	\$7,112	\$6,450
Donations and Grants to School	\$4,248	\$4,250
Historical Interviews	\$1,093	–
Larkins Memorials	\$691	–
Other	\$3,148	\$3,003
	\$16,292	\$13,703
Surplus		\$3,405
Deficit	\$1,213	
	\$15,079	\$17,108

The School

1. 2017 Prize Giving

The President's report mentioned Dan Reddiex's state of the School address at the 2017 prize giving, which made the national news on TV3 and other media reports. Below is a summary.

The Rector praised his present cohort of pupils for their outstanding achievements during the year, but went on to express deep concern about the future of education in New Zealand.

The vast majority of parents are doing a fantastic job, but there are some who need to take more responsibility for their child's behaviour.

Social expectations have been imposed on schools to attend to and reverse the ills of society, which are completely unrealistic and they are beyond the resource capacity.

He said it seems now the first questions about the inappropriate text message in the weekend, or after school hours bad behaviour are not "what were the parents thinking and what will the parent do about it?"

"The first questions now are "what school does the young person go to and what is the school going to do about it?"

Dan said "We are in a fight. It's a fight to preserve our purpose, our profession and our passion."

2. Academic Success Maintained

a) Below are the 2017 NCEA results and Certificate Endorsements.

NCEA Results 2017

Qualification	King's 2017	National Average 2017	National Boys 2017 (All Schools)	National Boys Schools (Decile 4-7) 2017
NCEA Level 1	91.8%	84.2%	81.0%	81.0%
NCEA Level 2	94.5%	88.7%	86.4%	86.3%
NCEA Level 3	90.0%	82.4%	78.3%	77.0%
University Entrance	66.7%	59.9%	53.2%	49.8%

Certificate Endorsements

	Endorsed with Excellence (King's)	National Average	National Boys Average	Endorsed with Merit (King's)	National Average	National Boys Average
Year 11	53 (27.9%)	20.1%	13.4%	63 (33.2%)	35.6%	31.4%
Year 12	30 (14.6%)	16.0%	10.9%	56 (27.2%)	27.1%	22.7%
Year 13	18 (16.7%)	15.6%	11.7%	24 (22.2%)	28.1%	23.8%

b) New Zealand Qualifications Authority Scholarship results showed that King's pupils won 19 with Max Beal Top Scholar for Drama.

3. Roll

The year has started with 1042 day boys and 27 International students.

4. Charitable Trust

The King's High School Charitable Trust has been reinvigorated through the appointment of well-known media man and successful fundraiser Steve Davie (1970-74).

Steve's role will be to engage or re-engage the school's alumni with a view to creating pathways for Old Boys to offer philanthropy, mentoring, story-telling, job opportunities and the like.

However, to get things underway we need your help in upgrading our database. If you are interested in taking on a year group and finding as many boys from that intake as possible, please contact Steve on 027/4370335, stevedavie@xtra.co.nz

Even if it's a telephone number, any information would be greatly appreciated.

As background, Steve is a highly regarded and proven corporate host and fundraising events manager who has organised and hosted more than 250 functions—breakfasts, lunches, dinners, golf tournaments and book launches—for various individuals, corporate and charity groups since 1993.

After a full-time career in newspapers and radio, Steve successfully launched and administered the Skeggs Foundation (1993-2001) and the Otago Boys' High School Foundation (2004-2009). He is currently contracted as the Events Manager for the Otago Medical Research Foundation, having worked as the Foundation's Director of Development for seven and a half years. Since January 2010, he has attracted more than \$4.5 million from Otago benefactors for new research projects and scholarships, mainly through the world-class calendar of events he has organised and hosted.

Steve has been on the public speaking circuit for the last 30 years and was heavily involved in 2011 Rugby World Cup hospitality throughout the country.

He is a sought-after and highly respected public speaker, Master of Ceremonies and host ... and is well known as a long-standing member of the New Zealand sporting media. He began broadcasting cricket on radio in the 1983/84 season, was rugby's radio commentator in Dunedin from 1984 to 1991 and broadcast rugby on Sky Television from 1996 until 2013. He has travelled overseas on both radio and television assignments.

5. Staff Photo

In our last issue there was a photograph, supplied by the daughter of a long time staff member "Pun" Emslie.

We had a query what was the exact year and who was second from our left back row.



Thanks to those who replied that the staff member was W. L. (Fanny) Francis. John Mathieson (1944–48) advised he was the Woodwork master, who contributed a lot to King's by forming the school Band, taking band practices and also Orchestra practices weekly. Some students went on to play in the St Kilda brass band of which he was the conductor at a time when that band was achieving national success. Some also went on to play for the National Band of New Zealand.

The year of the photo is probably 1946 not the other possibility.

6. Nathan Farr is one of 12 young New Zealanders aged 14–18 selected to take part in a ministerial youth advisory group.

It has been set up to enable young people to work with Education Minister Chris Hipkins and influence Government decisions on the Education system and issues affecting young people.

7. NZ Secondary School Athletics

For several years our athletes have performed excellently in the relays.

In 2017 the junior 4 x 100m team won eclipsing the record set a decade ago. They also claimed gold in the junior 4 x 400m.

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. Many have not advised for events.

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: djmosgiel@gmail.com

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.

The Warwick Larkins Room

When the Performing Arts Building was built the Old Boys' Association obtained a space which was converted into an Archive room in 2009 at our cost of just under \$12,000.

Some ex-pupils would have seen this, especially when it was open at the time of the 75th Reunion.

The late Warwick Larkins spent many hours displaying photographs and other memorabilia, plus sorting and storing historical records, which had been held by the school or gifted.

Clive Sims (1949–51) supplied the details:

In 2017 the School offered a room that they no longer required in a more accessible area.

After discussion the Committee decided to accept and use it instead of the original Archive room where displays could not be easily seen.

It was also decided to call this new room "The Warwick Larkins Room."

In November several members of the Committee managed to sort some of the photos, pictures, blazers etc and arrange them around the walls of the room and entry Hallway. The room is approx. 7m by 7m, fully carpeted with windows on 3 sides and has a glass domed roof. It has an entry Hall approx., 1.3 by 8m.

So far we have placed framed representative jersey's, donated by several prominent sporting members in the entry Hall. (Brendon & Nathan McCallum, Darren Smith and Ben Smith to name a few.

A brief History and a Photograph of Warwick Larkins is situated on the right entry window as you enter the actual room.

Turning left the first group of photos are of the opening of the School in 1936, along with photos of this period. The next wall shows Cadet Units and notable Leaders, followed by First 15 Groups of 1952. Past the window are more Sporting photos from 1999–2005. Also a photo of the school Jazz committee of 2003.

Next up are 2 Dragon Boat Paddles won in 1996–1997.

Moving on is a Painting of Clive Geary, Old School Ties, Photo and History of James McCready, both well known members of staff, also Old Boys. These are followed by more 1996–1997 Sporting Groups.

Then comes a very good painting of "D. S. Chisholm" the first "Rector" of Kings High School who held this position from 1936–1947.

We also have several Blazers, mounted on stands, distributed around the room.

Not surprisingly we also have a great many other photos, pictures, magazines and historical papers, which will need display stands and filing cabinets to enable interested persons access from time to time.

Note: Should anyone be thinking of donating to this room, please ensure articles are named and preferably with dates of issue.

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 9th April from 7pm for 7.30 commencement of meeting.

2. In December the ex-pupils beat the King's High School 1st XI for the Fox Larkins Memorial Trophy in a T20 cricket match. This makes it 2–1 to the elders over 3 years.

Scores were as follows:

Old Boys 180 for 8 wickets (Taylor Cumberland 30 no, Elliott Love 27, Brad Scott 33 no, Drew Kinney 2 for 11).

School 131 all out (Beckham Greenall 40, Drew Kinney 21, Nathan King 2 for 8 a 49 runs victory.

Photo of teams see page 4.



North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

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Nelson

Contact

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Wellington

Contacts

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Dennis Thompson (1966–70) | T: 387 3812

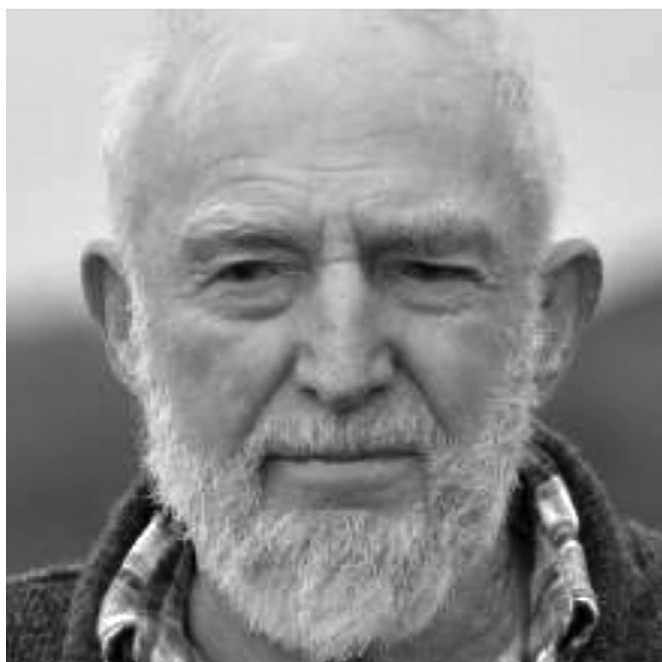
Christchurch

Contact

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

Honours

This year three Old Boys featured on the New Year Honours list, each one receiving the Queen's Service Medal, and two actually being Otago residents.



D. W. (Dan) Lyders (1950–53) was awarded his QSM for services to conservation and forestry. He had early in life developed an interest in plants, and he fostered that interest while at King's

by avidly (and surreptitiously) reading forestry literature on his knees, rather than merely listening to what the teachers out the front had to say! He proceeded to Lincoln College where he qualified for a Diploma of Agriculture, before heading back to Berwick to take over management of the farm from his father; some sixty years later he is still farming, having augmented the property by adding two blocks of 30 hectares, and now manages 250 hectares (650 acres). Over the years he has planted some 20 hectares of exotic trees, mainly *Pinus radiata*, but also Western Red Cedar, *Macrocarpa*, and more recently natives. He was founding member (and a 30-year committee member) of the Mid Otago branch of the Farm Forestry Association. Dan was also president of the Otago Acclimatisation Society when it was restructured to become Fish & Game Otago, and was the first chairman of the new entity: the Central Otago Lakes district which was forced to amalgamate feared domination by a Dunedin-based group, but he managed to allay those fears. One of his legacies will be his work to preserve wetlands, and he was a founder, and currently a member of the Waihola-Waipori Wetland Society, while also maintaining a private wetland on his own property which "will be there forever, it will never fall by the wayside." Dan has also served as secretary of the Otago-Southland Dorset Down [sheep] Breeders, and as a member and chairman of the Saddle Hill Pest Board. He was also involved with the Taieri Dramatic Society and has spent decades of community service, being particularly proud of when he was secretary-treasurer of the West Taieri Medical Services Committee he successfully helped to retain a doctor

at the medical centre in Outram. He also served on the now defunct Berwick School Committee. However his citation did not mention his services to flood prevention: tired of having some of his property inundated during minor flood events, and inaction by the Otago Regional Council, he kindly raised their floodbank to what he believed should be the proper height. This also raised the ire of the Council, who took him to court, questioning his right to do this, and also the quality of his workmanship and Dan was duly admonished. However a short time later, another flood event failed to affect his property and his workmanship was thereby vindicated: eventually the whole matter was settled out of court.



L. J. (Les) Graham (1951–55) was awarded his QSM for services to brass bands, and was “gobsmacked” to receive the award; despite having spent some 65 years dedicated to brass bands and their music, and touring the country to teach younger players, the thought of being honoured in this way had never entered his head. He had played in the school band while at King’s, before joining the Caversham and Green Island bands, but his longest association was with the Mosgiel Brass Band which he joined in 1973, and of which he was a life member. In the 1990s he assisted the Roxburgh Band through a period of rebuilding, conducting it so it could attend the national championships, and finding it a new conductor. In 1984 his arm had been amputated because of a farming accident, after which he had to relearn how to play, but working with occupational therapists, a harness was designed which allowed him to hold an instrument again. While with Mosgiel Les had started a learners group, and this became a “catalyst” for the programmes at Mosgiel and at Kaikorai. He has taught and mentored young players, organised and volunteered at music camps, as well as raising funds for youth bands. Nationally he has supported the introduction of new sections at national championships, and in 2015 presented the Les Graham Trophy for slow melody. Latterly he has resided at Masterton, but sadly he will miss appearing in person at Government House to receive his unexpected but deserved award, for he died on February 22.

P. J. (Philip) Craigie (1965–70) was awarded his QSM for services to music, and said that the award was both an honour and humbling. “It’s not an honour for me, it’s an honour for all the people that I’ve interacted with over the years. The people that you’ve worked with, the people you have taught that have



gone on to do great things, the audiences that listen and enjoy what’s presented to them—all those are satisfying things and they spur you on.” While at King’s he too was a member of the school band and gratefully acknowledges the tuition which he received from Mr A. F. (Alan) Brieseman (Bandmaster 1962–82). Head prefect in his final year, he proceeded to OU and graduated BA in music, before heading to Christchurch Teacher’s College. During his 40-year teaching career, he was head of music at Riccarton High School, then at OBHS, before being appointed deputy principal at The Taieri High School, and ultimately Principal at Kaikorai Valley College. During this time he became heavily involved with the Otago Secondary Schools’ Music Festival Committee, and helped to prepare the constitution to enable it to become an incorporated society. Philip has contributed to the music community as a performer, teacher, mentor, and musical director since he was in his teens. He has taught many young people to play brass instruments through schools, community programmes, and as a casual teacher. On top of his busy life in secondary education since returning to Dunedin from Christchurch, where he was also involved with the Woolston Band, he has been the musical director of the Mosgiel Brass Band since 1988, and involved with St Kilda Brass, conducted the Otago Symphony Band, and led the Celebration Singers on several national tours and even to Tasmania: under his leadership the choir produced four records. Philip has played the organ at the North Taieri Presbyterian Church for some 50 years, and for its 150th anniversary in 2016, he was chairman of the committee which organised the celebrations.

Although we are unable to prove it, for we don’t have a list of band members it would seem that the Queen is a closet admirer of the King’s High School Band. Two of the current recipients of the QSM are former members of the band, while in the past Her Majesty has rewarded former members, including I. F. (Ian) Farrant CNZM, G. C. (Graham) Fortune CNZM, L. A. (Les) Green QSM and there are probably others, for neither have we maintained a list of those who have received honours.

Cultural Affairs

M. G. (Max) Beal (2016–17) has gained the top mark in the NZ scholarship drama examination, and will be among the other 35 top scholarship winners who will be presented with their awards during a ceremony at Parliament later this year. Late

last year, Max was one of 24 young New Zealanders selected by the Shakespeare Globe Centre to go to the Globe Theatre in London in July, so rather than attend university this year, he is working full time in an effort to raise the money for the trip. He claims there is no greater honour for lovers of Shakespearean theatre than to tread the boards of the Globe Theatre, and plans to study performing arts in Brisbane next year. Max is also aware that musical theatre is a very competitive world, but if he gets into Australia, that will open so many doors to an acting career—"It is a very exciting time for me."

I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) is a Dunedin-based historian who is now the author of 26 books on NZ history, biography, culture, and society. His latest book *Dunedin: Founding a New World City* was published late last year. He has an M.A. degree in history from OU, and a Diploma in Journalism from Canterbury University.

M. J. C. (Malcolm) Templeton (1936–40, Staff 1945) who died in September 2017 aged 93, was a foundation year pupil at King's, was Dux in 1940, and a National Scholarship winner. He then proceeded to OU, receiving the James Clark Prize en route to a BA degree in 1944 and an MA with first class honours in English and Latin, while simultaneously serving short stints with the NZ Army and the RNZAF. Feeling the need to find an occupation (and a salary!) he taught briefly at King's before an aunt spotted an advertisement in the *ODT* from the Department of External Affairs seeking well-qualified applicants: he applied, and was soon in Wellington to begin the first of two careers.

Malcolm showed early promise when accompanying Prime Minister Peter Fraser to San Francisco which ultimately led to the establishment of the United Nations Organisation; he subsequently received overseas postings, including Canberra, Washington, New York, Moscow, Paris, and London, where he also studied at the Imperial Defence College. In 1967 he became Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Head of the Prime Minister's Department in 1972, Permanent NZ Unrepresentative in 1973, and Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs in 1978, before retiring from the Public Service in 1984. As a diplomat, one of his proudest achievements was getting the South Pacific Nuclear Weapon Free Zone established at the UN, while he also played a key role as Leader of the NZ Law of the Sea delegation, which played a major part in the negotiations which led to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea which brought enormous benefits not only to NZ, but to the wider Pacific Region. Another achievement was to secure the agreement that the spouses of NZ officers at diplomatic posts could work!

On his retirement, and following a term as founding Director of the Institute of Policy Studies at Victoria University, he embarked on a second career as virtual historian-in-residence at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. After writing two books, one on NZ's defence and security needs, the other a history of NZ's short-lived legation in Moscow, he drew on official archives to produce five major analyses of NZ diplomatic history, the latest entitled *A Wise Adventure 2: New Zealand and Antarctica after 1960*, being a sequel to his earlier book on the subject and which was published shortly before his death. He also edited two volumes, one on 50 years of NZ's external relationships, the other on NZ's 50 year membership of the UN Organisation.

The quality of Malcolm's research, and of his writing style was recognised by OU when it conferred on him the rare degree of Doctor of Literature (Litt. D) in 2003. He had previously been recognised by the government in 1997 when he was awarded the Queen's Service Order (QSO) for public services. During

his life he freely gave advice and help to young diplomats who were fortunate enough to work alongside and learn from him, and he and his wife Barbara showed considerable kindness to junior staff sharing a posting with them. Malcolm was inducted on to the King's High Wall of Fame in October 2011, the citation for which was published in the November 2011 *Kingsmen*.

Business Sector

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) will reward 212 members in March with fellowships (FCA) in recognition of their outstanding service to accounting and to their communities. One of the recipients will be G. R. (Graham) Roberson (1958–62) of Melbourne, who is married to Jan, daughter of the late Captain Alex Black, formerly a prominent Dunedin businessman who skippered the well-known *MV Alert*, and who was also a prominent supporter of the scouting fraternity.

After three years of training, in February M. J. (Morgan) Hampton (2009–13) graduated from his Dunedin Botanic Garden apprenticeship. He had been employed through the Otago Chamber of Commerce's 4 Trades Apprentice programme and seconded to the botanic garden to complete on-the-job training and off-site theoretical study. During this time he successfully completed the necessary unit standards to qualify for a certificate in horticulture level 4 advanced, and gained the additional botanic garden certificate. Morgan had previous experience in building and landscaping, but no previous experience working with plants. He had found the programme very informative with a lot of variety in the work, and was looking for a part-time job so he could start establishing his own business: he was starting a nursery of woodland and specialist plants.

H. T. (Hetaraka) Kilgour (1993–94) was a member of a Dunedin-based team of five sent north to Blenheim by KiwiRail to repair the Main North Line seriously damaged by the Kaikoura earthquake: so severe was the damage that most had to be ripped out, new formations created and tracks relaid. This involved some 14 hour days in scorching heat and occasionally heavy downpours, while aftershocks could ruin a day's work. Initially they spent 10 days there and 4 off but after Easter this was increased to 26 days there and 4 off, which was hard for team members with young families. The team worked southwards to meet a team working northwards from Kaikoura. With the repairs largely complete, the team returned to Dunedin in November, after a gruelling 11 months.

In November, the Taieri Communities Facility Trust offered 500 \$10 notes to anybody, with the proviso that the sum was multiplied and returned to the Trust by December 1. Target Accounting Mosgiel, owned by accountant J. F. (Justin) Stent (1985–89) and son of F. E. (Frank) Stent (1960–64) grabbed \$10 to fund a garage sale, while admitting that the sale was the idea of the office manager Mrs Tania Outram. Goods donated by the staff included appliances, bar stools, a bike, books, crockery, and toys. The Trust intended to put all money raised towards the long-desired community aquatic centre.

A King's High Aviator

Some 15km northwest of Gore is the small township of Mandeville, where the Croydon Aircraft Company operates a highly esteemed workshop which specialises in restoring wood and fabric aircraft which were built between the 1920s to the 1940s: it stretches fabric over the framework constructed from

Sitka spruce, and attracts customers from around the world. In an adjacent specially designed hangar, the Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre displays NZ's light civil aviation heritage, mostly still capable of flight. Amongst several de Havilland aircraft, which includes one of only two flyable Dragonfly aircraft in the world, a Dominee, a Fox Moth, and a Tiger Moth, sits what is named the Williams Mk4 ZK-JPA, with the following explanatory notice board:

Williams Mk4 Microlight ZK-JPA

Geoff Williams wanted to fly cheaply, in his own aircraft but he wanted nothing whatsoever to do with bureaucracy.

He is notorious for having built and flown four aircraft without telling officialdom about any of them. The Mk4 is probably the most successful. Built at Geoff's home at 56 Hocken Street, Dunedin it first flew from a strip at Hoopers Inlet, on Otago Peninsula, in January 1991.

It is a tail dragger, pusher, single seater, powered by a Rotax 447 engine with a maximum take-off weight of less than 600kg, and a slowish cruising speed. Now registered as a microlight it has an all timber structure with fabric covering. (The wing dimensions and construction are similar to that of a "Sister Cygnet" that was being built by Alex Armstrong in Dunedin at the same time.)

Geoff flew the Mk4 round Dunedin and then based it at Monterey Station at Lee Stream. From there he flew it extensively around the lower South Island. He conducted flights to Tarras, Five Rivers and to Stewart Island. Geoff and friends flew the aircraft from Monterey for about 250 hours over the course of the next 10 years. Geoff died in May 2002 and his ashes are scattered under the trees at the Monterey Station airstrip.

At the time of his death he gifted his Mk4 aeroplane to Alex Armstrong. Bob Gibson of Dunedin later acquired it from Alex and set about refurbishing and registering it as ZK-JPA in early 2003. Mid 2004 it was purchased by Mike Nicholson of Lumsden who has flown it for around 100 hours.

The aircraft has done approximately 400 hours in total. It is a significant example of early NZ homebuilt and early microlight.

The notoriety of the aircraft is compounded by the many empty .303 cartridges which Bob Gibson found and extracted from beneath the rudder pedals. Apparently, a Lewis gun had been mounted and used for shooting geese!



Photo by D. V. Weston

G. S. (Geoff) Williams (1962–67) was not a spectacular student while at King's but then the school curriculum did not really cater for his interests and abilities, although he did graduate from OU with a BA in Geography, and was employed by Nees, in the office at Hallenstein's, and by Telecom: in the

Roll of Graduates published by OU in 1989 he is listed as a Telecommunications Supervisor. His interests were largely in flight, which he indulged himself in by flying from an airstrip on land farmed by Mr S. (Sam) Neill (Board of Governors 1983–87) at Hoopers Inlet. At some stage the Civil Aviation authorities did become aware that an unregistered aircraft was being flown by an unlicensed pilot and Geoff was ordered to dismantle the plane. He duly did so, but believed that he wasn't specifically forbidden to fly, so he merely transferred his activities to Monterey Station which is situated on the way to Middlemarch, which proved to be beyond the ken of the authorities. While Geoff's father, Squadron Leader R. G. (Rod) Williams MBE, DFC (Staff 1961–69) who taught history at King's until his untimely death, had a distinguished war record in the airforce, Geoff seems to have been more in the mould of pioneer NZ aviator Richard Pearse, who many locals at Waitohi in South Canterbury believed he was airborne there before the Wright brothers at Kittyhawk in the USA [Read *The Riddle of Richard Pearse* by G. Ogilvie, 1972]. Geoff's elder brother, J. G. (John) Williams (1961–64) seems not to have been so aerially inclined: he had previously graduated BSc in geography before pursuing his other major, graduating BSc Hons in geology, and then PhD and ultimately becoming the departmental administrator of geology at OU under Professor D. S. Coombs (1938–42, Board of Governors 1979–87). It is believed that the fuselage of another of Geoff's planes is still extant, so that aircraft could also theoretically be restored. It seems rather appropriate that Geoff's plane is exhibited at Mandeville in the lee of the Hokonui Hills, where some of the locals with a similar disdain for the law, distilled "Moonshine" Whiskey!

King's School Song

Gathered here in school together lustily we sing,
All our voices raised in pleasure make the echoes ring;
To these days in memory ever happily we'll cling
Whate'er our fate where'er in venture far we roam

Chorus:

*King's, King's, our chorus rings to tell.
King's, King's, the school we love so well.
Comrades now in friendship ever steadfastly we'll dwell
Whate'er our fortune or our fate may bring.*

Strength we pray to meet all dangers, strength to aid the weak:
Pride in self to keep us manly, yet in conscience meek,
Guidance then to show us clearly good in all we seek
Whate'er our fate where'er in venture far we roam.

Chorus:

*Truth and honour hold we ever for our own good name,
Bravely facing life before us, learn to play the game,
Striving thus in loss or victory life can hold no shame,
Whate'er our fate where'er in venture far we roam.*

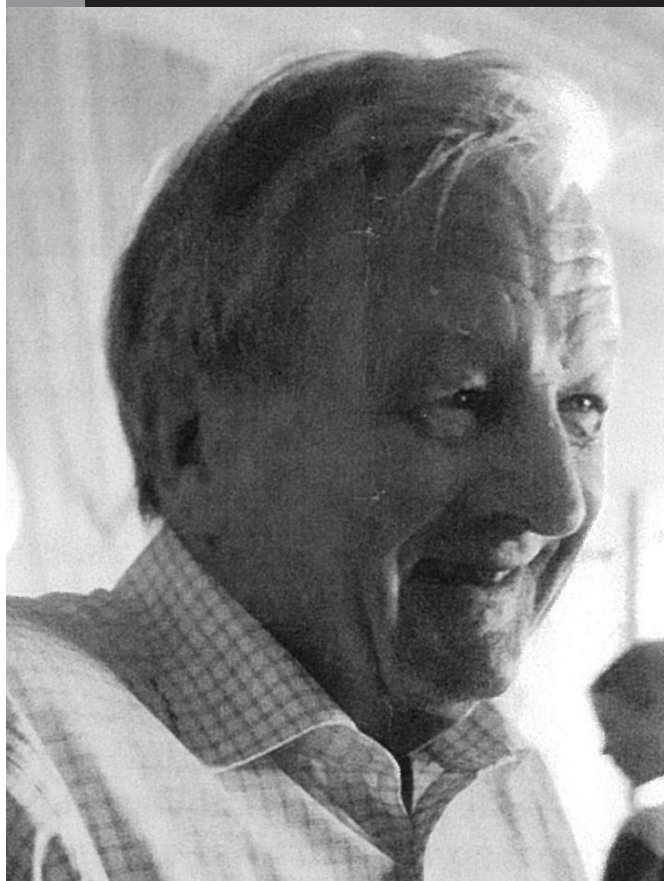
The words of the song were composed by Dr B. H. (Basil) Howard (Staff 1936–44) and sung to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia." At some stage, Mr W. L. Francis (Staff 1937–47), the woodwork teacher who was also the conductor of the St Kilda band set the words to music.

Sadly, a more recent music teacher so disliked the melody that he destroyed as many copies of the music as he could find, with the result that the school no longer possesses any copies.

While we don't aim to re-introduce the song, we believe that the melody, as well as the words should be preserved in the

school archive which we are developing. We believe that school pianists would have had a copy, and possibly the orchestra, and maybe even the band. If somebody out there has a copy (or the skills to notate the tune and chorus) could we please have a copy (we can copy and return any original material if need be). Who to contact? Mr H. D. (Hec) Browett (1948–51, Staff 1972–95), telephone: (03) 455 6314, email: hbrowett350f@xtra.co.nz who is willing to call to collect a copy, or one could be left at the school office.

Bits and Pieces



D. H. (Denys) Harraway (1946–50) who died in Melbourne on 18 October 2017, enrolled for the Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering in the School of Mines at the University of Otago. Summer field work for the degree involved working in the mines at Huntly and Broken Hill in Australia. After graduating in October 1955 he was appointed Junior Metallurgist at Mount Isa Mines in Northern Queensland. A year later he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study Metallurgical Engineering in the prestigious Mining School of the University of Minnesota. He graduated with a Master of Science in Metallurgical Engineering in 1958 after which he returned to Mt Isa where he rose to Senior Metallurgist in the Research Department. It was during this period that he married Susan who was a teacher in Mt Isa.

In 1964 they moved from Mt Isa to the Central Research Laboratories of BHP in Newcastle where Denys had particular research responsibility for mineral processing in the many mines owned by BHP around Australia. In early 1969 he was moved to the Head Office of BHP in Melbourne as Mineral Sales Development Manager. In this position he made many trips for BHP to Europe and Japan.

Six years later he was sent to New York as President of Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP) International where he coordinated the activities of BHP in both North and South America. With

Executives from Australia he made the occasional visit to South America but travel to South America had to be limited in these days due to the possibility of kidnap of people involved in large industrial developments. At the end of his posting in New York and before returning to Melbourne he spent six weeks in Geneva as a representative of the Australian Government at the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. After a further four years in the BHP Head Office in Melbourne he was transferred back to America to San Francisco where mining giant, Utah International, just taken over by BHP, had their Head Office.

Upon return in 1989 to Melbourne BHP Head Office he was asked to research the feasibility of BHP establishing a space port at Cape York for launching satellites. This involved travel to investigate necessary technologies at the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral and the Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. New Zealand had a strong nuclear free policy at this time (and still does) which was awkward for ease of entry to these facilities in the United States. As a consequence Denys chose to take out Australian Citizenship.

Before retirement Denys was sent to China for two months to manage the affairs of BHP while the representative of BHP in China was taken to Australia for training. After retirement he became involved in volunteering in a number of different areas in Melbourne. He also worked with a colleague in a Management Search Company for identifying appropriately qualified people to manage mining activities in many parts of the world.

Sympathy for the loss of Denys is extended to Susan, to David and Jane, and their families all living in Melbourne. Denys had an interesting life and he and family frequently visited Dunedin to meet old friends and relatives who still live here. He always read the *Kingsman* and was interested in what the school and the Old Boys were doing.

Supplied by J. A. (John) Harraway (1956–60)

Professor T. R. (Tony) Merriman (1981–85) of OU's biochemistry department has received a Fulbright NZ Scholar Award to undertake research in the US, the award providing up to \$37,500US support for up to 5 months. Later this year Tony will research the genetic basis of urate control and gout in African-Americans during his five months sabbatical leave at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. His current research is on gout, which affects 6–8% of Maori and Pasifika adults.

At a national investiture ceremony held at St Paul's Cathedral in November R. W. (Rodger) Hilliker (1948–52) of Temuka was invested as a Member of the Order of St John. The honour is sanctioned by the Queen, and was presented by the Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy.

We wish to record that P. M. (Peter) Newby (1938–42) and wife Ngaire celebrated their Blue Sapphire Wedding (65 years) in 2015. Diamond Weddings that we are aware of include R. G. (Graham) Skelton (1945–48) and wife Anne of South Dunedin, R. F. N. (Bob) Sammes (1952–54) and wife Eunice of St Clair and A. O. (Owen) Ockwell (1946–47) and wife Rowena of Mosgiel. Golden Weddings have been celebrated by B. T. (Brian) Walker (1960–62) and wife Judith of Green Island and by N. W. (Norm) Bennetts (1958–60) and wife Janice of Shiel Hill. We are heavily dependent on information published in the *ODT*, and do not maintain a list, but it would seem that the record of 73 years of marriage celebrated in 2016 by Mr J. (Jack) Bremner (Rector 1966–81) and his wife the late Helen

will be hard to beat, but then you never can tell: a Mosgiel couple, the Brinsdons, each of whom will celebrate their 100th birthday this year, recently celebrated 80 years of marriage!

Our secretary D. H. (David) Horne (1954–58) joined Lions in 1974, and transferred to the original Dunedin club, the Lions Club of Dunedin (Host) Inc. upon his retirement from teaching and his return to Dunedin in the early 1990s. He had held key positions in previous clubs, but since 1993, he has been secretary 17 times, and president once. In 2017, he was elected a Melvin Jones Fellow of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Earnsclough grower W. S. (Stan) Randle (1950–54), for many years head of science at Dunstan High School, and nowadays a vendor of organic produce at the weekly Farmers Market in Dunedin, often writes letters to the editor of the *ODT*. Recently his letter citing the drawbacks of humans being in charge was judged Letter of the Week, which qualified him for a book prize.

At the end of last year, Parliament paid tribute to I. C. (Ian) Templeton (1945–46) a journalist who was retiring after having worked on the press gallery for 60 years. Ian began his career with the *ODT*, before shifting to the gallery in 1957, when Sid Holland was Prime Minister; since then he has seen 608 MPs take their seats in 21 parliaments. Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters who introduced the tribute told him “Your service to journalism in Parliament has been truly remarkable.”

R. J. (Rod) Peirce (1951–52) of Roxburgh was one of 19 Otago people presented with Local Hero Award, acknowledged with a medal and words of thanks.

After 41 years and 8 months, Sergeant P. A. (Paul) Knox (1966–71) has retired from the police force. He had received the Queen’s Gallantry Medal for his bravery during the Aramoana incident in 1990, after which he had given up frontline policing and had spent the past two decades as chief prosecutor. At a special court sitting held in his honour, and packed with members of the legal fraternity, a prominent defence lawyer described him as being “a hard-working, thorough, calm, composed, level-headed, fair, even-handed, personable, considerate, good-looking, chivalrous, courteous, honourable, thoughtful, reflective, reliable, attentive, caring, obliging, and considerate.” The judge who knew that Paul shunned the limelight, believed that he could look back on his days as a prosecutor with pride: he had earned the respect of all the judges, and was well-liked by the court staff which he regarded as the acid test. Paul intends to retire to Central Otago.

Sporting Triumphs

The Masters Games were held in Dunedin again this year with more than 4,500 competitors participating in 60 events over nine days. It is the largest sporting event in NZ, and is held alternately in Dunedin and Whanganui: it is believed to inject \$5 million into the city’s economy. However, money is not the prime reason for holding the games, for as J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58, Board of Governors 1985–89, Board of Trustees 1989–94) NZ Masters Games Association chairman stresses, the Games promote a healthy lifestyle particularly in older people, and while the majority of competitors were aged between 30 and 50, more than 400 were over 70, and twelve over 80!

Sadly while it is beyond our capabilities to discover the successes of any Old Boy, we can record that B. A. (Bart) Smaill

(1954–56) was at aged 78 competing in the kayaking events. He began competing in paddle sport when aged 13 at the St Clair Surf Lifesaving Club, and has competed at most of the Games held in Dunedin, by which time he was already in his 50s. Highlights in his career include two bronze medals at the World Championships in 2008, and the next year defeating the world champion! His interest in paddle sport led to him operating a fibreglass factory which produced boats and surcraft kayaks, from which he retired 8 years ago. He planned to compete this year in the 200m kayak race to be held at the Vauxhall Yacht Club.

Alistair McMurrin, a widely respected Dunedin sportsman died late last year. A noteworthy athlete and cricketer in his younger days, he had become an inspiring coach, his most famous protégé being Dick Tayler who famously won the 10,000m opening athletics event at the Christchurch Commonwealth Games. However Ali is probably best known for his long career as a sports journalist, and for his wonderful interviews with famous sports people. At the gathering held at the Edgar Centre to celebrate his life, speakers included R. S. (Stuart) Melville (1963–67, Board of Trustees chairman), K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) and B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92), while D. H. (David) Horne (1954–58) who was overseas, and who had been Ali’s travelling companion on many overseas trips recounted several of their adventures per medium of a

Obituaries

G. S. (Gordon) Roberts (1942–46) died at Rotorua 29.7.16

B. S. (Barry) Durand (1962–63) died at Dunedin 8.11.17

M. W. J. (Martin) Connell (1961–66) died at Wanaka 20.11.17

M. J. (Mervyn) Lattimore (1949–52) died at Dunedin 26.11.17

S. B. (Stef) Witehira (183–86) of Palmerston, died at Glenorchy 6.12.17

B. R. (Barry) Clarke (1952–55) died at Dunedin 11.12.17

S. P. (Steven) Harris (1988–92) died at Dunedin 16.12.17

J. B. (John) Campion (1951–54) died at New Plymouth ?.12.17

D. B. (Bruce) Stewart (1948–51) died at Thames 21.12.17

K. I. (Keith) Thompson (1937–40) of Waimate died at Timaru 24.12.17

F. M. (Frank) Mackenzie (1941–44) died at Dunedin 3.1.18

G. D. (Geoff) Jackson (1970–72) died at Mosgiel 7.1.18

T. A. (Alec) Jones (1955–56) died at Dunedin 24.1.18

S. J. (Steven) Rae (1969–72) died at Mosgiel 24.1.18

J. R. (Riley) Wingfield (1948–51) died at Dunedin 29.1.18

B. L. (Bruce) Turnbull (1986–88) died at Dunedin 5.2.18

N. J. (Neil) Winefield (1966–71) died at Invercargill 16.2.18

B. A. (Brian) Barbara (1962–63) died at Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia 17.2.18

L. J. (Les) Graham (1951–55) of Masterton, died at Pinehaven, Hutt Valley 22.2.18

A. R. (Joe) Laney (1961–65) died at Temuka 22.2.18

tape recording. Over the years, Alistair has been most helpful in supplying and checking items for the *Kingsmen*.

Athletics

F. A. (Felix) McDonald (2012–16) won the bronze medal in his first senior decathlon at the national combined events championships at Whanganui. Previously at the South Island track and field meeting he won the 220m race, after 4th in the tightly contested 100m, and also won the South Island Under-20 decathlon.

S. P. (Sam) Gouveneur (2013–17) ran a rapid 400m, his first sub-50 sec performance to win at the Capital Classic at Whanganui.

D. J. (Dan) Balchin (2004–08) won the 10km Clyde to Alexandra (again!), was 1st in the Capital Classic 3,000m, and was 1st in the Bays Athletic Club 5,000m.

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) was 11th in the 5,000m at Melbourne, and 6th in the BAC 5,000m.

T.A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) has been running half-marathons and 10,000m in events in the UK.

B. G. B. (Ben) Anderson (2006–09), also in the UK, was 1st in the Ranelagh v Blackheath and Bromley match, 12th in the Surrey League cross country, and 56th in the English National Cross Country.

W. F. R. (Wayne) Allen (1962–64) who had long owned a holiday house in the Catlins, organised the Papatowai Challenge in 1997 which attracted about 30 competitors; now it attracts some 350, so Wayne now aged 70 has decided to call it a day and give it up, believing in the dictum that “it is better to go out at a quarter to three than quarter past!” The course winds for 15.5km through native bush, beaches, and via country roads, and has become a real community event for the Catlins, raising thousands of dollars for schools and Search and Rescue. He believed that Sport Otago was keen for the event to continue, and hoped that it might consider becoming involved.

Basketball

As the Otago Nuggets have yet to rise from the dead, J. M. (Josh) Aitcheson (2012–16) has responded to an approach by coach Carl Dickel and has signed to play for the Canterbury Rams for 2018. While the NBL would obviously take priority, Josh was keen to continue playing for Mid City Magic when he could, for he plans to continue with his finance and accounting degree at OU, which is a feasible option these days now that many lectures are posted online.

Bowls

G. G. (Grant) Stumbles (1981–83) caused quite a stir at the national championships in Dunedin in January when he teamed with his 11 year old son Cooper in the pairs. The boy showed maturity and ability beyond his years: in the first match he was up against an Australian opponent who had won numerous NSW tournaments, and they were still in front after nine ends! They lost, but won the next two matches, but then succumbed. Cooper had shown promise at indoor bowls during winter, winning two tournaments, and wished to try outdoor: he played in two outdoor tournaments for two wins, and was a member of a Forbury Park triples team which won at Green Island! The rest as they say in history

The St Clair Bowling Club recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. Obviously fearing the onset of tsunami over the years they have moved steadily inland from Beach Street to

Albert Street, and since 1925 to Ings Avenue! The club has a proud tradition of producing top bowlers, the latest being B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) who forsook King's for OBHS in order to be mentored by formidable golf coach W. J. (Bill) Trewern (1962–66), Brent played 103 golf matches for Otago, and 25 times for NZ. In 2015 he followed his wife Shannon along to the St Clair club, swapping his golf clubs for a set of bowls. With a young family, the plan had been to spend more time at home, but it hasn't quite worked out that way, for he has become one of the region's highly respected bowlers, and had a golden run last year, reaching the qualifying finals of both the Scottish and PBA finals, the centre triples, and the club singles. At this year's national championships held in Dunedin he progressed through to the knockout stages in singles, pairs, and fours, on the way defeating the Scottish international champion! He is not the first international to change sports and succeed at the club; former All Black R. H. (Ray) Bell (1939–41) won 19 club titles, 4 centre titles, and ultimately life membership!

Cricket

K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979–82) will be participating in NZ Cricket's aspiring directors programme, effectively an internship for individuals who may be interested in joining the Board at some time in the future. Ken played 56 test matches for NZ, 18 as captain.

Another former NZ captain still in demand is B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) who has signed to play for two more seasons with the Brisbane Heat in the Big Bash League; at the two-day auction for the Indian Premier League (IPL), he was sold to the Royal Challengers Bangalore for \$NZ 770,000 (the highest priced NZer); and in the Caribbean Premier League he has signed with the Trinbago Knight Riders.

It is not all doom and gloom in Otago cricket! In February 2017, four Old Boys featured in the Otago over-60 XI: J. A. J. (John) Cushen (1963–67) captain, P. R. (Paul) Facoor (1965–70), C. J. (Chris) Graham (1966–77) and M. A. (Malcolm) Walker (1968–72). John and Malcolm were selected for the NZ team which played in Australia last year, being the opening bowling attack: the team lost to Victoria in the final. The same four represented Otago in this year's tournament and were again finalists in Wellington, and Paul and John (now a selector) will represent NZ this year.

Cycling

J. E. (Justin) Stott (1988–92) at the Otago Cycling Championships, won the Scratch Race, won the Points Race, and won the Keiran.

B. S. (Blair) Martin (1998–92) was second in the Dean Cooksley Memorial Race in the second fastest time, and in the recent Calder Stewart Elite Series was 1st in the 35–44 category.

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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.