



# 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 as we change from a very hot Summer to Autumn's cooler mornings. This year we have seen very hot days in the South up to 30 degrees on a regular basis which is quite unusual. The Association has again been occupied with the Wall of Fame and the Annual Dinner being the main features of the year. This year Warren Lees, (1987-91) Sport, Hone Kouka (1982-85), Arts and Christopher de Hamel (1963-67), Academic were admitted to the Wall of Fame. Warren and Hone were well received as guest speakers for the Annual Dinner. Congratulations to these old boys who have performed so well in their chosen fields and kept the School's name to the forefront during their lifetime.

Every year I refer to the progress that the School has made under Dan Reddiex's reign but this year it is with some sadness that we bid farewell to Dan who leaves for Auckland at the end of the first term to take on a new challenge in the education world. We extend the Association's congratulations to Dan on his new appointment and wish him and his family all the best in his new venture. There will be many words spoken in the next few weeks of Dan's contribution to Kings over

the 10 years he has presided as Rector at the School but whatever is said will not paint the full picture of what he has contributed to the School and the boys that have been under his leadership. We are privileged to have been part of Dan's journey and honoured to have been part of Dan's reign. To Dan we say "thank you" for supporting us in everything we do and good luck for wherever the future may be for you.

Once again my thanks go to the Committee for their support during the year and 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 are still looking for people to assist us on the Committee as we need to share some of the tasks around and us 'older' members are not going to be around forever.

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 2018 there was a small net surplus of \$555 compared with \$3,405 in the previous year. The reduction was virtually solely due to subscriptions received in 2017 exceeding 2018 by \$2,825. However receipts in 2017 exceeded the previous 2

years, due to overdue subscriptions being chased up and quick responses in paying.

Bank balances less creditors at 31/12/18 were \$24,365 compared with \$24,512 the previous year.



### Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Tuesday 30th April in the School Library at 7.30pm.  
Refreshments from 7pm.

The speaker is former staff member from 1974 to 2017 Bryan Frost.

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

## Summary of Financial Performance to 31/12/18.

	2018	2017
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	\$13,710	\$16,535
Other	\$552	\$315
Gross Surplus	<b>\$14,262</b>	<b>\$16,850</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<i>Kingsmen</i>	\$6,914	\$6,450
Donations and Grants to School	\$4,360	\$4,250
Other	\$2,433	\$2,745
Total Expenses	<b>\$13,707</b>	<b>\$13,445</b>
Net Surplus	<b>\$555</b>	<b>\$3,405</b>

## Administration

As advised in our November issue Colin Nichols (1955–59) has been our Treasurer since the last Annual Meeting.

Please do not send communications to Murray Patterson, as was informed in a letter sent with the subscriptions invoice in June 2018, because he has resigned.

### Communications

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

### Lost Members

We seem to have had more November 2018 *Kingsmens* returned “Gone no Address,” than recalled previously. Four have been traced from recently updated Electoral rolls etc, but the below are still shown at addresses we have:

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

## 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 Tuesday 30th April from 7pm for 7.30 commencement of meeting.

2. King’s First XI vs Old Boys Cricket Match 2018  
Simon Cushen (1987–91, Staff 2015–) supplied the following report.  
King’s First XI played an Old Boys XI on November 11th at Culling Park. The Old Boys were well led by Taylor Cumberland and the match doubled as preparation for the upcoming Gillette Cup national finals in Lincoln.  
The Old Boys won the toss and elected to bat. Liam Traynor and Kane McKay got the Old Boys off to a flying start scoring a rapid 26 and 29 respectively. These scores were supported by James Brown and Taylor Cumberland both making small but significant cameos. The Old Boys made it through to 197 before being bowled out. Pick of the First XI Bowlers were Beckham Wheeler-Greenall with 4 for 18 off 10 overs and Kasey Short with 2 for 24 off 9 overs.  
In reply the First XI run chase was set up by Ethan Booth with a well compiled 61. He was well supported by Jacob Murray with 28 and Jacob Gilbert with 44 not out. The First XI chased down the required runs in the 48th over to win by two wickets and retain the Fox Larkin’s memorial trophy  
Thanks goes to Taylor Cumberland for organising the Old Boys XI and Albion Cricket Club for hosting the match.

### North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

Grahame Howley (1951–53) advised:

We had our final luncheon for the year at the Bays Club, Browns Bay, on 29 November 2018 and there were 27 present including eight wives of members. It was perhaps the wrong time of the year to invite wives/partners as there are so many other functions around that time. We will look at a change to that this year. Our five minute speaker was Evan Squires (1951–55) and a jolly good story to tell. Our first luncheon for 2019 will be held, again at the Bays Club, on Thursday 11 April, a little later than planned due to personal reasons.

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## The School

For many years the school has produced *King’s Week* during the school’s term weeks. The number now must be over 1050. Much of the information under the section *The School* comes from these publications and we acknowledge the Rector and staff for this.

## 1. Rector

As you are aware Dan Reddix is departing King's after 10 years of dedicated and inspirational leadership.

He left at the end of term 1 and there will be a temporary rector during term 2. The acting rector is from outside Otago and a very experienced and highly regarded ex-principal.

At the time of writing the Board of Trustees hoped to name a permanent replacement in late April.

## 2. Woolf Fisher Fellow

In November 2018 the King's High School staff were greeted at briefing by a special guest. Dr Nigel Evans, from the Woolf Fisher Trust, who arrived at King's to disclose to the staff that Marek Brewster (2013-) was to be awarded a Woolf Fisher fellowship.

There are few greater honours that can be conferred upon a teacher in New Zealand than to be made a Fellow of such a relatively small and high performing group.

Woolf Fisher Fellows are selected by members of an independent trust board who apply a variety of criteria before making their determinations. There are no nominations. Marek will receive a generous financial sum that he can utilize during a three week sabbatical to explore an educational theme of interest and also enjoy some leisure time.



## 3. ERO Report

*Reflects dedication and passion*

In November the school received its confirmed ERO Report. It was a fantastic treatise and a testament to the committed staff and the spectacular young men who are the fabric of our school.

ERO determined they were sufficiently satisfied with what they observed that with confidence they would not need to return to King's for another four-five years. To give the significance of that judgment some context, of the 768 reviews that have been undertaken in secondary schools in New Zealand in the last five years, only 14% were placed on the four-five year cycle with the remaining 86% requiring another ERO Audit within three years or less. In Dunedin, of the 12 Secondary schools there are currently only four on a four-five year cycle with King's the only State school with boys in attendance in this elite group.

### Academic Excellence

*The school is making very good progress in ensuring equitable and excellent outcomes for all its students. There has been considerable improvement over time in NCEA achievement across all levels. The number of endorsements has increased and there has been a significant increase in the number and subject range of scholarships gained. Highly evident is a strong sense of pride in the pursuit of personal excellence.*

### Student involvement in school life

*The school is responsive to the passions, interests and needs of the students. The valued outcomes of personal*

*excellence, character development and participation are incorporated, along with a wide array of leadership opportunities.*

On the **sportsfield** we have continued to shine.

In the **cultural arena** our young men continue to flourish.

### School Culture

Finally and perhaps the part of the ERO visit that yielded the greatest degree of personal satisfaction for me, was their commentary on the school culture.

*A highly inclusive school culture promotes a sense of belonging and empowers individuals to have confidence in their own identity. The clearly articulated and lived values, including respect, can be seen through the strength of relationships at all levels of the school. The school has a pastoral care system which creates a circle of care that meets the needs of all students.*

*"It doesn't matter Miss, I am a King's Man and I am part of the King's brotherhood. That is what really matters."*

The **values** we talk about are lived out by our young men not with piety and perfection but with consistency and conviction.

There is a **circle of care** (that is the phrase that ERO coined) that pervades our school that is truly unique. ERO were overwhelmed by the unparalleled proportion of students who used words like **kind, caring and compassionate** to describe the school they inhabit and experience.

## 4.(a) Academic

### Scholarship Records Shattered

The 2018 NZQA Scholarship Examination results were released and the success of King's High School has eclipsed all previous records of achievement by a significant degree. A total of 49 Scholarships were attained with 8 of those at the Outstanding Scholarship level.

The Scholarship Examinations are an extra set of optional examinations that students may elect to sit and are designed to challenge the best and most academically capable in their subject areas. They are fiercely competitive, independently marked and regarded in high esteem for their academic integrity across the country. A Scholarship in any subject is an impressive feat with only a very small percentage (3%) of students attaining the honour and even fewer gaining an Outstanding Scholarship (0.3%).

The numbers are somewhat staggering. Previous records for both King's and the Otago Region lie in ruins, but the real story is the depth in the student body achieving Scholarship (27 individuals from Years 10 through to 13) and the breadth of subjects (17 different subjects attained 1 or more Scholarships).

Special mention must be made of William Scharpf (Year 12) and Alex van Der Weerden who both attained 5 Scholarships



Photo courtesy of ODT

Above and beyond ... Former King's High School dux William Scharpf studied for and sat NCEA and NZ scholarship exams between races ...

each. William managed to achieve 4 of his Scholarships at the Outstanding level and has been awarded the honour of a Premier Scholar, reserved for the top 10 students in New Zealand.

Scholarship is a collective effort that requires an extraordinary contribution from both staff and student. The staff at King's High School have worked exceptionally hard alongside our young men and are immensely proud of their success. Often that success is the culmination of years of investment and perseverance, not just in a student's final year of school.

Ultimately the results reflect the academic culture of King's High School. It is this culture, embraced by students and shared by staff that have enabled our success.

#### **Whole school celebrates Scholarship achievement**

An assembly gave the school the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our 2018 Scholarship cohort.

Following an address by Mr Reddix and Mr Brewster, 19 boys were presented with a Scholarship Badge in front of the whole school and their parents/caregivers.

Following the outdoor, full-school assembly, staff and students from the Catering Department provided students with a sausage sizzle.

The idea of the event was for the whole school to celebrate the achievements of their peers and to hear first hand about how impressive these results were. Excerpts from Mr Reddix's speech below, emphasise this:

- Our 49 Scholarships place us 2nd in the South Island, 2nd only to Burnside who with a student population of just over 2500 gained 73 Scholarships.
- There are 49 boys' schools in New Zealand. Of those schools we placed 7th in New Zealand. Just two scholarships away from being 5th, with the top four schools being Auckland Grammar, Westlake Boys, Wellington College and Hamilton Boys, all with rolls approximately or well in excess of 2000 students and among the elite schools in our country.
- We gained eight Outstanding Scholarships. To get an Outstanding Scholarship means you are one of the top 30 students in that subject in the country. In national boys' schools, this makes us 4th. Even Auckland Grammar with their 167 scholarships managed just 12 Outstanding scholarships.
- The number 16 represents the number of subjects in which our students gained Scholarships. This tells the story of the amazing depth of talent we have within our teaching staff.
- 27 is the number of students who gained Scholarships in 2018. Our 49 Scholarships were not the work of just a handful of amazing students. Many of the boys who gained Scholarships would never have entertained themselves as serious Scholarship candidates when they started school. Yet they conclude as some of the most able students in New Zealand in their subjects of passion.

#### **4.(b) NCEA**

The 2018 pass rates are between 15 and 25% above the national averages, and between 20 and 25% above the national boys' averages. These are remarkable returns and reflect the reality that every student at King's is catered for, encouraged and compelled to reach his potential.

It is also noteworthy the school's Maori students were between 15 and 30% above the national averages with Pacifica students between 20 and 40% above the national averages across the three NCEA levels.

#### **5. NZ Secondary School Athletics**

In late 2018 the Nationals were held in Dunedin. Several years of late we have noted the good performances of King's relay teams. The junior Under 15, 4 x 100m Relay Team, retained the title for another year, with a run just short of the record of last year's team.

#### **6. Roll**

The combined school roll for 2019 commenced with over 1000 students.

### **Charitable Trust Dinner a Success**



Steve Davie (1970–74) advised that the inaugural King's High School Charitable Trust dinner was a resounding success.

In acknowledging the meteoric rise of King's in the last decade, the dinner also outlined the plans to build an 80-bed hostel on school grounds with the Charitable Trust launching into a major fundraising

campaign to see the first sod turned in 2021.

Almost 200 Old Boys, wives and partners, parents, uncles, former Rectors and Teachers, King's Senior Management, staff and Board of Trustees representatives and supporters of the school gathered for an entertainment-packed evening of nostalgia and celebration, and a peek into the future.

The King's and Queen's He Waka Kōtuia group started the night in spectacular fashion, this was followed by a stirring address by the Rector Dan Reddix. Visionary businessman Wayne Wright (1959–62) told us a smidgeon of his story (the successes and the failures treated with equal humour) while the world's best ocean swimmer Philip Rush (1977–80) regaled the audience with some of his exploits in conquering the English Channel, Cook Strait and Lake Taupo.

Pianists Trent Zhang (Year 13) and Emmanuel Keane (Year 9) were applauded for their recital during the main course, as was Ben Horlock (Year 11) who performed two of his own songs in a solo performance of genuine class.

Glen Denham (1977–82, Head Boy in 1981 and 1982) then reduced the audience to tears of laughter with his reminiscences of school days, his International Basketball career and his satirising of his fellow guest speakers. Glen also had a more serious message about education and society in the early-21st century.

After a 25-draw raffle and quality auction, Chris Fennessy (1984–88, Head Boy 1988) closed the night in spectacular fashion with an international-calibre performance before being joined by Max Beal (2013–2017, New Zealand's Top Drama Student 2017) for a powerful and show-stopping duet.

### **KHS 59ers Reunion**

*Dunedin 15–17 February, 2019*

There's a real togetherness amongst our lot. It's now 60 years since we started @ KHS, and although a quarter of those who started in 1959 are no longer with us, there was a great turnout for this, our second reunion—more than 60 attendees including 16 brave spouses /partners who managed to put up with their menfolk telling each other inaccurate stories about the distant past.

Andrew Sew Hoy came from Santa Monica, California; Max and Vicki Cooper from Perth; Garth Dever, Bernard Montgomery, Lyn Adam from Australia's East Coast. Special thanks to the Dunedin boys who did the organising work: Ron Messer, Bob Bryant, Neil Macandrew, Alistair Graham, Gordon Broome. Also Lex Cochrane, whose research found so many!

Some highlights:

- 1 Soon-to-depart Rector Dan Reddix speaking to us in typically compelling style during the welcoming Mix and Mingle Function on the Friday night, and showing us a brief but fascinating video clip about future plans for the School
- 2 A school tour on the Friday afternoon, last period. (The boys were amazingly in focus, given the timing!) We were gobsmacked by the curriculum innovation and facilities on show. There was no Design Technology or Art in the KHS curriculum 60 years ago, and we'd have killed for the Indoor Cricket practice facility (about where the 25 yard line used to be on the bottom field!)
- 3 Dunedin Drive—a tour of the city by bus, of particular interest to those of our number who hadn't seen much of the city in the years since we left school. Sounds boring? Not at all! We talked our heads off, had a great look around, and grabbed a bite downtown before going to prison. (Are you awake while reading this?)
- 4 Tour of the Old Dunedin Jail: Courtesy of Gordon, one of our blokes who volunteers to guide such tours, we got a close-up look at the old Dunedin jail which served the city for 80 years or so before the new "Corrections Facility" was built just north of Milton.
- 5 The Reunion Dinner on Saturday night was, as many KHSOB dinners have been, at Chisholm Park Golf Club. What a night it was! Our two guests of honour and speakers were Arnold Clark and John Huggett, now in their eighties, but lively young teachers in our time at KHS. The years were rolled back.
- 6 The last act was on Sunday with the Concluding Lunch. Great food and company, promises to keep in touch, and one by one, we took off back into our actual lives. When shall we meet again? Don't know, but auld acquaintance won't be forgotten.

PS The 59ers donated their Reunion surplus of over \$4,000 to the KHS Charitable Trust.

Trevor McKinlay

## Educational Changes

### More changes at King's High School.

Written by "Hec" Browett (1948–51, Staff 1972–95)

I can not state when art as a school subject was introduced. Likewise music. I think both began during Jack Bremner's time as Rector. A new Art Room was built and the woodwork room was re-established on the other side of the school. Jack Bremner must have been demanding a metalwork room because we were given all the tools and equipment, but nowhere to put them! It must have been Doug Lockhart who suggested the Otago Hockey Association hall in Kettle Park (near the sea), because that was where the place was established. I remember Jack saying that he was promised a re-locatable metalwork room and the Department had told him that it was yet to be designed. However at the time the school was able to offer these "other" subjects. Another change was introduced in that instead of 40 minute periods, often with "doubling up,"

the change was made to a 5 by 5 timetable. The school day consisted of each class having five, one hour periods which shocked many teachers who wanted 40 minute periods which required less planning than a 60 minute time span with restless adolescents. The use of the cane was actively discouraged and teachers were expected to set homework every night even for those who could hardly read, or for whom there were virtually no maths textbooks. No texts were ordered!

Apparently many teachers complained there were a lot of slow-learner pupils who disrupted their classes.

After all untrained "teachers" and those with few skills or lacking in imagination seemed unwilling or unable to form groups or devise ways of finding out what programmes would help students with say maths.

In 1970 or 1971 George Tofield, having returned from a spell at the Otago Polytechnic was appointed to a management unit to look after the problems. He arranged with the Rector to establish a "Work Experience Class" for non-academic 5th Formers and also to plan courses for slow learners. Eventually I was appointed to the position starting in January (yes before the school year began) 1972. Starting in January enabled me to leave my last job (not in teaching) and to set up the work experience placements needed for the pupils to go to work one day a week. The time-tabler was bribed with a bottle of wine to enable me to be free of classes on a Wednesday. I taught the Work Experience Class Otago Certificate Maths, Otago Certificate Science, a form of Consumer Studies, a 4th Form class which was likely to provide 5W membership for the following year plus a School Certificate Commercial Practice class.

I remember going to the Rector at the end of my first year, nearly ready to resign and to tell him that I didn't think I was doing any good. Jack Bremner hastened to assure me that the complaints about class disruption had dropped off and that "things were working out ok."

In the 1970s many staff began to move away and the Ministry kept shifting the school boundaries to our disadvantage which meant the roll was falling.

The financial problems of King's came to light with the Otago High Schools' Board always pointing out how we were spending well beyond our means. We were never going to get our own Board until we paid off our debts and balanced our books. The clamour for our own Board went on and on but whatever we did we ran at a loss. One year it appeared that we would not be able to produce exam papers. We could not afford paper.

Bayfield were having carpets renewed and locks repaired. Many of our lockers were removed and most rooms had bare floorboards.

The heating system (new in 1935–36) was unable to cope. The school was grimly cool in the winter. Gas heaters in the pre-fabs were defective. The staff became tetchy and ill-tempered and demanded a meeting with the Board.

Dorothy Fraser (Later Dame Dorothy) stomped out of the meeting. Willie Morrell the Board Chairman said rude things about me. Apparently I was labelled as being "rather brash."

Unable to achieve anything the staff demanded a meeting with Bill Fraser the local MP. He came on Friday afternoon and spoke for 40 or 50 minutes about the shortage of housing when he became the Minister of Housing. He did not listen to a word we said or the presentation ably put forward by Ian Page.

In our next issue we hope to outline how we finally got our own Board.

Page 6.—The Evening Star, Friday, Dec 24, 1971.

### ‘Experience class’ at Kings

King’s High School students who do not intend to stay at school beyond fifth form level and are not academically suited for School Certificate, will have an opportunity next year to take part in a “work experience class.”

The rector of King’s High School, Mr J. Bremner, considered the innovation would bridge the gap between school and employment. The scheme would give the boy an opportunity to experience the basics of employment and also a taste of different jobs.

The scheme, eligible only for fifth form boys, will comprise a four-day school week followed by one day of employment. Each boy will have experience in five employment positions during the course of the year.

The fifth form boys will receive no pay but will be covered by workers compensation insurance. The master in charge of the class will visit each boy during their day at work while one period a week will be reserved for discussion of their various jobs.

During the rest of the week at school, the boys will have an opportunity to do School Certificate in two subjects. Other school work will comprise of subjects of general nature including english, mathematics, science and current affairs.

Similar schemes have previously been in operation at Kaikorua Valley High School and Bayfield High.

### Jack Bremner



Jack Bremner M.M. E.D. M.A. was the fourth Rector of King’s High School, Dunedin and was fourth returned man to be appointed Rector, also, to date, the longest serving. His reign was from 1966 to the end of 1981. Jack was welcomed to the School on September 12th, 1966. He followed H. H. Craig.

Of Scottish heritage, Jack was the youngest in a family of eight who had settled in a back-blocks farmhouse in Port Albert, Northland where there was no electricity, cars or tractors and the children went to school on horseback. Jack was the only family member born in New Zealand and the home was multilingual. His mother could converse in five languages and his parents had a strong belief in a good Scots-style education. After the outbreak of WW II Jack’s basic military training was in the North Auckland Mounted Rifles but horses were phased out and the unit became the “Eleventh Light Armoured Fighting Vehicles Regiment.” The vehicles were commandeered from civilian use. Most of the training was basic infantry

which took place in the newly-established Waiouru Camp in the 1940s. Soldiers slept in bell tents on straw-filled palliasses. Jack trained and became an officer but when the unit moved to the Middle East he reverted to the rank of temporary Sergeant and became based in Egypt. Here the unit was issued with stag hound armoured vehicles which were heavily armoured with a turret like a tank. After re-equipping and training the unit moved to Italy.

Jack made many friends in his squadron, one being Major Jack Marshall who he much preferred to one Robert Muldoon with whom he had been made to share a double desk with at school for several years.

Rather than talk about military exploits Jack used to speak about swimming in the Mediterranean, the beauty of Italy and the history of the areas they passed through. He quickly learned to speak Italian which would have been useful as they moved from Taranto to Trieste via Monte-Cassino.

During one action Jack was wounded and hospitalised. He was awarded the military medal (MM) for bravery at the crossing of the Sillaro River.

Apart from learning to speak the language he learnt a lot about Italy and about human nature.

He wrote:

*Discipline was unnoticed, hard to define, but very much there under the surface. I think there was an unwritten code of honour based on respect for each other, not for rank but for personal worth. You did what you were told or what was required, not because you were roared at and not for any thought of punishment but because you were part of a team. There was a job to be done and you were all in it together, officers and men alike. Living, eating, sleeping and working together in a troop of 3 cars with 4 man crews, one with an officer, one with a sergeant and one with a corporal, no doubt increased this attitude of togetherness.*

Jack came home from Italy in 1946. It wasn’t the end of his military career. He was a part of the NZ Coronation Contingent, and travelled to Britain on the HMAS Melbourne to support the Coronation of the young Queen Elizabeth the Second. And he remained deeply involved with the Cadet Corps into the 1960s.

The Bremners had married on his final leave before he went off to war. It wasn’t a sudden, wartime romance: they had already known each other for 4 years; and as we all know they stayed devoted to each other for the rest of their lives.

And when he came back from the war he went off to University. He soon found himself studying whilst married with children. Despite all the distractions he ended up with a Master of Arts with Honours, and also found time to train as a teacher.

Being a teacher was probably not what Jack really had his heart set upon. But at the time alternative careers for people who had studied the evolution of European languages were few. And he has the distinction of being the last ever graduate from the University of NZ.

As all from Dunedin know, Otago University was the first university to be established in NZ. A federal structure was adopted for NZ university education in 1874, and technically Canterbury, Victoria and Auckland were simply colleges of the University of New Zealand. Otago joined the federation, but negotiated a greater degree of independence. But Jack doesn’t appear on any of the graduate rolls of the 1950s. When he had finished his MA he wrote to the Registrar and asked that his graduation be delayed—postponed until son Trevor was old enough to appreciate the meaning of the ceremony.

At the age of 85 Jack remembered that he hadn’t ever written a followup letter. Better late than never. The University of New

Zealand had been disbanded in 1961, but the records had all been preserved, and so he finally graduated, in absentia, in 2009, and had the scroll to prove it.

His teaching career started at Auckland Grammar and was for nine years—1949 to 1957.

*He threw himself into the life of the school developing his teaching skills, coaching cricket and hockey teams including the 1st XI Hockey and running the ambulance room. In 1953 Major Bremner travelled to Britain to march as part of the NZ contingent in the Coronation parade.*

*In his final year at the school he was form master and French teacher for 5A. This class of 39 boys has held reunions ever since and in 2016 still mustered 18 of the 25 who keep in contact.*

*“It wasn’t until years later we learned what “Bookie” had done in World War 2 as he never paraded his military experiences unlike a number of other masters who were inclined to show off during our school cadet activities.”*

*Our connection with each other as a group has been a pretty special thing, down through the years, and I think our cohesiveness has been due, in no small part, to Bookie’s own cheerful, caring nature. He was a wonderful modest man of courage and learning, a caring teacher, and a perfect example to us when we were youngsters.*

**Bryce Bartley (Pupil)**

Jack then moved to become one of the foundation staff of the new Westlake High School on Auckland’s North Shore.

Here is a memory from Colin Purkis, the first Head Boy of Westlake.

*I first came to know Mr Bremner in 1958 when he joined the teaching staff at Westlake. When I enrolled at this High School it was co-educational. I was among the group of foundation pupils that started there.*

*In my years at Westlake we never had an older class above us. Somewhat unusual. It also explains why I was Head Boy for 4 years. Again, somewhat unusual.*

*The school I attended is now Westlake Girls High School and there is a separate Boys High School. On occasion I have mentioned that I spent a number of years at a Girl’s High School. It is always a great way to start a conversation about the good old days.*

*In those good old days there was no TV, no video cameras, no CDs, no DVDs, no internet and no mobile phones. So we played a lot of sport and read a lot of books.*

*Some teachers were unpopular and others were feared as the cane was used for discipline. I will not name names of those who did the caning nor of those who were on the receiving end. But I will mention one name.*

*Major Jack Bremner MM, quiet, diligent and unflappable. He had fought and been decorated in the war. He was liked and respected by teachers and pupils alike. He didn’t need to use a cane.*

*What better man to be in charge of the school cadets. I got to know him a bit better when I was promoted to chief NCO of the school cadet battalion. I like to think I helped him in his quest to make the rag-tag band into something resembling a military operation.*

Here is an anecdote from the late Ian Page, an ex-King’s staff member. It was something he contributed at Jack’s retirement function.

*The principal came into conflict with a certain villainous junior boy whose behaviour upset the staff, and caused anger among residents adjacent to King’s High School. Punishment was necessary. Sentence was passed. Three hours of community*

*service to be carried out next Saturday morning: gardening; cleaning; in fact any chores which the aggrieved householders might devise.*

*Next Monday the boy appeared in my class. I was curious. “How did the work go”? I asked.*

*There were guffaws of laughter from his friends. “The rector went with him. Drove him in his car from house to house. Spent all morning with him.”*

*The culprit, a hard-bitten citizen, did not join in the laughter. He looked at me thoughtfully. “Yes he did”! The class waited. “He’s no mug”!*

### **The King’s High Years**

*“In the splendid 20th-century History of New Zealand “Frontier of Dreams,” Jock Phillips commenting on the 20 years 1965–1984 wrote: “Between these years the value system that had been largely accepted by most New Zealanders for over half a century came under challenge. “Don’t trust anyone over 30 proclaimed Tim Shadbolt.” Jack was Rector of King’s High School for 15 of those 20 years of upheaval and change.”*

### **Huia Ockwell**

The school Jack inherited was very traditional in nearly every way. There is nothing wrong with tradition but society and the younger members of it were changing rapidly and there were more pressures from nearly every possible angle. The staff were changing—some very traditional and others searching for rapid change. Were boys with hair down to their shoulders going to wear caps?

Jack somehow managed to change the curriculum offered to the pupils. During his time many subjects were introduced—some being music, art, and metalwork, and committee systems such as a School Council was experimented with and gradually corporal punishment was phased out. The timetable was changed from a seven-period day with formal assembly each morning to a five one-hour period day. New ways of attracting pupils to the school were tried and parents report evenings came into being along with a great push from staff and parents and friends for the school to have its own board. A stepping stone towards this was the establishment of a Management Committee although this was still subject to the strictures of the Otago High Schools Board.

Gradually, during his time as Rector, Jack Bremner oversaw the school changing from being hide-bound to a progressive forward-looking institution with a proud tradition, a wonderful academic and sporting past to look back on and there was added lots of community support. Those who followed found a supportive Board of Governors, along with new ideas which were timely and successful. Surely the establishment of the School’s own Board must be Jack’s greatest achievement.

Jack’s retirement years along with Helen at Wingatui were long and happy. His retirement lasted 37 years and during that time he remained interested in the School and its progress and was active in Church and community affairs, his garden, horticulture, and bee-keeping kept him busy.

He was instrumental in establishing work for the unemployed on the Taieri, ran a singing group at Chatsford and was still cutting the hedge at North Taieri Church until age 80, the same year that he gave up shearing the family sheep.

He made a brief foray into television appearing as an adjudicator in a TV quiz Show hosted by Lockwood Smith. He was active in the antinuclear movement and caused Muldoon problems over the Clyde High Dam. He visited family in the Yukon and lived at home until he was 95. His last few months were spent at Ross Home. Helen predeceased him by a few months.

**Material provided by family, ex-staff and friends.**

## Cultural Affairs

This year marks the University of Otago's 150th anniversary, and as the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra and the University have worked together for more than 50 years, the orchestra's management has designed its 2019 concert series around celebrating the musical talents of former students and current staff. Associate-Professor P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76) fulfils both requirements, having played the clarinet since the late 1970s until recently and being a conductor since 1986. His conducting activities have been a major part of his professional practice activities required as a university lecturer. His favourite memory of performing with the orchestra was conducting T. A. (Trevor) Coleman's (1973–75) hour-long "Equator Suite" with a click track in his ears via headphones, and a video monitor on his stand beside the music: The audience saw images on the huge screen above the orchestra, and the music had time signatures in 7 and 11 (compared with the usual 4/4). Some parts of the music were so complicated that a second conductor was stationed in the gallery to keep the choir synchronised! The audience loved it.

Recently the Otago Museum hosted a two-day conference "Hold in Trust: Curiosity in Things" at which Professor A. J. Ballantyne (1985–89), OU historian and pro-vice-chancellor of humanities presented a paper entitled "Cultures of Collecting in Colonial Otago." This outlined the career of James Herries Beattie, initially from Gore, who despite lacking formal academic training, collected southern cultural information, including that of Ngai Tahu, which is housed in the Hocken Collections, and which was last year added to UNESCO's Memory of the World New Zealand register. In 1920 Beattie was funded by the then Otago University Museum to undertake a year-long survey of southern Maori communities, and he undertook the work travelling by train, bicycle, and on foot to these isolated communities. Beattie had great respect for kaumatua and tradition, and produced a wealth of observations, often from these kaumatua before such knowledge was lost. These papers are cited extensively in the Ngai Tahu Atlas, an online resource, and were also called on to back up the Ngai Tahu Treaty claims in the 1990s.

Each year during the Christmas period, the *ODT* publishes a section of the newspaper entitled "Summer Times," which often features southerners going about their daily lives. In the last issue for 2018, the reporter interviewed internationally respected printmaker B. V. (Barry) Cleavin (1953–58) who after spending 50 years living in Christchurch, has left that earthquake-ridden city and returned to Dunedin, specifically to Portobello. There he has converted the house's "magnificent four-car garage" into his workshop which houses his key equipment including a heavy etching press, and is where he spends up to six hours per day working at his art, for printmaking ultimately involves going to work "in the same way as others go to work." Barry readily acknowledges the influences of all his art teachers, whether they have been good or bad, and maintains contact with overseas practitioners via Facebook. He especially notes the influence of the late Hungarian-American artist Gabor Peterdi, a former Harvard professor with whom he once worked in Honolulu. Barry makes notes and plans his projects, and had for decades been fascinated by bones and skeletons, regarding the latter as being "a sublime form of sculpture." While a morbid frame of mind has pervaded much of his work, Portobello is now his turangawaewae (a place to stand) and his recent series of 36 works featuring Hereweka (Harbour Cone) draws partly on earlier experiences and memories, it was also partly inspired by 19th century-Japanese printmaker Hokusai's "Thirty Six

Views of Mt Fuji" series. In 2013, Barry was admitted to the King's High Wall of Fame.

L. (Liam)Hewson (2014–18) was recently selected by the Royal Society Te Aparangi to represent NZ at the Taiwan International Science Fair, with his research on the antibacterial properties of the related plant species of kanuka and manuka. Liam reviewed existing research, then worked with OU scientists who advised him on how to design his investigations, and much of his testing which subsequently took place in OU laboratories indicated that kanuka had a much greater antibacterial effect. Liam had a year earlier shared his findings with fellow young scientists at the prestigious London Youth International Science Forum.

The Reverend Dr C. R. (Clive) Pearson (1966–70) of Sydney, son of K. L. (Ken) Pearson (1938–41) visited Dunedin recently. On Sunday March 3 he preached at the Knox Church morning service, and on Wednesday March 6, following the Ash Wednesday service, lectured on "Living Faithfully in the Anthropocene."

J. J. (Justin) Spiers (1977–81) on February 22 opened a new gallery and framing workshop at 32 Moray Place (at what was formerly the Eskdale Gallery) named Olga in memory of one of his mother's friends. The gallery opened with an exhibition of Justin's photographic work taken when he was the 2018 Creative Connections Resident at the Caselberg Trust at Broad Bay. Entitled "Pet Photo Booth," it featured local pets with their owners.

## Business Sector

In 1984, A. P. (Andrew) Lane (1976–79) and his wife Denise opened the Regent Foodstore at the intersection of George Street, Park Street, and Regent Road, the first 24 hour foodstore in NZ. Initially business was slow, with the clientele mainly motel patrons and tertiary students, but six months later it was such a success that they opened similar stores in Christchurch and Invercargill. The shift to the Night 'n Day model came in the late 1980s at the suggestion in Rod Craig who operated the Night Owl chain of convenience stores in Australia, Franchising brings the advantages of support, brand and marketing, and the added advantage of procurement and buying as part of a larger group, together with the scale and economies of purchasing. Currently the Lanes own eight of their stores, while another 46 are franchisee-owned. The company continues to grow spectacularly, with the growth rate of 224% between 2016 and 2018 earning it a spot on the Deloitte fast 50 index of the fastest growing companies by revenue in NZ. But Andrew regards growth rates as unimportant: "it's all about the quality of our growth," and keeping excellent relationships with franchisees, staff, and suppliers is what counts. However it hasn't just been a walk in the park: in 2011, the Christchurch earthquake closed four outlets, only one of which reopened. But in the same year the North Island received a big rollout, and there is still virgin territory within NZ. At present they are opening 2–4 stores each year—in 2017 they even opened five stores within Wellington's CBD! Furthermore there are some 20 South Island sites which they would like to cover.

H. F. (Harry) Montgomery (2014–18) is now an Air New Zealand ramp and baggage services worker at Dunedin Airport. He aspires to become a pilot like his elder brother S. J. (Sam) Montgomery (2011–15) who recently earned his commercial pilot's licence and who also works for the airline. They are the sons of M. J. (Martin) Montgomery (1979–83).

C. J. (Cliff) Seque (1966–69) who has been an OU campus landlord for some 45 years, doesn't believe that the Reserve



Bank's recent easing of the loan-to-value ratio (LVR) will have much effect on investors in Dunedin's popular campus accommodation market. While good properties were selling well, often to out-of-town buyers, there had been a "softening" in the market recently with some properties available for less than \$200,000. However in his capacity as president of the Otago Property Investors Association he was not pleased that the release of the annual Demographic International Housing Affordability Study proclaimed that Dunedin had now achieved the unwelcome status of being "severely unaffordable," which was unnerving for property investors, and landlords.

## Honour

Senior Constable S. B. (Stefan) Witehira (1983–86) who was chairman of the East Otago High School Board of Trustees died suddenly on December 2017, while attending the school's Year 10 camp at their outdoor centre at Glenorchy. Stefan had joined the police force in 1997, and was posted to the sole-charge position in Palmerston in 2004, where his work extended beyond the day-to-day duties of policing, and included a close working relationship with civil defence. In November 2018, his wife Mieke accepted a posthumous Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management long service award on his behalf. During his time in Palmerston, Stefan had embodied everything the award's criteria cited, and on days when floodwaters were rising, and residents were being evacuated from their homes, he would bring them to his home where "big sleepover parties" were held on those nights! Stefan had already received district commander commendations in 2002 and 2005, while in February 2009 he and Hampden's senior Constable D. F. (Darrin) Low (1981–84) received Silver Merit Awards for professionalism and courage after they were shot at while laying road spikes during a police pursuit. At the ceremony which was attended by his mother, wife, grown children, and a grandchild, members of the community, NZ Police, St John, Fire Emergency NZ, and Waitaki District Council were present in support.



(Grayson) Goddard (1946) whom we have never been able to trace. If this is truly correct, then the only unidentified player is the back row between Graham Parker and Bryan Scofield; not bad for memories of an event which took place some 75 years ago!



**Back Row:** Mr F. A. Charlton, Harry Hobson, Ewan Stratton, Jack Anderson, Grayson Goddard, Graham Parker, ????, Bryan Scofield.

**Front Row:** Maurice Wood, Jack Rutherford, Bill Keen, Keith Ussher, Peter Aburn, Ron Ayers

### Keith Ussher writes:

*I was delighted to read that Jack is still in the land of the living, please pass on my very best wishes. The reason that I requested the Old Boys to cease sending the Kingsmen to me was because the obituary column made me so sad. It frequently contained the names of "boys" I had known well so many years ago, I prefer to remember them the way they were in the good old days. While Jack's account of how hockey was introduced to the school is well worth reading, I'm afraid it is way off the mark. As I recall the school was approached in 1947 or 1948 to provide hockey fields for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Annual Hockey Championships. The school grounds and Tonga Park were converted in the winter holidays, into a number of hockey fields and excellent tournament resulted. Otago Boys High had a well performed hockey team which played in the Saturday Competitions. At Assembly, Mr Chisholm enquired whether there were any boys at the School who played hockey and asked if we could meet to discuss the possibility of the school fielding a team at the forthcoming tournament. As it transpired there were a number of boys from the Andersons Bay Primary school who had played quite a lot of hockey while at the school. These included Peter Aburn, John Werges, Billy Keen, Bryan Scofield, Harry Hobson, Ron Ayers, Warwick Harford, Geoff Paterson, Ritchie Williams and Yours Truly. I seem to remember that Ewan Stratton and a lad called Gordon Crosland also turned up at the initial meeting and there were probably others as Macandrew Intermediate also had hockey teams. We managed to get Doug Waugh, a friend of my elder brother, to coach us, he was an old boy of Otago Boys High who had coached that school's 1st eleven in the past. The majority of the team were ex Andy Bay and I was appointed captain. Incidentally I read in an earlier issue of the Kingsmen that the Old Boys Association was responsible for establishing the Kings Old Boys Hockey Club, this definitely was not the case. A number of established hockey clubs participating in the weekend competition started approaching members of the School's 1st eleven trying to entice them into joining their clubs. We held a meeting and decided that we would form our own Old Boys Hockey Club. We were disappointed Geoff Paterson decided not to join us as he was the first from the school to be selected in the NZ Secondary team, this team subsequently played against*

## Memories

### More Hockey at King's

R. J. (Jack) Rutherford is (1945–49) article in the November *Kingsmen* has raised much interest, some debate, and has also enabled us to confirm the identity of some of those pictured, and to date the photograph itself (1946). In November we only knew that of those depicted, only Jack was still alive! So we took a chance and wrote to K. G. (Keith) Ussher (1945–48) at his last known address at Neutral Bay, Sydney, and to our relief, not only was he still alive, he was able to confirm by email most of the identities. Then J. A. (Jack) Anderson (1945–46) who lives in retirement at Titirangi, Western Auckland, and who had attended the 75th anniversary of the school emailed to say that he was standing next to Ewan Stratton and had been wrongly identified as Robin Crimp! He further suggested (as had Keith Ussher) that the player on the far right of the top row was B. (Bryan) Scofield (1945–49), whom we haven't been able to trace but believe that he became a pharmacist. Keith also believed that the player next to Jack Anderson had come to King's from another school as a 5th former, as indeed had G. C.

the Otago B team, I was a member of that team. I captained the Otago under 21 team and was the first from the school to be selected in the Otago senior team. At the NZ tournaments in Christchurch I sustained a nasty facial injury which cracked my cheek bone and demolished a number of my front teeth.

While at school I suffered from attention deficit disorder, my one desire was to become a farmer. My father passed away when I was 3 leaving my mother with a 1 year old, a 3 year old and a 10 year old. My mother's Highland Scottish parents decided that to ease the burden they would take me to the farm which was located in the Gore area. I remained with them during my early years and that is where my yearning for farming came from. When I attempted to return to the farm after leaving school my mother put her foot down and sought the advice of an old World War I friend of my father's, they had served in the Otago Mounted Rifles together. He was the Manager of the BNZ in Dunedin. Result, I joined the BNZ as a junior clerk, and had only been in the Bank less than 2 years when I was transferred to Fiji. I obtained quite rapid advancement and was away from NZ for 6 years. On returning to Wellington I became convinced that banking in NZ was not for me. My solution, I studied and became a qualified Accountant, a qualified Cost Accountant and to top it off I studied and passed the Stock Broking exams and became a member of the Associated Securities Industry of Australia.

While in Fiji I joined the Royal Fiji Naval Reserve, after passing the Navy's Higher Education Tests, I was Commissioned as Seaman Officer, I subsequently served with the RNZNVR and the RANVR, a total of 15 years. Recently I received the NZ Defence Medal (Territorial) and am quite chuffed about it despite having been away from NZ for 55 years, I am still deep down a Kiwi.

In Wellington I was fortunate to meet Sir Alexander Ross, a previous Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, an Olympian and Chairman of the ANZ and United Dominions Trust, London. He was also Chairman of The British Empire Game Committee. On learning that I intended to leave the BNZ he offered me a position in UDT in either Sydney or London, I selected Sydney and departed NZ permanently in 1963. After coming to Australia I gained a wide range of experience predominately in the area of Banking and finance and held a number of Senior Management Appointments. The last 15 years prior to retiring in 1996 I was Managing Director of Austraclear Ltd. The Central Depository and Clearing House for the Money Markets, the Company was predominately owned by the 4 Major Trading Banks, Austraclear Ltd NZ is operated by The Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

I did play hockey in Fiji and was picked for their representative team. A lot of Indians played hockey there and the standard was not too bad. However I took up golf with a vengeance and after a couple of years was down to a low handicap, I still play a lot of golf and for an 87 year old can still give the young fellows a hurry! I have maintained a very active lifestyle and kept myself very fit. I have two children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson with another 2 due in 2019. I am married to a beautiful Polish doctor who has recently retired, we travel overseas every year and play a lot of golf together. I have had my ups and downs health wise but always seem to land on my feet with not too much damage done. We live in a beautiful apartment overlooking Sydney Harbour. Looking back over the years I keep wondering how all this has happened to a kid from Andy Bay!!

**Editor Bob Glass** (1948–52) a Life Member of both the King's High School Old Boys' Hockey Club (now Kings United) and the King's High School Old Boys' Assn (Inc) writes:

With the advantage of holding all school magazines from 1936 and copies of publications produced for the Silver and Golden Jubilees, research records that the 1948 New Zealand Secondary Schools' Tournament for the Rankin Cup was held in Dunedin from August 23–28 at Tonga Park and Kings grounds.

In 1949 that tournament was held in Auckland with King's playing there. Geoff Paterson was selected in the NZ Secondary Schools team that year. Apart from details of this appearing in the 1949 hockey section of the school magazine an extensive article written by L. P. (Lyn Phelan) was published.

Initially I was on the Otago Hockey Association's Centennial committee to be held in 2004, but resigned for health reasons in 2003. Before that I read with interest minutes at the Hocken Library which recorded problems in persuading King's to officially recognise hockey.

The school magazines in the early years had an Old Boy's section and the 1950 issue stated "the Association sponsored the formation of a Hockey Club amongst interested members." I am aware that this was not strictly correct, but recall playing for school teams against Old Boys' 2nd XI's which included at least two Association executives who had not played hockey at school.

The upmarket *Kingsmen* commenced in 1995, although other newsletters were produced at various times before then.

Keith Ussher supplied this photo of the original Kings Old Boys Hockey team that played in the Otago Reserve Grade Competition in 1950. Also the article that follows. Thanks Keith.



**Back Row:** Lew Bezett, Keith Ussher, Richie Williams, John Werges, Peter Aburn, Ewan Stratton and Harry Hobson. Coach Doug Waugh

**Front Row:** Mervyn Rowe, Gordon Crosland, Arthur Crimp, Warwick Harford and Lyn Phelan

I don't know whether you are aware of the late Warwick Harford's background. Although very ordinary academically, he was quite brilliant musically. When he was 10 years old he accompanied his family to a concert in the Town Hall where a well known English Touring Party were performing. At the concert a renowned jazz pianist named Freddy Bamberger played "The Flight of the Bumble Bee," a notoriously difficult piece of music.

Some days later Warwick's father, Horace Harford, General Manager of DIC, invited the tourists to a Cocktail Party to his home in Andersons Bay. Sometime during the evening Warwick sat down at the piano and played "The Flight of the Bumble Bee," it was in a different key to the version played by Freddy Bamberger but otherwise was identical. It totally "Gob Smacked" the tourists who immediately began negotiations with

*Horace for Warwick to join the touring party as a Child Prodigy. Unfortunately this was out of the question as Warwick suffered all his life from a severe heart condition. The family thought that Warwick's future was to become a Concert Pianist, despite efforts made by C. Roy Spackman to teach Warwick to read music he never managed to achieve this. His remarkable brain could absorb and retain the most complex musical scores but he never perceived what he heard in written form.*

*Warwick's sister Judith was married to my elder brother and he and I were great mates as teenagers. At home he would play the piano endlessly and when his mother could no longer put up with it he would cross the street to our place and commandeer our piano.*

*The Dunedin Town Hall dance on Saturday evening was the favourite haunt of teenagers, I think the entrance fee was one and six and an orchestra was on hand until midnight. John Werges, Warwick and I were regular attendees. Whenever Warwick appeared a chant of Warwick, Warwick, Warwick would begin and the band leader would beckon Warwick onto the stage where he would entertain for a quarter of an hour or so playing all the latest hits, his rendition of boogie woogie, all the rage at time, was amazing and this always was greeted by loads of clapping and whistling.*

*In 1996 I caught up with Warwick at my brothers funeral, he told me that for many years he had his own music time slot with a major broadcaster where he played requests from listeners. His day time job was as a librarian at Otago University (I think), he said that music was his whole life and that his day time job was necessary to provide for his family. Warwick had a very rare talent which I think should be recorded in your archives.*

*Warwick was the unofficial organiser and secretary of the original Kings Old Boys Hockey Club and was a hugely popular member of the group.*

*I hope my ramblings have not bored you to tears, as one reaches old age the memories come flooding back, they were such good years.*

**Keith Ussher**

## Bits and Pieces

You never know when you are going to meet a fellow Old Boy from King's, for they are seemingly everywhere! In August Christine and her husband G. R. (Ross) Jenner (1963–67) were enjoying a social function at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) when they discovered that her boss D. K. (Derek) McCormack (1967–71), the institution's Vice-Chancellor was an Old Boy (he has since joined our Association as a member). Also on the staff at AUT is former Dux C. J. (Chris) Mayhew (1965–69), son of gifted historian and rugby coach Mr W. R. (Bill) Mayhew (Staff 1945–54) whose promising career was so cruelly cut short by his death from cancer, and his wife Joyce, sometime principal at St Hilda's, Palmerston North Girl's High, and Waitaki Girl's High.

The Hon. W. E. (Warren) Cooper (1947–48) and his wife Lorraine of Queenstown celebrated their diamond wedding in February: he was a former Cabinet Minister, and subsequently Mayor of Queenstown. Later that month B. S. (Brian) Hall (1948–53) and his wife Margaret, formerly of Invercargill but now of Wanaka celebrated their diamond wedding: she being the daughter of Andy Davidson, the former principal of Macandrew Intermediate School. In January, dental surgeon S. J. (Selwyn) Chalmers (1958–63) and his wife Pamela of Macandrew Bay celebrated their golden wedding.

S. (Simon) Nyhof (Staff 1981–2003) is Mt Aspiring College's school bus co-ordinator, and is currently in dispute with the Ministry of Education. He claims that the buses from Tarras, Hawea, and Cardrona are driving past waiting pupils because they are full! Last year this was also the case with the Luggate bus, and the Ministry remedied the situation by supplying an extra bus. At that time Simon warned that the other buses were nearing capacity, but this was ignored: he believes that now it has come to pass that an extra bus on the Hawea route could pick up these less distant pupils and that this would solve the problem, which inclement winter conditions will exacerbate the already difficult situation, but the Ministry remains unconvinced.

## Obituaries

T. G. (Graeme) Todd (1944–47) died at Nelson 1.6.18

A. N. (Alan) Sim (1946–47) of Silverdale, died at Auckland 8.11.18

D. F. (Don) Hilliker (1952–55) died at Takapuna 18.11.18

M. B. (Michael) Hyndman (1957–61) died at Wanaka 30.11.18

W. F. (Bill) Kindley (1962–66) died at Richmond 2.12.18

S. K. (Steve) Nisbet (1957–61) died at Millers Flat 6.12.18

D. H. (David) Evans (1968–73) of Inglewood, died at Central Otago 10.12.18

A. C. (Alan) Panting (1969–71) died in Australia 15.12.18

H. A. (Harley) Webster (1964–65) died at Dunedin 1.1.19

L. J. (Lewis) Flockton (1964–67) of Feilding, died at Palmerston North 3.1.19

P. J. (Peter) Dunn (1970–73) died at Dunedin 4.1.19

D. M. (Dave) Caddie (1941–44) died at Tauranga 5.1.19

L. R. (Lyn) Hanger (1949–50) of Christchurch, died at Dunedin 24.1.19

I. N. (Neil) Middlemass (1975–76) died at Cromwell 6.2.19

D. I. (David) Weaver (1948) died at Oamaru 8.2.19

G. W. (George) Grindley (1939–42) died at Lower Hutt 12.2.19

L. E. (Laurie) Williams (1943–46) died at Dunedin 14.2.19

D. C. (Don) Hunter (1946) of Fairfield, died at Dunedin 22.2.19

F. M. (Mike) Oakden (1943–45) died at Dunedin 22.2.19

A. R. (Tony) Pelvin (Staff 1964–95) died at Dunedin 24.2.19

M. L. (Mark) Littlejohn (1971–73) died at Dunedin 26.2.19

F. G. (Frank) Kelly (1962–65) died at Milton 7.3.19

F. T. (Trevor) Gray (1954–56) died at Dunedin 13.3.19

G. A. (Gareth) McMillan (1985–89) was director of the 2019 Dunedin Fringe Festival which ran for eleven days from March 21–31. It featured more than 80 acts including a spectacular array of national and international performers from the UK, America, and including top Kiwi talent. Gareth was “thrilled” with the variety of talent on offer.

## Sporting Triumphs

The Edgar Centre on Portsmouth Drive at the head of Otago Harbour was formerly a woolstore which was redeveloped as a sporting venue some 30 years ago to provide shelter from winter extremes. While netball and social basketball are the most popular sports using the facility, and despite a rise in popularity in such sports as futsal, rippa rugby, and volleyball, venue manager B. W. (Blair) Crawford (1984–88) reports that there has been a decline across all sports in participant patronage for no apparent reason. The biggest complaint about the venue was about car parking, despite there being parking available for 400 vehicles! Despite a surplus of \$180,000, the Centre faced future costs, such as seismic strengthening, so court hire and adult admission charges might need to increase.

### Athletics

King's has produced two national titleholders this year. D. J. (Dan) Balchin (2004–08) was the first NZ athlete across the line at the 3000m championship race held as part of the Capital Classics meeting held in Wellington in January. At Auckland in February, C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) ran a well-judged race to win the 10,000 event by 10.6 seconds: he had previously won the title in 2013 (Dan Balchin was 4th, achieving a personal best time).

At the national track and field championships held in Christchurch in March Caden Shields finished in 6th place in the 5,000m, while F. A. (Felix) McDonald (2012–16) won the bronze medal in the long jump, and A. H. (Alexander) Brown (2014–18) won the silver medal in the under-20 5,000 walk.

In November, Dan Balchin repeated his previous year's win in the Queenstown half marathon.

### Cricket

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) remained “unsold” at the December IPL auction! Since then he has announced his retirement from Brisbane Heat in the BBL, stating that while he would continue to play T20 cricket in various competitions around the world in 2019, he is transitioning into a coaching career, using his skills gained as a player and a leader. In a cricket match played between former Black Caps and former All Blacks, he qualified to play for the rugby team because last season he played at fullback for the Matamata senior B XV, and was largely responsible for the rugby team defeating the cricketers!

J. A. J. (John) Cushen (1963–67, Staff 1984–99) and P. R. (Paul) Facoor (1965–70) were members of the NZ over-60s team which won the tournament in Sydney late last year.

### Golf

T. A. (Trevor) King (1971–73) who has been a member of the Otago Golf Club for more than 40 years was one of three players to hit a hole-in-one at Balmacewan within 11 days recently.

### Hockey

In January, A. G. (Andy) McLean (1994–98) who these days is general manager of Otago Hockey, invited former Australian

captain and 2014 World Player of the Year Mark Knowles to visit Dunedin to help inspire the local hockey community with his coaching qualities.

### Multisport

The Challenge Wanaka event in February attracted more than 100 mixed teams to contest a 1.9m swim, a 90km cycle, and a 21.1km run. Favourites to win the event was a team called “Celebrity Sports,” which consisted of a former Commonwealth Games triathlete, a world No 1-ranked paddleboarder, and a former Olympian and world No 1-ranked triathlete. Also in the event was a team called “In with a Chance” featuring 18 year old swimmer Cecilia Crooks, 20 year old cyclist Kees Duyvesteyn (2012–16), and 18 year old runner Georgia Mitchell. Largely because of a brilliant cycling performance by Kees, this very young and inexperienced team won the event by more than 20 minutes!

S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97), a St John paramedic, had received a Tony Jackson scholarship enabling him to compete in the Ironman in Taupo event in March. It took him 14 hrs 48 mins 24 secs to complete the event, and it was dark when he finished! He thought that his swim was really good and his cycle was great, but during his run he was forced to walk at times: still at least he got there!

### Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) has announced that he will head “North” to play for the French club Pau after the World Cup in Japan. Currently he is co-captain of the Highlanders.

T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) is head coach of the Japanese Sunwolves, and has been joined by his brother Corey as an assistant. The team defeated the Chiefs at Hamilton with a strong showing in the first half when the Chiefs had all their “heavy artillery” on the field!

### Sevens

T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–15) and big brother M. A. (MacKenzie) Haugh (2009–13) played for Otago at the national tournament, where Taylor was selected for the All Black Development Squad in Fiji: this led to him being called up for the All Black Sevens at the Cape Town tournament.

K. L. (Kane) Jury (Staff 2016–18) was director of rugby and high performance sport at King's. He had coached a Hong Kong national team while living there, coached a NZ women's development squad several years ago, and for the past couple of years the Otago team. Recently he joined the Fiji union, and is assisting the coach of the Fiji national squad.

### Softball

S. J. (Scott) Flawn (1996–99) is coaching the Otago women's team. M. J. (Mitchell) Finnie (2010–14), who has been involved with the Auckland Tuatara baseball squad was released to play softball for Otago in December.

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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.